ECOACTIVE

England & Wales · Charity number 1180582

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-11-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND EDUCATION IN:A) SUBJECTS RELATING TO ALL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY – SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC;B) ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND THE PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES

Activities: We undertake sessions in schools and workshops with local community groups. In the course of these, we impart information, offer a range of possible courses of action and show how individuals can have a positive impact on their local environment and community, and gain confidence through their understanding of sustainability issues and possible solutions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£234,849	£230,968	-	-
2024-03-31	£236,994	£193,893	-	-
2023-03-31	£158,128	£187,760	-	-
2022-03-31	£183,143	£160,791	-	-
2021-03-31	£193,567	£177,518	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annabelle Graciano		2024-06-11
Casey Manser		2024-11-26
Catherine Harrington		2024-04-16
Michelle Emma Green		2023-01-11
Peter James Watts		2025-05-13
Rebecca Gentzane McCulloch Damm		2026-03-10
SARBJIT KAUR DHARIWAL		2018-09-18
Simon Eccles		2024-04-09

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Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

(Charity Number: 1180582)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information	
Charity Name	ecoACTIVE
Charity Registration Number	1180582
Trustees	K. Addae-Duah S. Dhariwal S. Eccles A. Graciano M. Green A. Halfpenny (resigned Nov 2024) C. Harrington C. Manser (appointed Nov 2024) T. McSherry (resigned May 2025) C. Murphy (resigned Aug 2025) M. Rizzo (resigned Mar 2025) J. Sturmy (resigned Nov 2024) P. Watts (appointed May 2025)
Principal Address	% The Leaside Trust, Spring Lane Clapton LONDON E5 9HQ
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity ecoACTIVE for the period ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. of the accounts and comply with its memorandum, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution
The object of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") is:

To advance the education of the public in sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular but not exclusively by the provision of information and education in:

a) Subjects relating to all aspects of sustainability- social, environmental and economic;
b) Environmental conservation and the prudent use of resources.

ecoACTIVE provides activity programs and workshops with schools, in community settings and at public events, addressing themes of sustainability, nature conservation, and encouraging awareness of prudent use of resources e.g. waste, energy, water and food.

We support schools in becoming more sustainable through practical environmental initiatives and encourage individuals and young people to take personal responsibility for their own behaviours, as well as encouraging their participation in the decision and policymaking for sustainable futures.

We work in partnership with relevant organisations to encourage understanding of sustainable development. We work with families, youth clubs and community groups to engage individuals in thinking about sustainable use of resources and appreciation and protection of the natural world, through creative and hands-on activities. We support residents to create sustainable, thriving community gardens, and run forest schools for young people who greatly benefit from opportunities to explore a local green space. Our new project, the Hackney Buzzline, is creating a 4 km ecological corridor for pollinators, connecting parks with green spaces on housing estates, schools and in other community settings.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
Trustees are recruited from the local community, ecoACTIVE's membership and the membership of relevant professional networks having regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. References are taken up to ensure the suitability of potential new trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees
When new trustees are appointed, they are given a copy of the charity's Constitution and they meet with the Director who gives them a detailed insight into the running of the organisation. Our Co-Chairs recently

attended Trustee training and Emerging Chairs training provided by Cause4. The trustee training is offered to any new trustees who would like to take part.

Trustee Board and meetings
Trustee meetings are held every two months, either online or in-person. The Trustees agree on the strategy, policies and terms and conditions for the day-to-day running of the organisation, and support the Director. ecoACTIVE's Staff Handbook outlines information for staff on all aspects of our operations, and they are provided with Terms and Conditions of Employment and Policies. Policies and procedures in place include:

- Anti-slavery and Human Trafficking Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy
- Reserves Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Social Media & Digital Communications procedures
- Absence Policies including: Annual leave, Sickness Absence, Flexible Working, Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave Policies
- Carers leave Policy
- Redundancy Policy
- Stress and Mental Wellbeing at Work Policy
- Neonatal Care Leave Policy
- Homeworking / Hybrid Working Policy
- Menopause Policy
- Harassment & Bullying Policy
- Monitoring Equal Opportunities and Dignity at Work Policy
- Pensions Procedures
- Confidentiality Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Quality Assurance Policy
- Staff Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Trustee Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Disciplinary Procedure & Grievance Procedure
- Recruitment Procedure (including handling of DBS Disclosure Information)
- Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders

Staff
At period end, ecoACTIVE had the equivalent of 4.4 full time employees. This was supplemented with support from a pool of freelance session workers and volunteers, who helped run sessions and activities. During the period, an average of 6 members of employed staff were working for ecoACTIVE each month.

Risk management
The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- A risk register
- A quarterly review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Risks within ecoACTIVE are regularly monitored by the Trustees at trustee meetings. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the Trustees. The Charity is committed to safeguarding all those who participate in its activities, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Commitment is implemented through appropriate checks, training and procedures.

Achievements and Performance:

In total, across our projects and fee-paying service, ecoACTIVE provided **302 sessions** over the year April 2024 to March 2025, with **3,113** young people and **646** adults. Most of the sessions took place in London (across **9** different London Boroughs), with **3** sessions taking place outside of London and **1** remote international session.

Forest School: ecoACTIVE's forest school project benefited from support from Portal Trust, Bupa Foundation, Hiscox Foundation, donations and fee income, which allowed us to deliver **seven long-term forest school programmes** (**80 sessions**) at adventure playgrounds in Hackney and at a Hackney Primary school (**involving a total of 145 young people**). Our team of staff and volunteers carried out regular observations of the young people, alongside questionnaires conducted with the participants, the staff and their parents and carers. Impacts for those involved included helping beneficiaries gain confidence, enhance their social skills and improve their well-being.

Social skills: *"Child B is now aged 9, and they have assumed a leader role among their Forest School and playground friends, and have learned lots of new skills in getting along well with others and fostering friendships. They made some fascinating contributions about nature to circle time, while also listening to others and not dominating discussions."* (Staff observation)

"Over the sessions, child BH started to learn to recognise her own needs, negotiate with others, and give others space when needed." (Staff observation)

"If they fall I help them up. If they are sad I cheer them up." (child)
"I talk to my mum at home or my dad if I feel upset. At Forest School I talk to [ecoACTIVE staff member] but I don't get upset." (child)

Wellbeing: *"Child B seemed very joyful this term, smiling a lot with his friends, and was very open to new learning experiences."* (Staff observation)

"Child F often displays a mix of curiosity and anxiety around wildlife. Their fear/fascination with foxes and other wildlife has been a theme of their attendance since the beginning, and the Forest School staff are supporting Child F in expressing and understanding these emotions by supporting F's interests and offering a safe space for expression." (Staff observation)

"I felt excited and happy" (child)
"I enjoyed everything today and felt amazing" [at Forest School] (child)

Confidence: *"Child B has really blossomed this term. Their outward confidence has grown into a quieter inner self-confidence and self-respect - and an increasing respect for others."* (Staff observation)

"Over the course of the sessions, Child H became more and more relaxed and confident, showing increasing resilience with challenging tasks, being aware of and helping others ("I can give you tips") and sharing skills with others as soon as they learned new ones, such as with the fire lighting activity." (Staff observation)

"I liked being the leader of the fox tracking" (child)
"Sometimes I don't want to do things. But I like trying out new things, especially climbing high up." (child)
"I faced my fears!" [with the fire lighting] (child)

Community Garden Network: This project, funded by Badur Foundation, Bupa Foundation, City Bridge Foundation, Clarion Futures, Hiscox Foundation, Julia Rausing Trust, London Borough of Hackney and Sanctuary Housing Association has continued to thrive. Between April 2024 and March 2025 we supported **8 community garden groups** (run by residents volunteering at the gardens). We provided **45 training/consultation sessions** with these groups, including providing sessions at various sites across Clapton Park estate (helping residents to build raised beds and benches, tidy up Gilpin Square and improve access to growing spaces); running a community volunteer day on Linzell Garden, in collaboration with Hackney Homes; and offering a series of family-friendly gardening sessions at Evergreen Square. In addition to these volunteer sessions, we helped the groups to run **19 events,** supporting them to engage with their wider communities. In total we engaged **158 adults and 163 young people.**

We measured the impact of the community garden project by gathering surveys and questionnaires with volunteers and participants at events. **92% of respondents** said they gained new skills as a result of being involved and **75% of respondents said they shared skills with other people**, as a result of being involved at a community garden.

“I have learnt new carpentry skills by helping to make raised beds.”
“[I learnt] about summer under planting”
“Lots about gardening, taking the weeds out, and about insects.”
“You taught us how to take cuttings, which I didn’t know before.”
“[I learnt the] best time to plant and harvest various vegetables.”
“I have shared my vast knowledge of horticulture with the other volunteers and visitors to the garden.”
“[We] held a session for kids and families.”

92% of respondents said they met new people, or made new friends as a result of being involved at a community garden. This has helped some feel less isolated.

“[I’ve met] new people who visited because they are interested in the work of the garden.”
“I’ve tried vegetables and herbs grown by my Vietnamese neighbour.”
“[We’ve had] great support from young volunteers to maintain the garden.”
“I met a lot of people from around the Estate who otherwise I wouldn't have had a chance to talk to.”
“Have been on a few walks and chat with people I met in the garden and this has been a rewarding experience.”
“Met a few locals who come in as they walk past to ask for advice or if they can have some herbs.”
“It has been nice meeting people that live in different parts of the estate and forming friendships with people I would not have otherwise met.”

95% of participants said that visiting their gardens had helped to improve their physical health and/or emotional wellbeing.

“It has been nice to support other members in learning to garden and who have been involved for mental health reasons.”
“Just being outdoors and gardening with like minded people lifts your spirits.”
“Gardening is exercise and also the ability to sit outside and relax helps a lot with mental well-being.”
“[I have benefitted from] regular physical activity and mental joy and problem solving.”
“Being in nature has a calming effect on me. Also getting some sun and fresh air.”

Environmental Learning (Earth Education): ecoACTIVE delivered **90** Earth Education sessions during the financial year 2024-25, which included running workshops at schools, providing community-based activities, and training for employees. We worked with **2,503 young people** and **364 adults**.
We delivered sessions themed on a range of topics including waste and litter, air quality, food and nutrition, urban ecology, water scarcity and green careers. Sessions were delivered at schools/group's facilities, or participants visited us for day trips to Leaside. Our partnership with Leaside Trust continues to grow, with collaborations taking place when running events, developing the grounds at Leaside, and engaging other stakeholders.

Feedback from staff, after attending sessions includes:
What was of particular interest or enjoyment to you or the children?
"Making and trying out the musical instruments, listening to [EA staff member] and her engaging and interactive discussion with them. There was opportunities for [pupils] to speak about what they knew and they enjoyed learning more, with the help of the photos on the slides. She had a lovely engaging voice and way of speaking with the children."

"[EA Staff member] was an amazing teacher and pitched the session perfectly for the class. Thank you. I am excited to book future sessions."

"The structure was great, with a little deep dive into each of the aspects of being sustainable with textiles in a memorable way. Great opportunity for audience participation and well delivered."

Hackney Buzzline:
In March 2024, we were successful with an application to the Lottery Heritage Fund for our new Hackney Buzzline Project, which builds upon our walking and gardening club in King's Park ward, and our previous work with Friends of the Earth in the area. This is a three-year-programme, during which we will be creating a 4 km pollinator corridor between four parks in Hackney.
In year 1 we delivered six planting projects (in two parks and on three Estates), and also carried out species monitoring via transect surveys in four parks, plus moth trapping. 122 different insect species were identified in total over the year.
We delivered **69 sessions** during FY 24-25, working with **302 children** and **129 adults** from schools and children's centres, community groups, and residents on social housing estates. We are helping participants to create pollinator stops (meadow patches and planters), plus habitats and shelter for a range of pollinators. We have created a community pollinator map, for residents across the Buzzline and beyond, to add their own planting, or species identification. We have also collaborated with a wide range of local, regional, national and international partners and stakeholders, in order to share our learning, influence decision makers and strengthen our impact.

Feedback from participants, volunteers, pupils and school staff includes:
"It's created opportunities for local people to be involved in making their area better – both for them and nature. People feel good about caring for nature and seeing things grow!" (volunteer)

"I've met more people and learnt some gardening skills, both of which has been good for my mental health." (volunteer)

"We've really been talking about sustainability a lot with the children... it links with our curriculum really well. So the children can make those links with the learning outside of the classroom. Most children's interest [in nature] comes from school, as many live in areas with limited green spaces. Some children have never planted seeds or cared for plants before, but the project has helped them develop a love for nature" (teacher)

"I learned that there are lots of different types of bees" (*child)*

“Lots of pollinators and insects have started to be endangered, and it also helps us... we've got more bees, because they're pollinators, and it helps spread pollen so we can grow more food.” (child)

Business Development:
We have continued to diversify our income streams and explore other ways to develop the charity, build partnerships and reach more beneficiaries. Corporate income has increased significantly, thanks to our partnership building efforts and provision of more services for companies, including development of a ‘wellness walk’ along the Hackney Buzzline, which can be combined with surveying, litter picking or gardening tasks. We have also continued to provide sustainability training for employees.
This year, ecoACTIVE has been working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders, including Hackney Council, Housing Associations like Sanctuary, ISHA, Clarion and Clapton Park TMO, plus engaged with regional and national partners including Friends of the Earth, Butterfly Conservation, Bumblebee Conservation Trust and London National Park City.

Future Plans:
We continue to run our community garden network, forest school programmes and Buzzline project, and have secured funding from Bupa Foundation, which will allow us to develop a training programme for community garden volunteers and local residents, including sessions on pollinators, climate preparedness and general horticulture.

In 2025 we have secured a contract to deliver sustainability sessions in three Folkestone schools, as well as increasing efforts to market our sessions to other schools and colleges in London and beyond. ecoACTIVE has recently been awarded ISEP training centre status, and we have worked closely with Watts Sustainability to develop an Environmental Sustainability Skills for the Workplace course, specifically aimed at 16-25 year olds (an age group that up until now has not been catered for by ISEP). We are seeking sponsorship donations, to enable us to provide this training to young people at a reduced rate, or completely free.

Financial Review:
We used restricted grants from **17** different funders during the period. This made up around **70%** of our income over the year.
Unrestricted funding has helped cover our core costs. This included selling sessions to schools and groups (around **8%** of the total), corporate donations and sessions (around **15%**), contracts (around **3%**), and individual giving donations (around **3%**).
Our unrestricted income this year has made up around **30%** of our total. We are continuing to strengthen our financial position, and the amazing efforts of our staff and trustees are starting to pay off.

Reserves:
Our aim is to build up sufficient reserves to allow for cover for a period of running costs, maternity benefit and critical illness provision. The Trustees estimate that an adequate level of unrestricted reserves would be three months of expenditure or around **£56,000**. The unrestricted reserve balance at the year-end was **£13,679** and restricted reserves stood at **£63,056**. This is an improvement on the figures from the previous financial year, when the unrestricted reserves balance was **£7,050**.

While we haven't yet reached the long-term reserve level we believe is a necessary buffer for operational costs (as our reserves don't yet meet the level proposed under our reserves policy), we believe the incremental increase in our unrestricted reserves evidences that we are heading in the right direction.

Statements of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

- The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of theCompanies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Approved by the Trustees on the **18th of November 2025** and signed on their behalf by,



Sarbjit Dhariwal, Co-Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ecoACTIVE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that the accounts are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

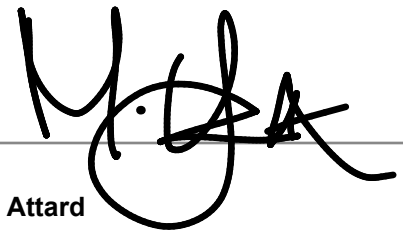
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michèle Yianni - Attard
Future Insight Consultancy Ltd
Suite 13, Whitehall Place, 47 The Terrace, Kent DA12 2DL
Date: 18th November 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES						
For the year ended 31st March 2025						
		2025	**2025**	**2025**		**2024**
	Notes	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**		**Total**
		£	**£**	**£**		**£**
INCOME FROM:						
Charitable activities: Grants and donations	2	41,149	166,354	207,503		209,489
Workshop and resources fees	2	27,346	0	27,346		27,504
Other income:						
TOTAL INCOME		**68,495**	**166,354**	**234,849**		**236,994**
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities	3	-61,866	-169,102	-230,968		-193,893
Net income/(expenditure)		**6,629**	**-2,748**	**3,881**		43,100
Transfers						
Total Funds brought forward		7,050	65,804	72,854		29,754
Total funds carried forward		**13,679**	**63,056**	**76,735**		**72,853**

All the above results derive from continuing charitable activities.

