

Waterloo Community Garden

C.I.O. Registration Number 1175609

34 Harborough Rd, Great Oxendon, LE16 8NA

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			