

SAPGATE GARDENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1175287

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-20

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS SOCIAL WELFARE AND RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS, RESIDING IN THORNTON VILLAGE AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS OF BRADFORD, WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY OR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN PARTICULAR THROUGH FACILITATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN, GROWING AND VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

Activities: The Charity operates a Community Garden/Allotment for local residents. It provides a range of activities designed to engage 'All' members of the community. Its main activities are to continue to 'transform' some derelict land into a community space, plant flowers, trees and vegetables, repair and build footpaths/walling, provide ongoing development and maintenance and run celebration events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,988	£4,169	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,220	£2,901	-	-
2023-03-31	£6,851	£5,017	-	-
2022-03-31	£4,324	£5,368	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,432	£3,450	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nancy Plowes	Chair	2019-10-01
Andrew Mark Seymour		2021-09-07
Christine Gatiss		2024-10-03
Laraine Hudson		2019-10-01
Richard Alan Kellett		2022-10-24

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Charity Commission Report 2024- 2025

Sapgate Gardens Association has continued to operate maintaining and developing this well used community space . Regular monthly planning meetings have taken place and volunteers have met weekly.

The weather has been mixed from April 24 to March 2025. A core group continued to meet and be active. and rethink the planting.

Community events on the Gardens have continued to be popular and keep the profile of the Gardens high. These events included pumpkins display, Easter egg hunt, Teddy Bears picnic (with the library rhyme time group) Refugee picnic (with inclusive volunteering Bradford) and music events featuring two local, popular bands. Funding has come from Asda community scheme, from the Local Authority community chest and from fundraising through sales of local produce and crafts . This has meant all events are free to all.

Sapgate Gardens was also a key part of the popular Open Gardens event in Summer 2024. We were also pleased to be part of the first Thornton Village Arts Trail, displaying work made by the students from the art college.

We still use the community centre as a base for refreshments on volunteer days, and this has helped to create strong links between volunteers, and other community groups. The refreshments are free.

We are proud of what we have achieved since the group was established in 2016 and look forward to building a bigger group of volunteers and even stronger links with other local groups.

Nancy Plowes Chair of Sapgate Gardens Oct 2025

Sagate Gardens Income and Expenditure year Ended 31/03/25

		Expenditure
ns	2588.29	2110.18
Chutneys, Street Mkt, Tree Festival)	1861.51	1064.85
	478.06	14.69
	60.3	914.08
		5
		60
Total	4988.16	4168.8

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Sapgate Gardens Charity Commission Report 2023 -2024

Sapgate Gardens Association has continued to operate maintaining and developing the community space . Regular monthly planning meetings have taken place and volunteers have met weekly .

The weather was poor from the Autumn of 2023 to the Spring of 2024 and this had an effect on the activities which took place and attendance of volunteers. However, a core group continued to meet and be active.

We had planned to continue with the work with the schools but unfortunately staffing problems at the schools meant this was not possible. However, there is a plan to reinstate the link with the primary school in 2025 .

During the summer of 2023 we held community events on the Gardens which were well attended and kept the profile of the Gardens high. These events included Easter egg hunt, Teddy Bears picnic(with the library rhyme time group) Refugee picnic(with inclusive volunteering Bradford) and music events featuring two local, popular bands .

Funding has come from the CoOp good causes fund ,from Asda community scheme, from the Local Authority community chest and from fundraising through sales of local produce and crafts . This has meant all events are free to all .

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From Jan 2023 we started to use the community centre as a base for refreshments on volunteer days, and this has helped to create strong links between volunteers and makes the group even more attractive to join

We are proud of what we have achieved since the group was established in 2016 and look forward to building a bigger group of volunteers and even stronger links with other local groups.