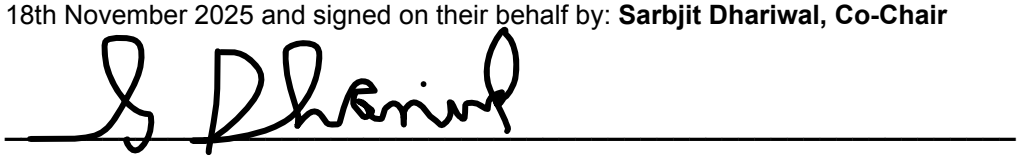
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES						
For the year ended 31st March 2024						
		2024	**2024**	**2024**		**2023**
	Notes	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total**		**Total**
		£	**£**	**£**		**£**
INCOME FROM:						
Charitable activities: Grants and donations	2	63,194	146,295	209,489		124,845
Workshop and resources fees	2	27,504	0	27,504		33,283
Other income:						
Job Retention Scheme						
TOTAL INCOME		90,698	146,295	236,993		158,128
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities	3	-89,666	-104,2280	-193,893		–187,760
Net income/(expenditure)		1,033	42,067	43,100		-29,631
Transfers						
Total Funds brought forward		6,017	23,737	29,754		59,385
Total funds carried forward		**7,050**	**65,804**	**72,854**		**29,754**

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

ecoACTIVE BALANCE SHEET			
as at 31st March 2025			
	Notes	**2025**	**2024**
		£	**£**
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	4,647	Nil
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	6,535	13,157
Cash at bank and in hand		71,386	71,472
NET CURRENT		82,568	84,629
ASSETS			
Creditors: Amounts Falling	9	-5,833	-11,775
Due within one Year			
TOTAL ASSETS		**76,735**	**72,854**
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	10		
Unrestricted Funds		13,679	7,050
Restricted Funds		63,056	65,804
TOTAL FUNDS		**76,735**	**72,854**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Trustees on 18th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by: **Sarbjit Dhariwal, Co-Chair**



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The presentational currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently valued at their carrying value.
The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and has not prepared a Statement of Cash Flows.

(b) Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Accounting ("SOFA") once the organisation becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the incoming resources and related expenditure are stated gross in the SOFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the organisation has unconditional entitlement to the funds.
Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure or to pay out resources. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Support costs, which include governance cost (costs for the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Management Committee meetings and costs of any legal advice to the Management Committee on governance or constitutional matters) include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets, Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are stated at cost less depreciation.
Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value

on a straight line over their expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated to be four years.

(e) Restricted and Unrestricted Funds
The accounts distinguish between restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are received from donors and are subject to restrictions on the purpose for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(f) Short-term debtors and creditors
Debtors are recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

(g) Judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty
No judgement (apart from those involving estimates-) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements. ·

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2025

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Badur Foundation		4000	4000
BUPA Foundation		13,000	13,000
City Bridge Foundation		12,900	12,900
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackey)		4,064	4,064
Donations - Unrestricted	41,149		41,149
Friends Of the Earth		2,500	2,500
Grant Income - Zen		2,500	2,500
Hiscox Foundation		13,000	13,000
Heritage Fund		71,150	71,150
Julia Rausing Trust		25,000	25,000
King Charles III Charitable Trust		1,500	1,500
KPMT		2,500	2,500
Other Revenue		130	130
Portal Trust		12,360	12,360
Sanctuary Housing Association		1,750	1,750
Grants and Donations Total	**41,149**	**166,354**	**207,503**
Workshops and Resource Fees	27,346	0	27,346
Total Income	**68,495**	**166,354**	**234,849**

2. Cont. **Comparative Grants and donations 2024**			
	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2024**
	£	**£**	**£**
Awards for all		10,000	10,000
City Bridge Trust		31,650	31,650
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackey)		4,677	4,677
Clarion Futures	6,376	7,495	13,871
Friends of the Earth		2,500	2,500
Garfield Weston Grant	20,000		20,000
Heritage Fund		35,473	35,473
KPMT		15,000	15,000
L&Q Foundation		10,000	10,000
Ninevah Trust		2,500	2,500
Ovo Foundation		25,000	25,000
Sanctuary Housing Association		2000	2000
The Robert Gavron Trust	3000		3000
The Leaside Trust	11,491		11,491
Donations	22,327		22,327
Grants and Donations Total	**63,194**	**146,295**	**209,489**
Workshops and Resource Fees	27,504		27,504
Total Income	**90,699**	**146,295**	**236,994**

3. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE			
2025	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total 2025**
	Funds	**Funds**	
	£	**£**	**£**
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	44,390	101,228	**145,618**
Social security costs		6,156	**6,156**
Sessional workers and consultants	15,625	23,767	**39,393**
Recruitment and promotion		363	**363**
Training		1,085	**1,085**
Rent		9,030	**9,030**
Travel expenses		293	**293**
Insurance	218	4,460	**4,678**
Telephone and internet		1,323	**1,323**
Printing, postage and stationery		136	**136**
IT costs		1,575	**1,575**
Conferences and subscriptions		2,153	**2,153**
Miscellaneous		200	**200**
Resources	913	10,788	**11,701**
Accountancy	719	6,545	**7,264**
Total expenditure	**61,866**	**169,102**	**230,968**
2024	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total 2024**
	Funds	**Funds**	
	£	**£**	**£**
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	43,197	61,351	**104,547**
Social security costs	2,484	5,892	**8,376**
Sessional workers and consultants	16,907	28,691	**45,598**
Recruitment and promotion	396		**396**
Training	200	222	**422**
Rent	7,288		
Travel expenses	495	412	**908**
Insurance	1,903		**1,903**
Telephone and internet	136	120	**256**

Printing, postage and stationery	278	362	**640**
IT costs	1,365		**1,365**
Other office costs	1,201		**1,201**
Conferences and subscriptions	1,503		**1,503**
Miscellaneous	5		**5**
Resources	5,340	7,177	**12,517**
Accountancy	6,968	0	**6,968**
Total expenditure	**89,666**	**104,228**	**193,893**

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS			
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st March 2025.			
	2025	**2024**	**2023**
	£	**£**	**£**
The reimbursement of expenses paid to the Trustees were	nil	nil	£ nil

5. STAFF COSTS				
	2025	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Wages and salaries	139,971	99,699	117,794	111,830
Social security costs	6,156	8,376	5,902	2,825
Pension Costs	5,647	4,849	4,252	4,426
Total Staff Costs	**151,774**	**112,924**	**127,948**	**119,081**
The average number of employees during the period was 6.				
No member of staff was paid in excess of £60,000 for the period ended 31st March 2025.				
The key management personnel of the charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity, directly or indirectly, including any trustee of the charity and, in the case of the charity, includes the Chief Executive. Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel in the period amounted to				
£32,546 (2024 £31,294)				

6. TAXATION
As a charity, ecoActive is exempt from liability to taxation on non-trading income and capital gains provided these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

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For the period ending 31st March 2025					
7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS					
Office Equipment and Plant and Machinery		**2025**	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**
		£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 31st March 2024 and 31st March 2025		**4,647**	**nil**	**nil**	**nil**
Depreciation					
At 31st March 2024 and 31st March 2025		**nil**	**nil**	**nil**	**nil**
Net Book Value					
At 31st March 2024 and 31st March 2025		**4,647**	**nil**	**nil**	**nil**
8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
		2025	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**
		£	£	£	£
Grants Receivable & Debtors		6,535	13,157	425	5,766
Other Debtors		**6,535**	**13,157**	**425**	**5,766**
9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
		2025	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**
		£	£	£	£
Accrued Expenses		1,268			1,230
Other Creditors		4,655	11,775	-3,461	2,397
		5,833	**11,775**	**-3,461**	**3,627**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED			
For the year ended 31st March 2025			
10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds 2025**
	£	**£**	**£**
As at 1st April 2024	**7,050**	**65,804**	**72,854**
Incoming Resources	68,495	166,354	234,849
Resources Expended	-61,866	-169,102	-230,968
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2025	**13,679**	**63,056**	**76,735**
For the year ended 31st March 2024			
10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**			
	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds 2024**
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2023	**6,017**	**23,737**	**29,754**
Incoming Resources	90,699	146,295	236,994
Resources Expended	-89,666	-104,228	-193,893
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2024	**7,050**	**65,804**	**72,854**
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	**£**	**£**
As at 1st April 2022	653	58,732	59,385
Incoming Resources	83,194	74,934	158,128
Resources Expended	-77,831	-109,929	-187,760
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2023	**6,016**	**23,737**	**29,753**

Restricted funds 2025					
	At 31st	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Transfers**	**As at 31st**
	Mar-24				**Mar-25**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Awards for all	5,286		-5,286		0
Badur Foundation		4000	-2,438		1,562
BUPA Foundation		13,000	-5,213		7,787
City Bridge Foundation	6,450	12,900	-19,350		0
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackey)	1,228	4,064	-5,292		0
Clarion Futures	7,495		-7,495		0
Friends Of the Earth		2,500	-2,500		0
ZEN		2,500	0		2,500
Lottery Heritage Fund	32,620	71,150	-73,633		30,137
Hiscox Foundation		13,000	-13,000		0
Julia Rausing Trust		25,000	-5,676		19,324
King Charles III Charitable Fund		1,500	-1,500		0
Kings Park Moving Together	4,612	2,500	-7,112		0
Other Revenue		130	-130		0
Ovo Foundation	5,845		-5,845		0
Portal Trust		12,360	-12,360		0
Sanctuary Housing Association	2,267	1,750	-2,267		1,750
Total	**65,804**	**166,354**	**-169,102**	**0**	**63,056**
Restricted funds 2024	**At 31st**	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Transfers**	**As at 31st**
	Mar-23				**Mar-24**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Our Space Award	1,114		-1,114		0
Sanctuary Housing Association	2,050	2000	-1,783		2,267
Kings Park Moving Together	5,687	15,000	-16,075		4,612
Portal Trust	11,860		-11,860		0
Partnerships for People & Place	1,286	0	-1,286		0
Ernest Cook Trust	1,740	0	-1,740		0
Awards for all		10,000	-4,714		5,286
City Bridge Foundation		31,650	-25,200		6,450
Community Safety & Partnerships (LB Hackey)		4,677	-3449		1,228
Clarion Futures		7,495	0		7,495
Friends of the Earth		2,500	-2500		0

Lottery Heritage Fund		35,473	-2,853		32,620
L&Q Foundation		10,000	-10,000		0
Nineveh Trust		2,500	-2,500		0
Ovo Foundation		25,000	-19,155		5,845
Total	**23,737**	**146,295**	**-104,228**	**0**	**65,804**

11. PURPOSE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

The purposes of the significant restricted funds received during the period are as follows:

Awards for All

To support the provision of family friendly activities as part of the gardening and walking club, as well as the session worker fees for delivering these activities. In 2024-25 this acted as match funding for our Hackney Buzzline gardening activities in King's Park ward.

Badur Foundation

A grant from Badur Foundation allowed ecoACTIVE to do planting and gardening sessions on Clapton Park Estate, consult with residents, and run sessions with young people and adults at Pedro Club. This acted as match funding for the Hackney Buzzline project, which included working extensively on Clapton Park Estate, creating a pollinator corridor by linking planting on the estate to nearby Daubeney Fields.

Bupa Foundation

In 2024 we received a grant from Bupa Foundation which enabled us to work with Harris Science Academy in Newham, supporting students to create a sensory garden in a disused courtyard. Funding was also provided for forest school programmes, which we delivered at Shoreditch Park Primary School and Shoreditch Adventure Playground in summer 2025.

City Bridge Foundation

City Bridge Foundation provided funding and support for ecoACTIVE's community garden project, allowing us to work with and support a network of community gardens across Hackney. We came to the end of our grant period in December 2024.

Clarion Futures Green Grant

We received a grant from Clarion Futures to allow us to carry on supporting a community gardening project on Evergreen Square. We delivered a series of family-friendly gardening sessions and two community events on the square during 2024-25, which were well attended by local residents.

Friends of the Earth

The second part of a grant from Friends of the Earth allowed us to explore future income-generating possibilities for the Hackney Buzzline project during 2024-25.

The Hiscox Foundation

In 2024, The Hiscox Foundation supported ecoACTIVE with a grant to cover some of our core costs. They also provided funding for our environmental learning and forest school programmes, plus supported our community garden network project. In return we have provided a number of volunteering opportunities for Hiscox employees, who have assisted our Hackney Buzzline activities.

Julia Rausing Trust
The Julia Rausing Trust has provided funding for ecoACTIVE's community garden network project, allowing us to work with and support a network of community gardens groups for a further three years. We will provide training/consultation sessions, support groups to run community events, and provide networking opportunities across the gardens.

King Charles' III Charitable Fund
ecoACTIVE received a grant supporting our pollinator planting activities on Kingsmead and Clapton Park estate. We worked in collaboration with residents and community groups, offering gardening sessions for local people, supporting nature conservation and biodiversity and the creation of a pollinator corridor.

King's Park Moving Together (London Borough of Hackney and Sport England)
We finished delivering a two-year grant from King's Park Moving Together, which provided an exercise and gardening club. In 2024-25 this match funded our gardening activities in the ward for our Hackney Buzzline project.

London Borough of Hackney (Community Safety & Partnerships team)
A grant from Hackney allowed ecoACTIVE to do planting and gardening sessions on Clapton Park Estate, consult with residents, and run sessions with young people and adults at Pedro Club.

Lottery Heritage Fund
In 2024-25 ecoACTIVE delivered the first year of our three-year Hackney Buzzline project, supported by Lottery Heritage Fund. In year 1 we delivered 6 planting projects with the community, carried out pollinator surveys, recruited and trained local volunteers, and encouraged more local people to learn about natural heritage and get involved in helping to care for wildlife in their neighbourhood.

Ovo Foundation
In 2024-25 we finished delivering a one-year grant from Ovo Foundation, which supported the delivery of environmental learning sessions at Leaside. The grant covered salary costs, the delivery of some staff training, the creation of learning materials, and subsidised sessions for schools and groups visiting the site.

Portal Trust
In 2024-25 we delivered the second year of a two-year grant from Portal Trust. Thanks to the Trust, we were able to run Forest School programmes at two Adventure Playgrounds in Hackney.

Sanctuary Housing Association Community Programme
ecoACTIVE received a grant from Sanctuary towards our Hackney Buzzline project, enabling us to do pollinator friendly planting on Kingsmead Estate and create a memorial garden in partnership with local residents. At the end of the year, we also received a new grant to support Westmead and Eastmead community gardens on Kingsmead Estate.

Zero Emissions Network (ZEN)
In 2024 ecoACTIVE received a grant to allow us to purchase an electric cargo bike. This has been used by our staff, particularly our Postcode Gardener, for transporting tools and materials between our office space at Leaside, and the various planting sites on the Hackney Buzzline, without needing to use taxis.

