

# ALLESLEY PARK WALLED GARDEN GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1178863

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-06-20

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALLESLEY PARK WALLED GARDEN IN COVENTRY. 2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN HORTICULTURE, GARDENING SKILLS, THE ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE.

**Activities:** APWGG's core activity is to maintain for public use the Georgian Walled Garden left to the people of Coventry by a public benefactor. In addition, and to raise funds, the charity runs community events which combine educational activities, entertainment and opportunities for local craftspeople to demonstrate/sell their products. The produce grown by APWGG and sold to raise funds is chemical free.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Coventry City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£2,287	£4,001	-	-
2024-12-31	£1,386	£1,091	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,009	£450	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,023	£910	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,135	£3,975	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
KEITH DRAPER	Chair	2018-01-25
Helen O'Keeffe		2025-03-20
Nina Kennedy		2018-01-25

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# APWGG AGM 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

## Chairman's Report

### INTRODUCTION

As the Chairman of APWGG, it is my privilege to present the Chairman's Report for the year 2025. This report encompasses a detailed review of our accomplishments, challenges and strategic initiatives over the past year. It also outlines our vision and objectives for the forthcoming year to ensure sustained growth and success.

### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Our financial position continues to be healthy, as per the Financial Summary figures state. Graham, our new treasurer who was elected at our last AGM has brought us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! Expenses and payments can now be made by bank transfer instead of cash and cheques and membership fees and donations can also be paid directly into our bank and people attending our events can now pay for refreshments and make donations by card, using the card payment reader introduced by Graham. This has greatly increased our income and is welcomed by our visitors, who don't always have cash available. In addition to donations from the sale of surplus produce grown in the garden throughout the year, we have received several generous ad hoc donations from individuals and companies who support our work. Funds have been raised from membership subscriptions and proceeds from events held throughout the year.

### EVENTS

**January** – Our annual Wassailing event in the orchard was led by Tim and despite the rain it was a great success as always. The King & Queen trees were decorated with tinsel and blessed to ward off evil spirits, thus ensuring a good crop that year. Everyone joined in singing the Wassailing song and followed the Morris dancers round the orchard, while banging saucepans and metal spoons, again to ward off any evil spirits. Complimentary warm spiced cider, apple and orange juice was then served to warm everyone up.

**June** – Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic, led by Nina was a great success. It was so nice to see families and groups of friends enjoying their picnics, playing traditional lawn games like quoit, skittles, tin can ally, croquet and connect 4 etc. We also had an Anniversary trail and Name the Scarecrow trail for the children. Pride of place on the refreshment stall was an Anniversary Celebration cake which we shared with all our visitors. Amazingly, to coincide with our Anniversary event we managed to purchase and install a circular teak bench in the centre of the garden, a bench of this design was in the original plans for the garden, way back in the year 2000. The cost of the bench was mainly funded by generous donations from supporters and well-wishers over the past 2 years. A list of these people is on display in the Pavilion. Finally, to close this special event, we were entertained by a Ukulele band who encouraged us all to sing along with them.

**August** – Tim led a demonstration of traditional scything in the wildflower meadow. Many visitors and supervised children enjoyed having a go and the children had great fun playing in the soft hay.

**September** – Keith Draper led the Heritage Weekend Sunday event. He had grown an impressive collection of ‘Beans from around the World’, supported by laminated signs giving the history of each variety. This attracted a lot of interest, with many visitors taking photographs. Keith also created a great display in the Pavilion of colourful posters advertising events which were held in garden over the past 25 years. Tim gave a couple of tours round the garden pointing out things of particular interest, while talking about the history of the garden.

**October** – We weren’t sure if our annual Juicing event could go ahead, as due to the hot summer most of our apples and pears had ripened early and had been sold. Also, we were unable to obtain a fruit press and juicer, but we all pulled together and ‘the show went on’ .... with a few changes. We had a great refreshment stall and served apple-based cakes and treats. Keith created a model of William Tell’s son, and we put an apple on his head, Chris made some rustic bow and arrows and the children ... and their parents had great fun trying to dislodge the apple with their arrows. We also brought out the traditional lawn games and held composting and orchard quizzes.

**December** – To celebrate our year end we went out for a pre-Christmas lunch at The Holyhead. We had a lovely time, reminiscing about our successful year and already suggestions were ‘flying’ around for ideas in the garden for 2026!

#### OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

We have had some new volunteers join us and we have a great team, bringing their different skills and experience to the garden.

