

WHITBY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1186825

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-12-09

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND 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 IN THE SUBJECTS OF HORTICULTURE, HEALTHY EATING, CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY, IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING IN AND AROUND WHITBY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN.

Activities: To encourage participation by people of all ages and abilities in garden related activities that are creative, sociable, educational, healthy and promotes wellbeing.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Flintshire
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,295	£4,917	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,388	£1,689	-	-
2022-12-31	£5,421	£2,671	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,849	£1,956	-	-
2020-12-31	£4,752	£2,327	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
George Jones	Chair	2019-12-09
Andrew Thomas Warham		2024-02-08
John Boden		2019-12-09
Nina Dales		2019-12-09

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st January 2024 **Period start date**

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance education for the public benefit in the subjects of horticulture, healthy eating, conservation of natural resources and improvement of wildlife diversity, by providing opportunities for learning in and around Whitby Park Community Garden.</p> <p>To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Cheshire West and Chester the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and 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.</p>
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>We have continued to deliver a 12 week 'Gardening for All' programme as part of Cheshire's Natural Health Service (ChNaHS) in collaboration with The Mersey Forest and Chester and Cheshire West Council.</p> <p>The programme aims to promote participants wellbeing and physical activity through social engagement and advancement of people's education in the subjects of horticulture, healthy eating, conservation of natural resources and improvement of wildlife diversity, by providing opportunities for learning in and around the garden and wider Whitby Park.</p> <p>Since the pandemic, there continues to be an increasing appetite for growing good food, eating healthier and living better active lives, whilst connecting with people, wildlife, green space and the local community.</p> <p>The 'Gardening for All' programme provides a range of seasonal horticultural activities and learning opportunities delivered throughout the year such as: Cultivation of fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs; Composting and creating healthy soil; Preparing the ground for planting; Seed sowing; Transplanting; Propagation; Lifting and dividing; Watering and rainwater harvesting; Indoor and outdoor growing spaces; Pruning; Food harvesting; Seed collection and storage; Plant and tree identification; Introduction to different cultivation methods such as, crop rotations, no dig; permaculture and biodynamics.</p> <p>As well as horticultural activities, we also facilitate woodwork projects, such as making bird boxes and bird feeders. We have also had a team of volunteers working on the design and construction of raised beds to make the garden more accessible for all.</p> <p>We have expanded our service offer to include green arts and crafts which provide more activities for volunteers throughout the autumn and winter season. Some of the products that we create are bought by members of the community along with the fresh food and flowers that we produce.</p> <p>We are also increasing biodiversity in the garden through the development of wildlife areas and projects that support a healthy diverse ecosystem.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have acted accordingly.
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Additional information (removed optional)

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>Many of the participants who complete the initial twelve-week activity programme continue to return as volunteers. Every year the volunteer base grows in strength and together we have developed the garden into a diverse and vibrant outdoor space. The garden is accessible and open to all and welcomes new participants on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53 new participants registered to do the twelve week 'Gardening for All' programme. • 36, (two thirds) of those who registered went on to complete the 12-week programme. • 20 of those who completed the programme in 2024 continued to volunteer and remain active in the garden. <p>In total, 51 regular/ long term volunteers helped to maintain the garden and work alongside new participants.</p> <p>The sessions (often personal and tailored for each participant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of activities to improve participants' health and wellbeing, increase social connections and improve the local environment. • Provide a friendly and supportive environment where participants can connect with each other and their community. • Provide a learning environment that helps participants improve their self-esteem and confidence. • Support participants to access longer term volunteering opportunities. • Remove barriers to learning and improve skills that are required to access further employment and training. • Encourage and explore different and unusual varieties of fresh produce through tasting and sharing favourite recipes. <p>The garden is an important part of many peoples' lives. Some volunteers have been coming to the garden every week for many years.</p>