12. PENSION COSTS

The charity contributes to a stakeholder pension scheme on behalf of employees who have elected to join the scheme. All of the charity's employees may elect to join the scheme. The Charity's liability to the pension scheme is limited to paying across to the scheme the contributions due and pension costs are charged as payments fall due and are disclosed in Note 5 to the accounts. Amounts due to the pension scheme at 31st March 2025 amounted to £936.02.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES				
INCOME FROM: Funds	**Unrestricted Funds 2024**	**Unrestricted Funds 2024**	**Total 2024**	**Total 2023**
	£	£		£
Charitable activities:				
Grants and donations	63,194	146,295	209,489	124,845
Workshop and resources fees	27,504		27,504	33,283
TOTAL INCOME	**90,699**	**146,295**	**236,994**	**158,128**
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	-89,666	-104,228	-193,893	-187,760
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**-89,666**	**-104,228**	**-193,893**	**-187,760**
Net income/(expenditure)	1,033	42,067	43,100	-29,632
Transfers				
Total Funds brought forward	6,017	23,737	29,754	59,385
Total funds carried forward	**7,050**	**65,804**	**72,854**	**29,754**

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Reference and Administrative Information	
Charity Name	ecoACTIVE
Charity Registration Number	1180582
Trustees	K. Addae-Duah (appointed March 2024) S. Dhariwal S. Eccles (appointed April 2024) A. Graciano (appointed June 2024) M. Green A. Halfpenny C. Harrington (appointed April 2024) C. Manser (resigned November 2023) T. McSherry C. Murphy D. Rees (resigned November 2023) M. Rizzo J. Sturmy
Principal Address	% The Leaside Trust, Spring Lane, Clapton, LONDON E5 9HQ
Independent Examiner	Future Insight Consultancy LTD 1B, Side Door, 1 North St, Bromley, BR1 1RB
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity ecoACTIVE for the period ended 31st March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. of the accounts and comply with its memorandum, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution
The object of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") is:

To advance the education of the public in sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular but not exclusively by the provision of information and education in:

a) Subjects relating to all aspects of sustainability- social, environmental and economic;
b) Environmental conservation and the prudent use of resources.

ecoACTIVE provides activity programs and workshops with schools, in community settings and at public events, addressing themes of sustainability, nature conservation, and encouraging awareness of prudent use of resources e.g. waste, energy, water and food.

We support schools in becoming more sustainable through practical environmental initiatives and encourage individuals and young people to take personal responsibility for their own behaviours, as well as encouraging their participation in the decision and policymaking for sustainable futures.

We work in partnership with relevant organisations to encourage understanding of sustainable development. We work with families, youth clubs and community groups to engage individuals in thinking about sustainable use of resources and appreciation and protection of the natural world, through creative and hands-on activities. We support residents to create sustainable, thriving community gardens, and run forest schools for young people who greatly benefit from opportunities to explore a local green space. Our new project for 2023-24, the Hackney Buzzline, is creating a 4 km ecological corridor for pollinators, connecting parks with green spaces on housing estates, schools and in other community settings.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
Trustees are recruited from ecoACTIVE's membership and the membership of relevant professional networks having regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. References are taken up to ensure the suitability of potential new trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees
When new trustees are appointed, they are given a copy of the charity's Constitution and they meet with the Director who gives them a detailed insight into the running of the organisation.

Trustee Board and meetings
Trustee meetings are held online every two months. The Trustees agree on the strategy, policies and terms and conditions for the day-to-day running of the organisation, and support the Director. ecoACTIVE's Staff Handbook outlines information for staff and volunteers on all aspects of our operations, including Legal Structure, Terms and Conditions of Employment, Constitution and Policies. Policies and procedures in place include:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy
- Reserves Policy
- Environmental Statement
- Social Media & Digital Communications Policy
- Absence Procedures including: Annual leave, Sickness Absence, Flexible Working, Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave procedures
- Pensions Procedures
- Confidentiality Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Quality Assurance Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Disciplinary Procedure & Grievance Procedure
- Recruitment Procedure (including handling of DBS Disclosure Information)
- Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders

Staff
At period end, ecoACTIVE had the equivalent of 3.8 full time employees. This was supplemented with support from a pool of freelance session workers and volunteers, who helped run sessions and activities. During the period, an average of 5 members of employed staff were working for ecoACTIVE each month.

Risk management
The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:
- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Risks within ecoACTIVE are continually monitored by the Trustees at trustee meetings. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the Trustees.

The Charity is committed to safeguarding all those who participate in its activities, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Commitment is implemented through appropriate checks, training and procedures.

Achievements and Performance:

In total, across our projects and fee-paying service, ecoACTIVE provided **275 sessions** over the year April 2023 to March 2024, with **2,400** young people and **910** adults. Most of the sessions took place in London (across **8** different London Boroughs), with **4** sessions taking place outside of London and **7** remote sessions.

ecoACTIVE's **forest school project** benefited from support from the Portal Trust, L&Q Foundation and fee income, which allowed us to deliver six 10-week forest school programmes at adventure playgrounds in Hackney and at a Hackney Primary school (**involving 103 young people)**. Our team of staff and volunteers carried out regular observations of the young people, alongside questionnaires conducted with the participants, their staff and their parents and carers. We also ran some training for staff at one of the adventure playgrounds, to help them gain confidence in leading outdoor environmental learning themselves. Impacts for those involved included helping beneficiaries gain confidence, enhance their social skills and improve their well-being.

Social skills:
"Have you made new friends at forest school?"; 86% of the children answered "Yes."
71% of children who had start and end data showed improvements to their social skills by the end of the project, or already scored highly for this outcome.
"Forest school has helped to enhance my child's social skills"; 67% of parents/carers strongly agreed or agreed with this statement.
"When [Child F] first attended the Forest School, he seemed confident in interacting with the adults running the school and the staff but perhaps less so with other children. His social interaction with other children in the park has seemed to increase and he has made new friends. During the Forest School activities [Child F] said that he has found it easier to make friends at Forest School than at school. He also said that one friend he made at Forest School had also become a supportive friend at his school." (ecoACTIVE staff)

Well-being:
"Forest school has helped to improve my child's well-being"; 100% of parents/carers strongly agreed or agreed with this statement.
87% of children who had start and end data showed improvements to their emotional and mental health by the end of the project, or already scored highly for this outcome.
"Children are happy, relaxed and mesmerised by outdoor surroundings. Staff are wonderful, full of compassion and understanding as well as an incredible amount of patience." ***(Parent)***
"I felt very, very, very relaxed and happy. And when I was doing clay it felt very satisfying." (Child)

Confidence:
"Forest school has helped to increase my child's confidence"; 67% of parents/carers strongly agreed or agreed to this statement.
71% of children who had start and end data showed improvements to their confidence by the end of the project, or already scored highly for this outcome.
"He is more knowledgeable and confident being outside and enjoying nature - which is great to see." (Parent)

"[I feel] amazed from the skills I just learnt." (Child)
"I like to try new things" and "I feel good about myself and what I can do." (Child)

Our **Community Garden Network project**, funded by City Bridge Foundation, Nineveh Charitable Trust, Bupa Foundation, Clarion Futures, Sanctuary Housing Association, London Borough of Hackney, and Our Space Award (Groundwork) has continued to thrive. Between April 2023 and March 2024 we supported **9 community garden groups** (run by groups of residents volunteering at the gardens). We provided **29 training sessions** with these groups, including helping residents to instal and plant up new raised beds at Upcott House, and providing advice to residents at Pembury Estate, to help them plan ways to rejuvenate areas of the estate's green spaces. We also started a new garden from scratch, at Evergreen Square, consulting residents and recruiting volunteers to assist with caring for a new community garden in the square. In addition to these volunteer training sessions, we helped the groups to run **11 family-friendly events** with their wider communities. In total we engaged **187 adults and 135 young people.**

Questionnaires helped us measure the impact of the community garden project. 100% of respondents said they gained new skills as a result of being involved, including management skills (e.g. planning, coordination), practical skills (e.g. carpentry, hedge laying), wildlife identification/recording/surveying skills, and skills for engaging others. 82% of respondents said they shared skills with other people.
"[I] always try to share skills with others so we can all grow and learn together."
"I've taught the group how to prune fruit trees and bushes correctly."

91% of respondents said they met new people, or made new friends as a result of being involved in the garden. This has helped some feel less isolated - ***"[I have] made a few friends. Was feeling a bit isolated living alone in Hackney but have been growing social connections since joining."***
"There were residents I already knew that [I] have become friendly with due to the garden activity"

In April 2023, we helped launch a brand new environmental learning programme at Leaside's premises, thanks to a contract from Leaside Trust, where ecoACTIVE is now based. Schools and community organisations from surrounding boroughs are now able to take part in day-long visits to Leaside, where they can enjoy an ecoACTIVE workshop in Leaside's new net-zero classroom, followed by an experiential session on the River Lea with the Leaside instructors. Young people have thoroughly enjoyed doing litter picking from canoes, or exploring and identifying wildlife in local green spaces, and it has helped to make the environmental learning tangible and meaningful to those involved.

As this was a new service, it took us a little while to build momentum and attract interest from schools that were able to fully-fund the sessions. However, in July 2023, we were successful in gaining a one-year grant from Ovo Foundation, that allowed us to offer a subsidy to schools or groups that couldn't afford the full cost of these sessions. Over the year, we delivered 36 sessions at Leaside, with **844 young people** and **144 adults.**

We have been monitoring the impact of these sessions on participants, and asking them to write pledges about the behaviour changes they are going to make. At the start of the workshops, only 23% of participants said "yes" to the statement, '*I know lots of ways of helping the environment and can tell others'*. By the end of their sessions, 67% of participants raised their hands for this statement.
Their pledges included:
"I pledge to buy fruit and vegetables with less plastic packaging on them."
"I pledge I will turn off the light when I leave the house."
"I pledge to stop climate change by stop using plastic."
"I promise that I will try to calm my carbon footprint."
"I promise to plant more."

"I will try to make people believe me because the world is in big danger. I will recycle more plastic and rubbish."
"I promise to help the earth and encourage people to reuse or recycle materials."
"I promise not to litter and tell other people. I can make the world better and keep it good."

In summer 2023, we finished running our Green Influencers programme (funded by Ernest Cook Trust and the iWill Fund), during which **117 young people** have been involved in designing and running their own environmental social action projects. Throughout the 2.5 years of the project, we measured the impact on participants' wellbeing, their connection to nature, and assessing new skills they have gained.

On average,

- Well-being scores increased for the participants by the end of their projects (compared to their start questionnaires); and
- Nature connection scores also increased by the end of their projects (compared to start of project questionnaires).

New skills were gained, because of taking part:

- 89% felt they were working better as part of a team;
- 83% felt their project helped them to motivate others;
- 83% felt they had improved communication skills; and
- 79% felt they had increased their self-confidence/ self-esteem.

Helping others and the environment:

- 68% felt it was motivating to see other people helping others/the environment; and
- 70% felt that their project had made the environment better for the future.

During 2023-24, we continued running our walking and gardening project in Hackney's King's Park ward, thanks to funding from LB Hackney King's Park Moving Together, and Sport England. The project aimed to help more people access green community spaces, and help inactive residents exercise, or increase their physical activity levels. Match funding from the London Borough of Hackney (Partnerships for People & Place) and Lottery Awards for All allowed us to extend this project to an over 50s group and provide family-friendly activities for young children during the gardening club.

During the period, we ran **54** sessions, with **149 children and 90 adults**. Key learnings from the project include:

- Walking and Gardening Club activities enable change through a combination of 'self-care' activities - outdoor exercise, social interaction, connection with the natural world, engagement in meaningful activity and caring for the wider community.
- It is important to support people in being active in ways that suit them. Some individuals are less likely to engage in physical activity if they feel pressured. They are more inclined to participate when it aligns with their own timing, preferences, and goals.
- The changes created by the Walking and Gardening Club not only benefit people's health and well-being, they also have a bigger impact by making things better for the wider community and encouraging more residents to use the park.

In March 2024, we were successful with an application to the Lottery Heritage Fund for our new Hackney Buzzline Project, which builds upon our walking and gardening club, and our previous work with Friends of the Earth in the area. This is a three-year-programme, during which we will be creating a 4 km pollinator corridor between four parks in Hackney. We will work with schools, community groups, and residents on social housing estates, helping them to create pollinator stops (meadow patches and planters), plus habitats and shelter for a range of pollinators.

In addition, ecoACTIVE delivered **95** Earth Education sessions during the financial year 2023-24, which included running workshops at schools, providing community-based activities, and training for employees.

Business Development:
We have continued to diversify our income streams and explore other ways to develop the charity, build partnerships and reach more beneficiaries.
This year, ecoACTIVE has had a grant from Friends of the Earth, part of which has allowed us to research income generation opportunities for our gardening and Hackney Buzzline projects (beyond grant funding). For example, we have recently set up a partnership with GrowN22, a gardening community interest company based in Haringey. As a company, GrowN22 can bid for and take on contracts with local authorities and contracts with private clients, which as a CIO, ecoACTIVE wouldn't be able to engage. We are supporting the partnership by helping explore potential business opportunities (for example through possible ongoing maintenance contracts for our planting projects on the Hackney Buzzline) and helping source local people to deliver the work, and benefit from employment with GrowN22.

Future Plans:
We are searching for further match funding for the Hackney Buzzline project, which will allow us to develop a training programme for community garden volunteers and local residents. This also helps us to map interventions made by these individuals - for example, if they add pollinator friendly plants to their gardens, or spot pollinators visiting their gardens by using an app.

We have been awarded a grant from The Julia Rausing Trust that shall be used in 2024-25 to support our Community Garden Network project for a further three years. In addition, we have received a grant from Hiscox Foundation as match funding for this project.
The Hiscox grant and another from Bupa Foundation will also enable us to subsidise Forest School and Earth Education sessions to London schools in 2024 and 2025, and assist a secondary school in Newham with creating a sensory garden in their grounds.

Financial Review:
We used restricted grants from **17** different funders during the period. This made up around **61%** of our income over the year.
Unrestricted grant funding from Garfield Weston has helped cover our core costs (which covered **10%** of our total income). Our remaining income came from selling sessions to schools and groups (around **8%** of the total), corporate donations and sessions (around **7%**), contracts (around **7%**), and individual giving donations (around **6%**).
Our unrestricted income this year has made up around **38%** of our total. We are continuing to strengthen our financial position, and the amazing efforts of our staff and trustees are starting to pay off.

Reserves:
Our aim is to build up sufficient reserves to allow for cover for a period of running costs, maternity benefit and critical illness provision. The Trustees estimate that an adequate level of unrestricted reserves would be three months of expenditure or around **£48,000**. The unrestricted reserve balance at the year-end was **£7,050** and restricted reserves stood at £**65,804**. This is a slight improvement on the figures from the previous financial year, when the unrestricted reserves balance was £6,017.

While we haven't yet reached the long-term reserve level we believe is a necessary buffer for operational costs (as our reserves don't yet meet the level proposed under our reserves policy), we believe the incremental increase in our unrestricted reserves evidences that we are heading in the right direction. This view is also supported by a number of additional factors, including; the increase in our income for

this year, compared to last year (by £78k), as well as more diversified income streams. This means that ecoActive is less reliant on any individual grant or contract and is more robust overall in terms of its sources of income.