**Water Irrigation.** Keith Parkins has greatly improved our watering system by introducing a generator to pump water from the natural well in the garden into the large storage tank behind the Pavilion.

**Pavilion.** Chris Whitford has repainted the Pavilion with an additional coat of fire-retardant paint.

**Compost Bays and New Shed.** Chris and Keith P have built 3 new compost bays and erected a new tool shed .... and carried out any maintenance/repair work requested by Helen.

**Wildflower Meadow and Orchard.** Tim has done a great job with the wildflower meadow in the orchard and with assistance from Robin has pruned and ‘cherished’ our fruit trees .... and what a great harvest we have had this year!

**Newsletters.** Keith Draper has continued to produce an excellent newsletter at regular intervals throughout the year, which he has circulated to all members and supporters of the walled garden. He has also produced ‘eye catching’ posters to promote the events we have held throughout the year.

**Website.** Ching Hua has continued to manage our website, which promotes our events and attract enquires from potential volunteers.

**Garden Management.** Helen our ‘Head Gardener’ has done a fantastic job planning and working the garden with the support of her great team of volunteers. Helen is a natural team leader and is responsible for creating the strong camaraderie spirit in her team of volunteers.

These volunteers not only dig, sow, weed, deadhead and pick produce in the garden. They help at events, baking cakes and serving refreshments, making jam and preserves, provide hot water from their homes (one even lets us plug into her domestic electric supply if required!), sew and make bunting – the list is endless and without them we could not operate.

**Council Support.** Since the reorganisation of the Councils Parks Department, we have had several constructive discussions regarding storage facilities and weed control. It is hoped that these will be completed during 2026.

#### COMING YEAR

Improve use of the natural well in the garden.

Re-label the laminated tree descriptions.

Resolve the storage and weeding issues (in conjunction with the parks department).

Wassailing 2026 (already held).

Other events will be discussed and scheduled at the next committee meeting.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my gratitude to our committee, volunteers, members, supporters and visitors who have contributed to the success of the Allesley Park Walled Garden in 2025.

Thank You

Nina Kennedy

Chairman

APWGG

**Allesley Park Walled Garden Group  
Financial Summary for 2025**

**As at 31-Dec-2025**

	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Coop</b>	<b>HSBC</b>	<b>NatWest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Opening Balance	£487.48	£0.00	£0.00	£4,230.83	£4,718.31
Closing Balance	£65.49	£9.05	£2,930.00	£0.00	£3,004.54
Total Gain/Loss	<b>-£421.99</b>	£9.05	£2,930.00	<b>-£4,230.83</b>	<b>-£1,713.77</b>

	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Coop</b>	<b>HSBC</b>	<b>NatWest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Receipts	£1,693.95	£63.00	£0.00	£530.00	£2,286.95
Expenditures	<b>-£364.46</b>	<b>-£864.44</b>	£0.00	<b>-£2,771.82</b>	<b>-£4,000.72</b>
Total Activity	£1,329.49	<b>-£801.44</b>	£0.00	<b>-£2,241.82</b>	<b>-£1,713.77</b>

	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Coop</b>	<b>HSBC</b>	<b>NatWest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Transfers	<b>-£1,751.48</b>	£810.49	£2,930.00	<b>-£1,989.01</b>	£0.00

	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Coop</b>	<b>HSBC</b>	<b>NatWest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Assets	£65.49	£9.05	£2,930.00	£0.00	£3,004.54

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## APWGG AGM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

AT ALLESLEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. Present: Nina Kennedy (Chair), Colin Walker (Treasurer), Ruth Wills (Company Secretary), Keith Parkins, Ching Hua Ma, Keith Draper, Angela McCaan, Graham Foxwell, Carl Cheney,  
Apologies: Tim Claye
2. Nina welcomed those present and thanked them for attending
3. Nina read the minutes of the 2023 AGM (there wasn't an AGM in 2024) – there were no matters arising
4. Nina read the Chairman's Report for 2024
5. Nina read the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Colin for the year 2024 and mentioned that due to health issues, Colin would not be standing for re-election as Treasurer at this AGM. She thanked him for his hard work over the past few years and wished him well
6. Membership update: Nina said that due to no one taking responsibility for this role over the past few years, membership numbers had fallen. Angela McCaan has volunteered to take on the role, and will review how we currently recruit and retain members, and will hopefully be able to increase our membership numbers
7. Election of Officers: All Officers stood down and were re-elected / elected as follows:
  - Chairman: Nina re-elected and proposed by Ruth and seconded by Helen
  - Treasurer: Graham nominated and proposed by Ruth and seconded by Ching Hua
  - Company Secretary: Ruth retiring and not standing for re-election, and no one came forward for nomination
  - General Secretary: No one came forward for nomination

