

COGS Community Orchard Group Sedbergh Income & Expenditure Accounts I Mar 2023 - 29 Feb 2024

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

Total income	<div>2153.06</div>
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Jacqueline Smith
Treasurer, COGS
Mar-24

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 expenditure	<div>578.16</div>
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End Balance	<div>1574.90</div>
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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.

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.

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, 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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Charity Commission Annual Return

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Gross Spending

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29 Feb 2024

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