



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 28	Month JULY	Year 2022		Day 27	Month JULY	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

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Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1176426

Charity's principal address

87 EMERALD SUITE

VYSE STREET

BIRMINGHAM

Postcode

B18 6JZ

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	KWOK-HO TANG			
2	YASEEN AHMED		FROM 13/5/2024	
3	CHAN NGO		FROM 13/5/2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	APPOINTED

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE IN SANDWELL AND THE UK;
BY PROVIDING FACILITIES TO TEACH SKILLS ON EFFECTIVE FARMING AND:
PROVIDING GRANTS TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TAKE PART IN SUCH ACTIVITIES.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

THROUGHOUT 2022 – 2023, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO MANAGE AND CO-MANAGE VARIOUS GREEN SPACES ACROSS THE WEST MIDLANDS, INCLUDING GARDEN SPACES ON CHURCH GROUNDS, VILLAGE HALLS, SCHOOLS AND NURSERIES.

HAVING BEEN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH JEROME SINCLAIR IN THE LATTER OF 2023, HE HAS AGREED TO BECOME AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR TO ASSIST WITH RAISING FUNDS AND PARTICIPATE IN AWARENESS OF OUR CHARITY.

WE HAVE CONTINUED TALKS WITH LOCAL FARMERS BY WAY OF INTRODUCING HERITAGE SEEDS WITH SEEDBANKS WHICH WE BUILT UP GREAT CONNECTIONS WITH FROM PREVIOUS YEARS AND HAVE BEGAN A PROGRAM OF FOOD DONATIONS WITH SUPERMARKETS AND LOCAL FARMERS FOR THOSE STRUGGLING FROM THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPLORING FUNDING OPTIONS IN ORDER TO EXPAND OUR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON SOIL ECOLOGY AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION, WITH CONSIDERATIONS TO FUTURE ALTERNATIVES WHICH ARE FRIENDLY TO THE SURROUNDING, BUT ALSO GLOBAL, ENVIRONMENT.

WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN SCHOOL TALKS AND LOCAL WORKSHOPS, AMONGST THE JOB LOSSES SINCE COVID, TO ASSIST ADULTS OUT OF WORK INTO RE-APPLYING FOR NEW JOBS, TAKING ON CONSIDERATION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER APPLIED FOR JOBS BEFORE AND HAVE UNDERLYING LEARNING DIFFICULTIES. WE HAVE PROVIDED ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEEDED IT AND INTRODUCED BASIC TECHNOLOGY SKILLS SUCH AS WORD, EMAILING AND APP-DOWNLOADING IN ORDER TO STAY CURRENT WITH COMMUNICATION METHODS. WE HAVE ONBOARDED VOLUNTEERS FOR CAREER TALKS TO MOTIVATE CHILDREN WITHIN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES SO THEY HAVE A CLEARER DIRECTION AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHY THE WORK THEY ARE DOING MATTERS NOW, AND HOW THAT COULD IMPACT THEIR FUTURES.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

THERE HAS BEEN DISRUPTION IN THE WEATHER IN THE UK WHICH HAS CAUSED A DELAY IN THE SEASONAL PRODUCE WE WOULD ORDINARILY CONTRIBUTE IN ADDITION TO OUR WORKSHOPS AND FOOD GIVEAWAYS. THIS HAS BEEN A DOWNSIDE TO ONE ASPECT, YET, DURING OUR AGM, WE HAVE MANAGED TO UTILISE THE IMPACT TO SHOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DIFFERENT STAGES OF FOOD LIFECYCLE. THE FEEDBACK HAS BEEN POSITIVE AS MANY DO NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS THESE GROWTH CYCLES AND HAS GIVEN DEPTH TO THE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATION OF FARMING AND THE DIFFERENCE A SINGLE SEED CAN MAKE.

WE HAVE ALSO ONBOARDED TWO NEW TRUSTEES WHO ARE COMMITTED TO RAISING AWARENESS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS AIMS, BRINGING IN MORE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE FOR A LARGER OUTREACH WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON VIDEOS AND UPDATING OUR BLOG PAGES AND POSTS, WITH POSITIVE FEEDBACK AND ENGAGEMENT FROM THE PUBLIC.

WE CONTINUED RUNNING OUR ENTERPRISE WORKSHOPS ACROSS HOLIDAY TERM TIMES DUE TO DEMAND AND A YOUNG TEAM OF UNDER 10s MANAGED TO SELF-FUND AN ENTIRE BOOK PUBLICATION FROM ATTENDANCE OF OUR WORKSHOPS, WITH THE GUIDANCE OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE CAME TOGETHER TO OFFER ADVICE AND SUPPORT. THIS HAS BEEN A HUGE ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE CHARITY'S RESULTS OF THE ACTIVITIES WE DO.

PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR OUR MOBILE WORKSHOP VANS WITH COMMITMENT FROM CORPORATE SPONSORS TO BEGIN BRINGING THIS INTO FRUITION IN 2024 TO BETTER ENGAGE MEMBERS OF PUBLIC INTO GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD AND ITS BENEFITS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RIGHT-TO-GROW IN PARLIAMENT HAS MEANT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO FURTHER ENHANCE OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL MPS TO BETTER USE OUR GREEN SPACES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

THERE HAS BEEN POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE HAD LOCAL CRAFTSMEN TEACH A VARIATION OF PRACTICAL SKILLS TO ENHANCE THEIR LEARNING AND SKILLS. THIS HAS LED TO VARIOUS INITIATIVES ACROSS THE COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE THE ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES AND GROW ON THOSE BASIC SKILLS WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES WE PROVIDED.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

THE CHARITY TRUSTEES HAS EXAMINED AND AGREED THAT AT THIS STAGE, THERE WILL BE A 10% OF INCOME KEPT FOR RESERVES. AS THE ORGANISATION GROWS TO ESTABLISH ANY ASSETS, THIS POLICY WILL BE RE-EXAMINED.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NO FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) KWOK-HO TANG

CHAN NGO

YASEEN AHMED

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	12/05/24		