

IRVINE ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1183649

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-30

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE IRVINE ROAD ORCHARD, COLCHESTER.

Activities: The purpose of establishing the charity is to restore, manage, promote and celebrate this ancient orchard and its wildlife for the public benefit. Our aim is to engage the community in achieving that aim and to rely on voluntary contributions and other fundraising efforts to fund our activities including site management, education, community engagement, fruit harvesting, communication.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£2,709	£657	-	-
2024-12-31	£1,263	£44,225	-	-
2023-12-31	£46,149	£5,123	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,267	£464	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,535	£337	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Shaun Roger Thomas	Chair	2019-05-30
Gavin Sandercock		2019-05-30
KATHARINE SANDERCOCK		2019-05-30
Nicholas Binns		2024-04-15
Victoria Thomas		2019-05-30
Wayne Bennison		2024-04-15
Willi Otto Emrich		2019-05-30

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/25 **To** 31/12/25

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Statutory Declaration</p> <p>The IRCO Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Commission on charitable purposes and public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.38	We do not intend to award grants.

Policy on grant making		
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not envisage having funds to make investments but have chosen our bank (co-op) based on its ethical credentials.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	IRCO is run entirely by volunteers with an estimated annual contribution in 2025 of over 830 hours: Notes: 264 Site management 434 Governance, fundraising, comms 136 Events
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We ran our second Wassail in January and an Apple Blossom Open Day in April – both were well attended. The Wassail was enhanced by the performances and participation of AnnieMation, a local Clog Morris group. The fruit pressing in September was a welcome success - lots of fruit, perhaps due to the Wassail!, lots of attendees and the sun shone. We hosted more visits to the Orchard by a local junior school as part of their Forest Schools programme and we hope these will continue. We also hosted a stand at a local event celebrating Essex Orchards. Our third fungi foray in October revealed further new species in the Orchard. We ran our third tree pruning course and work parties continued throughout the year where the highlights were using a loaned chipper to recycle material generated on-site; building a couple of "dead" hedges to increase the range of wildlife habitats; and removing considerable amounts of bramble, ivy and a large sycamore. We also secured a grant of £1920 from the National Lottery community Fund to revise the Management Plan which will be undertaken in 2026.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set		
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We raised £2709 during the year and incurred expenditure of £657. As a result, our financial reserves ended the year at £3893. We plan to spend £1920 of our reserves on a new management plan during 2026.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We will need to maintain financial reserves but do not expect our normal running costs to be greater than £1k per annum. We could run the operation, for a time, on considerably less if we had to. We will also fundraise for specific projects we wish to run.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3893
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have yet to ascertain, beyond doubt, the long-term appetite of the community to get engaged in supporting and managing the Orchard – but evidence so far suggests that this risk is unlikely to materialise. 2) All the uncertainties and risks associated with land ownership – trespass, neighbourhood disputes, vandalism. The active engagement of the new residents abutting the Orchard has minimised this risk. 3) There is always a risk that the current landowner changes his current collaborative approach and looks to find ways to break the lease, returning the site to his control, or sells the land to someone who does likewise. Securing

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183649
Charity's principal address	17 Irvine Road Colchester Essex CO3 3TS

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Receipts and payments accounts

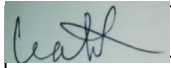
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For the period from	01/01/25	To	Period end date 31/12/25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants				1,920	-
Fundraising donations				480	-
Open days				309	-
					-
					-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)				2709	1,263
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	2709	1,263
A3 Payments					
Insurance		-	-	168	
Workshop invoices		-	-	214	
Orchard sundries (boxes, trees etc)		-	-	240	
Website fees and design		-	-	35	
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
		-	-		
Sub total		-	-	657	44,225
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments				657	
Net of receipts/(payments)				2,051	
A5 Transfers between funds				-	
A6 Cash funds last year end				1,842	
Cash funds this year end				3,893	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Kate Sandercock	19/05/2026	

