

## 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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Grant availability as at year end 2020/2021/carried forward to 21/22:	
Co-Op	£230
Ebour Finance	£200
City of Bradford	£250
LEO Group Ltd	£500
<b>Total Restricted C/f</b>	<b>£1,180</b>

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