Statements of trustees' responsibilities

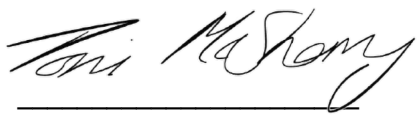
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

- The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of theCompanies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Approved by the Trustees on the **26th of November 2024** and signed on their behalf by,



Toni McSherry, Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ecoACTIVE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). You are satisfied that the accounts are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

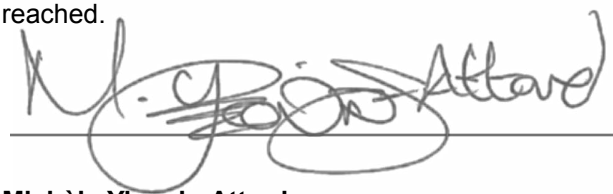
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michèle Yianni - Attard
Future Insight Consultancy Ltd
1B, Side Door, 1 North St, Bromley BR1 1RB
Date: 25th November 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st March 2024

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For the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities: Grants and donations	2	63,194	146,295	209,489	124,845
Workshop and resources fees		27,504	0	27,504	33,283
Other income:					
TOTAL INCOME		**90,699**	**146,295**	**236,994**	**158,128**
EXPENDITURE ON:	3				
Charitable activities		(89,666)	(104,228)	(193,893)	(187,760)
Net income/(expenditure)		1,033	42,067	43,100	(29,631)
Transfers					
Total Funds brought forward		6,017	23,737	29,754	59,385
Total funds carried forward		**7,050**	**65,804**	**72,854**	**29,754**

All the above results derive from continuing charitable grants activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities: Grants and donations	2	50,271	74,574	124,845	157,044
Workshop and resources fees		32,923	360	33,283	17,780
Other income:					
Job Retention Scheme					8,299
TOTAL INCOME		83,194	74,934	158,128	183,143
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	(77,831)	(109,929)	(187,760)	(162,052)
Net income/(expenditure)		5,364	(34,995)	(29,631)	22,051
Transfers					
Total Funds brought forward		653	58,732	59,385	37,032
Total funds carried forward		**6,017**	**23,737**	**29,754**	**59,385**

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

ecoACTIVE BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	nil		nil	
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	13,157		425	
Cash at bank and in hand		71,472		25,868	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		84,629		26,293	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within one Year	9	(11,775)		3,461	
TOTAL ASSETS			**72,854**		**29,754**
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	10				
Unrestricted Funds		7,050			6,017
Restricted Funds		65,804			23,737
TOTAL FUNDS			**72,854**		**29,754**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Trustees on 26th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by: **Toni McSherry, Chair**



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES
The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

(a) Basis of Preparation
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The presentational currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently valued at their carrying value.
The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and has not prepared a Statement of Cash Flows.

(b) Incoming Resources
Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Accounting ("SOFA") once the organisation becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the incoming resources and related expenditure are stated gross in the SOFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the organisation has unconditional entitlement to the funds.
Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Resources Expended
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure or to pay out resources. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Support costs, which include governance cost (costs for the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Management Committee meetings and costs of any legal advice to the Management Committee on governance or constitutional matters) include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets, Depreciation
Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are stated at cost less depreciation.
Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value on a straight line over their expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated to be four years.

(e) Restricted and Unrestricted Funds
The accounts distinguish between restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are received from donors and are subject to restrictions on the purpose for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(f) Short-term debtors and creditors
Debtors are recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

(g) Judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty
No judgement (apart from those involving estimates-) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements. ·

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Awards for all		10,000	10,000
City Bridge Foundation		31,650	31,650
LB Hackney (Clapton Park Gardening)		4,677	4,677
Clarion Futures	6,376	7,495	13,871
Ernest Cook Trust			
Friends of the Earth		2500	2,500
Garfield Weston	20,000		20,000
Heritage Fund		35,473	35,473
KPMT		15,000	15,000
L&Q Foundation		10,0000	10,000
Nineveh Trust		2,500	2,500
Ovo Foundation		25,000	25,000
Our Space Award			0
Partnerships for people			0
Portal Trust			0
Sanctuary Housing Association		2,000	2,000
The Robert Gavron Trust	3,000		3,000
The Leaside Trust	11,491		11,491
Donations	22,327		22,327
Grants and Donations Total	**63,194**	**146,295**	**209,489**
Workshops and Resource Fees	27,504		27,504
Total Income	**90,699**	**146,295**	**236,994**

Comparative Grants and donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Sanctuary		10,122	10,122
Richer Sounds		2,000	2,000
Ernest Cook Trust		10,820	10,820
City Bridge Foundation		11,250	11,250
Tudor Trust			
Our Space Award		2,000	2,000
KPMT		12,500	12,500
Garfield Weston	20,000		20,000
Morrisons Foundation		4,975	4,975
Portal Trust		11,860	11,860
Partnerships for People and Place		10,047	10,047
		74,574	74,574
Donations	30,271		30,271
Grants and Donations Total	**50,271**	**74,574**	**124,845**
Workshops and Resource Fees	32,923	360	33,283
Total Income	**83,194**	**74,934**	**158,128**

3. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	43,197	61,351	**104,547**
Social security costs	2,484	5,892	**8,376**
Sessional workers and consultants	16,907	28,691	**45,598**
Recruitment and promotion	396	0	**396**
Training	200	222	**422**
Rent	7,288	0	**7,288**
Travel expenses	495	412	**908**
Insurance	1,903		**1,903**
Telephone and internet	136	120	**256**
Printing, postage and stationery	278	362	**640**
IT costs	1,365	0	**1,365**
Other office costs	1,201	0	**1,201**
Conferences and subscriptions	1,503		**1,503**
Miscellaneous	5		**5**
Resources	5,340	7,177	**12,517**
Accountancy	6,968	0	**6,968**
Total expenditure	**89,666**	**104,228**	**193,893**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	43,127	78,918	**122,045**
Social security costs	5,902		**5,902**
Sessional workers and consultants	7,609	12,609	**20,928**
Recruitment and promotion	2,602		**2,602**
Training	(184)		**-184**
Rent	6,332		**6,332**
Travel expenses	290	225	**515**
Insurance	1,606		**1,606**
Telephone and internet	236	135	**371**
Printing, postage and stationery	422	285	**707**
IT costs	334		**334**
Other office costs	1,684		**1,684**
Conferences and subscriptions	1,524	64	**1,588**
Miscellaneous	371	170	**541**
Resources	146	17,523	**17,669**
Accountancy	5,750		**5,750**
Total expenditure	**77,831**	**109,929**	**187,760**

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st March 2024.

	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£
The reimbursement of expenses paid to the Trustees were	nil	nil	nil

5. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	99,699	117,794	111,830
Social security costs	8,376	5,902	2,825
Pension Costs	4,849	4,252	4,426
	112,924	**127,948**	**119,081**

The average number of employees during the period was 5.

No member of staff was paid in excess of £60,000 for the period ended 31st March 2024.

The key management personnel of the charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity, directly or indirectly, including any trustee of the charity and, in the case of the charity, includes the Chief Executive. Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel in the period amounted to

£32,546.54 (2023 £33,158)

6. TAXATION

As a com liability to taxation on non-trading income and capital gains provided these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED

For the period ending 31st March 2024

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	**Office Furniture**		
	2024	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**	**£**
Cost			
At 31st March 2023 and 31st March 2024	**nil**	**nil**	**nil**
Depreciation			
At 31st March 2023 and 31st March 2024	**nil**	**nil**	**nil**
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 2023 and 31st March 2024	**nil**	**nil**	**nil**

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**	**£**
Grants Receivable			
Other Debtors	13,157	425	5,766
	13,157	**425**	**5,766**

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**	**£**
Accrued Expenses			1,230
Other Creditors	11,775	(3,461)	2,397
	11,775	**(3,461)**	**3,627**

For the year ended 31st March 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2023	6,017	23,737	29,754
Incoming Resources	90,699	146,295	236,994
Resources Expended	(89,66)	(104,228)	(193,893)
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2024	**7,050**	**65,804**	**72,854**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2022	653	58,732	59,385
Incoming Resources	83,194	74,934	158,128
Resources Expended	(77,831)	(109,929)	(187,760)
Transfers			
As at 31st March 2023	**6,017**	**23,737**	**29,754**

Restricted funds 2024	At 31st Mar-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31st Mar-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Our Space Award	1,114		(1,114)	0	0
Sanctuary Housing Association	2,050	2,000	(1,783)	0	2,267
Kings Park Moving Together	5,687	15,000	(16,075)	0	4,612
Portal Trust	11,860		(11,860)	0	0
Partnerships for People & Place	1,286	0	(1,286)	0	0
Ernest Cook Trust	1,740	0	(1,740)	0	0
	23,737	**17,000**	**(33,857)**	**0**	**6,880**
Awards for all		10,000	(4,714)		5,286
City Bridge Foundation		31,650	(25,200)		6,450
LB Hackney (Clapton Park Gardening)		4,677	(3,449)		1,228
Clarion Futures		7,495	0		7,495
Friends of the Earth		2,500	(2,500)		0
Heritage Fund		35,473	(2,853)		32,620
L&Q Foundation		10,000	(10,000)		0
Nineveh Trust		2,500	(2,500)		0
Ovo Foundation		25,000	(19,155)		5,845
		146,295	**(104,228)**	**0**	**65,804**

Restricted funds 2023	At 31st Mar-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31st Mar-23
	£	£	£	£	£
City Bridge Foundation	10,139	11,250	(21,389)		0
Our Space Award		2,000	(886)		1,114
Sanctuary Housing Association	244	10,122	(8,316)		2,050
Richer Sounds		2,000	(2,000)		0
Kings Park Moving Together		12,500	(6,813)		**5,687**
Morrisons Foundation		4,975	(4,975)		0
Portal Trust		11,860			11,860
Partnerships for People & Place		10,047	(8,761)		1,286
Tudor Trust	26,656		(26,666)		0
Ernest Cook Trust	11,683	10,180	(20,123)		**1,740**
Awards for all	10,000		(10,000)		0
	58,722	**74,934**	**(109,929)**	**0**	**23,737**

11. PURPOSE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

The purposes of the significant restricted funds received during the period are as follows:

Awards for All
To support the provision of family friendly activities as part of the gardening and walking club, as well as the session worker fees for delivering these activities.

City Bridge Foundation
Match funding for our community garden project, allowing us to work with and support a network of community gardens across Hackney and Newham.

Clarion Futures Green Grant
We received a grant in March 2024 to allow us to carry on supporting a community gardening project on Evergreen Square (all carried forward to 2024-25).

Ernest Cook Trust, iWill Fund
Salary costs for our Green Mentor and a contribution towards our organisational costs. The Green Mentor works with young people aged 10-14 years, helping them to set up and run their own social environmental action projects. This project finished in June 2023.

Friends of the Earth
We received a grant from Friends of the Earth which allowed us to add pollinator friendly planting to the grounds of Concorde Youth Hub and run sessions with their participants. We also carried out some surveys of this planting and explored future income-generating possibilities for the Hackney Buzzline project.

Garfield Weston Foundation
We received core cost funding from Garfield Weston for a two-year period.

King's Park Moving Together (London Borough of Hackney) and Sport England
Two-year grant to provide an exercise and gardening club, plus additional funding for partnerships, learning and development aspects of the grant.

L&Q Foundation
A grant from L&Q allowed us to run Forest School sessions at an adventure playground and a primary school in the Shoreditch area of Hackney, as well as providing staff training and support for parents.

London Borough of Hackney (Community Safety & Partnerships team)
A grant from Hackney has allowed us to do planting and gardening sessions on Clapton Park Estate, consult with residents, and run sessions with young people and adults at Pedro Club.

Lottery Heritage Fund
We received a three-year grant from Lottery Heritage Fund, allowing us to run our Hackney Buzzline project. We will deliver 15 planting projects over the three years, carry out pollinator surveys, recruit and skill-up local volunteers, and encourage more local people to learn about natural heritage and get involved in helping to care for wildlife in their neighbourhoods.

Nineveh Charitable Trust

Match funding towards the Community Garden Network Project.

Our Space Award, Groundwork
A grant to help cover capital expenditure, plus session worker fees for running sessions at Upcott House Community Garden, in Hackney.

Ovo Foundation
A one-year grant supporting the delivery of environmental learning sessions at Leaside. The grant covered salary costs, the delivery of some staff training, the creation of learning materials, and subsidised sessions for schools and groups visiting the site.

Partnerships for People & Place Grant (London Borough of Hackney)
Providing gardening sessions for residents aged 50+ at Kingsmead Community Centre.

Portal Trust
We received a two-year grant from Portal Trust, to run Forest School programmes at Adventure Playgrounds in Hackney.

Sanctuary Housing Association Community Programme
We have continued to support Westmead and Eastmead community gardens, finishing the spending of a grant received from Sanctuary in 2022-23.
We have also received some match funding from Sanctuary towards our Hackney Buzzline project, enabling us to do pollinator friendly planting on the estate and create a memorial garden.

12. PENSION COSTS

The charity contributes to a stakeholder pension scheme on behalf of employees who have elected to join the scheme. All of the charity's employees may elect to join the scheme. The Charity's liability to the pension scheme is limited to paying across to the scheme the contributions due and pension costs are charged as payments fall due and are disclosed in Note 5 to the accounts. Amounts due to the pension scheme at 31st March 2024 amounted to £798.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME FROM: Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities:				
Grants and donations	50,271	74,574	124,845	160,427
Workshop and resources fees	32,923	360	33,283	14,417
Other income:				
Job Retention Scheme				8,299
Transfer of funds from ecoACTIVE Education				
TOTAL INCOME	**83,194**	**74,934**	**158,128**	**183,143**
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	(77,831)	(109,929)	(187,760)	(161,093)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**(77,831)**	**(109,929)**	(187,760)	**(161,093)**
Net income/(expenditure)	5,364	(34,995)	(29,631)	22,050
Transfers				
Total Funds brought forward	653	58,732	59,385	37,033
Total funds carried forward	**6,017**	**23,737**	**29,754**	**59,083**

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For the year ended 31st March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Information	
Charity Name	ecoActive
Charity Registration Number	1180582
Trustees	S. Dhariwal M. Green (appointed January 2023) A. Halfpenny C. Manser (resigned November 2023) T. McSherry C. Murphy D. Rees (resigned November 2023) M. Rizzo J. Sturmy
Principal Address	% The Leaside Trust, Spring Lane, Clapton, LONDON E5 9HQ
Independent Examiner	Future Insight Consultancy LTD Airvio Business Centre 1 Bromley Lane Chislehurst Kent BR7 6LH
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity ecoACTIVE for the period ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. of the accounts and comply with its memorandum, the Charity's Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution
The object of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") is:

To advance the education of the public in sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular but not exclusively by the provision of information and education in:

a) Subjects relating to all aspects of sustainability- social, environmental and economic;
b) Environmental conservation and the prudent use of resources

ecoACTIVE provides activity programs and workshops with schools, in community settings and at public events, addressing themes of sustainability, nature conservation, and encouraging awareness of prudent use of resources e.g. waste, energy, water and food.

We support schools in becoming more sustainable through practical environmental initiatives and encourage individuals and young people to take personal responsibility for their own behaviours, as well as encouraging their participation in the decision and policymaking for sustainable futures.

We work in partnership with relevant organisations to encourage understanding of sustainable development. We work with families, youth clubs and community groups to engage individuals in thinking about sustainable use of resources and appreciation of the natural world, through creative and hands-on activities. We support residents to create sustainable, thriving community gardens, and run forest schools for young people who greatly benefit from opportunities to explore a local green space.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
Trustees are recruited from ecoACTIVE's membership and the membership of relevant professional networks having regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. References are taken up to ensure the suitability of potential new trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees
When new trustees are appointed, they are given a copy of the charity's Constitution and they meet with the Director who gives them a detailed insight into the running of the organisation.

Trustee Board and meetings
Trustee meetings are held every two months online. The Trustees agree the strategy, policies and terms and conditions for the day to day running of the organisation and manage the Director. ecoACTIVE's Staff Handbook lays out information for staff and volunteers on all aspects of our operations, including Legal Structure, Terms and Conditions of Employment, Constitution and Policies. Policies and procedures in place include:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy

• Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy
• Reserves Policy
• Environmental Statement
• Social Media & Digital Communications Policy
• Absence Procedures including: Annual leave, Sickness Absence; Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave procedures
• Pensions Procedures
• Confidentiality Policy
• Data Protection Policy
• Whistle Blowing Policy
• Complaints Procedure
• Disciplinary Procedure & Grievance Procedure
• Recruitment Procedure (including handling of DBS Disclosure Information)
• Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders

Staff
At period end, ecoACTIVE had the equivalent of 3.8 full time employees. This was supplemented with support from a pool of freelance session workers and volunteers, who helped run sessions and activities. During the period, an average of 5 members of employed staff were working for ecoACTIVE each month.

Risk management
The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:
- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Risks within ecoACTIVE are continually monitored by the Trustees at trustee meetings. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the trustees.