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We will need to maintain financial reserves but do not expect our normal running costs to be greater than £1k per annum. We could run the operation, for a time, on considerably less if we had to. We will also fundraise for specific projects we wish to run.
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For the period from	01/01/24	To	Period end date
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants				750	-
Fundraising via local giving				87	-
fundraising other eg open days/sales				426	-
					-
					-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)				1263	46 149
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	46 149
Total receipts	-	-	-	1263	46 149
A3 Payments					
Insurance		-	-	168	-
Workshop invoice		-	-	15	-
Orchard sundries (boxes, trees etc)		-	-	214	-
Website fees and design		-	-	35	-
Legal fees		-	-	3293	-
Purchase of lease (less deposit pd 2023)		-	-	40 500	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	44 225	5 123
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	44 225	-
Net of receipts/(payments)					
A5 Transfers between funds					-
A6 Cash funds last year end				44 802	44 802
Cash funds this year end				1 842	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kate Sandcock	12/07/2025

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Charity name	Irvine Road Community Orchard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183649
Charity's principal address	17 Irvine Road Colchester Essex CO3 3TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Shaun Thomas	Chair	
2	Simon Amstutz		
3	Sarah Jane Carter		
4	Katherine Sandercock	Treasurer	
5	Gavin Sandercock		
6	Willi Otto Emrich		
7	Victoria Thomas	Secretary	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Irvine Road Community Orchard

1183649

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/23	To	Period end date
			31/12/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants				41,000	-
Fundraising via local giving				1,920	-
fundraising other eg open days/sales				3,229	-
					-
					-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)				46 149	1,267
(see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	46 149	1,267
A3 Payments					
Insurance		-	-	156	-
Workshop invoice		-	-	150	-
Orchard sundries (boxes, trees etc)		-	-	137	-
website fees and design		-	-	180	-
Legal fees		-	-	4,500	-
		-	-		-
		-	-		-
		-	-		-
		-	-		-
Sub total		-	-	5,123	464
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments				5,123	464
Net of receipts/(payments)				41,026	803
A5 Transfers between funds					-
A6 Cash funds last year end				3,776	2,973
Cash funds this year end				44 802	3,776

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	44 802	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Kate Sandercock	25/06/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

IRVINE ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/23

**Charity no
(if any)**

1183649

Set out on pages

1 AND 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

M S Skipp

Date:

21/6/24

Name:

HELEN SKIPP

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

N/A

Address:

30 IRVINE ROAD
COLCHESTER
CO3 3TR

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

IRVINE ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

England & Wales - Charity number 1183649

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/22 **To** 31/12/22

Charity name: Irvine Road Community Orchard

Charity registration number: 1183649

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Irvine Road Orchard, Colchester
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>To fulfil its purpose, the charity will restore, manage, promote and celebrate this ancient orchard and its wildlife for the public benefit.</p> <p>Our aim is to engage the community in achieving its purpose and to rely on volunteers to undertake a range of activities including – site management, fundraising, education, community engagement, fruit harvesting, and communication.</p> <p>The CIO was registered in May 2019 in anticipation of taking on a fifty year lease for the Orchard. We expected to take on the lease in early 2020 but Brexit and Covid19 slowed building on the part of the Orchard allocated for development, and the lease was not enacted until 20/5/21.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Statutory Declaration</p> <p>The IRCO Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Commission on charitable purposes and public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not intend to award grants.
		We do not envisage having funds to make

