

FOREST HARVEST

England & Wales · Charity number 1172085

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS, IN SUBJECTS RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROTECTION, ENHANCEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT BY THE PROVISION OF WORKSHOPS, ADVICE AND SUPPORT ABOUT THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE LIVING USING TECHNOLOGY AND GOOD PRACTICE.

Activities: To advance the education of the public, particularly in the west midlands, in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment by the provision of workshops, advice and support about the promotion of sustainable living using technology and good practice.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£1,811	£3,242	-	-
2024-09-30	£8,664	£7,286	-	-
2023-09-30	£3,809	£4,320	-	-
2022-09-30	£14,938	£14,669	-	-
2021-09-30	£4,122	£3,694	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kim Gutteridge		2025-07-27
NICK BURTON BSC		2016-10-01
Sarah Hodgkiss		2018-10-01
Sarah Louise Ryan		2023-04-29

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Annual Return 2024 – 2025

In 2024-25 Forest Harvest has continued with the aim of becoming more self-reliant and sustainable, generating more of its own income and depending less on grants & donations. FH received no grants through the year and a druid group used the site regularly which was another source of income making self-sufficiency achievable.

A successful fund-raising open evening was introduced in the Summer which will be repeated and developed next year. Leaflets have already been printed to promote the Woodmill site for rental. Courses will mainly be on topics following our object of living sustainably and helping the natural environment.

The major site improvements have been already made reflected in the lower costs this year.

Achievements:

The charity has continued to educate the public in subjects relating to sustainable living by running courses on how to grow vegetables, how to use natural dyes and by practicing weaving.



The now established Wednesday Bloom Group has used the site for growing vegetables, flowers and plants for natural dyes.

Where possible the food grown is used to make soups and drinks and the spare produce taken home.



The new Polytunnel was a successful growing area being cooler than the fully enclosed tunnel next door. As well as tomatoes, beans and peppers, a perennial asparagus bed was created.

As previous years flowers were given to the local church for harvest festival.

A local druid group regularly used the site for celebrations using the Hop Henge; craft activities and refreshments inside. Members reconnected with nature and learned about meditation techniques. A monthly course was run about individual trees and their different growth. This will be developed next year with herbs and smaller plants with emphasis on their medical uses. Policy documents were formalised and improved: Code of Conduct; Risk Assessment; Fire Policy.



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FOREST HARVEST		2024 - 25		RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	
30/09/2025				30/09/2024	
	Opening Bal Cash + Bank		1853.00		470.00
INCOME	Donations	1125.57		3999.00	
	Product Sales	315.05		255.00	
	Grants	0.00		100.00	
	Courses	370.00		4310.00	
	Total Income	1810.62	1810.62	8664.00	8664.00
			3663.62		9134.00
Payments	Rent	10.00		10.00	
	Insurance	107.00		107.00	
	Water	0.00		315.00	
	Electricity	0.00		64.00	
	Improvements	2502.70		3439.00	
	Plants	433.10		1310.00	
	Stationary	86.71		75.00	
	Cost of Courses	102.58		1965.00	
	Total Payments	3242.09	3242.09	7285.00	7285.00
	Closing Balance Cash/Bank		421.53		1849.00
	Bank 270.43 cash 147.06				

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Trustees Annual Report

1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

The Charity Object: to advance the education of the Public in subjects related to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment by the provision of workshops, advice and support about the promotion of sustainable living using technology and good practice.

Notes to the accounts:

Receipts: Donations, product sales and courses fees were all up on the previous year, but Grants applied for were down on last year.

Payments: Water and energy costs increased but the main increase was for improvements such as the kitchen revamp and development of the garden for demonstrations.

The cost of courses increased in line with the course receipts.

Achievements:

An Autumn and a 16-week summer ecotherapy course were completed for Burton & District Mind, and the results were good in giving attendees a sense of achievement and self-belief. Having run the courses since Covid it was felt the courses needed a different approach so was successfully handed to Little Trees an organisation who now run them. Forest Harvest continues helping people who have finished the formal course by running a less formal free weekly gardening group. This Wednesday group now includes a number of local people from Uttoxeter, Burton, Fradley and Lichfield who enjoy meeting up, keen on gardening and who don't necessarily come from a course for improving mental health.

Improvements have been made by the group by also volunteering in the gardens.

In January FH attended the Cathedral Volunteers Fair to raise the charities profile and are helped by Support Staffordshire at other times. Other volunteers come from the Burton Conservation Volunteers who visited twice, and Eagles Nest an organisation which helps children who do not attend school.

The site now costs less to run and has more amenities on offer so we can become more sustainable and self-reliant. Both polytunnels offer undercover all seasons working areas, and a new drying room was used in collecting flax seeds and experimenting with the fibres. The Hop-Henge creates an exciting meeting place to celebrate the pagan Festivals such as mid-summer and the equinoxes.

Getting back to the rhythms of the natural world for those that attend.



