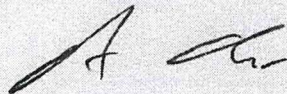


**Let's Get Growing Ltd.**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021**

Accounts independently examined and verified



JOHN ANTHONY KINSOR  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER

25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

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Mrs Elizabeth Hume  
Ms Nuala O'Brien  
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## **Let's Get Growing Ltd.**

### **Directors' Report**

**1 December 2020 – 30 November 2021**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Purposes**

The purposes of Let's Get Growing, as set out in our Articles of Association are:-

- To assist in the treatment and care of persons suffering from physical and mental illness of any description or in need of rehabilitation as a result of such illness, in Hexham and the surrounding areas, by the provision of therapeutic gardening and horticulture.
- To advance the education of the public, in particular, but not exclusively, young people in the subject of horticulture and related practices.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when setting our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

#### **Activities**

In the financial year ending 30 November 2020, Let's Get Growing provided the following services:-

- Our regular twice weekly gardening therapy sessions at Minsteracres Peace Garden (working with adults aged 30 – 85 yrs experiencing a range of physical and mental health difficulties, including depression, anxiety, PTSD, bi-polar disorder, dementia and mild learning difficulties) remained open throughout the period with the exception of an extended Christmas/New Year break in December 2020/January 2021 in response to a surge in Covid cases at this time and widespread anxiety around this. Apart from this short break, developments put into place in 2020 to support our participants and maintain a calm, therapeutic space whilst meeting safety guidelines appropriately continued to be of benefit.
- Additional one-off therapeutic garden workshops for a range of groups of all ages, including addicts in recovery, homeless people, carers, refugees and asylum seekers resumed in 2021 with a few last-minute cancellations due to the pandemic.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

- 2021 was a positive year, when we were able to reap the benefits of our fantastic new building extension and practical protocols put into place the previous year to keep our participants safe whilst maintaining a relaxed, stress-free environment. We were able to remain outside for the majority of the time and made good use of our bonfire space for keeping warm during winter tea/coffee breaks in dry weather. There were no outbreaks of Covid amongst our regular gardening therapy group.
- We saw a number of new participants join our gardening therapy sessions, primarily with mental health issues and early onset dementia.

- We continued to prioritise our sharing circle at the start and end of each gardening therapy session and witnessed the huge benefits of this in offering an uninterrupted, non-judgemental space for everyone to share their news, including those who are generally socially less at ease. This is part of a philosophy of emphasising that we are all – staff, volunteers and participants, a community of fellow human beings, whilst acknowledging that we also hold individual roles and responsibilities.
- We appointed a new paid member of staff to help with additional one-off workshops for a range of groups and appreciated the personal skills, experience and fresh enthusiasm that she brought to this work.
- Due to difficulties with buying in additional wholesale vegetables for our organic veg box scheme, we slightly scaled back our veg boxes and sold the rest of our produce to the Angel Inn in Corbridge and the Beaumont Hotel in Hexham. Both restaurants expressed appreciation of the quality of what they received from us.
- The vegetable garden was highly productive after an initially slow start to the season, which was reflective both of the weather conditions and also the very high standard to which our current group maintain the veg beds.
- The whole garden including the extensive ornamental areas were lovingly maintained to provide a beautiful, therapeutic space not just for those attending gardening therapy sessions, but also for the local community at large, who made really good use of this spacious amenity during the second year of the pandemic.

### Financial review

The principal income sources for Let's Get Growing are from participant contributions for regular gardening therapy sessions, produce sales and additional one-off therapeutic workshops, as well as from funding from charitable trusts and private donations. The breakdown by percentage of all our income sources in this accounting period is shown below.

INCOME SOURCE	%
Participant contributions	60
Produce sales	10
Additional one-off workshops	5
Private donations and GiftAid	10
Charitable grants	15

In this reporting period, additional one-off workshops were slightly curtailed due to the pandemic. Apart from a break in January 2021 however, our regular gardening therapy group met weekly. In order to comply with government guidelines for social distancing when indoors, we have had to limit numbers and were fully subscribed for all our sessions.

Produce sales brought in £4,614, which represented approximately 10% of our total income. There was also one additional fundraising event during the reporting period, which involved members of the gardening therapy group in a sponsored walk, which we promoted through the JustGiving platform for the first time. This

was an enjoyable day for everyone and successfully raised a fantastic £1,514 plus GiftAid to support our work.

We remain committed to providing free or subsidised places to those who can benefit from the project, but who are unable to access statutory funding and do not have private means. Mostly this seems to be those with mental health difficulties who are living on benefits and are not eligible for a personal budget. We anticipate that we shall therefore require some charitable funding into the future to accommodate this aim, as well as to support the work of the organisation as a whole.