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	investments but have chosen our bank (co-op) based on its ethical credentials.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	IRCO is run entirely by volunteers with an estimated annual contribution in 2022 of over 748 hours: Notes: 232 Site management 318 Governance, fundraising, comms 198 Events
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Saturday 26th Feb saw the first training course at the Irvine Road Community Orchard with the 10 participants learning all about how to prune fruit trees. Thank you to @Localgiving's Magic Little Grants Fund, which is supported by players of @PostcodeLottery, for funding the day.</p> <p>We ran our first Fungi foray on 15 Oct where a local expert led a tour of the Orchard, showing how to identify the various fungi on display. We expect to run a similar event in 2023.</p> <p>We held three open day type events including our first fruit pressing day.</p> <p>Work parties continued throughout the year where the highlights were using a loaned chipper to recycle material generated on-site, installation of bat and bird boxes and the first four new trees planted and watered, surviving the summer.</p> <p>During the year, we kept people informed of the state of play through the Residents' Association (newsletter, emails, noticeboard and Facebook page) and via the Orchard Facebook page.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We raised over £1267 during the year and incurred expenditure of £464 leaving our financial reserves at £3776 at the end of the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We will need to maintain financial reserves but do not expect our normal running costs to be greater than £1k per annum. We could run the operation, for a time, on considerably less if we had to. We will also fundraise for specific projects we wish to run. However, we do wish to grow our financial reserves to enable us to match funds raised through corporate donations or grants for the purpose of extending our lease from 50 to 999 years at a cost of £45k.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3776
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>We would expect to raise funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – through voluntary donations – through events (sometimes in partnership with the Residents' Association) – corporate sponsorship and donations – grants
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have yet to ascertain, beyond doubt, the long-term appetite of the community to get engaged in supporting and managing the Orchard – but evidence so far suggests that this risk is unlikely to materialise. 2) All the uncertainties and risks associated with land ownership – trespass, neighbourhood disputes, vandalism. The active engagement of the new residents abutting the Orchard will minimise this risk. 3) There is always a risk that the current landowner changes his current

		<p>collaborative approach and looks to find ways to break the lease, returning the site to his control, or sells the land to someone who does likewise. Maintaining the relationship with him will be important for the Trustees to pay attention to</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution (based on the foundation model of a CIO)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	We are constituted as a CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Irvine Road Area Residents' Association may appoint four charity trustees. Each appointment must be for a term of three years. The charity trustees can appoint three trustees for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Irvine Road Community Orchard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183649
Charity's principal address	17 Irvine Road Colchester Essex CO3 3TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Shaun Thomas	Chair	
2	Simon Amstutz		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Irvine Road Community Orchard

1183649

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/22	To	Period end date
			31/12/22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
					-
Fundraising	1,267			1,267	-
					-
					-
					-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,267			1,267	1,535
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,267	-	-	1,267	1,535
A3 Payments					
Insurance	160	-	-	160	-
Workshop invoice	150	-	-	150	-
Orchard sundries (boxes, trees etc)	154	-	-	154	-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
Sub total	464	-	-	464	337
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	464	337			
Net of receipts/(payments)					1,198
A5 Transfers between funds					-
A6 Cash funds last year end				2,973	-
Cash funds this year end				3,776	1,198

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,776	-	-
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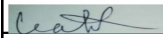
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kate Sandercock	23/03/2023

IRVINE ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

England & Wales - Charity number 1183649

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

From 1/1/21 **To** 31/12/21

Charity name: Irvine Road Community Orchard

Charity registration number: 1183649

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Statutory Declaration</p> <p>The IRCO Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Commission on charitable purposes and public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not intend to award grants.
Policy on social investment including program related	Para 1.38	We do not envisage having funds to make investments but have chosen our bank (co-op) based on its ethical credentials.

investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>IRCO is run entirely by volunteers with an estimated annual contribution in 2021 of over 460 hours:</p> <p><i>[For reference, calculations were]</i> Site management: 3 events (Oct – Dec) x 8 people x 2 hours + 12 months x 6 hours (ST + RM) = 120 hours</p> <p>Open Day, interpretative panel, brochure = 60 hours</p> <p>Communication, fundraising and engagement: ½ hr per week (newsletters, FB) + wreath making = 40</p> <p>Trustee duties, Finance, Administration, fund raising: 30 hours (4 meetings x 6people x 2hrs + 4 hrs x 50 Chair) = 250</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>We signed the lease for the Orchard in May (after 5 years of negotiations)</p> <p>Covid curtailed our activities until June when we held a very successful Open Day with 120 people attending and £650 raised. In the run-up we also:- setup a Local Giving fundraising website; produced an information leaflet brochure; and installed an interpretative panel.</p> <p>Soon after the Open Day, we received our first £500 grant (from the People's Postcode Lottery) and later in the year, with the help of volunteer, benefited from our two wreath making courses, our first in-aid-of events.</p> <p>We surveyed and labelled the trees in September with the help of a local expert to inform future management and planting.</p> <p>Work parties recommenced from October and we succeeded in clearing a pathway around the hedgerow edge to the site, removing ivy, freeing up some fruit trees from surrounding growth, preparing an area for new planting and knocking back the brambles.</p>