Nancy Plowes Chair of Sapgate Gardens Oct 2024

Sapgate Gardens

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR END 31/03/24

INCOME	£	£
Plant Swop	285	
Donations	47	
misc	159	
ChutneyJams Honeypopup shop	969	
Coronation Event	275	
Sales open gardens w/e	253	
Grants	1908	
Xmas fair/Tree Festival	324	
	4220	4220
TOTAL INCOME		4220
EXPENDITURE		
Coronation EventAutumn Picknic/Pumkinever	810	
Honey,chutney, Jam ingrediants	437	
Donations	0	
Publicity costs	134	
TIB/Open Gardens	0	
Garden Resources , Equipment	1196	
Thornton cc	12	
Garden Resources , Equipment	0	
Litter Pick	12	
website	300	
Total Expenditure	2901	2901

Total Surplus/(Deficit)

£1,331

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Sapgate Gardens AGM report 2022 to 2023

Sapgate Gardens was lucky enough to recruit a new treasurer part way through 2022 and he is simplifying the recording of the finances. There is also a new chair.

The Charity is in sound financial health having received grants and donations from the Co op Good Causes fund and the Asda Green tokens scheme. Bradford Council provided a one off grant for the Jubilee Picnic in June 2022. Other income is generated from sales of preserves and from the charity Christmas tree event at the local church.

In 2022 the Gardens were invited to participate in a research project run through the RCA, which looked at the importance of green spaces in Bradford and, Walsall. A short video, Nature's Way was produced.

Sapgate Gardens volunteers continue to meet weekly on Thursdays. There are also summer evening evenings on Mondays and monthly Saturday Sessions. Volunteers play a key role in the monthly community litterpick.

Links with the local primary and secondary schools have continued. Circumstances don't always allow for the secondary school group to attend, but they do complete useful work when they come and seem to benefit from being on the Gardens. The primary school comes in groups of around 10 each week from Easter to July, so most children get 2 visits. They make a valued contribution to the Gardens, planting, watering, mulching and so forth. Some of the Charities funds have been spent on good quality tools and gloves for the children to use.

Other popular occasional events have been the Easter egg event, the pumpkin carving display, the August Bank Holiday stall, Xmas tree display and Christmas fair stall. In 2022 we also held a Jubilee Picnic, supported by the Council and the civil service social club.

The Thornton village open garden event brought new people to the Gardens. Sapgate Gardens were highlighted as a positive space in the Gold Award report by the RHS in the Thornton entry to Yorkshire in Bloom.

Retention and recruitment of regular volunteers continues to be a concern as people's commitments and priorities change.

Sapgate Gardens continue to be a valuable and valued resource in the heart of a busy and interesting village.

Nancy Plowes

Chair - Sapgate Gardens

June 2023

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period: April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022

Charity name: Sapgate Gardens

Charity registration number: 1175297

Objectives and Activities

The objective of Sapgate Gardens is to provide a community garden in Thornton village in the interests of social welfare and recreation. The Garden is managed by volunteers.

Continuing Covid-19 restrictions during the year increased the popularity of the gardens as a safe place to relax outdoors. Although organised events were fewer than planned, the ones listed below were very successful.

The main projects enabled by our funds included:

- a series of successful community events, which attracted a variety of people to the garden, age ranging from 2 to 80 for different events. Events included an Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas light festival and pumpkin carving.
- a range of promotional materials such as posters, leaflets and signage.
- the improvement of the bottom path
- further enhancement of the gardens, including new borders, plants, shrubs and benches.
- a regular monthly village litter pick
- gloves and equipment for Thornton Primary School children.

Numerous trees, shrubs, flowers, water butts and litter pickers were donated by individuals, garden centres and the council.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

We should all be proud of the success of Sapgate Gardens. It has become one of Thornton's significant features and we get many compliments on the beauty and tranquillity of the gardens.

The volunteers work unstintingly to maintain and enhance the Gardens to make sure they offer an accessible and pleasurable area for local people of all ages to enjoy. Digging, weeding, strimming, planting and watering are the ongoing activities, with a constant battle to keep brambles and docks contained. New flower beds and vegetable plots have been developed and more signs created to let local people know when produce is ready to pick.

Over the period our Facebook coverage has been extensive, with photographs of the gardens through the seasons, both taken by our own volunteers as well as visitors to the gardens. We have a regular column in the Thornton Community Directory helping to promote the Gardens to a wider audience. We hosted gardening sessions for 90 primary school children.