At the end of the reporting period, Let's Get Growing carried forward £22,611 restricted charitable funding allocated to the Minsteracres gardening therapy project, to be spent during the next financial year.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 17 June 2010 and registered as a charity on 20 April 2017. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

There are currently four directors on the board. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and, under the company's Articles, are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the members of the Management Committee must retire at each Annual General Meeting and may stand for re-election if desired.

The Management Committee seeks to ensure that the needs of this group are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body, which now includes a retired headteacher, a retired social worker, a retired business woman/horticulturalist and a retired communications manager. Educational, social care, business, PR and horticultural/agricultural skills are currently well represented. In an effort to maintain this broad skill mix, in the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements, individuals will be approached to offer themselves for election to the Management Committee.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

The Directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Mrs Eileen Ewen      Ms Nuala O'Brien  
Mrs Elizabeth Hume   Mrs Jane Torday Bates

This report was approved by the Board on 17 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by



**Elizabeth Hume**

**Chair**



**Eileen Ewen**

**Director**

**Let's Get Growing Ltd.**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
From 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
INCOME	2,200	45,095	47,295	61,619
Direct expenditure	1,351	37,149	38,500	35,233
	<b>849</b>	<b>7,956</b>	<b>8,795</b>	<b>26,386</b>
Administrative Expenses	0.00	5,359	5,359	6,088
Building Costs	0.00	1,876	1,876	3,450
	<b>849</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>16,848</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	0	0	0	0
Unpaid wages	0	0	0	0
<b>Net income</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>16,848</b>
<b>Funds b/f as at 1 Dec 2020</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>21,899</b>	<b>21,966</b>	<b>5,118</b>
<b>Total assets carried forward</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>22,611</b>	<b>23,526</b>	<b>21,966</b>

**Let's Get Growing Ltd.**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2021**

	2020/2021 £	2019/2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank Current Account	23,526	21,966
<b>Total current assets</b>	23,526	21,966
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<b>Total net assets</b>	23,526	21,966

**Capital and reserves**

	2020/2021	2019/2020
Called up share capital	0	0
Income and expenditure account	23,526	21,966
<b>Total members funds</b>	23,526	21,966

**Directors' Statements**

For the accounting period ended 30 November 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

*E. Hume*  
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**Elizabeth Hume**  
**Chair**

*E.M. Ewen*  
 .....  
**Eileen Ewen**  
**Director**

## **Let's Get Growing Ltd.**

### **Notes to the financial statements For the period 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **1.1. Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities 2015.

##### **1.2. Turnover**

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year and derives from the provision of services falling within the company's ordinary activities, wholly undertaken within the UK.

#### **2. Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee. Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while they are a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before ceasing to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves. If the Company is wound up or dissolved and after all its debts and liabilities have been satisfied there remains any property it shall not be paid to, or distributed among the members of the Company, but shall be given or transferred to some other Company or charities having similar objects which prohibit the distribution of its income and property, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit, to members of the Company

#### **3. Controlling interest**

In the opinion of the directors the company is under no controlling interest.

## Let's Get Growing Ltd.

## 4. Detailed income and expenditure account for the period 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021

Income	1 Dec 2020 - 30 Nov 2021		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
<b>Grants:</b>			
Boundary Lane Wind Farm	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Reeds Grassroots Fund	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>3,963.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,963.05</b>
<b>Participant contributions</b>	<b>28,542.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>28,542.08</b>
<b>Produce sales:</b>			
Veg box scheme	1,476.70	0.00	1,476.70
Other produce sales	3,137.71	0.00	3,137.71
<b>Total Produce sales</b>	<b>4,614.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,614.41</b>
<b>Garden project fees</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>Sundry</b>	<b>289.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>289.96</b>
<b>GiftAid</b>	<b>1,185.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,185.70</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>45,095.20</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>	<b>47,295.20</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Direct Expenditure:</b>			
Project management fees	27,642.00	1,241.40	28,883.40
Garden materials	5,473.52	110.04	5,583.56
Participant transport	3,972.00	0.00	3,972.00
Participant outings	61.20	0.00	61.20
	<b>37,148.72</b>	<b>1,351.44</b>	<b>38,500.16</b>
<b>Administration Expenses :</b>			
Admin/accounting fees	4,560.00	0.00	4,560.00
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationery/Postage	63.59	0.00	63.59
Companies House	13.00	0.00	13.00
Insurance	405.03	0.00	405.03
Sundry	317.00	0.00	317.00
	<b>5,358.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,358.62</b>
<b>Building Costs</b>	<b>1,876.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,876.04</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>44,383.38</b>	<b>1,351.44</b>	<b>45,734.82</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Retained surplus from period</b>	<b>711.82</b>	<b>848.56</b>	<b>1,560.38</b>
<b>Funds b/f as at 1 Dec 2020</b>	<b>21,899.48</b>	<b>66.43</b>	<b>21,965.91</b>
<b>Total assets carried forward</b>	<b>22,611.30</b>	<b>914.99</b>	<b>23,526.29</b>