

COMMUNITY ORCHARD GROUP - SEDBERGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1173754

Details

Other names COGS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-07-10

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AN ORCHARD FOR THE BENEFIT AND USE WITHOUT CHARGE FOR INHABITANTS OF AND VISITORS TO SEDBERGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: To develop and maintain an organic orchard in Sedbergh for the public benefit for all residing in the area and for visitors. We provide a place where people can enjoy and learn about fruit growing and wildlife. We hold events which provide learning opportunities for adults and children from local schools and organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£959	£1,409	-	-
2024-02-29	£1,469	£578	-	-
2023-02-28	£603	£601	-	-
2022-02-28	£501	£467	-	-
2021-02-28	£1,936	£1,288	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN PARRATT	Chair	2017-07-10
JACQUELINE SMITH		2017-07-10
TERESA BARON		2017-07-10

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Annual Report 2025

We held five working parties in 2024, the first two in March, followed by May, August and finally in November. Thank you to everyone who supported and worked so hard. Winter pruning was taken on by Jacqueline and Steve so a big thank you to them. Grass paths are being cut rather than the whole orchard which encourages wildlife. General maintenance and tidying working party took place yesterday, again a big thank you to everyone who came to help. Thanks to Sedbergh School who reworked the bark circle and concreted in the new bench. Thanks as well to Jim and Nigel who have created a fantastic new bug hotel with a very solid roof. All the materials were donated, all we have to do now is fill it full of bug friendly items, which will keep the little creatures secure and protected.

We invited Year 5 from the Primary School to the orchard for an active science afternoon last September. We all had a great time, with the children very enthusiastic and interested. Not only did the children identify various bugs found in the bug hotel, but they also made it a dry, safe environment for creatures to hunker down over the winter months. They also heard all about the different types of apples grown in the orchard, had a tasting and decorated apples with cloves to make fun faces. The children were fascinated to learn more about pollination and the importance of various species.

The apple and damson trees are looking healthy, and we hope that this spring we will have a good show of blossom, with an abundant crop of apples to be enjoyed in autumn. We may have to replace two apple tree due to canker.

Apple Day was a great success, about 500kg apples making 300 litres of juice. We really appreciate all the help people give at this free event; it simply couldn't happen without them. Inside People's Hall there was lots to do; great music from Common Ground, delicious food, children's activities, and apples identified by a member of South Lakeland Orchard Group (SLOG). In addition to this four local groups were represented, the Sedbergh Beekeepers, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Red Squirrel Group and Master Composters, and a successful raffle was held. All these activities are run by volunteers, without whom it would be impossible to put on this family friendly event. We raised just under £500 this year, which is a huge help in running the orchard so thank you for to everyone for your support. We will be changing the timing of Apple Day which takes place on Saturday 25th October this year to 12 noon until 4pm. The reason being twofold, firstly to save us hiring People's Hall for setting up purposes on Friday night and secondly to support Half and Half who will be open from 4pm on Apple Day for a cider event, which will include tasting cider and learning how it is made.

It's been great to see so many people enjoying the peace and quiet of the orchard while taking in the views. There have been a few family picnics too, and some fun to be had in and around the stump circle. Dog fouling seems to have stopped which is really good news. Hopefully the new signs have had the desired effect. Thank you to all those who have and are supporting the Community Orchard - we couldn't do it without you, and in particular to our 54 members.