		During the year, we kept people informed of the state of play through the Residents' Association (newsletter, emails, noticeboard and Facebook page) and via the Orchard Facebook page.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We raised over £1.5k during the year and incurred expenditure of £337 leaving our financial reserves at £2973 at the end of the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We will need to maintain financial reserves but do not expect our normal running costs to be greater than £1k per annum. We could run the operation, for a time, on considerably less if we had to. We will also fundraise for specific projects we wish to run. However, we do wish to grow our financial reserves to enable us to match funds raised through corporate donations or grants for the purpose of extending our lease from 50 to 999 years at a cost of £45k.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We will do further work on what annual running costs may be and will review our financial reserves policy after we have had a year of normal operation ie during 2022.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We would expect to raise funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – through voluntary donations – through events (sometimes in partnership with the Residents' Association) – corporate sponsorship and donations – grants
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have yet to ascertain, beyond doubt, the long-term appetite of the community to get engaged in supporting and managing the Orchard – but evidence so far suggests that this risk is unlikely to materialise. 2) All the uncertainties and risks associated with land ownership – trespass, neighbourhood disputes, vandalism. The active engagement of the new residents abutting the

		<p>Orchard will minimise this risk.</p> <p>3) There is always a risk that the current landowner changes his current collaborative approach and looks to find ways to break the lease, returning the site to his control, or sells the land to someone who does likewise. Maintaining the relationship with him will be important for the Trustees to pay attention to</p> <p>4) As we take on the lease, we will want to increase the community engagement and continuing Covid restrictions continued to limit the extent to which we can do that. During the year, we continued to focus on our use of social media and newsletters to keep people involved and received a positive response to activities when restrictions eased.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution (based on the foundation model of a CIO)
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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Irvine Road Area Residents' Association may appoint four charity trustees. Each appointment must be for a term of three years. The charity trustees can appoint three trustees for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Irvine Road Community Orchard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183649
Charity's principal address	17 Irvine Road Colchester Essex CO3 3TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Irvine Road Community Orchard

1183649

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	01/01/21	To	Period end date
			31/12/21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant from local giving	500			500	-
fundraising	1,035			1,035	-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,535			1,535	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,535	-	-	1,535	-
A3 Payments					
Insurance	160	-	-	160	-
Funding page set up	96	-	-	96	-
Orchard sundries (tarps, trees etc)	82	-	-	82	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	337	-	-	337	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	337	-	-	337	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,198	-	-	1,198	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,774	-	-	1,774	-
Cash funds this year end	2,973	-	-	2,973	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,973	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

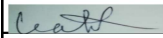
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kate Sandercock	26/03/2022

IRVINE ROAD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

England & Wales - Charity number 1183649

Accounts



From 1/1/20 **To** 31/12/20

Charity name: Irvine Road Community Orchard

Charity registration number: 1183649

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Irvine Road Orchard, Colchester
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The CIO was registered in May 2019 in anticipation of taking on a fifty year lease for the Orchard. We expected to take on the lease in early 2020 but Brexit and Covid19 slowed building. on the part of the Orchard allocated for development, and the lease was not enacted until 20/5/21. Therefore, with Covid curtailing nearly all our activities, 2020 was a very quiet year after some good initial work parties Jan-March and, during the year, we kept people informed of the state of play through the Residents' Association newsletter, Facebook page and the Orchard Facebook page.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Statutory Declaration</p> <p>The IRCO Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Commission on charitable purposes and public benefit.</p> <p>The purpose of establishing the charity is to restore, manage, promote and celebrate this ancient orchard and its wildlife for the public benefit. Our aim is to engage the community in achieving that aim and to rely on voluntary contributions and other fundraising efforts to fund our activities – site management, education, community engagement, fruit harvesting, and communication.</p>

