



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	<b>Statutory Declaration</b> 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.  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.

## 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"> <li>- we held three very successful work parties Jan-Mar and got the site into good condition prior to Covid striking</li> <li>- maintained good local relations with the developer along with residents including those moving into the new properties adjacent to the Orchard</li> <li>- kept people informed and engaged with the Orchard notably using a camera trap to show the foxes, deer and badgers</li> <li>- cancelled quiz nights and an Open Day</li> </ul>

### 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"> <li>– through voluntary donations</li> <li>– through events (sometimes in partnership with the Residents' Association)</li> <li>– corporate sponsorship and donations</li> <li>– grants</li> </ul> <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	<p>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.</p> <p>2) All the uncertainties and risks</p>

		<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 ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution (based on the foundation model of a CIO)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , 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 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

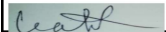
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
					-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)					-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>					
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	1,774	-	-	1,774	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		1,774	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	1,774	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		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	19/08/2021	