The Charity is committed to safeguarding all those who participate in its activities, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Commitment is implemented through appropriate checks, training and procedures.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and Performance:
Our successful forest school project, working with older children (7-11 years) was run again in summer and autumn 2022, in partnership with two adventure playgrounds, and funded by a National Lottery Awards for All grant, and Sanctuary Housing Association. We ran **26** Forest School sessions with **49** young people during the period. The aim of the project was to help young people gain confidence and self-worth, enhance their social skills, improve their emotional and mental health, and feel more connected to nature. In order to monitor the impact of the sessions, the forest school Leaders and support staff carried out observations of participants during the sessions, e.g. "***Child 'A' was more collaborative than usual, shared their enthusiasm with a friend who collected lots of cherries and even shared what they enjoyed at the final circle time (doesn't often actively participate)."***

"Child B was shy at the start, but together with another child, B seemed to become more confident and engaged well in the activity. The activity of decorating a butterfly template was done carefully by B, paying attention to detail and concentrating well."

We also gathered feedback from the young people who took part in the sessions - ***"It's fun, when you are out and it's raining you don't get wet. Outside is always good." "[I] Liked everything. Best was making the bird feeder."***

The Green Influencers project, funded by Ernest Cook Trust and the iWill Fund, continued to engage groups of 10-14 year olds, helping them to set up and run their own social environmental action projects. Our Green Mentor ran 32 sessions with 60 young people during the period. Thanks to additional funding

from ECT, the groups spent their time over the year improving their school grounds and local community space, by upcycling benches, creating wildlife murals, and planting trees. Impact measurement with participants at the start and end of their projects allowed us to monitor the young people's well-being, how connected they feel to nature, and whether they had learnt any new skills as a result of taking part. Feedback from those involved includes, ***"I enjoyed the project because it helped many people learn about natur*e" (pupil), *"I enjoyed it because it unleashed my creativity"* (pupil)**

The Community Garden Network project, funded by Tudor Trust, City Bridge Trust, Morrison's Foundation, Our Space Award (Groundwork) and Housing Associations (Sanctuary and ISHA) has gone from strength to strength. Between April 2022 and March 2023 we supported **12 active** garden volunteer groups across Hackney, helping them to improve the physical infrastructure of their community gardens, providing horticulture training and advice, and assisting the groups with running events to engage their wider communities. During the period, we ran **28** garden training sessions and helped the groups to host **16** events in their gardens, for their wider community. In total we engaged **244 residents**. We asked volunteers - ***Q. How has being involved in the garden/green space helped you with your physical and/or mental health?*** Feedback included:
"I really look forward to going to the community garden every week. It keeps me active and I enjoy nurturing the plant's and the reward of fresh fruit and vegetables grown organically with no carbon footprint."
"We have mother's that bring their children and they say it's great for them to learn new skills together and get them away from their screens for a few hours and being active and enjoying the fresh air."
"Love coming to the garden, it really helps with my mental health. Love being outside."
"It's relaxing to be among nature and good for depression"

In summer 2022, we recruited a new Postcode Gardener, and started running a new weekly walking and gardening club in the King's Park ward, in Hackney, thanks to funding from LB Hackney King's Park Moving Together, and Sport England. The aim of the project is to help more people access green community spaces, and to help inactive residents to start exercising, or increase their physical activity levels. In autumn we provided sessions for residents, in and around Daubeney Fields Park. Feedback included, ***"The walking and gardening club is a regular weekly fixture which helps me to keep active"; "[I'm] feeling physically healthier and stronger."*** During the period, we ran **15** sessions, with **34 children and 43 adults**.

In Spring 2023, thanks to funding from a 'Partnerships for People and Place' Hackney Grant, our Postcode Gardener also ran a programme of sessions from Kingsmead Community Centre for residents aged 50+, helping them gain gardening skills, meet new people and socialise. The residents helped with greening up the courtyard at the centre. We delivered **13 sessions**, with **6 residents**.

In **autumn 2022** we also visited Carpenter's Estate in Newham, on behalf of Social Farms and Gardens, engaging families with nature connection activities, during regular after-school sessions. We provided **9** sessions, and worked with around **60** people.

In addition to these projects, ecoACTIVE also delivered **55** Earth Education sessions during the financial year 2022-23, which included running workshops at schools, providing community-based activities, and training for employees.

In total, across our projects and fee-paying service, we ran **194** sessions over the year, with **1,785** young people and **540** adults. The majority of the sessions took place in London (across **9** different London Boroughs), with **7** sessions taking place outside of London and **2** remote sessions.

Business Development:
In 2022-23, we tendered for and were offered a contract with The Leaside Trust. We have been working on a pilot programme to develop a series of environmental learning sessions, to be delivered from their site, on the River Lea, in Hackney. In April 2023, we began trialing the sessions with a number of local schools. Participants took part in environmental learning sessions with ecoACTIVE, focusing on waste, litter and the impact on wildlife in the area. They then went out with the Leaside team, to do litter picking on the river from open canoes. Since this trial period, we have developed three workshops for primary schools and three workshops for secondary schools, and Leaside have created a new, purpose-built classroom on the riverside, which we started using in September 2023.

Alongside the development of this new service, we decided to relocate the ecoACTIVE office to also be

on the Leaside site. Leaside has been working alongside Stokey Energy to fit solar PV panels to two of their buildings, plus an air-source heat pump, and we are excited to be working alongside such a forward thinking, inspiring organisation. Together we are working towards improving the grounds of the site for biodiversity, and are providing opportunities for the local community to come and benefit from this special site.

Future Plans:
In order to help with the roll out of the new sessions at Leaside, we were delighted to receive a grant from OVO Foundation in July 2023, which will help to part-fund sessions for local schools, as well as giving us the capacity to create some educational learning resources, and run some teacher training sessions.

In addition to continuing to run our forest school project, community garden network project, and our walking and gardening club, we are currently working on setting up a new project called the Hackney Buzzline. We aim to create a 4 km ecological flower corridor in Hackney, to support bees, butterflies and other pollinators. We will be working with local schools, community groups and residents on social housing estates, helping them to plant and care for pollinator-friendly flowers. The project outcomes will include enhancing biodiversity; encouraging people to use local sustainable transport links; fostering a sense of ownership, environmental stewardship, and community cohesion for those involved; and trialing a new urban conservation approach.

Financial Review:
We received restricted grants from **11** different funders during the period. This made up **46%** of our income over the year. We were also awarded a grant from Garfield Weston to support some of our core costs (which covered around **12%** of our total income).
Our remaining income came from selling sessions to schools and groups (around **11%** of the total), corporate donations (around **21%**), contracts (around **7%**), and individual giving donations (around **1%**).
Our unrestricted income this year has made up around **40%** of our total.
Reserves:
We strive to build up reserves in order to budget for cover for a period of running costs, maternity benefit and critical illness provision. The Trustees estimate that an adequate level of unrestricted reserves would be three months of expenditure or around **£46,000**. Currently, the unrestricted reserve balance at the year-end is £6,017 and restricted reserves stand at £23,737.
The trustees are aiming to rebuild unrestricted reserves over a five year period, however in April 2022, trustees decided to give staff members a salary increase, in order to offer more financial support during the cost of living crisis. This was accompanied with general costs and expenses for projects also increasing. The year also saw the end of two large grants. We applied for some replacement funding from two sources, but experienced very long waiting periods before hearing back, which resulted in some months without grant income for one of our projects.

The next year (2023-24) is looking better for ecoACTIVE, thanks to some support that we have received with our fundraising efforts, and also due to having our new Marketing and Communications Officer in post. Two staff members have taken sabbatical leave in 2023-24 and we were able to flex our staff capacity by making use of freelance session workers to cover parts of their roles. We have some exciting new projects in the pipeline, and are feeling positive about new partnerships that have been set up with The Leaside Trust, and other organisations. We are also more closely monitoring our unrestricted reserves as we go through the year, so that we can be more reactive to our financial situation.

Statements of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to
• select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
• observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of

Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
• make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
• state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
• prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust

deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
Approved by the Trustees on the 5th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by,



Toni McSherry, Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michèle Yianni

Future Insight Consultancy Ltd
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Date: 15th November 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities: Grants and donations	2	50,271	74,574	124,845	157,044
Workshop and resources fees		32,923	360	33,283	17,780
Other income:					
Job Retention Scheme					8,299
TOTAL INCOME		**83,194**	**74,934**	**158,128**	**183,143**
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	(77,831)	(109,929)	(187,760)	(162,052)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					
Net income/(expenditure)		5,364	(34,995)	(29,631)	22,051
Transfers					
Total Funds brought forward		**653**	**58,732**	**59,385**	**37,032**
Total funds carried forward		**6017**	**23,737**	**29,754**	**59,385**

All the above results derive from continuing charitable grants activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	7				
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	425		5766	
Cash at bank and in hand		25,868		57,246	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**26,293**		**63,012**	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within one Year	**9**	**3,461**		**(3,627)**	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**29,754**		**59,385**
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	10				
Unrestricted Funds			6,017		653
Restricted Funds			23,737		58,732
TOTAL FUNDS			**29,754**		**59,385**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Trustees on 5th December 2023 and signed on their behalf by: Toni McSherry, Chair

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

(a) **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The presentational currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently valued at their carrying value.

The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and has not prepared a Statement of Cash Flows.

(b) **Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Accounting ("SOFA") once the organisation becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the incoming resources and related expenditure are stated gross in the SOFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the organisation has unconditional entitlement to the funds. Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) **Resources Expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure or to pay out resources. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Support costs, which include governance cost (costs for the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Management Committee meetings and costs of any legal advice to the Management Committee on governance or constitutional matters) include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) **Tangible Fixed Assets, Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value on a straight line over their expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated to be four years.

(e) **Restricted and Unrestricted Funds**

The accounts distinguish between restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are received from donors and are subject to restrictions on the purpose for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(f) **Short-term debtors and creditors**

Debtors are recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

(g) **Judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

No judgement (apart from those involving estimates-) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements. ·

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED
For the Year ended 31st March 2023

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Sanctuary	-	10,122	10,122
Richer Sounds	-	2,000	2,000
Ernest Cook Trust	-	10,820	10,820
City Bridge Trust	-	11,250	11,250
Tudor Trust	-	-	-
Our Space Award	-	2,000	2,000
KPMT	-	12,500	12,500
Garfield Weston	20,000	-	20,000
Morrisons Foundation	-	4,975	4,975
Portal Trust	-	11,860	11,860
Partnerships for people		10,047	10,047
		74,574	74,574
Donations	30,271		30,271
Grants and Donations	50,271	74,574	124,845
Workshops and Resource Fees	32,923	360	33,283
Total Income	**83,194**	**74,934**	**158,128**

Comparative Grants and donations	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Awards for All	-	10,000	10,000
City Bridge Trust	-	21,250	21,250
Ernest Cook Trust	-	19,756	19,756
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	25,000
Sanctuary Projects	-	6,000	6,000
Tudor Trust	-	32,000	32,000
	25,000	89,006	114,006
Donations	43,058	-	43,058
Grants and Donations	68,058	89,006	157,044
Workshops and Resource Fees	17,780	-	17,780
Job Retention Scheme	8,299	-	8,299
Total Income	**94,137**	**89,006**	**183,143**

3. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	43,127	78,918	122,045
Social security costs	5,902		5,902
Sessional workers and consultants	7,609	12,609	20,928
Recruitment and promotion	2,602		2,602
Training	(184)		(184)
Rent	6,332		6,332
Travel expenses	290	225	515
Insurance	1,606		1,606
Telephone and internet	236	135	371
Printing, postage and stationery	422	285	707
IT costs	334		334
Other office costs	1,684		1,684
Conferences and subscriptions	1,524	64	1,588
Miscellaneous	371	170	541
Resources	146	17,523	17,669
Accountancy	5,750		5,750
Total expenditure	**77,831**	**109,929**	**187,760**

Unrestricted Restricted Total

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	60,134	54,521	114,655
Social security costs	2,580	1,846	4,426
Sessional workers and consultants	4,088	13,367	17,455
Recruitment and promotion	188	-	188
Training	733	-	733
Rent	2,910	4,027	6,937
Travel expenses	246	375	621
Insurance	1,509	-	1,509
Telephone and internet	153	122	275
Printing, postage and stationery	461	144	605
IT costs	1,827	-	1,827
Other office costs	1,051	-	1,051
Conferences and subscriptions	955	-	955
Miscellaneous	98	516	614
Resources	(1,502)	9,482	9,241
Accountancy	960	-	960
Total Expenditure	**76,391**	**84,400**	**160,791**

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st March 2023.

	2023	2022
	£	£
The reimbursement of expenses paid to the Trustees were	£ nil	£ nil

5. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	117,794	111,830
Social security costs	5,902	2,825
Pension Costs	4,252	4,426
	127,948	**119,081**

The average number of employees during the period was 5.

No member of staff was paid in excess of £60,000 for the period ended 31st March 2023.

The key management personnel of the charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity, directly or indirectly, including any trustee of the charity and, in the case of the charity, includes the Chief Executive. Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel in the period amounted to
£33,158 (2022: £28,433).

6. TAXATION

As a charity, ecoActive is exempt from liability to taxation on non-trading income and capital gains provided these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED
For the period ending 31st March 2022

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS **Office Furniture**

Cost
At 31st March 2022 and 31st March 2023 £nil

Depreciation
At 31st March 2022 and 31st March 2023 £nil

Net Book Value
At 31st March 2022 and 31st March 2023 £nil

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
Other Debtors	425	5,766
	425	**5,766**

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued Expenses		1,230
Other Creditors	(3,461)	2,397
	(3,461)	**3,627**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CONTINUED
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2022	653	58,732	59,385
Incoming Resources	83,194	74,574	158,128
Resources Expended	(77,831)	(109,929)	(187,760)
Transfers	-	-	-
As at 31st March 2023	**6,017**	**23,737**	**29,754**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
As at 1st April 2021	**(17,033)**	**54,066**	**37,033**
Incoming Resources	94,137	89,006	183,143
Resources Expended	(76,391)	(84,400)	(161,093)
Transfers	(60)	(60)	0
As at 31st March 2022	**653**	**58,732**	**59,083**

Restricted funds 2023	At 31st March 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31st March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
City Bridge Trust	10,139	11,250	(21,389)	-	-
Our Space Award	-	2,000	(886)	-	1114
Sanctuary Housing Association	244	10,122	(8,316)	-	2050
Richer Sounds	-	2000	2000	-	-
Kings Park Moving Together	-	12,500	(6,813)	-	5,687
Morrisons Foundation	-	4,975	(4,975)	-	-
Portal Trust	-	11,860		-	11,860
Partnerships for People&Place		10,047	(8,761)	-	1286
Tudor Trust	26,666	-	(26,666)	-	-
Ernest Cook Trust	11,683	10,180	(20,123)	-	1740
Forest School Awards for all	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
	58,732	**74,934**	**(109,929)**	**0**	**23,737**

Restricted funds 2022	As at 31st March 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31st March 2022
	£	£	£	£	
City Bridge Trust	12,500	21,250	(23,611)	-	10,139
Tudor Trust	26,667	32,000	(32,011)	-	26,666
Ernest Cook Trust	12,000	19,756	(20,073)	-	11,683
Forest School Awards for all	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Sanctury Housing Association	2,899	6,000	(8,715)	60	244
	54,066	**89,006**	**(84,400)**	**(10,213)**	**58,732**

11.PURPOSE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

The purposes of the significant restricted funds received during the period are as follows,

Awards for All

An Awards for All Lottery grant allowed ecoACTIVE to deliver three forest school programmes at adventure playgrounds in Hackney, supporting young people to develop their confidence, build social skills and gain a connection to nature.

City Bridge Trust

Match funding for our community garden project, allowing us to work with and support 18 community gardens over a three year period, across Hackney and Newham. We received two years of continuation funding for this project in January 2023.

