

Waterloo Community Garden

C.I.O. Registration Number 1175609

34 Harborough Rd, Great Oxendon, LE16 8NA

Trustee Annual Report, 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Structure:

Trustees: Kathleen Stephens Chair of Trustees

Linda Pentland Treasurer

Mark Baverstock Secretary

Judy Rowley

Sarah Wilkinson

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, work shops etc

Objectives for 2022/2023

- 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

- 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