Financial Review

Total receipts for the year were £4,324 of which the main contributions were £993 as a grant from the Coop, £1,405 from Open Gardens (£817 net after deduction of publicity costs), £445 from donations and £1209 from merchandise sales (£676 net of costs). As at March 31st 2022 Sapgate Gardens finances have a satisfactory cash surplus of £4,431, a decrease of about £1000 compared to 2021, however the major groundworks associated with the paths are now complete and regular income is provided by the sales of merchandise, especially since the home made preserves and hand knitted goods are becoming more and more popular. During the year substantial donations of plants, shrubs and garden materials ensure that the calls on cash reserves were relatively low. The expenditure from restricted grant funding (£1,159) went mainly towards the new path and also to events and publicity. Expenditure of unrestricted funds (£4,209) mainly went to support general gardening resources, events and publicity and cost of merchandise (labels, advertising etc).

The Sapgate Gardens Reserves Policy is based on the requirement to cover the only significant recurring cost commitment, namely the cost of third party liability insurance. The income from Pop-Up Shop sales is more than enough to cover this.

Structure, Governance and Management

Sapgate Gardens is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees. Its governing document is its Constitution. Trustees are elected by the membership at the AGM.

The asset transfer from Bradford Council had still not been completed by the official end of the financial year, however it was completed on April 1st 2022.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Sappgate Gardens

Other Name the Charity Uses: Sappgate Gardens Association

Registered Charity Number: 1175287

Principal Address: Sappgate Lane, Thornton, Bradford BD13 3DY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

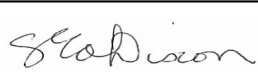
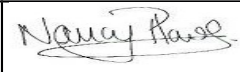
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Bose			Volunteers and Trustees
2	Nancy Plowes	Secretary		Volunteers and Trustees
3	Sarah Dixon	Chair		Volunteers and Trustees
4	Stephen Angus			Volunteers and Trustees
5	Laraine Hudson			Volunteers and Trustees
6	Kevin Walker	Membersh ip Secretary		Volunteers and Trustees
7	Ekaterina Coldwell			Volunteers and Trustees
8	Jonathan Kenningham	Treasurer		Volunteers and Trustees

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Sarah E. A Dixon	Nancy Plowes
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Position

Chair	Secretary
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Date

06.09.22



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date April 1st 2021	To	Period end date March 31st 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	445	-	-	445	899
Sales and events	1,316	-	-	1,316	557
Grants	-	994	-	994	2,240
Membership	90	-	-	90	145
Open Gardens	1,405	-	-	1,405	566
Other	74	-	-	74	25
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,330	994	-	4,324	4,432
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,330	994	-	4,324	4,432
A3 Payments					
Garden Resources	1,462	-	-	1,462	800
Insurance	135	-	-	135	180
Cost of merchandise	534	-	-	534	156
Events/publicity	1,037	400	-	1,437	1,034
Paths	147	759	-	906	1,280
Planning	262	-	-	262	-
Open Gardens publicity	632	-	-	632	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,209	1,159	-	5,368	3,450
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,209	1,159	-	5,368	3,450
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 879	- 165	-	- 1,044	982
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,315	1,159	-	5,474	-
Cash funds this year end	3,436	994	-	4,430	5,474

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				
	Grants	-	994	-
	Cash	3,436	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,436	994	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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
	Sarah Dixon	06.09.22
	Jonathan Kenningham	06.09.22

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Total receipts for the year were £4,432 of which, £2,240 were grants, £899 from donations, £566 from the Open Gardens event, £566 from sales and events and £145 from membership fees.

Covid-19 restrictions increased the popularity of the gardens as a safe place to relax outdoors. Although organised events were fewer than planned, the ones listed below were very successful.

The main community projects enabled by our funds included:

- a series of successful community events, which attracted a variety of people to the garden, age ranging from 2 to 80 for different events. Events included a Christmas elf hunt, Winter light festival and pumpkin carving displays
- a range of promotional materials such as posters, signage, information boards.
- the second stage of the garden pathways, being the main thoroughfare from the top to the bottom of the garden
- further enhancement of the gardens, including new borders, plants, shrubs and benches.
- a regular monthly village litter pick.

Numerous trees, shrubs, flowers, water butts and litter pickers were donated by individuals, garden centres and the council.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

We should all be proud of the success of Sapgate Gardens. It has become one of Thornton's significant features and we get many compliments on the beauty and tranquillity of the gardens.