Ernest Cook Trust, iWill Fund

Salary costs for our Green Mentor and a contribution towards our organisational costs. The Green Mentor works with young people aged 10-14 years, helping them to set up and run their own social environmental action projects.

Garfield Weston Foundation

We received core cost funding from Garfield Weston for a two year period, in December 2022.

King's Park Moving Together (Sport England and London Borough of Hackney)

We received a two year KPMT grant in July 2022, which has allowed us to develop a Gardening Together project. Our postcode gardener runs weekly walking and gardening sessions with residents in the King's Park ward, in Hackney. The group have been creating meadow patches in Daubeney Fields park and on nearby streets and estates. Residents are increasing activity levels, whilst socialising, and helping to make their neighbourhood better for wildlife and people.

Morrison's Foundation

Capital funding from Morrison's Foundation allowed us to fund some physical improvements to a community garden on Mountford Estate, in Hackney. Residents built new raised beds and a pergola.

Our Space Award (Groundwork)

Funding from Our Space Award was used at Upcott House Community Garden. The garden group decided to install two new raised beds and planted a tree. The grant also paid for a rainwater harvesting system and improved the compost area. Session workers helped deliver training sessions for residents.

Partnerships for People and Place Hackney Grants Programme

Funding from Hackney Council allowed us to set up and run a programme of gardening sessions for residents aged 50+ between January and March 2023. We ran weekly sessions at Kingsmead Community Centre, during which they gained new skills and socialised with others from Kingsmead Estate. They also helped to do planting in the centre's courtyard, which is used by a number of other community groups.

Portal Trust

Funding received from Portal Trust is to be carried forward into 2023-24, and will be funding our forest school project.

Richer Sounds Foundation

A grant from Richer Sounds Foundation has supported our Green Influencers project this year.

Sanctuary Housing Association Community Programme

In 2022-23, Sanctuary Housing Association supported four ecoACTIVE projects -

Continuing to support WestMead and EastMead community gardens to run their weekly gardening sessions and provide community events for local residents.

Funding for our forest school programmes at Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground

Support for our Green Influencers project, which took place at Morningside Primary and St Dominic's Primary schools.

Assistance with our Gardening Together Project in King's Park ward.

Tudor Trust
Finishing off a two year grant from Tudor Trust, which has helped to fund the post of Community Garden Coordinator, who is supporting a network community gardens across Hackney and Newham.

12. PENSION COSTS
The charity contributes to a stakeholder pension scheme on behalf of employees who have elected to join the scheme. All of the charity's employees may elect to join the scheme. The charity's liability to the pension scheme is limited to paying across to the scheme the contributions due and pension costs are charged as payments fall due and are disclosed in Note 5 to the accounts. Amounts due to the pension scheme at 31st March 2023 amounted to
£305.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME FROM:	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total 2022**	**Total 2021**
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities:				
Grants and donations	94,137	89,006	160,427	141,497
Workshop and resources fees	17,780		14,417	28,120
Other income:				
Job Retention Scheme	8,299		8,299	23,950
Transfer of funds from ecoACTIVE Education				
TOTAL INCOME	**94,137**	**89,006**	**183,143**	**193,567**
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	(76,391)	(84,400)	(161,093)	(177,518)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(76,391)	(84,400	(161,093)	(177,518)
Net income/(expenditure)	17,746	4,606	22,050	16,049
Transfers	(60)	60		
Total Funds brought forward	(17,033)	54,066	37,033	20,983
Total funds carried forward	**653**	**58,732**	**59,083**	**37,033**

14. GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis, which is dependent upon the availability of adequate continued funding. The nature of the organisation's funding is inherently uncertain as it is only agreed by the funding bodies every one to three years. Should grant funding be discontinued in future years, the organisation would have to find other sources of funding, or significantly curtail its activities.

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Reference and Administrative Information	
Charity Name	EcoActive
Charity Registration Number	1180582
Trustees	S. Costa (resigned Apr 2022) S. Dhariwal A. Halfpenny S. Hunt (resigned Feb 2021) C. Manser T. McSherry C. Murphy D. Rees M. Rizzo J. Schaedel (resigned Apr 2022) J. Sturmy
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31st March 2022

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity ecoACTIVE for the period ended 31st March 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. of the accounts and comply with its memorandum, the Charity's Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution

The object of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") is:

To advance the education of the public in sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular but not exclusively by the provision of information and education in:

a) Subjects relating to all aspects of sustainability- social, environmental and economic;
b) Environmental conservation and the prudent use of resources

ecoACTIVE provides activity programs and workshops with schools, in community settings and at public events, addressing themes of sustainability, nature conservation, and encouraging awareness of prudent use of resources e.g. waste, energy, water and food.

We support schools in becoming more sustainable through practical environmental initiatives and encourage individuals and young people to take personal responsibility for their own behaviours, as well as encouraging their participation in the decision and policymaking for sustainable futures.

We work in partnership with relevant organisations to encourage understanding of sustainable development. We work with families, youth clubs and community groups to engage individuals in thinking about sustainable use of resources and appreciation of the natural world, through creative and hands-on activities. We support residents to create sustainable, thriving community gardens, and run forest schools for young people who greatly benefit from opportunities to explore a local green space.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are recruited from ecoACTIVE's membership and the membership of relevant professional networks having regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. References are taken up to ensure the suitability of potential new trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

When new trustees are appointed, they are given a copy of the charity's Constitution and they meet with the Director who gives them a detailed insight into the running of the organisation.

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Management Committee and meetings

Management Committee meetings are held every 4 - 6 weeks at ecoACTIVE's office, or online. The Management Committee agrees the strategy, policies and terms and conditions for the day to day running of the organisation, and manages the Director. ecoACTIVE's Staff Handbook lays out information for staff and volunteers on all aspects of our operations, including Legal Structure, Terms and Conditions of Employment, Constitution and Policies. Policies and procedures in place include:

• Health and Safety Policy
• Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
• Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy
• Reserves Policy
• Environmental Statement
• Social Media & Digital Communications Policy
• Absence Procedures including: Annual leave, Sickness Absence; Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave procedures
• Pensions Procedures
• Confidentiality Policy
• Data Protection Policy
• Whistle Blowing Policy
• Complaints Procedure
• Disciplinary Procedure & Grievance Procedure
• Recruitment Procedure (including handling of DBS Disclosure Information)
• Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offender

Staff

At period end, ecoACTIVE had the equivalent of 4.2 full time employees. This was supplemented with support from a pool of freelance session workers and volunteers, who helped run sessions and activities. During the period, an average of 6 members of employed staff were working for ecoACTIVE each month.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Risks within ecoACTIVE are continually monitored by the management committee at committee meetings. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the trustees.

The Charity is committed to safeguarding of all those who participate in its activities, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Commitment is implemented through appropriate checks, training and procedures.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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Achievements and Performance:

Coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic, ecoACTIVE has been able to build upon and grow the services and projects that we have been putting in place over the last few years.

Our successful forest school project, working with older children (7-11 years) in parks, was run again in summer 2021, in partnership with Sanctuary Housing Association and two Hackney Schools. We ran 17 Forest School sessions with 45 young people during the period.

The Green Influencers project, funded by Ernest Cook Trust and the iWill Fund, continues to engage groups of 10-14 year olds, helping them to set up and run their own social environmental action projects. During the period, our Green Mentor ran 55 sessions, with 64 young people. The groups elected to improve their school grounds, upcycling benches, creating wildlife murals, and planting trees, and thanks to additional funding from ECT, they were able to implement their ideas.

The Community Garden Network project, funded by Tudor Trust, City Bridge Trust and Housing Associations (Sanctuary and ISHA) has gone from strength to strength. By March 2022 we were supporting 12 garden volunteer groups across Hackney, helping them to improve the physical infrastructure of their community gardens, providing horticulture training and advice, and assisting the groups with running events to engage their wider communities. During the period, we had supported 46 garden sessions or events across the network, and engaged 179 adults and 76 children. We asked volunteers what they liked most about volunteering at their community gardens and feedback included -

"Getting an unloved, unused, often vandalised green space and turning it into a used space for gardening and pleasure. Local residents didn't even know it existed." Core volunteer, Upcott
"It's an amazing way to spend time in green areas and meet with like-minded individuals" (Pembury)

We finished our project, working with 32 young people from Morningside Youth Club, who joined us at two gardening sessions in their community centre grounds. They enjoyed learning about planting and ways to improve their site.

Our Postcode Gardener continued providing activities in the E5 neighbourhood. Sessions included running gardening sessions for families at Linzell Garden, and they also produced handouts, for residents to use independently (e.g. 'Tips for Growing for Wildlife in Small Spaces', 'Potato Chitting', 'Growing Microgreens', 'Anti-pollution Plant Treasure Hunt', and 'Planting in the Streets').

We also had a regular stall at Carpenter's Estate in Newham, on behalf of Social Farms and Gardens, engaging families with nature connection activities, during regular after-school sessions.

In addition to these projects, ecoACTIVE also delivered a total of 64 Earth Education sessions during the financial year 2021-22, which included running workshops at schools, providing community-based activities, and training for employees. We involved a total of 1,534 children or young people, and 281 adults, across 11 London Boroughs.

In total, across our projects and fee-paying service, we ran 185 sessions over the year, with 1751 young people and 486 adults.

Business Development:

During the year we started implementing our newly created business plan. This included marketing, selling and delivering our Earth Education programme to schools and community groups. Coming out of the lockdowns in 2021-22, schools were keen for us to have face-to-face workshops and were also keen to offer sustainability themed sessions to their pupils, particularly in the lead-up and after the COP meeting at Glasgow in the Autumn. We also saw a significant increase in corporate donations around this time, and have built relationships with a number of companies, who are keen to support beneficiaries in the East London area. In April 2022 we were able to improve our staff team's employment terms and also increased our hourly rate of pay for session workers, without whom we wouldn't be able to run our projects.

Future Plans:

Forming partnerships has been a key part of our work so far during 2022-23. We have worked closely with organisations like Daubeney Fields Forever, and other King's Park Moving Together grantees, in order to develop a new Exercise and Gardening programme for residents in the King's Park ward in Hackney. We are working alongside Community Development Trust Hackney Wick and Fish Island, to help manage gardening activities at Gainsborough Bridge Garden. We are also in the early stages of setting up a partnership with Leaside Trust, who have sub-contracted us to run sessions from their site in 2023. Other projects for 2022-23 include: Providing gardening drop-in sessions for older people living in Hackney Marshes neighbourhood (a Partnerships for People and Place project, funded by Hackney Council), and continuing to engage residents on the Carpenter's Estate in Newham.

Financial Review:

We received grants from 5 different funders during the period. This made up 61% of our income over the year. Our remaining income came from selling sessions to schools and groups (around 8% of the total), corporate donations (around 17%), individual giving donations (around 7%), and contracts (around 2%). We also received some JRS furlough payments in the early part of the year (5%). Our unrestricted income this year has made up around 39% of our total. We are on our way to diversifying our income and getting to a point where we are more secure financially (rather than being reliant on one or two main grants or contracts).

Reserves:

We strive to build up reserves in order to budget for cover for a period of running costs, maternity benefit and critical illness provision.

The Trustees estimate that an adequate level of unrestricted reserves would be three months of expenditure or £45,000. Currently, the unrestricted reserve balance at the year-end is £653 and restricted reserves stand at £58,732. This is a positive improvement on the figures from the previous financial year, when we had a negative unrestricted reserves balance of £(17,033).

The trustees are aiming to rebuild our reserves over a five year period, and have been working hard to strengthen the organisation to allow us to do this.

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Statements of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

• select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
• observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
• make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
• state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
• prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on the 28th April 2023 and signed on their behalf by,



Toni McSherry, Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ecoACTIVE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

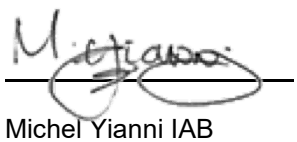
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 28th April 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities:					
Grants and donations	2	68,058	89,006	157,064	141,497
Workshop and resources fees		17,780	-	17,780	28,120
Other income:					
Job Retention Scheme		8,299	-	8,299	23,950
TOTAL INCOME		94,137	89,006	183,143	193,567
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	76,391	84,400	160,791	177,518
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		76,391	84,400	160,791	177,518
Net income/(expenditure)		17,746	4,606	22,352	16,049
Transfers		(60)	60	-	-
Total Funds brought forward		(17,033)	54,066	37,033	20,983
Total funds carried forward		£653	£58,732	£59,385	£37,032

All the above results derive from continuing charitable grants activities.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022		2021 As restated	
		£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	7		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	5,766		2,664	
Cash at bank and in hand		57,246		44,486	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**63,012**		**47,150**	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within one Year	**9**	**(3,627)**		**(10,118)**	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**59,385**		**37,032**
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	10				
Unrestricted Funds			653		(17,033)
Restricted Funds			58,732		54,066
TOTAL FUNDS			**£59,385**		**£37,032**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Trustees on 11 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by: Toni McSherry, Chair



The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31st March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The presentational currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently valued at their carrying value.

The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and has not prepared a Statement of Cash Flows.

(b) Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Accounting ("SOFA") once the organisation becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the incoming resources and related expenditure are stated gross in the SOFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the organisation has unconditional entitlement to the funds. Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure or to pay out resources. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Support costs, which include governance cost (costs for the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Management Committee meetings and costs of any legal advice to the Management Committee on governance or constitutional matters) include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Tangible Fixed Assets, Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value on a straight line over their expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated to be four years.

(e) Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

The accounts distinguish between restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are received from donors and are subject to restrictions on the purpose for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(f) Short-term debtors and creditors

Debtors are recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

(g) Judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

No judgement (apart from those involving estimates-) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements. ·

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Awards for All	-	10,000	10,000
City Bridge Trust	-	21,250	21,250
Ernest Cook Trust	-	19,756	19,756
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	25,000
Sanctuary Projects	-	6,000	6,000
Tudor Trust	-	32,000	32,000
	25,000	89,006	114,006
Donations	43,058	-	43,058
Grants and Donations	68,058	89,006	157,044
Workshops and Resource Fees	17,780	-	17,780
Job Retention Scheme	8,299	-	8,299
Total Income	**£94,137**	**£89,006**	**£183,143**

Comparative grants and donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
BBC Children in Need	-	9,854	9,854
Sanctuary Projects	-	6,460	6,460
Heritage Emergency Fund	-	30,400	30,400
Ernest Cook Trust	-	18,430	18,430
City Bridge Trust	6,250	25,000	31,250
Tudor Trust	-	32,000	32,000
	6,250	122,144	128,394
Donations	13,103	-	13,103
Grants and Donations	19,353	122,144	141,497
Workshops and Resource Fees	28,120	-	28,120
Job Retention Scheme	23,950	-	-
Total Income	**£71,423**	**£122,144**	**£193,567**

3. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	60,134	54,521	114,655
Social security costs	2,580	1,846	4,426
Sessional workers and consultants	4,088	13,367	17,455
Recruitment and promotion	188	-	188
Training	733	-	733
Rent	2,910	4,027	6,937
Travel expenses	246	375	621
Insurance	1,509	-	1,509
Telephone and internet	153	122	275
Printing, postage and stationery	461	144	605
IT costs	1,827	-	1,827
Other office costs	1,051	-	1,051
Conferences and subscriptions	955	-	955
Miscellaneous	98	516	614
Resources	(1,502)	9,482	7,980
Accountancy	960	-	960
Total Expenditure	76,391	84,400	160,791

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	67,267	68,723	135,990
Social security costs	2,413	2,666	5,079
Sessional workers and consultants	3,335	7,332	10,667
Recruitment and promotion	412	56	468
Training	50	3,732	3,782
Rent	-	5,655	5,655
Travel expenses	52	8	60
Insurance	1,437	-	1,437
Telephone and internet	490	179	669
Printing, postage and stationery	22	149	411
IT costs	2,594	495	3,089
Other office costs	-	570	570
Conferences and subscriptions	127	173	300
Miscellaneous	-	220	220
Resources	1,997	4,998	6,985
Accountancy	2,136	-	2,136
Total Expenditure	82,572	92,946	177,518

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st March 2022.