		<p>We delivered volunteer social events throughout the year, including a summer BBQ, a Christmas get together and a New Year planning event.</p> <p>The wider community also benefited from visiting the garden, engaging with volunteers, connecting with nature and can try fresh locally grown produce from the garden.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>In these financial results we reflect on more balanced year due to in part to more volunteer projects and activities being undertaken in 2024. This was helped by the increase in grant funding as outlined in the previous year's report.</p> <p>Income of £1,919.57 was generated from charitable activities. £3,375.00 was from company and local community fund donations. The total income for the period was £5,294.57.</p> <p>Of this income, £4,917.06 of expenses was spent on charitable activities and administrative costs along with purchasing supplies for grant funded projects and garden supplies including additional materials for craft activities.</p> <p>Creditors falling due at the end of the reporting period was £0.</p> <p>Overall, the charity made a profit of £377.51 for the period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The financial reserve policy is an estimated two-years cost plus activities.</p> <p>Trustees place a maintain priority on maintaining this and will continue to review as the charity progresses.</p> <p>The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>Continued discussions are happening between Cheshire West and Chester Council over the renewal of a lease for the land. We have still been unable to secure this in 2024 due to the council changing the way they lease land and assets. We have now completed an application process for a community asset transfer and will continue to pursue this in 2025.</p>

Additional information (removed optional)**Structure, Governance and Management**

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	ConstitutionFoundation model constitution for a CIO
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	Voting members are the charity trustees only

Additional information (removed optional)**Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Whitby Park Community Garden
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1186825
Charity's principal address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 6QY England, United Kingdom.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
John Boden		09/12/2019	
Nina Dales		09/12/2019	
George Jones		09/12/2019	
Andrew Warham		08/02/2024	Trustee Committee
Louise McTigue		08/02/2024 – 26/10/2024	Trustee Committee

Corporate trustees – None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

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 fall 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 (removed optional)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details – **None**

Other optional information – None

Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.**

Signature



Full name John Boden

Position – Trustee

Date - 31st December 2024



Whitby Park Garden

Profit and Loss

Year Ending December 2024

Income Collected (GBP)		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Sales	Invoice (Grants)	£1,850.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,525.00	£3,375.00
Sales	Other Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13.75	£15.71	£373.84	£285.78	£426.34	£331.63	£110.59	£48.13	£313.80	£1,919.57
Gross Profit		£1,850.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13.75	£15.71	£373.84	£285.78	£426.34	£331.63	£110.59	£48.13	£1,838.80	£5,294.57
Less Expenses		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Meals & Entertainment	Meals & Entertainment (general)	£0.00	£30.53	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£84.16	£114.69
Office Expenses & Postage	Hardware	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00
Office Expenses & Postage	Office Supplies	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£501.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£501.00
Other Expenses	Business Insurance	£16.80	£0.00	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£33.60	£0.00	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£184.80
Other Expenses	Other Expenses (general)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£94.49	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£94.49
Other Expenses	Repairs & Maintenance	£179.99	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£179.99
Supplies	Supplies (general)	£1,543.44	£98.34	£0.00	£0.00	£86.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£65.35	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,793.53
Uncategorized Expenses	Uncategorized Expenses (general)	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,998.56
Total Expenses		£1,740.23	£1,128.87	£16.80	£16.80	£247.69	£1,517.80	£16.80	£33.60	£65.35	£16.80	£16.80	£99.52	£4,917.06
Net Profit (GBP)		£109.77	-£1,128.87	-£16.80	-£3.05	-£231.98	-£1,143.96	£268.98	£392.74	£266.28	£93.79	£31.33	£1,739.28	£377.51

