

WATERLOO COMMUNITY GARDENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1175609

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-11-07

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY HORTICULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING.

Activities: The Community Garden provides opportunities for the people of all ages and abilities in the area to learn about and take part in growing vegetables and fruit in an environmentally friendly way. There are events and workshops taking place all through the year (such as pruning, making compost at home, sowing and planting vegetables), as well as the chance to become a regular volunteer,

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,156	£516	-	-
2024-03-31	£698	£330	-	-
2023-03-31	£320	£609	-	-
2022-03-31	£598	£221	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£211	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KATHLEEN HELEN STEPHENS	Chair	2017-10-30
Felicity Guilford		2024-07-19
John Comont		2024-07-19
LINDA PENTLAND		2024-01-10
MARK BAVERSTOCK		2017-10-30

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Trustee Annual Report, 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Structure:

Trustees: Kathleen Stephens Chair of Trustees

Linda Pentland Treasurer

Mark Baverstock Secretary

Felicity Guilford

John Comont

There are several other garden volunteers who along with the Trustees make decisions about the day to day running of the garden – planning crops, events, workshops etc

Objectives for 2024/2025

- To maintain and improve the production of organically grown food
- To increase the number of volunteers and visitors to the garden
- To continue and extend the educational aspects of the garden including the benefits of growing food.
- To forge new links with local organisations and businesses
- To make the garden more accessible to people with disabilities and young people and develop links with social prescribers
- Understanding and promoting Planet friendly gardening

Achievements

- 2024/25 has been another successful year for the garden. Some volunteers have moved on but we have several new volunteers who come to the Garden regularly.
- Most of the beds were cultivated and a wide range of crops grown. Fruit was picked from trees and fruit bushes with a particular bumper crop of plums. Pruning workshop was held.
- Apple pressing took place over 2 days in October receiving a lot of visitors including a group from U3A.
- We were given a new polytunnel which was constructed over the Autumn and Winter of 2024. We have the use of half of the polytunnel.
- As a result of being one of the Co-ops chosen charities we received a substantial grant.
- Several projects have been undertaken. The beds are now wood surrounded. A new project is to build 2 new accessible beds.

- Volunteers from the garden helped cleared the compost area at the local church and compost was given to the garden to use on the beds.
- A member of the village came to the garden to volunteer as part of his DofE Award.

We have 8 regular volunteers at present with a few others coming along occasionally. We have produced new posters to encourage new members.

Some volunteers continued to meet through the winter clearing and tidying. Some overwintering crops were sown and several beds covered with membrane to prevent weeds.

A pruning workshop was held in February. This was well attended with participants learning how to prune fruit trees and bushes.

Potato planting took place with 2 beds of early potatoes planted. Parsnips, beetroot and spinach sown and broad beans overwintered.

Donations have been received from garden volunteers.

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Income and Expenditure Account

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025 - to date

	2025			2024		
Income	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
Donations received		£1,156.14	£ 1,156.14		£ 200.18	£ 200.18
Grants received		£ -	£ -		£ 498.04	£ 498.04
Total Income	£ -	£ 1,156.14	£ 1,156.14	£ -	£ 698.22	£ 698.22
Expenses						
Seeds and plants		£ 20.00	£ 20.00		£ 76.00	£ 76.00
Equipment		£ 354.92	£ 354.92		£ 123.57	£ 123.57
Insurance		£ 140.80	£ 140.80		£ 130.80	£ 130.80
Total Expenses	£ -	£ 515.72	£ 515.72		£ 330.37	£ 330.37
Surplus	£ -	£ 640.42	£ 640.42	£ -	£ 367.85	£ 367.85
plus brought fwd		£ 799.16	£ 799.16			
Balance at		£ 1,439.58	£ 1,439.58			

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Mark Baverstock Secretary

Judy Rowley (resigned April 2024)

Sarah Wilkinson (resigned April 2024)

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Achievements

- 2023/24 has been a very successful year for the garden with several new volunteers meeting regularly.
- All the beds were cultivated and a wide range of crops grown. Fruit was picked from trees and fruit bushes with a particular bumper crop of plums. Pruning work shop was held
- Apple pressing took place over 2 days in October receiving a lot of visitors including a group from U3A
- We were again part of Market Harborough Big Green Week. The garden was open and we had several talks which were all well attended.
- We were given a new polytunnel which was constructed over the Autumn and Winter of 2023. We have the use of half of the polytunnel.
- This year we have been picked as one of the local Coop's charities.

- A recent project has been to begin to surround the beds with wood.

Membership of the garden had increased last year, with 12 members attending regularly each week. Unfortunately winter and spring saw a decline in numbers attending. We have produced posters to try to get new members.

Some volunteers continued to meet through the winter clearing and tidying. Some overwintering crops were sown and several beds covered with membrane to prevent weeds.

A pruning workshop was held in February. This was well attended with participants learning how to prune fruit trees and bushes.

Potato planting took place with 2 beds of early potatoes planted. Parsnips, beetroot and spinach sown and broad beans overwintered. The start of 2024 has been difficult with regards to weather and crops have been slow to establish.

The committee has met several times throughout the year. There has also been occasional Gardeners Meetings. At the meeting early in 2024 Sarah Wilkinson and Judy Rowley resigned from the committee. Two other garden members - John Comont and Felicity Guilford - volunteered to take their place on the committee.

Donations have been received from garden volunteers.