- The Officers of APWGG are now: Nina (Kennedy Chair) and Graham Foxwell (Treasurer) and Committee members are Ching Hua, Keith Draper, Angela McCaan, Helen O'Keefe, Carl Cheney, Colin Walker

8. AOB: Keith Draper said he wished to comment on the Chairman's Report. He said he thought more acknowledgements should have been given to those volunteers, who had in his opinion made exceptional contributions to the success of the Garden. Nina responded that his comments would be noted, although she didn't agree with them and that her report had acknowledged the valuable contributions of ALL our volunteers, and it wasn't appropriate to name individuals at an AGM – it wasn't an Awards Ceremony.

Nina presented a gift voucher to Colin on behalf of the Committee, as a token of appreciation for his work as Treasurer.

9. Meeting closed at 8.00pm
10. Committee discussed briefly an agenda for the next committee meeting which was agreed to be held in the Pavilion at 11.00am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

**Allesley Park Walled Garden Group**  
**Financial Summary for year 1 April 2024 to 31 December 2024**  
**31/12/2024 00:00**  
**Nina Kennedy**

**NatWest Bank Account**

Opening Balance	£4,390.80
Closing Balance	<u>£4,230.83</u>
Activity	-£159.97
Receipts	£176.00
Expenditures	<u>£335.97</u>
Activity	-£159.97

**Treasurer's Account**

Opening Balance	£32.29
Closing Balance	<u>£487.48</u>
Activity	£455.19
Receipts	£1,210.25
Expenditures	<u>£755.06</u>
Activity	£455.19

**Total Receipts**

NatWest Bank account	£176.00
Treasurer's account	<u>£1,210.25</u>
Total Receipts	£1,386.25

**Total Expenditures**

NatWest Bank account	£335.97
Treasurer's account	<u>£755.06</u>
Total Expenditures	£1,091.03

**Total Assets**

NatWest Bank account	£4,230.83
Treasurer's account	<u>£487.48</u>
Total Assets	£4,718.31

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## Chairman's Report

Annual Overview and Future Outlook: Working in an ever-changing landscape, we have continued to focus on our core business, while also exploring new opportunities for growth and success.

As the Chairman of APWGG, it is my privilege to present the Chairman's Report for the year 2023 to 2024. This report encompasses a detailed review of our accomplishments, challenges, and strategic initiatives over the past year. It also outlines our vision and objectives for the forthcoming year to ensure sustained growth and success.

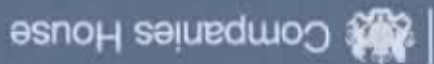
### Financial Performance

Our financial position continues to be healthy, with a credit balance of £4566,80 in our NatWest bank account. Donations from the sale of produce grown in the garden throughout the year, for cakes and refreshments at events and monies dropped in the general donation box have contributed to this success. In addition, funds have been raised from membership subscriptions and tree sponsorship.

### Operational Achievements

We have had some new volunteers join us and now have a great team, bringing their different skills and experience to the garden. We had several successful, well supported events during the year. The annual Wassailing event in January, as always proved very popular with families and it was wonderful to watch them all singing and banging saucapans as they danced round the orchard following the Morris men. In Spring we held a family picnic with heritage lawn games and a garden trail. During the rest of the year, we were visited by several local schools who came to learn about growing vegetables in season. For National Heritage weekend in September we held a big screen presentation, detailing the history of the walled garden and about the heritage fruit and vegetables we grow. Also, in September we had a team of volunteers from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust work with us in clearing an overgrown area of the garden to create a wildlife habitat. In October, we held our last event of the year demonstrating how to make juice from our crop of apples and pears.

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APWGG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
FOR CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT 2022/2023

The year 2022/2023 has been very successful in terms of revenue, events, number of visitors, number of volunteers and the volume and quality of the crops we have produced. All produce grown is offered to visitors for a nominal donation, which covers the cost of seeds and plants for the following year.

We've hosted educational visits for 3 schools, when children have had the opportunity to plant and harvest potatoes and learn about 'sowing and growing' and we've held several family events, including wassailing, family picnics, nature trails, heritage garden games, scything, composting and juicing with fruits from the orchard.