Ann Parratt
 Chair, COGS

**COGS Community Orchard Group Sedbergh Income & Expenditure Accounts 1 Mar 2024
 - 28 Feb 2025**

Registered Charity 1173754

Income

		1574.9
Carried forward		0
Memberships	206.0	
	0	
Grants	0.00	
	709.1	
Apple Day takings	9	
Coffee Morning	0.00	
Donations	44.00	
Interest	0.00	
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	959.19	

Expenditure

Orchard		564.9
		0
Improvements		400.0
		0
Mowing		
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		964.90
Other		
		157.0
Insurance		0
Apple Day expenses		247.4

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SLOG membership	30.00
Room hire	10.00
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	444.45

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Total income	2534.0
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Total expenditure	<hr/>
	1409.3
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Balance

1124.74

Jacqueline Smith
Treasurer, COGS

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Registered Charity 1173754

Income

Carried forward	683.56
Memberships	190.00
Grants	500.00
Apple Day takings	729.50
Coffee Morning	0.00
Donations	50.00
Interest	0.00
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	1469.50

Expenditure

Orchard	
Improvements	9.49
Mowing	150.00
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	159.49
Other	
Insurance	157.00
Apple Day expenses	226.67
SLOG membership	30.00
Room hire	5.00
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	418.67

Total income 2153.06

Total expenditure 578.16

End Balance **1574.90**

Jacqueline Smith
Treasurer, COGS
Mar-24

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COGS Charity Commission Annual Report April 2024

We held three working parties in 2023, one in April and two in July. Thank you to everyone who supported and worked so hard. Winter pruning was taken on by Jacqueline and Steve so a big thank you to them. Grass paths are being cut rather than the whole orchard which encourages wildlife. General maintenance and tidying working party will be planned shortly, when hopefully the weather will settle down.

We invited Year 5 from the Primary School to the orchard for an active science afternoon last September. We all had a great time, even though the weather could have been a bit dryer

Not only did the children identify various bugs found in the bug hotel, they made it a dry, safe environment for creatures to hunker down over the winter months. They also heard all about the different types of apples grown in the orchard, had a tasting and decorated apples with cloves to make fun faces. The children were fascinated to learn more about pollination and the importance of various species.

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Inside People's Hall there was lots to do, great music from Common Ground, delicious food, plants to buy, children's activities, and apples identified by a member of South Lakeland Orchard Group (SLOG).

In addition to this four local groups were represented, the Sedbergh Beekeepers, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Red Squirrel Group and Master Composters, and a successful raffle was held. All these activities are run by volunteers, without whom it would be impossible to put on this family friendly event.

We raised just over £500 this year, which is a huge help in running the orchard so thank you for to everyone for your support.

It's been great to see so many people enjoying the peace and quiet of the orchard while taking in the views. There have been a few family picnics too, and some fun to be had in and around the stump circle.

We have received a grant for £300 from the Community Trust which will be used to replace wood surrounds and bark chippings in the stump circle. We also received a grant from Sedbergh Parish Council for £300 to help replace one of the benches.

There is still occasional dog fouling, but much less than before which is really good news. Hopefully the new signs have had the desired effect.

Our thanks to Malcolm Townson for his 8 years of mowing, he has now decided to cut back on his workload and wish him well in the future.

Thank you to all those who have and are supporting the Community Orchard - we couldn't do it without you, and in particular to our 46 members.

Ann Parratt

Chair, COGS
April 24

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Gross Income

Memberships	190.00
Grants	500.00
Apple Day takings	729.50
Donations	50.00
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	1469.50

Gross income 1469.50

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Gross Spending

Orchard

Improvements	9.49
Mowing	150.00

Other

Insurance	157.00
Apple Day expenses	226.67
SLOG membership	30.00
Room hire	5.00

Gross spending

End Balance

29 Feb 2024

159.49

418.67

578.16

891.34

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	12 th	May	2022		11	November	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Helm at Croglin
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1198937
Charity's principal address	1, Mulcaster Place
	Croglin,
	Nr. Carlisle, Cumbria
	Postcode CA4 9RX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ruth Lawley	Chair		
2	Julian Whittle	Secretary		
3	Mark Hetherington	Treasurer		
4	Louise Fawcett			
5	Bryan Gray			
6	Mary Robinson			
7	Fiona Stobart			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a Community and Heritage Centre to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of, and visitors to, the Parish of Croglin and the neighbourhood ("area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities from 2022-23 fall in two main categories