The volunteers work unstintingly to maintain and enhance the Gardens to make sure they offer an accessible and pleasurable area for local people of all ages to enjoy. Digging, weeding, strimming, planting and watering are the ongoing activities, with a constant battle to keep

brambles and docks contained. New flower beds and vegetable plots and a new tool shed have been developed and more signs created to let local people know when produce is ready to pick.

Over the period our Facebook coverage has been extensive, with photographs of the gardens through the seasons, both taken by our own volunteers as well as visitors to the gardens. More beautiful signs have been erected identifying the different fruit trees. We have a regular column in the Thornton Community Directory helping to promote the Gardens to a wider audience.

Financial Review

As at March 31st 2021 Sappgate Gardens finances have a satisfactory cash surplus of £5,474, of which £1,159 are restricted funds deriving largely from the Cleaner Streets Fund with small sums remaining from the lighting and children's events funds. Donations were £899, of which £734 was via the Coop community campaign. The Open Gardens event raised £566, and this occasion was used to launch our new membership scheme providing £145. The Pop-Up Shop sales of merchandise, including chutneys, jams, and hand-knitted goods raised £496. During the year substantial donations of plants, shrubs and garden materials ensure that the calls on cash reserves were relatively low. The expenditure from restricted grant funding (£2,766) went mainly towards the new path and to events and publicity. Expenditure of unrestricted funds (£684) mainly went to support general gardening resources, public liability insurance and cost of merchandise (labels, advertising etc).

With the amounts brought forward from 2019/2020 included, the cash funds at year end were £5,474, £1,159 of which were restricted funds.

An Internal Finance Audit as recommended by the Charities Commission was conducted on Feb 2nd 2021 at which the following was agreed:

- The Sappgate Gardens Reserves Policy is based on the requirement to cover the only significant recurring cost commitment, namely the cost of third party liability insurance. The income from Pop-Up Shop sales is more than enough to cover this, and the membership fees also provide a cushion for any emergency.
- Any cash raised is to be banked as soon as possible.
- Receipts are to be given to the Secretary or the Treasurer to retain for their records.

Structure, Governance and Management

Sappgate Gardens is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees. Its governing document is its Constitution. Trustees are elected by the membership at the AGM.

Sappgate Gardens is still going through the process of asset transfer from Bradford Council. The council's process for asset transfer was changed, meaning that further delays have ensued, however we are assured by the Council that it is only a matter of time....

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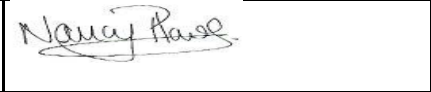
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christine Clavering			Volunteers and Trustees
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3	Nancy Plowes	Secretary		Volunteers and Trustees
4	Sarah Dixon	Chair		Volunteers and Trustees
5	Stephen Angus			Volunteers and Trustees
6	Laraine Hudson			Volunteers and Trustees
7	Kevin Walker	Membership Secretary		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sarah E. A Dixon	Nancy Plowes
Position	Chair	Secretary
Date	07.09.21	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	April 1st 2020		March 31st 2021

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	899	-	-	899	2,461
Sales and events	557	-	-	557	839
Grants	-	2,240	-	2,240	1,942
Membership	145	-	-	145	-
Open Gardens	566	-	-	566	-
Other	25	-	-	25	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,192	2,240	-	4,432	5,242
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,192	2,240	-	4,432	5,242
A3 Payments					
Garden resources	348	452	-	800	203
Insurance	180	-	-	180	168
Cost of merchandise	156	-	-	156	-
Events/publicity	-	1,034	-	1,034	1,101
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	100
Paths	-	1,280	-	1,280	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	684	2,766	-	3,450	1,572
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	684	2,766	-	3,450	1,572
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,508	- 526	-	982	3,670
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,807	1,685	-	4,492	-
Cash funds this year end	4,315	1,159	-	5,474	3,670

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				
	Grants	-	1,159	-
	Cash	4,315	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,315	1,159	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK Unrestricted funds
OK Restricted funds
OK Endowment funds

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)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
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		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Sarah Dixon</i>	Sarah Dixon	07.09.21
<i>Nancy Plowes</i>	Nancy Plowes	07-09-21