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>In these financial results we reflect on very positive year due to in part external community funding coming from a national company and donations taken following the passing of one of our long-term volunteers.</p> <p>Income of £1,348.55 was generated from charitable activities. £1,039.67 was from company and local community fund donations. The total income for the period of £2,388.22.</p> <p>Of this income, £1,689.01 was spent on charitable activities and administrative costs along with purchasing supplies for the garden and for our craft activities.</p> <p>Creditors falling due at the end of the reporting period was £0.</p> <p>Overall, the charity made a profit of £699.21 for the period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The financial reserve policy is an estimated one-year cost plus activities.</p> <p>Trustees place a maintain priority on maintaining this in 2023 and will continue to review as the charity progresses.</p> <p>The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,444.82
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>Continued discussions are happening between Cheshire West and Chester Council over the renewal of a lease for the land. We have still been unable to secure this in 2023 due to the council changing the way they lease land and assets. We have now completed an application process for a community asset transfer and will continue to pursue this in 2024.</p>

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Description of the assets held in this capacity.	None
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Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (removed optional)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details – **None**

Other optional information – None

Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.**

Signature

Full name John Boden

Position – Trustee

Date - 31st December 2023



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Profit and Loss Year Ending 2023

		01/01/2023	02/01/2023	03/01/2023	04/01/2023	05/01/2023	06/01/2023	07/01/2023	08/01/2023	09/01/2023	10/01/2023	11/01/2023	12/01/2023	Total
Income Collected (GBP)														
Sales	Other Income	0	0	34.38	16.43	23.83	474.73	240.72	218.48	127.58	20	66.38	126.02	£1,348.55
Sales	Payment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	339.67	£1,039.67
Gross Profit		£0.00	£0.00	£34.38	£16.43	£23.83	£474.73	£240.72	£218.48	£127.58	£20.00	£766.38	£465.69	£2,388.22
Less Expenses														
Other Expenses	Business Insurance	£16.80	£0.00	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£184.80
Other Expenses	Other Expenses (general)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£64.20	£64.20
Other Expenses	Repairs & Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00
Supplies	Supplies (general)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.93	£259.08	£420.01
Uncategorized Expenses	Uncategorized Expenses (general)	£0.00	£48.48	£182.88	£50.25	£0.00	£238.03	£87.67	£0.00	£392.69	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
Total Expenses		£16.80	£48.48	£219.68	£67.05	£16.80	£254.83	£104.47	£16.80	£409.49	£16.80	£177.73	£340.08	£1,689.01
Net Profit (GBP)		-£16.80	-£48.48	-£185.30	-£50.62	£7.03	£219.90	£136.25	£201.68	-£281.91	£3.20	£588.65	£125.61	£699.21

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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>We have continued to deliver a 12 week 'Gardening for All' programme as part of Cheshire's Natural Health Service (ChNaHS) in collaboration with The Mersey Forest.</p> <p>The programme aims to promote participants wellbeing and physical activity through social engagement and advancement of people's education in the subjects of horticulture, healthy eating, conservation of natural resources and improvement of wildlife diversity, by providing opportunities for learning in and around the garden and wider Whitby Park.</p> <p>Since the pandemic, there is an increasing appetite for growing good food, eating healthier, connecting with people, and living a better healthier active life.</p> <p>The 'Gardening for All' programme provides a range of seasonal horticultural activities and learning opportunities delivered throughout the year such as: Cultivation of fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs; Composting and creating healthy soil; Preparing the ground for planting; Seed sowing; Transplanting; Propagation; Lifting and dividing; Watering and rainwater harvesting; Indoor and outdoor growing spaces; Pruning; Food harvesting; Seed collection and storage; Plant and tree identification; Introduction to different cultivation methods such as, crop rotations, no dig; permaculture and biodynamics.</p> <p>As well as horticultural activities, we also facilitate woodwork projects, such as making bird boxes and bird feeders. We have also had a team of volunteers working on the design and construction of two new large cold frames.</p> <p>During the autumn and winter seasons we have also started to develop green arts and crafts and so expanding our service offer.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have acted accordingly.</p>

Additional information (removed optional)

