


Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
		Period start date			Period end date		
		From	1	August	2023	To	31
						July	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Blockley and District Allotment Association	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number (if any)	1178722	
Charity's principal address	35 Winterway	
	Blockley	
	Moreton-in-Marsh	
	Postcode:	GL56 9EF

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	Joanne Waite	Chairperson and Treasurer		
2	Clare Victoria Turner	Secretary		
3	Jill Wright			
4	John Cecil Bentley			
5	Christopher Steven Waite			
6	Marion Janner			
7	Alan Hart			
8	Elisabeth Anne Davies			
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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)

Elected by members at annual general meeting.

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.

Trustees are made aware of the Constitution, and of the three Charity Commission guideline documents on public benefit PB1, PB2 and PB3.

Trustees are made aware of the terms of an Agreement to Lease, together with a Lease Agreement, both of which set out the framework for Blockley and District Allotment Association's use of the land it leases from Parham Park Trust.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To further or benefit the residents of Blockley and the surrounding area without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race or of political religious, or other opinions by providing allotment facilities in the interests of social welfare or recreational leisure time occupation with the objective of improving life for the residents.

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)

The main activities undertaken for public benefit are the management of an allotment site and the further development of that site to benefit both plot holders and the wider community. Allotment gardening is well documented to have a positive impact on mental and physical well-being.

The trustees meet at least four times a year to plan and monitor the day to day running of the allotments, membership matters, finances, fund-raising activities and bi-annual health and safety review of facilities and individual plots, for the benefit and wellbeing of its members.

The Trustees continue to create more opportunities for the public to get involved in Allotment gardening and the associated benefits.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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.

There is a significant contribution by volunteers in the form of maintenance on site, fundraising activities, peer to peer mentoring and development of the new site.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Blockley and District Allotments Association was registered as a charitable trust on 11 June 2018 and received a donation of £40 000 from the Parham Park Trust to move off land occupied under an informal rental arrangement for more than 100 years to an adjoining piece of land. The new site will be leased from Parham Park Trust under a 999-year lease agreement.

The main achievements for the current review period are as follows:

1. Supporting existing plot holders and new plot holders establishing an allotment garden for the first time.
2. Creation of new communication channels for plot holders e.g. a WhatsApp group to improve peer to peer support and enhance the sense of community.
3. Maintenance and improvement of facilities on the site.
4. Promotion of the benefits of allotment gardening via events, articles in the local community magazine updates to website and social media presence.
5. Successful participation in an Open Garden (National Garden Scheme) event.
6. Successful "seed swap" event open to the wider community
7. Successful sales of surplus produce at an honesty stand at the allotments entrance. This generates funds and provides the community with good quality, local vegetables, fruit and flowers for a modest donation.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves include a sum being held for an community gardening project (eg gardening for mental health or accessible gardening) subject to a suitable partnership organisation being found. There is ongoing expenditure on site development, this will continue over the coming years remains so some reserves remain.

Details of any 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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

30/10/2024

Blockley and District Allotment Association (CIO Registration No. 1178722)**Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st July 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Donations (members and roadside produce)	308		308	378
Plot fees	1,135		1,135	1,115
Prize money	100		100	100
Easy Fund Raising	154		154	196
Events	264		264	288
Wine	385		385	300
Batsford donation				100
Total receipts	2,346		2,346	2,477
Payments				
Site development	500		500	411
Insurance	239		239	461
Equipment running and maintenance	645		645	143
Admin and events	99		99	116
Vineyard project & orchard	404		404	179
Grass cutting	50		50	
Total payments	1,937		1,937	1,310
Net surplus for year	409		409	1,167
Surplus brought forward 1.8.2023	15,229	500	15,729	
Surplus carried forward 31.7.2024	15,638	500	16,138	
Represented by:				
Cash at bank			16,109	
Petty cash			29	
			16,138	