



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
**To** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Period start date**  
**Period end date**

**Charity name:** The Limes Community Garden

**Charity registration number:** 1185000

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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 THE LIMES, SOUTH ASHFORD AND SURROUNDING AREA WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY, OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL 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 EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT PARTICULARLY BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING ABOUT HORTICULTURE IN AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY GARDEN 2) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT PARTICULARLY BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING ABOUT HORTICULTURE IN AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY GARDEN.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public	Para 1.17 and 1.19	See comments in section below.

benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.		
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees had regard to the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

## 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>In May 2022 we were honoured to be selected as the nominated charity for the Kingsnorth Country Fayre. The team of volunteers attended the event which not only raised awareness of our existence, but also resulted in enough funds to purchase a new tool shed. As the garden has developed, storage is at a premium and more shed space was required.</p> <p>We also hosted two charity events – one for Find A Voice and the other for Shaw Trust Wellbeing.</p> <p>Another addition to the garden has been a timber built 'book stop'. This enables books for all ages to be freely available to visitors – they can leave a book for someone else to read – and take a book. We are grateful to the Shedkwick CIC for making the book stop for us.</p> <p>In July we experienced a burglary with forced entry damage to several sheds. Our CCTV captured the incident and was shared widely across social media. The trustees reviewed site security and installed anti climb measures on the adjoining fences.</p> <p>Late September we rotavated the central grass area, removed the weeds and stones and sowed grass seed. This was a huge task but resulted in a fabulous high quality lawn area which has already been used for a birthday party, basketball match and outdoor games.</p> <p>We repeated our popular Halloween event. This time we had over 200 members of the local community attend our free event. We also held an Easter Family fun day complete with an easter egg trail.</p>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b> £2993.79  <b>Income during the year:</b> £5775.44 (1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023)  <b>Expenses:</b> £9904.98  <b>Balance 31 March 23:</b> £2576.11
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity aims to hold in reserve the equivalent of 3 months' worth of operating costs (rent, water, insurance etc).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None identified

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum of Association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	Co-option

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Limes Community Garden
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1185000
Charity's principal address	Address for correspondence: 274 Kingsnorth Road Ashford Kent TN23 6LU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Heather Hayward	Secretary		
2	Harriet Yeo	Chairman		
3	Ian Tregenna	Trustee	From 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	
4	Carl May	Trustee	From 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
none		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
none		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

none
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

Trustee Heather Hayward is also an elected borough councillor for Ashford Borough Council, who are the land owners of the garden.
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Heather Hayward	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	30/01/2024	