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.10.23	To	30.09.24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,999	-	-	3,999	252
Product Sales	255	-	-	255	90
Grants	100	-	-	100	650
Courses	4,310	-	-	4,310	2,817
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,664	-	-	8,664	3,809
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,664	-	-	8,664	3,809
A3 Payments					
Rent	10	-	-	10	1
Insurance	107	-	-	107	107
Water	315	-	-	315	114
Electricity	64	-	-	64	-
Improvements	3,439	-	-	3,439	2,408
Plants	1,310	-	-	1,310	326
Stationary	75	-	-	75	166
Cost of Courses	1,965	-	-	1,965	1,198
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,285	-	-	7,285	4,320
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,285	-	-	7,285	4,320
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,379	-	-	1,379	511
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	474	-	-	474	958
Cash funds this year end	1,853	-	-	1,853	447

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		1,853		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,853	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

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Woodmill Workshop, Dunstall Lane, Hadley End, Yoxall, Staffordshire. DE13 8PG

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Trustees' Annual Report

period 01.10.22 to 30.09.2023

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Notes to the accounts:

Receipts: Grants were down on last year with only two received, 'Top Cashback' £500 for kitchen, and 'Lichfield City Council' £150 for a circular flower bed at the Curborough Community Centre.

Income from courses was up this year as were the course costs.

Payments:

With less capital projects most costs were down on last year. A provision of £400 has been made for any outstanding electricity payments. The Top Cashback kitchen was completed along with the micro-anaerobic digester to demonstrate a method of creating energy through technology.

Other improvements were to build a mobile library to hold reference books given by the community and better harvesting of the grey water.



Pic1. Working on the anaerobic digester

Achievements:

Alongside the mobile library, micro-AD plant and kitchen, a poly-tunnel has also been erected for all weather work and a longer gardening season. A saxifrage-house leek green roof is being propagated.



The Community Bloom Group has used the poly-tunnel and have also made improvements to the garden; new perennial carpark-border, vegetable bed; Sensory Garden.

The sensory garden has been designed by a local resident and started this year; it is slow-grow by design with 5 years to completion.

Pic2. Harvesting and sharing from the garden

The eco-therapy courses continue with excellent results in improving mental health thanks to the help of Burton and District Mind. The content has been improved to include more crafts and Forest Bathing, a Japanese style of meditation in nature.

These techniques have been used with other groups such as 'Open door for hope'.



Pic3. Ecotherapy

Aquaponics using coy carp has yielded good crops of watercress & herbs, but experiments with the aquariums has been less successful due to temperatures fluctuations. Research into small terrariums continues.

Our outwork volunteering continues at Dovehouse and the Festival Gardens in Lichfield



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For the period from	01.10.22.	To	30.09.23.
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS	252	-	-	252	2,242
PRODUCT SALES	90	-	-	90	311
BRANTS	650	-	-	650	11,567
COURSES	2,817	-	-	2,817	818
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	3,809	-	-	3,809	14,938
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,809	-	-	3,809	14,938
A3 Payments					
RENT	1	-	-	1	1
INSURANCE	107	-	-	107	107
WATER	114	-	-	114	86
ELECTRICITY	-	-	-	-	637
OTHER	176	-	-	176	3,461
IMPROVEMENTS	2,232	-	-	2,232	8,627
PLANTS	326	-	-	326	913
STATIONARY	166	-	-	166	10
COST OF COURSES	1,198	-	-	1,198	826
Sub total	4,320	-	-	4,320	14,668
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,320	-	-	4,320	14,668
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 511	-	-	- 511	270
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	985	-	-	985	715
Cash funds this year end	474	-	-	474	985

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CASH AND BANK	474		
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	474		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	ELECTRICITY		400	01 January 2024
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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Notes to the accounts:

Receipts:

Burton and District Mind introduced other elements to the ecotherapy this year such as Forest Bathing some of which was delivered by other organisations so fees were slightly down in 2022. The introduction of plant sales have increased and this is an area for increasing sustainable funding for Forest Harvest.

Successful grant applications during the year meant that Forest Harvest was able to make many improvements to their facilities at Woodmill.

Thanks go in particular to the Community Lottery Fund, the D'Oyle Carte Charitable Trust, the Gardening Disabilities Trust and the Lichfield City Council.

Payments:

The Charities costs were similar to 2021 with the exception of the electricity which includes improvements to the solar lighting used for extending workshops during the shorter days in Winter.

The other major increase in costs was due the generous grants we received to make other improvements.

These can be summarised as follows:

The Community Lottery Fund for the staircase to access the upper workshop, the polytunnel for year-round produce and the trailer for working parties away from Woodmill;

The D'Oyle Carte Charitable Trust for the facilities to start the Community Bloom

Group in Winter being a solid fuel cooking range, improvements to the kitchen area for refreshments and extended lighting;

The Gardening Disabilities Trust for the raised beds and improvements to the toilet facility and the plants for the Community Group work;

The Lichfield City Council for funding the continued environmental improvement to the Festival Garden in Lichfield with Transition Lichfield;

The Rural Enterprise Fund for funding a micro-Anaerobic Digester for



demonstrations and research.