Completed April 2024

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Income and Expenditure Account 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

	2024			2023		
Income	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
Donations received		£200.18	£ 200.18		£ 320.00	£ 320.00
Grants received		£ 498.04	£ 498.04			£ -
Total Income	£ -	£ 698.22	£ 698.22	£ -	£ 320.00	£ 320.00
Expenses						
Seeds and plants		£ 76.00	£ 76.00	£ 400.00	£ 78.03	£ 478.03
Equipment		£ 123.57	£ 123.57			£ -
Insurance		£ 130.80	£ 130.80		£ 130.80	£ 130.80
Total Expenses	£ -	£ 330.37	£ 330.37	£ 400.00	£ 208.83	£ 608.83
Surplus	£ -	£ 367.85	£ 367.85	-£ 400.00	£ 111.17	-£ 288.83
plus brought fwd		£ 431.31	£ 431.31			
Balance at 31st March 2024		£ 799.16	£ 799.16			

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Achievements

- All the beds were cultivated and a wide range of crops grown. Fruit was picked from trees and fruit bushes with a particular bumper crop of plums. Pruning work shop was held
- Apple pressing took place over 2 days in October receiving a lot of visitors including a group from U3A
- A group from a company in Northampton visited the garden and helped to establish a pond area as a voluntary action day. This is now attracting lots of wildlife.
- We were again part of Market Harborough Big Green Week. The garden was open and we had several talks which were all well attended.
- Members of the garden constructed an accessible raised bed. Guttering was also fitted to the shed and 2 water butts set up reducing our water usage

- A second brick path was constructed and grass paths established between the rest of the beds

Membership of the garden has continued to increase. We now have 16 members with 12 members attending regularly each week

Garden volunteers continued to meet through the winter clearing and tidying. Some overwintering crops were sown and green manure.

A pruning workshop was held in February. This was well attended with participants learning how to prune fruit trees and bushes.

Potato planting took place with 2 beds of early potatoes planted. Parsnips, beetroot and spinach sown and broad beans overwintered.

The committee has met several times throughout the year. There has also been occasional Gardeners Meetings.

Donations have been received from garden volunteers.

Completed April 2023

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Income and Expenditure Account 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

	2023			2022		
Income	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
Donations received		£ 320.00	£ 320.00		£ 198.10	£ 198.10
Grants received			£ -	£ 400.00		£ 400.00
Total Income	£ -	£ 320.00	£ 320.00	£ 400.00	£ 198.10	£ 598.10
Expenses						
Seeds and plants	£ 400.00	£ 78.03	£ 478.03		£ 90.27	£ 90.27
Equipment			£ -			£ -
Insurance		£ 130.80	£ 130.80		£ 130.80	£ 130.80
Total Expenses	£ 400.00	£ 208.83	£ 608.83	£ -	£ 221.07	£ 221.07
Surplus	-£ 400.00	£ 111.17	-£ 288.83	£ 400.00	-£ 22.97	£ 377.03

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Mark Baverstock Secretary

Judy Rowley

Sarah Wilkinson

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Objectives for 2021/2022

- To maintain and improve the production of organically grown food
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Achievements

With the end of restrictions earlier in the year we have been able to do a great deal to get the garden back on track and add new ideas and developments. Earlier in the year six new volunteers came to the garden to try it out. Of these 4 are now regularly weekly members. In addition a previous volunteer returned so we now have 10 regulars with garden sessions taking place a minimum of 3 mornings a week. This has enabled the garden to achieve a great deal:

- all the beds were cultivated and a wide range of crops grown. Fruit was picked from trees and fruit bushes with a particular bumper crop of plums
- we met with social prescribers from the local doctor's surgery who were interested in using the garden in the future although so far no referrals have been made
- Beavers from the local Scout group visited on 2 occasions to learn about gardening and take part in some activities

- Apple pressing took place over 2 days in October receiving a lot of visitors
- Money was again received from Kelmarsh Windfarm Community Benefit Fund to develop an additional area of the garden into 4 new beds and a wheelchair accessible raised bed
- A brick path using reclaimed bricks was built by garden volunteers
- Links have been established with a company in Northampton who plan to come to the garden in May to undertake a small project. Also with a student wishing to use the garden as part of her D of E.
- We were part of Market Harborough Big Green Week. The garden was open for 2 days and we had talks about medicinal use of herbs and plants and regenerative gardening/farming

At the end of the year Steve Cousins resigned as treasurer and has been replaced by Linda Pentland.

Beginning of 2022 has been quiet as there is less to do in winter months. However several volunteers have continued to meet on Tuesdays/Fridays keeping on top of weeding and general tidying and maintenance jobs. Preparations have been made to make another brick path to go to the polytunnel.

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Completed April 2022

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2022

Income	Restricted funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
Donations received at events		£ 198.10	£ 198.10
Grants received	£ 400.00		£ 400.00
Total Income	£ 400.00	£ 198.10	£ 598.10
Expenses			
Seeds and plants		£ 90.27	£ 90.27
Equipment			£ -
Insurance		£ 130.80	£ 130.80
Total Expenses	£ -	£ 221.07	£ 221.07
Surplus	£ 400.00	-£ 22.97	£ 377.03

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Objectives for 2020-2021

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Achievements

The Coronavirus restrictions throughout the year meant that we have been unable to do a great deal in the garden. Volunteers attended one at a time and managed to keep most areas free from weeds but we were unable to cultivate large areas of the land. However we did manage to harvest and distribute produce from the perennial fruit bushes. No public events could be held. In March 2021 four new volunteers came to the garden to try it out. All of these are now regularly weekly members. March also saw us begin planting in earnest ready for the new season.

December 2021

Community Garden

Income and Expenses
April 2020 - March 2021

Income	nil
Expenses	
	Insurance £ 130.80
	Sundries £ 80.27
	<u>£ 211.07</u>