1. Community Engagement.

- i. This included establishment of a communication system including a 'Helm at Croglin' Facebook page and regular use of local Whats App groups together with local Parish News publications. Articles appeared on local Radio and in local newspapers.
- ii. Throughout 2022 there was an online survey completed by participants and visitors giving useful information about the needs of the community and visitors.
- iii. Developing partnerships with
 - Ainstable PCC, Fell Foot Forward and AONB, Eden District Council and Westmorland and Furness Council
 - Local schools including William Howard Secondary School youth programme
 - Interest groups including U3A, Brampton Walkers, Sarah Losh Heritage Centre, Brampton Walkers, Lake District Mobility
 - Local businesses
- iv. Specific activities included:
 - a Summer Activity Day in July 2022 with churchyard tours, orienteering, teas and games.
 - Christmas Crafts Making Day in December 2022
 - 4 Local Heritage Talks were given in Spring 2023
 - A guided bat walk and a guided nature walk took place in Summer 2023

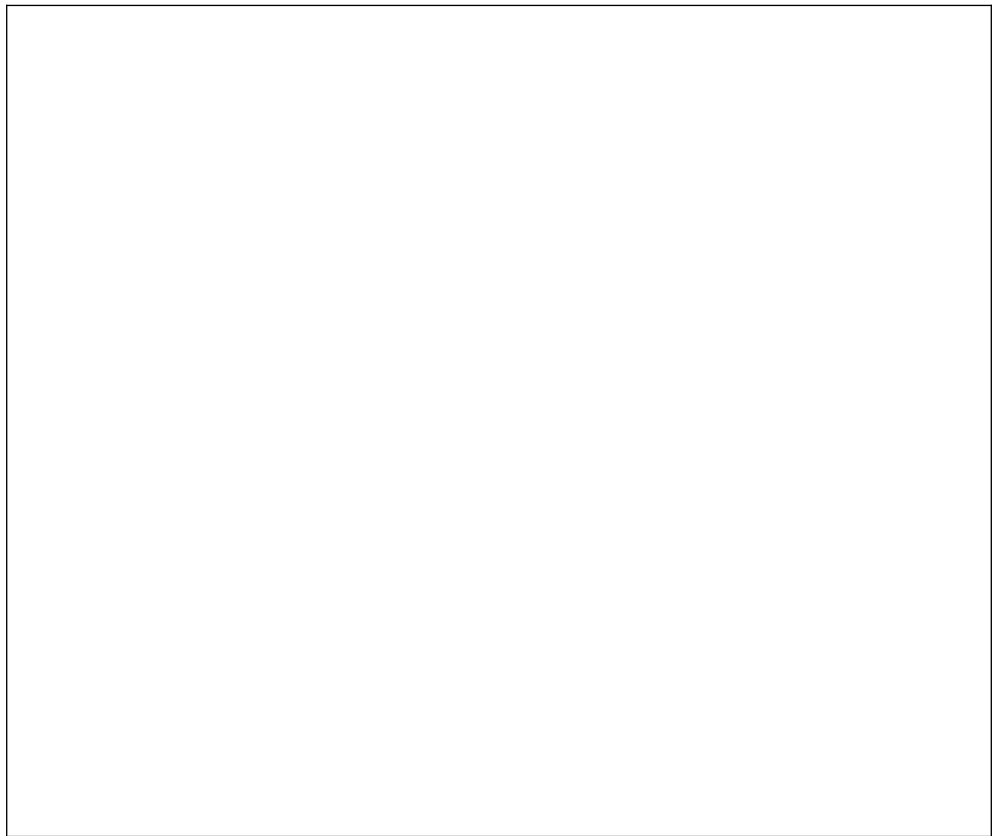
2. Working towards refurbishment of the Church Building in Croglin.

