

RAILSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1181811

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-01-31

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1. TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION BY PROVIDING AN AREA FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN STREATHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE

Activities: The Railside Community Garden CIO was set by local residents in Streatham SW16 in 2018 to co-ordinate the use of some unused land next to the railway, and turn it into a Community Garden. During 2019 and 2020 the RCG has successfully landscaped the area, built planters, grown a wide variety of veg, started a regular supply to a foodbank, and is establishing itself as a community asset.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lambeth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£698	£1,607	-	-
2024-03-31	£9,800	£9,466		-	-
2023-03-31	£4,163	£1,431		-	-
2022-03-31	£3,508	£3,201		-	-
2021-03-31	£1,640	£2,421		-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jane Sheila Francoise CREES	Chair	2020-11-11
AMANDA WINDSOR WAITE		2018-10-01
Ailbhe Phelan		2020-11-11
Caroline GRIDLEY		2019-10-01
Martin York		2023-04-05
Matthew Robert JONES		2018-10-01

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Treasurer's Report 2026 – Railside Community Garden

This Treasurer's Report has been prepared on behalf of the Railside Community Garden Association for the Charity Commission return due 31/01/2026 and covers the period from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025.

During this reporting period our financial position was as follows:

Total Outgoings = £1607.83

Made up of:

Octopus energy	£84.68
Infrastructure:	
Gazebo	£335.03
Greenhouse kit	£82.21
Bench	£268.95
Insurances	£25.08
Zurich	£281.28
Electric testing	£288.00
Pat dyeing event	£148.65
Potato materials	£63.93

Total Income = £697.80

Made up of:

Net Income from July and November events	£527.65
Income from PayPal (mainly members)	£82.15
Honey sales	£88.00

Closing balance as at 31/03/2025 £2738.81

RCG's spending was a lot lower than previous years as we were no longer outlaying funds on big infrastructure projects to then be repaid by Veolia and other donors.

Overall the RCG continues to operate with financial prudence, and always ensures it maintains enough funds to cover all predicted running costs.

There are no outstanding debts or monies owed to RCG, or owed by RCG to any other party.

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Our income during this year is from three principal sources; grant funding from Western Riverside trading as Groundwork London, membership subscriptions, and proceeds from events.

During this reporting period income was **£9800.41** and expenditure was **£9466.21**

During this period we continued to pursue infrastructure projects to enhance the garden in keeping with our strategy to provide a benefit to the local community, with the help of Western Riverside. The significant purchases made during this period were a large wooden gazebo (£3485.25) to provide shelter during community events, and reconstruction of the arch walls and installation of windows (£4511.45) to enhance our community space. These purchases were made by committee member Martin York 'out of pocket' in advance of then receiving the funds from Groundwork, then reimbursing Martin York from the RCG account.

Other income included membership subscriptions, takings from a successful open day, garden produce, and a rebate on electricity.

Outlay included electricity, insurance, small work eg plumbing, and sundry items.

Overall the RCG continues to operate with a healthy balance, and always ensures it maintains enough funds to cover all predicted running costs.

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Matt Jones
Treasurer
31/01/2025

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Our income during this year is from three principal sources; grant funding from Western Riverside (trading as Groundwork London), membership subscriptions, and proceeds from events.

During this reporting period income was **£4162.76** and expenditure was **£1431.45**.

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The balance in our account on 31/03/2022 was **£517.45**

Transactions:

		In	out	balance
04/04/22	Brian O'Connor: Plumbing		80	517.45
24/05/22	Amanda: Hosepipe		5	512.45
18/5/22	Electricity		106.26	406.19
06/06/2022	Amanda: Watering cans		13.58	392.61
05/07/2022	Incredible Edible Lambeth: interview by Naomi	250		642.61
30/08/2022	Groundwork London	2693.43		3336.04
05/09/2022	Cash taken at September Open Day	465		3801.04
07/09/2022	Ailbhe: Open Day printing		64.34	3736.7
07/09/2022	Yvonne Shorten: Open Day teas etc		11.57	3725.13
12/09/2022	Martin: Woodchipper and bench		804.84	2920.29
19/09/2022	SL Botanicals: Open Day Roy talk		30	2890.29
10/10/2022	Matt: Amazon gift voucher for John 88's water		50	2840.29
19/12/2022	Zurich Insurance		265.86	2574.43
10/01/2023	Halloween 2022 cash taken	49.33		2623.76
06/02/2023	Paypal: Membership subs (£700 + £5 30/05/23)	705		3328.76

