



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024
To 31st March 2025

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>1. Creation of a Sensory Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A major milestone was the development of a new Sensory Room, gifted by the former charity <i>Find a Voice</i>. The project was supported by Extreme Windows & Home Improvements Ltd and Lancaster Building & Concrete, who contributed to its construction. The Sensory Room aims to provide a calming, inclusive space for visitors with sensory needs, enhancing the garden's accessibility and therapeutic value. <p>2. Community Engagement and Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The garden continued to grow its online and local presence, with over 530 followers and active engagement from volunteers and supporters. Regular updates and calls for volunteers helped maintain momentum and community involvement. <p>3. Ongoing Development and Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The garden maintained strong relationships with local businesses and charities, leveraging donations and volunteer support to expand its facilities. Continued efforts were made to improve infrastructure and prepare for future planting and events. <p>Finally, the garden celebrated it's 5th birthday in August 2024 with the planting of a commemorative rose bush by the Mayor, unveiling a plaque and a community celebration.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance Brought Forward: £6416.27 Income during the year: £3044.90 (1 st April 2024 – 31 st March 2025) Expenses: £9078.38 Balance 31 March 25: £325
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). This would normally be £1000.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£325.(additional funding arrived just after year end closed to put reserves back to £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		
4	Carl May	Trustee		
5	Derek Curd	Trustee	1 st October 2024 onwards	
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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	17/10/2025	