	2022	2021
	£	£
The reimbursement of expenses paid to the Trustees were	£ nil	£ nil

5. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	111,830	127,655
Social security costs	2,825	8,335
Pension Costs	4,426	5,079
	119,081	**141,069**

The average number of employees during the period was 6.

No member of staff was paid in excess of £60,000 for the period ended 31st March 2022.

The key management personnel of the charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity, directly or indirectly, including any trustee of the charity and, in the case of the charity, includes the Chief Executive. Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel in the period amounted to £28,433 (2021: £57,204).

6. TAXATION

As a charity, ecoActive is exempt from liability to taxation on non-trading income and capital gains provided these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Furniture £
Cost	
At 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2022	**4,421**
Depreciation	
At 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2022	**4,421**
Net Book Value	
At 31st March 2021 and 31st March 2022	**£ nil**

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants Receivable	-	-
Other Debtors	5,766	2,664
	£5,766	**£2,664**

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued Expenses	1,230	7,544
Other Debtors	2,397	2,574
	£3,627	**£10,118**

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2021	(17,033)	54,066	37,033
Incoming Resources	94,137	89,006	183,143
Resources Expended	(76,391)	(84,400)	(161,093)
Transfers	(60)	60	-
At 31st March 2022	**£653**	**£58,732**	**£59,083**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
At 1st April 2020	(5,806)	26,789	20,983
Incoming Resources	71,423	122,144	193,567
Resources Expended	(82,572	(94,945)	(177,517)
Transfers	(78)	78	-
At 31st March 2021	**£(17,033)**	**£54,066**	**37,032**

Restricted funds 2022	At 31st March 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2022
					£
City Bridge Trust	12,500	21,250	(23,611)	-	10,139
Tudor Trust	26,667	32,000	(32,001)	-	26,666
Ernest Cook Trust	12,000	19,756	(20,073)	-	11,683
Forest School	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Sanctuary Projects	2,899	6,000	(8,715)	60	244
	£54,066	**£89,006**	**£(84,400)**	**£60**	**£58,732**

Restricted funds 2021	At 31st March 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2021
					£
BBC Children in Need	-	9,854	(9,854)	-	-
City Bridge Trust	17,045	25,000	(29,545)	-	12,500
Tudor Trust	9,305	32,000	(14,638)		26,667
Ernest Cook Trust	-	18,430	(6,430)		12,000
Heritage Lottery Emergency Fund	-	30,400	(30,400)	-	-
Forest School	265	-	(343)	78	-
Sanctuary Projects	174	6,460	(3,735)	-	2,899
	£26,789	**£122,144**	**£(94,945)**	**£78**	**£54,066**

11. PURPOSE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

The purposes of the significant restricted funds received during the period are as follows,

City Bridge Trust

Match funding for our community garden project, allowing us to work with and support 18 community gardens over a three year period, across Hackney and Newham.

Ernest Cook Trust, iWill Fund

Salary costs for our Green Mentor and a contribution towards our organisational costs. The Green Mentor works with young people aged 10-14 years, helping them to set up and run their own social environmental action projects.

Garfield Weston Foundation

We received core cost funding from Garfield Weston for a one year period.

Sanctuary Housing Association Community Programme

We delivered two new projects with Sanctuary's residents - We supported WestMead and EastMead community gardens and ran forest school programmes with Kingsmead and Mandeville Primary Schools. We also finished delivering projects with our Green Influencers groups, Morningside Youth Club, and Mabley Edible Garden (which were funded by Sanctuary the previous year).

Tudor Trust

A two year grant, funding the post of Community Garden Coordinator, who is supporting 18 community gardens across Hackney and Newham.

12. PENSION COSTS

The charity contributes to a stakeholder pension scheme on behalf of employees who have elected to join the scheme. All of the charity's employees may elect to join the scheme. The charity's liability to the pension scheme is limited to paying across to the scheme the contributions due and pension costs are charged as payments fall due and are disclosed in Note 5 to the accounts. Amounts due to the pension scheme at 31st March 2022 amounted to £305.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME FROM:				
Charitable activities:				
Grants and donations	19,353	122,144	141,497	97,325
Workshop and resources fees	28,120	-	28,120	116,546
Other income:				
Job Retention Scheme	23,950	-	23,950	-
Transfer of funds from ecoACTIVE Education	-	-	-	52,169
TOTAL INCOME	71,423	122,144	193,567	266,040
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	82,572	94,945	177,518	245,057
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	82,572	94,946	177,518	245,057
Net income/(expenditure)	(11,149)	27,198	16,049	20,983
Transfers	(78)	78	-	-
Total Funds brought forward	(5,806)	26,789	37,032	-
Total funds carried forward	£(17,033)	£54,066	£37,032	£20,983

14. GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis, which is dependent upon the availability of adequate continued funding. The nature of the organisation's funding is inherently uncertain as it is only agreed by the funding bodies every one to three years. Should grant funding be discontinued in future years, the organisation would have to find other sources of funding, or significantly curtail its activities.

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	ecoACTIVE
Charity Registration Number	1180582
Trustees	S. Costa (appointed Nov 2020) J. Culleton (appointed Nov 2020, resigned Sept 2021) S. Dhariwal A. Halfpenny S. Hunt (resigned Feb 2021) C. Manser T. McSherry C. Murphy D. Rees M. Rizzo J. Schaedel (appointed Sept 2020) J. Sturmy
Principal Address	Kingsmead Kabin 8-9 Kingsmead Way London E9 5QG
Independent Examiner	Shoaib Arshad ACA, FCCA Knox Cropper LLP Chartered Accountants 65 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2AD
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity ecoACTIVE for the period ended 31st March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1. to the accounts and comply with the its memorandum, the Charity's Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management:

Constitution
The object of the CIO is:

To advance the education of the public in sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular but not exclusively by the provision of information and education in:

a) Subjects relating to all aspects of sustainability – social, environmental and economic;
b) Environmental conservation and the prudent use of resources

ecoACTIVE provides projects and workshops in schools, in community settings and at public events, addressing themes of sustainability, nature conservation, and encouraging awareness of prudent use of resources e.g. waste, energy, water and food.

We support schools in becoming more sustainable through practical environmental initiatives, and encourage individuals and young people to take personal responsibility for their own behaviours, as well as encouraging their participation in decision and policy making for sustainable futures.
We work in partnership with relevant organisations to encourage understanding of sustainable development. We support residents, families, youth clubs and community groups to engage individuals in their communities in thinking about sustainable use of resources and appreciation of the natural environment, through creative and hands-on activities. We support residents to create sustainable, thriving community gardens, and run forest schools for young people who greatly benefit from opportunities to explore a local green space.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
Trustees are recruited from ecoACTIVE's membership and the membership of relevant professional networks having regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed. References are taken up to ensure the suitability of potential new trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees
On appointment new trustees are given a copy of the charity's Constitution and then meet with the Director who gives them a detailed insight into the running of the organisation.

Management Committee and meetings
Management Committee meetings are held every 4 - 6 weeks at ecoACTIVE's office, or online. The Management Committee agrees the strategy, policies and terms and conditions for the day to day running of the organisation, and manages the Director. ecoACTIVE's Staff Handbook lays out information for staff and volunteers on all aspects of our operations, including Legal Structure, Terms and Conditions of Employment, Constitution and Policies. Policies in place include:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Diversity and Equalities Policy
- Safeguarding Children Policy and Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy
- Financial Policy and Reserves Policy, plus Financial Control Procedures

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- Environmental Statement
- Social Media & Digital Communications Policy
- Leave Policy
- Sick Pay Policy and Sickness Absence Management Policy
- Maternity, Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave and Pay Policy
- Confidentiality Policy
- Data Protection
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- Disciplinary Policy & Grievance Procedure
- Recruitment Policy (including handling of DBS Disclosure Information)
- Policy Statement on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
- Session Workers and Volunteers Policies

Staff

At year end, ecoACTIVE had the equivalent of 4.5 full time employees. This was supplemented with support from a pool of freelance session workers and volunteers, who helped run sessions and activities. During the year, an average of 8 members of employed staff were working for ecoACTIVE each month.

Two staff members left ecoACTIVE during the year - our Workshop Leader and one of our Project Coordinators left ecoACTIVE in October 2020.

The Management Committee members serving from April 2020 to March 2021 are listed on page 1 of these financial statements. We welcomed three new members to our board of Trustees during the year, Jamie Schaedel, Sophie Costa and Jacqueline Culleton. Jaqueline and Sue Hunt resigned during the year.

Risk management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Risks within ecoACTIVE are continually monitored by the management committee at committee meetings. A key element in the management of financial risk is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by the trustees.

The Charity is committed to safeguarding of all those who participate in its activities, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Commitment is implemented through appropriate checks, training and procedures.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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Achievements and Performance:

The provision of our workshops and projects were severely impacted in 2020-21 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The first national lockdown, which started in March 2020, meant that we had to quickly adapt our mode of delivery. We created a suite of online resources and activities, for families to use whilst children were learning from home. Once some pupils returned to school in the summer term, we started offering online live teaching. The autumn term had a slow start whilst schools worked out how to ensure their pupils and staff were safe, and many felt they couldn't invite external providers onto site to run face-to-face sessions. However, in November 2020, we were able to start delivering again - both in the classroom, and outdoors for our forest school project. The second lockdown in January 2021 and subsequent school closures paused our teaching again, however we used this opportunity to create some outdoor learning packs, which we gave to the children we were due to have been working with. These packs provided pupils and their families with instructions and all of the equipment they needed to do engaging activities out in their local park or green space. Feedback shows that this was welcomed by families, particularly those who didn't have their own gardens. *"[My child] prefers being outside to being in school and loved the remote learning packs which they want to redo in better weather."*

Thanks to some emergency funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we were able to make good use of this quieter period, in order to restructure and strengthen the charity. Activities included business and strategy planning (e.g. developing a new business plan, and recruiting new trustees with marketing skills), working on our fundraising strategy, researching and submitting grant applications, developing new sessions for sale directly to schools and groups, improving our marketing and sales activity (including developing a new website), and taking part in training to strengthen staff members' skills and knowledge.

The gardens that we support as part of our community garden network project also had to shut temporarily during the first lockdown. Then, once restrictions were eased the volunteers gradually opened the gardens, initially just allowing one or two people access for watering and maintenance etc., followed by small groups of socially distanced residents meeting more regularly. Feedback from the residents at this time stated that they really valued having access to these safe, green spaces, and over 80% of our core volunteers were spending 5+ hours per week in the gardens.

Our forest school programme, funded by BBC Children in Need, was particularly valuable for a group of children who took part in the project in autumn and spring (in between school closures). They particularly benefited from having a safe space to let off energy outdoors. They also gained confidence, improved their ability to socialise and were better able to concentrate back in the classroom, as a result of taking part. *"Pupil L has been much more emotionally regulated both in school and at home. There has been a huge reduction in emotional outbursts and attending this club has been a real motivation in school. Pupil L is much more confident when communicating with others and has interacted in a positive way far more frequently with pupils within this smaller group setting."*

ecoACTIVE delivered a total of 69 sessions during the financial year 2020-21 including workshops at schools, and community-based activities. We involved a total of 263 children or young people, and 106 adults, across 2 London Boroughs (Hackney and Ealing). Shifting more of our services online has had a significant effect in driving up people's use of our website, particularly in downloading activity materials for children and adults to use both at home and outdoors. Between April 2020 and March 2021 there were over 2,700 unique views of our pages with activities, and over 650 unique downloads from activity pages e.g., nature hunt, reusing things at home.

Financial performance

The combination of (1) termination of our contract with Hackney Council, which contributed a large portion of our total income, and (2) lockdowns which severely reduced the numbers of sessions we delivered has resulted in a deficit of unrestricted funds, which we may spend on all necessary aspects of our work, rather than on a specific project. Funders of our restricted spending have recognised this difficulty, (which we have in common with many other charities), and some have approved the spending of some of these funds on core and other costs. For our part we have (1) reduced our costs by reducing our outgoings on rent, and

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saved the costs of session workers for cancelled sessions and (2) launched a completely new series of paid-for sessions which can be delivered economically and if needs be, remotely, which will increase the proportion of our unrestricted income in future years. We have also (3)strengthened our financial monitoring skills at Trustee level and closely tracked cashflow in the period. Lastly we acknowledge the contribution the Government's furlough scheme has made, allowing us to retain our core staff; on reduced working hours we re-organised and prepared for the post-lockdown period.

Summary of projects:

BBC Children in Need Forest Schools Programme
We finished delivering the final year of a three year grant from BBC Children in Need. We provided Forest School sessions for children in areas affected by local deprivation in Hackney. Forest School is an outdoor club in which children develop their confidence, motivation and social skills through nature based hands-on learning. The sessions are held in a park local to the children's school or the school grounds.
In 2020-21, as a result of taking part in our forest school...

- 73% of the children we worked with showed significant progress in improving their social skills
- 53% showed significant progress, or started to experience progress, in becoming engaged and motivated learners
- 60% showed significant progress, or started to experience progress, in having increased confidence

City Bridge Trust
This three-year grant is acting as match funding for our community garden project. This year we continued to support six community gardens in Hackney, training core volunteers and supporting groups to run small scale environmental education sessions for their wider communities (where safe to do so). Funding allowed residents to make physical improvements to their sites, as well as helping to cover ongoing running costs. We are on track to have 18 gardens involved in the network by 2023, based across Hackney and Newham.

Ernest Cook Trust, iWill Fund
We have received a two-year grant to be part of the Green Influencers project. This covers the salary costs for our Green Mentor and a contribution towards our core costs. The Green Mentor will work with 12 groups (120 young people aged 10-14 years), helping them to set up and run their own social environmental action projects.

Friends of the Earth Postcode Gardener
In partnership with Friends of the Earth and Daubeney Fields Forever, we continued to support the 'Postcode Gardener', who helped to run some small scale events for groups of residents. Together they worked to increase biodiversity in selected parts of the E5 postcode area, promoting physical and emotional wellbeing, and building community solidarity and ownership. The Postcode Gardener also created some 'How To' sheets for use by the community, which included 'growing for wildlife in small spaces', 'street planting', and 'planting to reduce pollution'.

London Borough of Hackney ("LBH") Environmental Education Services Contract
Our contract with London Borough of Hackney was terminated in July 2020, as part of a Council-wide move to take external contracts back in-house.

National Lottery Heritage Fund
We received an emergency grant from the National Lottery, as a previous grantee of the Heritage Fund. We used these funds to develop our new business plan, grow and diversify our income, develop, market and sell sustainability and nature connection sessions and get ready for more online and outdoor delivery, in line with the changing circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Sanctuary Housing Association Community Programmes
We delivered the following projects with residents / groups in Hackney:
- we supported WestMead and EastMead community gardens
- we supported Mabley Edible Garden
- we ran a project at Morningside Youth Club, helping the young people to redevelop their garden space
- we received funds to match fund Green Influencers projects with schools near Sanctuary housing

Tudor Trust
We came to the end of a two year grant from Tudor Trust, funding the post of Community Garden Coordinator, for our community garden network project. In Autumn 2020 we reapplied and were successfully awarded another two year grant, which started in February 2021.

Business Development:

Over the year we worked on a business plan for the charity, and this was approved by Trustees in June 2021. The plan sets out our business objectives as:

- Increase income from paid sessions
- Become financially secure
- Be a better employer with excellent employment terms
- Extend our charitable aims to corporate audiences
- Increase donations from the public

Our actions to achieve these objectives are set out in our Business Plan, and are summarised here as:

- We continue to approach Funders for grant income to deliver education and community projects, in line with our aims, and which covers our core costs. We do not consider projects which are likely to result in operational financial loss to our business.
- We seek partnership work on sustainable development projects with community groups, with housing associations and with community-responsive food growing projects.
- We will continue to develop and implement our marketing plan for selling our Earth Education sessions to schools and groups, delivered for a fee income
- We have created and launched a new website, and will continue to monitor how this is used, alongside improving our social media presence.
- We will continue to build and foster our corporate partnerships and relationships, and will develop a package of options for companies to engage with our charity.
- We will encourage individual donations via The BigGive platform, and through CAF-Donate via our website.
- We will continue to access support from business development and fundraising consultants, and through a Leaders in Partnership coaching scheme run by the East London Business Alliance.