Closing balance as 31/03/2023 : £3328.76

During this period we continued to pursue infrastructure projects to enhance the garden in keeping with our strategy to provide a benefit to the local community, with the help of Western Riverside. The significant purchases made during this period were a greenhouse, a woodchipper, bench, and skips. These purchases were made by Martin Y in advance of then

receiving the funds from WR. Hence the £2693.43 received from Groundwork London on £2693.43 was to cover some of the initial outlay made just prior to this period.

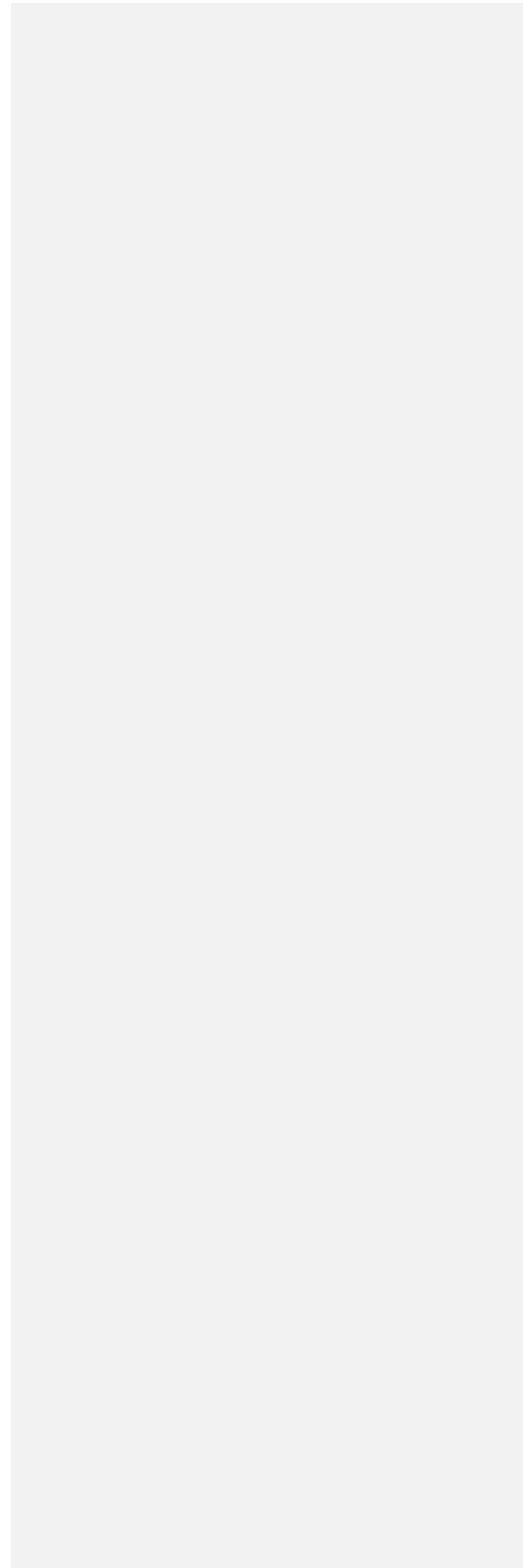
During this period we received £705 in membership subscriptions, and raised c. £450 from a successful open day.

Outlay included electricity, insurance, small work eg plumbing, and sundry items.