We have a team of about 14 regular volunteers, who garden Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and we have a couple of volunteers who cannot commit on a regular basis, but they are always happy to help on specific projects when required.

The neighbouring community centre and nursing home have both allowed us to use their greenhouses. This has been a great help and enables us to grow more produce.

We are an organic garden concentrating mainly on growing heritage varieties, but we have recently introduced vegetables usually grown in foreign countries, this has added interest to the garden and is proving very popular with our visitors.

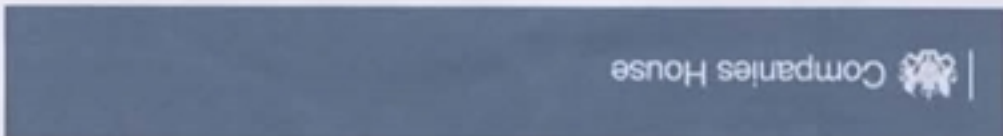
We look forward to another successful year.

Nina Kennedy

Chair APWGG

25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Societal Groundings



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December 2022

# Impressed with the WG

Such was the success of our summer picnics in the garden it attracted the interest of Garden Organic, the national organisation we have been members of for many years. Freelance external consultant for GO Amber Merrick-Porter, visited the garden in October and met up with Nina and Helen. Afterwards Nina reported: "She was very impressed with the garden and the fact that visitors can 'buy' surplus crops for a donation, which is ploughed back into the garden.

"It was feedback from her colleagues who came to our event in May whereby visitors brought their picnics and took part in garden trails and traditional lawn games, which prompted her to contact us. She was interested in our planned theme for the garden next year, which is to get the message across that 'gardening is for everyone – however little space they have'. Amber is a specialist in the heritage, cultural, environmental and charity sectors, guides organisations through change, and is adept at developing strategies and securing funding.



## The orchard quarter

Two years on since the orchard was planted this quarter has become a popular point of interest in the garden. Tim, who heads up the orchard reports: "Rob and I have been working around last year's wildflower centres with a rather evil but effective earth scratcher. Our intention is to enlarge them and plant with yellow rattle seeds in sand to weaken the grass (pictured below). We will then add wildflower mix with great mullein, honesty and teasel to produce more varied plant cover.

"Along the green pathways selfheal, birdsfoot trefoil, red and white clover are being added.

### Brimstone & Buckthorn

"Most of the fruiting trees are doing well", said Tim. "But we are intending to order and plant a replacement greengage plum tree".

"We have also planted a buckthorn and



alder buckthorn (pictured below), small spiny trees native to England and Wales.

"The berries have a laxative effect on humans but not the reason for planting this attractive shrub.

"It's tasty food for the Brimstone butterfly (pictured above) with its distinctive, leaf-shaped wings."

Adults hibernate through cold weather, but may be seen flying on warm days throughout the year, spring. Usually seen in ones or twos."



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and Facebook: Allesley Park Walled Garden Group

It's been a good year in the garden, although the long dry hot spell did give us some problems. However, we did produce a steady supply of broad, runner & French beans, peas, carrots, courgettes, onions, potatoes, pumpkins, cabbages, kale, broccoli and some lovely fruit from the orchard. Surplus produce has been available to our many visitors who have donated generously. Donations are ploughed back into the garden to cover running costs and to purchase seeds & plants for the next year.

We have a great team of volunteers, but unfortunately many of us are getting older, less fit and struggle with some of the heavier work. This really hit home this year when we prepared to trim back the extensive box hedging around the herb parterre and the Masters Border. In previous years Carl, Colin and Keith have spent many hours carrying out this work. So we were so pleased to have Craig step in to attend to this onerous job.

We have a great theme planned for the garden next year with lots of events and activities for you to enjoy. Our scarecrows, much loved by our younger visitors will be leaving us shortly to have a winter break in sunnier climes, but there is a rumour going round that more will be visiting next year.

The garden will still be open during the winter for you to enjoy a tranquil walk, and there will usually be a few volunteers working on a Saturday morning who will be happy to stop and have a chat.

Nina,  
Chairperson

## Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>
		<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Current Assets		3,170	4,009
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>3,170</u>	<u>4,009</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,170</u>	<u>4,009</u>
Total net assets (liabilities)		<u>3,170</u>	<u>4,009</u>
Reserves		<u>3,170</u>	<u>4,009</u>

- For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 15 August 2022

And signed on their behalf by:  
**Ruth Margaret Wills, Director**