- i. This involved activity aimed at taking on the long term lease of the building.
 - Negotiation of the lease with Carlisle Diocese
 - Agreement about the reuse of the contents of the church
 - and disposal of other contents with the local PCC
 - Completion of the Petition to repurpose the church
 - Appointment of a Solicitor
- ii. Formulation of a Development Plan with the Programme Managers including interior design for flexible usage
- iii. Application for planning permission including undertaking a bat survey. Planning Permission was acquired in October 2023
- iv. Fundraising including successful applications to Ainstable Parish Council, Eden District Council and Community Ownership Fund and unsuccessful applications to Heritage Lottery Fund and Rural Development Fund. A new fundraising strategy is in development.
- v. Opening a bank account and fundraising platform
- vi. Development of Safeguarding, child protection and equal opportunity policies

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Raised awareness of The Helm at Croglin, its purpose and activities through local media and social media.
2. Continued to gather information about users' needs and preferences through online and face to face questionnaires
3. Developed a network of partnerships with local public bodies, interest groups, businesses, schools and individuals
4. Delivered 8 activity days or sessions raising awareness of local natural history and heritage engaging over 250 people thereby increasing local knowledge and pride in place.
5. Through communication with Carlisle Diocese agreed a lease which is poised for completion when funding is achieved.
6. Gained planning permission and received 3 local tenders for refurbishment.
7. Funded the Development Plan and achieved planning permission.
8. Established a bank account and fundraising platform.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity is newly incorporated and set up specifically to deliver a community project by bringing a redundant church back into use as a community facility. The project will only proceed if sufficient grant funding is obtained from major donors such as the National Lottery and Levelling Up. Until funding has been secured the Charity is only incurring minimal cost and this is being met by fundraising events and small grants. At present the Charity operates with an expected minimum reserves policy of £1,000 to cover the cost of disbanding the Charity should it no longer be required.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Nothing to report at present.

Section F Other optional information

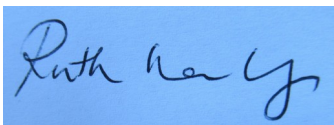
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)	Ruth Lawley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	8.12.23	

COGS Community Orchard Group Sedbergh Income & Expenditure

Registered Charity 1173754

Income

Carried forward	647.75
Memberships	146.00
Grants	0.00
Apple Day takings	0.00
Coffee Morning	202.40
Donations	152.00
Interest	0.34
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	500.74

Expenditure

Orchard

Other

Total income

1148.49

Total expenditure

Balance

Jacqueline Smith
Treasurer, COGS
Mar-22

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Improvements	168.62
Mowing	100.00
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	268.62

Insurance	168.00
Apple Day expenses	0.00
SLOG membership	30.00
Room hire	0.00
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681.87

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Registered Charity 1173754

Income

Carried forward		681.87
Memberships	178.00	
Grants	0.00	
Apple Day takings	359.19	
Coffee Morning	0.00	
Donations	66.00	
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		603.19

Total income 1285.06

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Treasurer, COGS
Mar-23

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Expenditure

Orchard		
Improvements		0.00
Mowing		157.50
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		157.50
Other		
Insurance		157.00
Apple Day expenses		217.00
SLOG membership(2022, 2023)		60.00
Room hire		10.00
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		444.00

Total expenditure 601.50

End Balance

683.56

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Expenditure

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Orchard

Other

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Total expenditure

End Balance

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Annual Report 2022

Unfortunately due to the pandemic we were unable to raise any funds from Apple Day but did manage one coffee morning last September after the final lockdown.. A huge thank you must go to all those who kindly donated to help the orchard continue, without these donations it would have been very difficult to keep going.

We have held two working parties, one in June and another in September. Winter pruning was taken on by Jacqueline and Steve so a big thank you to them. General maintenance and tidying took place at our first working party in 2022 today.

Again due to the pandemic Sedbergh School pupils have not been able to help at the Orchard, however we have been promised replacement wood stumps for the education circle, and will endeavour to get them transported from the School shortly.