Future Plans:
Projects for the coming year (2021-22) include:

- supporting community gardening groups in Hackney and Newham with funding from Tudor Trust, City Bridge Trust, and housing associations.
- sourcing funding (from schools, housing associations, companies, and other grants) to run our impactful forest school projects with groups of young people across London.
- running our Green Influencers projects with groups of young people in Hackney, and looking for other funding opportunities to enable us to share this project with groups across London.
- development, sale and delivery of Earth Education sessions, sold directly to schools and groups, across London and other parts of the UK.
- designing online corporate webinars on sustainability, nature connection and our work, and setting up corporate volunteer opportunities.

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Financial Review:

The spread of coronavirus threatened the ongoing sustainability of the charity. As a result of government requirements to slow the spread of coronavirus we shut our office on 23rd March 2020 and teaching also ceased. Unfortunately, in July 2020, our contract with London Borough of Hackney was also terminated.

Thankfully, with support from National Lottery Heritage Fund's emergency grant, an extra grant payment from City Bridge Trust, and thanks to the ongoing support of our grant funders (who all continued to pay us despite having to alter the way our projects were delivered), we have been able to survive the turbulence and are coming out of the crisis.

Several staff members were placed on furlough, and they returned to work in July on the flexible furlough scheme, working some of their usual hours during the remainder of the year. Expenditure was also reduced by continuing to have staff working from home and taking the decision to hand in notice on part of our office space, instead making use of a storage unit. We are also incredibly grateful to our Landlord, Hackney Marsh Partnership, for the rent reduction they gave us during this difficult period.

We continued working on developing our Earth Education sustainability sessions to grow trading income and make us less reliant on contracts/grants. Our staff team worked incredibly hard, to create these high quality, inspiring learning materials, whilst also managing our grant funded projects and improving our website and social media. We are very grateful for their support during this turbulent period.

We appointed 3 new trustees, all with marketing/sales experience and they formed a new sub-group of the committee, who work closely with the staff team.

Grant funders this year included BBC Children in Need, City Bridge Trust, Ernest Cook Trust & iWill Fund, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Sanctuary Housing Association and Tudor Trust.

The majority of ecoACTIVE's income is used for staff costs, rent and overheads, employed in the delivery of our aims and objectives.

Reserves:

We strive to build up reserves in order to budget for cover for a period of running costs, maternity benefit and critical illness provision.

The Trustees estimate that an adequate level of unrestricted reserves would be three months of expenditure or £45,000. Currently, the unrestricted reserve balance at the year-end is £(17,033) and restricted reserves stand at £54,065.

The trustees are aiming to rebuild our reserves over a five-year period and have been working hard to strengthen the organisation to allow us to do this (as mentioned above in 'Business Development' and 'Future Plans').

Statements of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the

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incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to,

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees 2021 and signed on their behalf by,

D Rees 28/10/2021

David Rees chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
ecoACTIVE

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts are not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

In making the statement below, which is not modified, I have considered the adequacy of the disclosure made in the note 14 regarding the going concern for the charity.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Shoaib Arshad ACA, FCCA
Knox Cropper LLP
Chartered Accountants
65 Leadenhall Street
London
EC3A 2AD

Date: 1 November 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities					
Grants and donations	2	19,353	122,144	141,497	97,325
Workshop and resources fees		28,120	-	28,120	116,546
Other income					
Job Retention Scheme		23,950	-	23,950	-
Transfer of funds from ecoActive Education	14	-	-	-	52,169
TOTAL INCOME		71,423	122,144	193,567	266,040
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	82,572	94,946	177,518	245,057
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		82,572	94,946	177,518	245,057
Net income/(expenditure)		(11,149)	27,198	16,049	20,983
Transfers		(78)	78	-	-
Total funds brought forward		(5,806)	26,789	20,983	-
Total funds carried forward		£(17,033)	£54,065	£37,032	£20,983

All the above results derive from continuing charitable grants activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	7		-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	2,664		18,345	
Cash at bank and in hand		44,486		7,574	
		47,150			
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within one Year	9	**(10,118)**		**(4,936)**	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**37,032**		**20,983**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			**37,032**		**20,983**
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted Funds	10		(17,033)		(5,806)
Restricted Funds	10		54,410		26,789
TOTAL FUNDS			**£37,032**		**£20,983**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved, and authorised for issue, by the Board of Trustees on 21st October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:-

David Rees chair

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2021

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

(a) **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The presentational currency of the financial statements is Pound Sterling (£).

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently valued at their settlement value.

The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and not prepared a Statement of Cash Flows.

(b) **Incoming Resources**

Incoming resources are recognised in the SOFA once the organisation becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income), the incoming resources and related expenditure are stated gross in the SOFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the organisation has unconditional entitlement to the funds. Investment income is included when receivable.

(c) **Resources Expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure or to pay out resources. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Support costs, which include governance cost (costs for the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of Management Committee meetings and costs of any legal advice to the Management Committee on governance or constitutional matters) include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) **Tangible Fixed Assets, Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value on a straight line over their expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated to be four years.

(e) **Restricted and Unrestricted Funds**

The accounts distinguish between restricted and unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are received from donors and are subject to restrictions on the purpose for which they may be used. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

(f) **Short-term debtors and creditors**

Debtors are recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received. Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present legal or constructive obligation resulting from a past event to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

(g) **Judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

No judgement (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021
BBC Children in Need	-	9,854	9,854
Sanctuary Projects	-	6,460	6,460
Heritage Emergency Fund	-	30,400	30,400
Ernest Cook Trust	-	18,430	18,430
City Bridge Trust	6,250	25,000	31,250
Tudor Trust	-	32,000	32,000
	6,250	122,144	128,394
Donations	13,103	-	13,103
Grants and Donations	19,353	122,144	141,497
Workshops and Resources Fees	28,120	-	28,120
Job Retention Scheme	23,950	-	-
Total Income	**£71,423**	**£122,144**	**£193,567**

Comparative grants and donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	*Restricted Funds £*	*Total 2020 £*
BBC Children in Need	-	*9,598*	*9,598*
Sanctuary Kingsmead Gardens	-	*5,780*	*5,780*
London Borough of Hackney	-	*11,326*	*11,326*
London & Quadrant Housing Trust	-	*9,966*	*9,966*
City Bridge Trust	-	*18,750*	*18,750*
Tudor Trust	-	*20,000*	*20,000*
Other Grant Income	*7,750*	*1,000*	*8,750*
Donations	*13,155*	-	*13,155*
Grants and Donations	*20,905*	*76,420*	*97,325*
Workshops and Resources Fees	*116,546*	-	*116,546*
Total Income	*£137,451*	*£76,420*	*£213,871*

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For the year ended 31st March 2021

3. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	67,267	68,723	135,990
Social security costs	2,413	2,666	5,079
Sessional workers and consultants	3,335	7,332	10,667
Recruitment and promotion	412	56	468
Training	50	3,732	3,782
Rent	-	5,655	5,655
Travel expenses	52	8	60
Insurance	1,437	-	1,437
Telephone and internet	490	179	669
Printing, postage and stationery	262	149	411
IT costs	2,594	495	3,089
Other office costs	-	570	570
Conferences and subscriptions	127	173	300
Miscellaneous	-	220	220
Resources	1,997	4,998	6,985
Accountancy	2,136	-	2,136
Total expenditure	**£82,572**	**£94,946**	**£177,518**

Comparative analysis of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	*Restricted Funds £*	*Total 2020 £*
Charitable Activities			
Wages and salaries	*117,266*	*55,532*	*172,798*
Social security costs	*3,460*	*1,714*	*5,174*
Sessional workers and consultants	*28,208*	*5,484*	*33,692*
Recruitment and promotion	*1,420*	*231*	*1,651*
Training	*1,464*	*1,348*	*2,812*
Rent	*7,268*	*3,934*	*11,202*
Travel expenses	*1,098*	*462*	*1,560*
Insurance	*1,418*	-	*1,418*
Telephone and internet	*613*	-	*613*
Printing, postage and stationery	*952*	*194*	*1,146*
IT costs	*3,103*	-	*3,103*
Other office costs	*2,266*	*228*	*2,494*
Conferences and subscriptions	*85*	-	*85*
Miscellaneous	*690*	*502*	*1,192*
Resources	-	*3,783*	*3,783*
Accountancy	*1,968*	*366*	*2,334*
Total expenditure	***£171,279***	***£73,778***	***£245,057***

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For the year ended 31st March 2021

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st March 2020.

	2021	2020
	£	£
The reimbursement of expenses paid to the Trustees were	**£ nil**	**£ nil**

5. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	127,655	164,318
Social Security Costs	8,335	8,480
Pension Costs	5,079	5,174
	£141,069	**£177,972**

The average number of employees during the period was 8 (2020: 13).

No member of staff was paid in excess of £60,000 for the period ended 31st March 2020.

The key management personnel of the charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity, directly or indirectly, including any trustee of the charity and, in the case of the charity, includes the Chief Executive. Total employee benefits paid to key management personnel in the period amounted to £29,298 (2020: £57,204).

6. TAXATION

As a charity, ecoACTIVE is exempt from liability to taxation on non-trading income and capital gains providing these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Furniture £
Cost	
At 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021	**4,421**
Depreciation	
At 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021	**4,421**
Net Book Value	
At 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021	**£ nil**

During 2020, the assets, liabilities, reserves and operations of ecoACTIVE Education (registered charity number 1124556) were transferred to a registered charitable incorporated organisation ecoACTIVE (registered charity number 1180582). Accordingly, the transfer of net assets are reflected in these accounts as income. Costs and accumulated depreciation are also brought in the CIO at their book values.

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants Receivable	-	-
Other Debtors	2,664	18,345
	£2,664	**£18,345**

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued Expenses	7,544	3,947
Social Security and Other Taxes	2,574	989
	£10,118	**£4,936**

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10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
At 1st April 2020	(5,806)	26,789	20,983
Incoming Resources	71,423	122,144	193,567
Resources Expended	(82,572)	(94,946)	(177,518)
Transfers	(78)	78	-
At 31st March 2021	**£(17,033)**	**£54,065**	**£37,032**

	Unrestricted Funds £	*Restricted Funds £*	*Total Funds 2020 £*
Incoming Resources	*165,896*	*100,144*	*266,040*
Resources Expended	*(171,279)*	*(73,778)*	*(245,057)*
Transfers	*(423)*	*423*	-
At 31st March 2020	***£(5,806)***	***£26,789***	***£20,983***

Restricted Funds 2021	As at 31 March 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 31 March 2021
BBC Children in Need	-	9,854	(9,854)	-	-
City Bridge Trust	17,045	25,000	(29,545)	-	12,500
Tudor Trust	9,305	32,000	(14,638)	-	26,667
Ernest Cook Trust	-	18,430	(6,430)	-	12,000
Heritage Lottery Emergency Fund	-	30,400	(30,400)	-	-
Hackney Main Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Forest School	265	-	(343)	78	-
Sanctuary Projects	174	6,460	(3,735)	-	2,899
	£26,789	**£122,144**	**£(94,945)**	**£78**	**£54,066**

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Restricted Funds 2020	*Transfer in from ecoActive Ecudation*	*Income*	*Expenditure*	*Transfers*	*As at 31 March 2020*
BBC Children in Need	-	*9,598*	*(9,679)*	*81*	-
City Bridge Trust	-	*18,750*	*(1,705)*	-	*17,045*
Tudor Trust	*15,032*	*20,000*	*(25,727)*	-	*9,305*
Manor House	-	-	-	-	-
Miniarog Trust	-	*1,000*	*(1,000)*	-	-
Hackney Main Grant	-	*11,326*	*(11,668)*	*342*	-
Forest School	*4,125*	*11,988*	*(15,848)*	-	*265*
Sanctuary Projects	*4,567*	*3,758*	*(8,151)*	-	*174*
	£23,724	***£76,420***	***£(73,778)***	***£423***	***£26,789***

11. **PURPOSE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS**
The purposes of the significant restricted funds received during the period are as follows,

BBC Children in Need
This project is providing forest school sessions to young people from low income households to provide them with access to fun outside activities, and to increase their social skills.

City Bridge Trust
Match funding for our community garden project, allowing us to work with and support 18 community gardens over a three year period, across Hackney and Newham.

Ernest Cook Trust, iWill Fund
Salary costs for our Green Mentor and a contribution towards our core costs. The Green Mentor will work with young people aged 10-14 years, helping them to set up and run their own social environmental action projects.

National Lottery Heritage Fund
Funds to develop our new business plan, grow and diversify our income, develop, market and sell sustainability and nature connection sessions and get ready for more online and outdoor delivery, in line with the changing circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sanctuary Housing Association Community Programmes
Delivered four projects with residents - We supported WestMead and EastMead community gardens, we supported Mabley Edible Garden, we ran a project with Morningside Youth Club and we received match funding for our Green Influencers projects.

Tudor Trust
A two year grant, funding a new post of Community Garden Coordinator, who will support 18 community gardens across Hackney and Newham. We then received a further grant in February 2021, which will continue to match fund our community garden project for a further two years.

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12. PENSION COSTS

The Charity contributes to a stakeholder pension scheme on behalf of employees who have elected to join the scheme. All of the Charity's employees may elect to join the scheme. The Charity's liability to the pension scheme is limited to paying across to the scheme the contributions due and pension costs are charged as payments fall due and are disclosed in Note 5 to the accounts. Amounts due to the pension scheme at 31st March 2020 amounted to £Nil.

13. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
INCOME FROM:				
Charitable activities				
Grants and donations	*2*	*20,905*	*76,420*	***97,325***
Workshop and resources fees		*116,546*	*-*	***116,546***
Other income				
Transfer of funds from ecoActive Education	*14*	*28,445*	*23,724*	***52,169***
TOTAL INCOME		***165,896***	***100,144***	***266,040***
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	*3*	*171,279*	*73,778*	***245,057***
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		***171,279***	***73,778***	***245,057***
Net income/(expenditure)		*(5,383)*	*26,366*	***20,983***
Transfers		*(423)*	*423*	*-*
Total funds carried forward		***(5,806)***	***26,789***	***20,983***

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14. GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a going concern basis, which is dependent upon the availability of adequate continued funding. The nature of the organisation's funding is inherently uncertain as it is only agreed by the funding bodies every one to three years. Should grant funding be discontinued in future years, the organisation would have to find other sources of funding, or significantly curtail its activities.

As a result of government requirements to slow the spread of coronavirus we shut our office on 23rd March 2020. In normal times a substantial part of our operation consists of workshops delivered in schools and community settings and these all ceased by that date. We changed our methods of engagement and created a set of home learning materials for families to make use of during lockdown. However, as a result, some projects deferred increasing our restricted reserves while the unrestricted reserves became negative.

These factors threatened the ongoing sustainability of the charity. Thankfully, with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund's emergency grant, an extra grant payment from City Bridge Trust, and thanks to the ongoing support of our grant funders (who all continued to pay us despite having to alter the way our projects were delivered), we are confident that we will survive this difficult period. Since 31 March 2021, we have received funding from Garfield Western Foundation for our core costs that reduced our unrestricted deficit significantly. Also, the restricted funds provide funding for the key project staff hence we do not need to make our staff redundant. Based on these factors, we are confident that we will continue operating in the foreseeable future.

15. CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)

During 2020, the assets, liabilities, reserves and operations of ecoACTIVE Education (registered charity number 1124556) were transferred to a registered charitable incorporated organisation ecoACTIVE (registered charity number 1180582). The transfer of net assets are reflected in these accounts as income. Costs and accumulated depreciation are also brought in the CIO at their book values (see note 7).