



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023
To 31st March 2024

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>As the garden has become established, we are seeing the community space being used by a wider variety of groups. For example, the garden is now a polling station for local elections. This has given us not only an additional income stream but also free advertising, as we feature on every polling card delivered to the local area.</p> <p>We were successful in receiving a Coronation Party grant enabling us to offer a well-supported free BBQ and Coronation party to the local community. The range of events held developed even further, with an NHS birthday party, another hugely popular Halloween event and Christmas craft workshops. As always, everything we offer is free to all – although we do accept donations.</p> <p>The charity will be 5 years old next year and the trustees are working on plans to secure our future growth. Our community hub building is at capacity and is often standing room only. Our chicken run is in need of renewal. We are short of storage space and we need some under cover shelter for outdoor events. We have secured a capital funding grant from Ashford Borough Council to cover all of these projects. Alongside this is the renewal of our lease for the site. We are looking for a longer lease than previously granted i.e. 15-20 years instead of 3 years. Negotiations are underway and the next trustee report should detail the outcome of this.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance Brought Forward: £2576.11 Income during the year: £11054.42 (1 st April 2023 – 31 st March 2024) Expenses: £7214.26 Balance 31 March 24: £6416.27
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

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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		
4	Carl May	Trustee		
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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

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.

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	06/08//2024	