The apple and damson trees are looking healthy and we hope that this spring we will have a good show of blossom, with an abundant crop of apples to be enjoyed in autumn. Unfortunately a late hard frost took much of the apple blossom last year, but the herbs were again exceptionally good.

A cherry tree was planted during the pandemic, donated by Zerece in Slovenia who are twinned with Sedbergh. Later this year, the Slovenian Ambassador is visiting Sedbergh, and the orchard. Alan Steadman has made a beautiful wooden plaque which hopefully will be installed shortly.

It's been great to see so many people enjoying the peace and quiet of the orchard while taking in the views. There have been a few family picnics too, and some fun to be had in and around the stump circle.

Unfortunately the primary school children were unable to have their September afternoon in the orchard with us due to the restrictions. Hopefully we will be able to resume normal service this September.

We plan to hold our fifth annual Apple Day at the People's Hall on 22nd October. We will start pressing at 9:30am and by 10am, when the doors open, we will hopefully have many litres of fresh apple juice ready to taste, and all at no cost.

In addition to Apple Day we hope to have a few working parties, and more coffee mornings

Thank you to all those who have and are supporting the Community Orchard - we couldn't do it without you, and in particular to our 41 members.

Ann Parratt
Chair, COGS
March 2022

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Income

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Interest	0.34
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Expenditure

Orchard	Improvements
	Mowing
Other	Insurance
	Apple Day expenses
	SLOG membership
	Room hire

Total income 1148.49

Total expenditure

Balance

Jacqueline Smith
Treasurer, COGS
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18 Feb 2022

168.62

100.00

268.62

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Annual Report 2021

A) Chair's Report

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were unable to raise any funds from coffee mornings or Apple Day. A huge thank you must go to all those who kindly donated to help the orchard continue, without these donations it would have been very difficult to keep going. It has also been difficult to have working parties due to restrictions, however individual members have been able to do some pruning and general maintenance.

Two main wooden posts have been replaced as both had rotted in the ground, see Treasurer's report for costs. It is our hope that this is not an ongoing expense and that the remaining fencing will be sound for many years to come. Two additions to the orchard are the slate roofed leaflet dispenser and the information board. Costs for both these items were covered by grants which were applied for prior to the pandemic. The board was created by local designer Des Metcalfe and erected near the orchard entrance gate. It has attracted many visitors who hopefully find the information useful and informative.

The apple and damson trees are looking healthy, and we hope that this spring we will have a good show of blossom, with an abundant crop of apples to be enjoyed in autumn. The fruit and herbs were again exceptionally good last year, and it was very pleasing to know that once the fact that people could go and help themselves was broadcast on the Sedbergh Community Forum, locals did exactly that!

It's been great to see so many people enjoying the peace and quiet of the orchard while taking in the views. There have been a few family picnics too, and some fun to be had in and around the stump circle. Unfortunately, the primary school children were unable to have their September afternoon in the orchard with us due to the restrictions. Hopefully we will be able to resume normal service this September.

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Thank you to all those who have and are supporting the Community Orchard - we couldn't do it without you, and in particular to our 35 members.

Ann Parratt, Chair, COGS

March 2021

B) Treasurer's Report

1 Mar 2020 - 28 Feb 2021

Summary:

- Cumberland BS balance:
 - o 29 Feb 2020 1525.80
 - o 28 Feb 2021 647.75

- Work at the Orchard cost 960.37 and comprised:
 - o Construction of raised beds and installation of leaflet holder by Dave Jermy
 - o Design and construction of information board by Des Metcalfe and Novadura

- Due to Covid restrictions Apple Day 2020 was cancelled, along with coffee mornings. Although the loss of these events meant less income, COGS members generously donated a total of 250.00

- Annual running costs for the Orchard for 2021-22 are estimated at 350.00
 - o This includes insurance, mowing, room hire and SLOG membership
 - o This sum is to be met from memberships and, we hope, Apple Day 2021

Jacqueline Smith, Treasurer, COGS

March 2021