Additional information (optional)

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not intend to award grants.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not envisage having funds to make investments but have chosen our bank (co-op) based on its ethical credentials.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	IRCO is run entirely by volunteers with an estimated annual contribution in 2020 of over 180 hours: <i>[For reference, calculations were]</i> Site management: 3 events (Jan – Mar) x 8 people x 2 hours + 12 months x 6 hours (shaun and ralph) = 120 hours Communication and engagement: 30 hours (newsletters, FB, engaging new neighbours) Trustee duties, Finance, Administration, fund raising: 30 hours
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Our major achievements within this year were limited due to Covid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we held three very successful work parties Jan-Mar and got the site into good condition prior to Covid striking - maintained good local relations with the developer along with residents including those moving into the new properties adjacent to the Orchard - kept people informed and engaged with the Orchard notably using a camera trap to show the foxes, deer and badgers - cancelled quiz nights and an Open Day

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We suspended fundraising during Covid and did not incur any cost (as our insurers gave us a 3 month holiday taking the payment into 2021).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We will need to build our financial reserves over time but currently have over £2k and do not expect our normal running costs to be greater than £1k per annum. We could run the operation, for a time, on considerably less if we had to. We will also fundraise for specific projects we wish to run. We will review our financial reserves policy after we have had a year of normal operation, ie after taking on the lease.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As we plan to take on the lease we will do further work on what annual running costs may be and decide how much we wish to hold as financial reserves.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	See above
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>We would expect to raise funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – through voluntary donations – through events (sometimes in partnership with the Residents' Association) – corporate sponsorship and donations – grants <p>We have a decision to make whether we wish to pursue extending the lease from 50 years to 999 years at a cost of £45k. This will determine our approach to fund-raising.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) We have yet to ascertain, beyond doubt, the appetite of the community to get engaged in supporting and managing the Orchard – but initial evidence suggests that this risk is unlikely to materialise. 2) All the uncertainties and risks

		<p>associated with land ownership – trespass, neighbourhood disputes, vandalism. The active engagement of the new residents abutting the Orchard will minimise this risk.</p> <p>3) There is always a risk that the current landowner changes his current collaborative approach and looks to find ways to break the lease, returning the site to his control, or sells the land to someone who does likewise. Maintaining the relationship with him will be important for the Trustees to pay attention to</p> <p>4) As we take on the lease, we will want to increase the community engagement and continuing Covid restrictions may continue to limit the extent to which we can do that. We will continue to focus on our use of social media and newsletters to keep people involved, and look to grow activities within what is allowed.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution (based on the foundation model of a CIO)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	We are constituted as a CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Irvine Road Area Residents' Association may appoint four charity trustees. Each appointment must be for a term of three years. The charity trustees can appoint three trustees for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Irvine Road Community Orchard
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183649
Charity's principal address	17 Irvine Road Colchester Essex CO3 3TS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Shaun Thomas	Chair	
2	Simon Amstutz		
3	Sarah Jane Carter		
4	Katherine Sandercock	Treasurer	
5	Gavin Sandercock		
6	Willi Otto Emrich		
7	Victoria Thomas	Secretary	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Irvine Road Community Orchard

1183649

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/20	To	Period end date
			31/12/20

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)					-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)		-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,774	-	-	1,774	-
Cash funds this year end	1,774	-	-	1,774	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		1,774	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,774	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

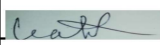
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kate Sandercock	19/08/2021