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Matt Jones
Treasurer



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This Treasurer's Report has been prepared for the Railside Community Garden AGM of February 2023, and covers the period since the [previous report](#) (01/01/2022 to 31/01/2023)

The RCG bank account began this reporting period with a balance of **£2317.39 as at 01/01/2022**, and closed with a balance of **£2623.76 as at 31/01/2023**. The lowest balance at any point during the year was **£392.61**. We also maintain a separate small sum of petty cash (£22), therefore the total funds available to be spent at any point and with the agreement of RCG Trustees and Management Committee is **£2645.76**

During this period our total Expenditure was **£3201.39** and our Income was **£3507.76**

During the earlier half of 2022 our financial transactions were mainly expenditure on electricity, sundry expenses, and capital outlay on a greenhouse; however as in previous years, the second half of the year saw us recoup income from Groundwork London (ENTRUST) who repaid us for our outlay on infrastructure (greenhouse and other items), our membership fees (amount tbc), and two highly successful autumn fundraising/social events. We continue to have a strong working relationship with ENTRUST, and are able to demonstrate necessity and value from the infrastructure that their funds provide to us. We therefore remain in a healthy financial position, however we exercise caution and continue to only spend funds when available to us, or when we know we will be repaid by external parties (eg ENTRUST). We remain mindful of the increased prices of electricity and other associated rising costs that might affect our position and budget accordingly.

Management of our finances is relatively straightforward; our Lloyds Bank account is the single source of truth and contains details of all incomings and outgoings. Membership fees initially come into a PayPal account, but are then transferred into our Lloyds account. All income and outgoings are detailed in our Lloyds Bank account and are available on request.

During 2023 we will continue to operate within our means, but have ambitious plans for further infrastructure projects that will enhance the Garden for the benefit of the community, subject to affordability and/or continued funds being available from external parties.

I submit this report as an accurate reflection of the financial activities of Railside Community Garden for the above period.

Matt Jones

RCG Treasurer

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RCG Chair's Report for 28/01/2022 AGM

It's been a year of continued progress at the Railside Community Garden, despite an ever changing landscape of Covid and other challenges! Here's a summary of the 2021 highlights that show some of our achievements and developments.

We began 2021 under a second lockdown that hampered our initial hopes of getting as many members as we would have liked involved in the crucial winter and early spring clearing and planting activities. However with help of as many volunteers as was permitted at the time, we continued to build planters, flower beds, and produce a wide of variety of flowers and edible produce throughout the year; chard, spinach, tomatoes, marrows, kale, cavolo nero, squashes, apples etc etc! We are delighted to have been able to continue supplying a lot of this produce where it is much needed and gratefully received at West Norwood& Brixton Foodbank. These donations are also recorded and logged by our umbrella organisation Capital Growth and indicate that we have supplied over 32kg worth £184 of local, organic fruit and veg, all to a great cause.

We have tried to give all our members an opportunity to access the garden and help out wherever possible and we're really grateful for all those that were able to. But it has been difficult due to the pandemic to open completely, so we took the decision that all RCG memberships for 2020 would be extended *gratis* by a few months until mid 2021. We revamped the membership structure so that it is now possible to join by Paypal, as well as pay pro rata for anyone that joins part way through the membership year. Thanks to all members that renewed, it is much appreciated and provides a valuable revenue stream to us.

We've been continuing to use as much of the grant money that we have to carry out some structural work around the garden, and are gradually making the site more accessible and health and safety compliant. During 2021 we installed chainlink and boards to the fence above the largest drop, installed a smart handrail next to the steepest part of the path, passed a fire safety inspection, and installed some obligatory h&s signs. You'll have also noticed our smart new signboards on each gate! And many of you came to help clear the overgrown and rubbish strewn 'Wild Garden' area, which filled at least four skips during 2021! We've planted some fruit trees in that area, and look forward to using that space a bit more going forward, beginning with the installation of some beehives in conjunction with some local beekeepers - look out for our own RCG honey in due course!

The highlights for me however have been the occasions where we've been able to welcome you, the members, back into the garden. In August, a break in the Covid clouds meant we finally had an opportunity to safely host an event in the garden; it was great to see so many people at the September Open Day where we enjoyed tea, cake, garden produce and a stunning array of carved vegetables! We raised over £400 at this event - much needed funds, thanks for your support. In November we used the Arch for the first time for a public event, and enjoyed a Halloween themed mulled cider whilst being spooked by haunted tales and pumpkins!