(A reserve of £500 is in the restricted funds as the project was incomplete at the end of the financial year).

Achievements:

The all-year Community Bloom Group started last year and meets every week. Numbers have grown to 10 regular attendees from a pool of 20 in line with our target. With the ecotherapy courses delivered for Burton & District Mind, open days and work at other sites in the area residents have been reintroduced to nature for improvement to their well-being, and have become more environmentally aware.

£900 was spent on planting of trees and shrubs around the district including our own Jubilee Orchard opened by Cllr. Bob Keys in July as part of the Queens Canopy. We are proud to be a highly commended finalist in the BBC environmental "make a difference award" 2022.





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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,242		-	2,242	370
Product Sales	311	-	-	311	130
Grants	11,067	500	-	11,567	1,800
Course Fees	818	-	-	818	1,822
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,438	500	-	14,938	4,122
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,438	500	-	14,938	4,122
A3 Payments					
Rent	1	-	-	1	1
Insurance	107	-	-	107	107
Water	86	-	-	86	42
Electricity	637	-	-	637	71
Other	3,461	-	-	3,461	3,323
Improvements	8,627	-	-	8,627	150
Plants	913	-	-	913	-
Stationary	10	-	-	10	-
Cost of courses	826	-	-	826	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,668	-	-	14,668	3,694
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,668	-	-	14,668	3,694
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 230	500	-	270	428
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	715	-	-	715	287
Cash funds this year end	485	500	-	985	715

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ANNUAL RETURN 2020 – 2021



During the year Forest Harvest continued to further the charities objects by running courses; opening the Woodmill site to visitors; organising talks; designing community gardens and renting the site for other organisations to run their workshops.

These were financed through course fees; donations; grants; and product sales.

- Courses - Three courses this year were organised for the charity Burton Mind to improve mental health by reconnecting with Nature. These were a 12-week course in the Spring followed by 4 week and 8 week course in the Summer. Feedback to MIND showed that all participants witnessed improvement to their mental health.
- Forest Harvest also ran two Plant Propagation workshops for the local villages.
- Due to Covid there were no organised open days for Woodmill but individual groups were regularly shown around the forest garden at their request.
- Talks - Forest Harvest was glad to give a Talk on "Nature Knows Best" at the Lichfield Eco-fest to Celebrate the Great Big Green Week where we also had a stall to give out information.
- We are involved still with the Dovehouse Community Garden offering volunteers for their working parties and help on the Committee. This year we completed the rebuilding of a greenhouse donated by a neighbour of the Dovehouse site.
- In March work started in the Festival Garden helped with a grant from Severn Trent Water to plant willow for community activities in the future and reduce the chance of flooding along the brook; start the planting of a round mini forest garden and the meadow with yellow rattle to improve biodiversity.
- Forest Harvest designed a two-acre site for a Tutbury Community Group, this is an ongoing project.
- With the help of a grant from Veolia part of the Woodmill site is turning into a cut flower garden as part of the Community Blooms project. This offers a range of activities for those who have finished the ecotherapy courses and for local communities in East Staffordshire.
- Two child groups now use the site for regular forest schools and home-schooling sessions. This has helped Forest Harvest reach a younger audience and develop the Woodmill site further to make it more suitable as a place of welcome for all.
- The Arts Council funded 3 dance and movement workshops in the woods at Woodmill to finish a successful year of activities during a challenging period.

Grants were received from:

The Lichfield BID £480.00

Severn Trent Water £940.00

Veolia £380.00

Further Income was made up from:

Course fees £1822.00

Donations of £370.00

Product Sales £130

Totalling the receipts for the period of £4122.00

After expenses the income over expenditure is £428.32 bringing the total reserve to £715 of which £500 is dedicated to an all-weather polytunnel fund.

NJB Trustee

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Section A Receipts and payments

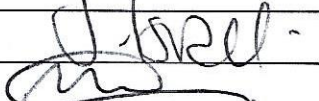
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	370	-	-	370	1,540
Product Sales	130	-	-	130	20
Grants	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,400
Course Fees	1,822	-	-	1,822	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,122	-	-	4,122	2,960
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,122	-	-	4,122	2,960
A3 Payments					
Rent	1	-	-	1	1
Insurance	107	-	-	107	107
IT	150	-	-	150	150
Water	42	-	-	42	41
Electricity	71	-	-	71	3
Other	3,323	-	-	3,323	2,513
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,694	-	-	3,694	2,815
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,694	-	-	3,694	2,815
Net of receipts/(payments)	428	-	-	428	145
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	287	-	-	287	142
Cash funds this year end	715	-	-	715	287

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10/10/2021

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J.S. ISRAEL	11/10/21
	N.J. BURTON	11.10.21

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