Another key milestone during this year was support from our local MP and councilors, with whom we coordinated a visit to the garden from [New Vision for Women](#), a UK community interest company proactively empowering women from different cultures, backgrounds and life stages. It was great to meet the group and see children from a range of diverse backgrounds enjoying the garden.

So all in all a good year given the circumstances, but still some small regret that we haven't been able to welcome more of you into the garden. Thank you for reading this; please attend our AGM on Wednesday 26th January, 20:00 - [Zoom link here](#). And thanks for your continued interest and support for RCG. We hope to see you at the Garden soon.

Three ways you can get more involved in the Garden:

- i) On ad-hoc basis: Come along to one of our **Volunteer Sessions**; we will be running them on most Saturdays, provisionally restarting on 05/02/2022. There will be planting, pruning, seeding, weeding, tidying, building etc....
- ii) If you would like to be more involved in the running or management of the Garden, please consider joining the **Management Committee**. It would be great to get more people involved in order to help take forward our Strategy for the next couple of years ahead. If you have any specific skills or experience eg Comms, Finance, Project Management, we'd love to hear from you; equally there are several general positions with a non-specific role, so come and join anyway!
- iii) Become a **Trustee**; carrying out an oversight role to ensure compliance with the Constitution and the terms of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation operating as Railside Community Garden.

This Treasurer's Report has been prepared for the Railside Community Garden AGM of 26/01/2022, and covers the period since the [previous report](#) (12/11/2020) through to 31/12/2021.

Our income during this year is from three principal sources; grant funding from Veolia and Western Riverside, membership subscriptions, and proceeds from events.

During this reporting period the Revenue income was £1640.01 and the Revenue expenditure was £2420.85. However there are reserves that can be drawn on, for now, that allow us to maintain our financial position; we have enough funds to maintain at least six months running costs, in line with good accounting practice, however we remain reliant on membership fees and donations.

Current RCG bank balance as at 31/12/2021 is **£2317.29**

Current petty cash balance as at 31/12/2021 is **£50.89**

Current PayPal balance as at 31/12/2021 is **£88.93**

Total funds available to RCG as at 31/12/2021 is therefore: £2457.11

There are no outstanding debts or monies owed to RCG, or owed by RCG to any other party.

During this reporting period we spent the ringfenced Veolia grant of **£3508** (plus an additional £167.84 from our own funds) on a variety of specified Capital expenditure projects that have significantly improved the infrastructure and safety of the Garden. This spending was completed during July 2021.

Since then we have continued to outlay further Capital expenditure with the agreement of a second provider **Western Riverside**. Unlike Veolia, who provided the funds in advance for us to spend all of, WR ask us to outlay the funds then reclaim them back from WR. To date, we have received **£1498.81** from WR for recent capital expenditure outlay which continues to enhance and improve the Garden.

Both Veolia and Western Riverside grants are governed by ENTRUST; during this period, we were able to demonstrate that we had satisfied all regulations and requirements as part of this funding, as demonstrated by the following feedback:

"Railside Community Garden Association applies the following processes that are considered good practice and which exceed those considered to be generally sufficient for the level of EB activity. A project file with all related financial information is well maintained. The file provides a clear audit trail which demonstrates compliance with the Regulations."

Going forward, Western Riverside has granted us a budget of £13460 that we can continue to spend on further Capital expenditure projects. We have an ambitious list of work/items/projects

that accounts for spending this amount, however we only have until the end of March 2022 to spend this money. Given the time, effort, resources, financial outlay and due diligence required to satisfy the conditions of spending this money, it is unrealistic that we will get to use it all by this deadline. Our priority therefore is to purchase a greenhouse (c. £2000) with the WR money by March 2022.

Our only known financial commitments anticipated during 2022 will be to continue to pay for utilities, and the annual insurance premium.

Matt Jones
RCG Treasurer
11/01/2022