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Many of the participants who complete the initial twelve-week activity programme continue to return as volunteers. Every year the volunteer base grows in strength and together we have developed the garden into a diverse and vibrant outdoor space. The garden is accessible and open to all and welcomes new participants on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Throughout the year:</p> <p>38 new participants registered to do the twelve week 'Gardening for All' programme. 27, (almost three quarters) of those registered went on to complete the 12-week programme. 17 of those who completed the programme in 2022 continued to volunteer and remain active in the garden.</p> <p>In total, there were 36 x regular/ long term volunteers who helped to maintain the garden and work alongside new participants.</p> <p>The sessions (often personal and tailored for each participant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of activities to improve participants' health and wellbeing, increase social connections and improve the local environment. • Provide a friendly and supportive environment where participants can connect with each other and their community. • Provide a learning environment that helps participants improve their self-esteem and confidence. • Support participants to access longer term volunteering opportunities. • Remove barriers to learning and improve skills that are required to access further employment and training. • <i>Encourage and explore different and unusual varieties of fresh produce through tasting and sharing favourite recipes.</i> <p>The garden is an important part of many peoples' lives. Some volunteers have been coming to the garden every week for many years.</p> <p>We have delivered volunteer social events throughout the year, including a summer BBQ and a Christmas/New year celebration.</p> <p>The wider community also benefited from visiting the garden, engaging with volunteers, connecting with nature and have the opportunity to try fresh locally grown produce from the garden.</p>

Additional information (removed optional)

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>In these financial results we reflect on very positive year due to in part external community funding coming from a national company and donations taken following the passing of one of our long-term volunteers.</p> <p>Income of £2,083.51 was generated from charitable activities. £2,932.30 was from company community fund donations and £405.00 from community donations following the passing of one of our long-term volunteers. The total income for the period of £5,420.81.</p> <p>Of this income, £2,670.62 was spent on charitable activities and administrative costs along with purchasing supplies for the garden and for our craft activities.</p> <p>Creditors falling due at the end of the reporting period was £0.</p> <p>Overall, the charity made a profit of £2,750.19 for the period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The financial reserve policy is an estimated one-year cost plus activities.</p> <p>Trustees place a maintain priority on maintaining this in 2023 and will continue to review as the charity progresses.</p> <p>The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,444.82
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>Continued discussion are happening between Cheshire West and Chester Council over the renewal of a lease for the land. We have still been unable to secure this in 2022 due to council staff leaving. We have continued discussions and will continue to move forward in 2023.</p>

Additional information (removed optional)

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution Foundation model constitution for a CIO
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	voting members are the charity trustees only

Additional information (removed optional)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Whitby Park Community Garden
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1186825
Charity's principal address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 6QY England, United Kingdom.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
John Boden		09/12/2019	
Nina Dales		09/12/2019	
George Jones		09/12/2019	

Corporate trustees – None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

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 fall 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 (removed optional)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details – **None**

Other optional information – None

Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.**

Signature 

Full name John Boden

Position – Trustee

Date - 31st December 2022



Whitby Park Garden

Profit and Loss Year Ending 2022

		01/01/2022	01/02/2022	01/03/2022	01/04/2022	01/05/2022	01/06/2022	01/07/2022	01/08/2022	01/09/2022	01/10/2022	01/11/2022	01/12/2022	Total
Income Collected (GBP)														
Sales	Other Income	£0.00	£20.00	£209.82	£95.33	£315.26	£2,638.22	£351.74	£508.61	£781.97	£165.54	£2.94	£216.38	£5,305.81
Sales	Other Income	£30.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£65.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£115.00
Gross Profit		£30.00	£20.00	£209.82	£95.33	£315.26	£2,703.22	£371.74	£508.61	£781.97	£165.54	£2.94	£216.38	£5,420.81
Less Expenses														
Education and Training	Education and Training (general)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£339.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£339.00
Other Expenses	Business Insurance	£15.40	£0.00	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£33.60	£0.00	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£16.80	£183.40
Other Expenses	Repairs & Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£51.82	£0.00	£51.82
Supplies	Supplies (general)	£0.00	£723.46	£0.00	£0.00	£292.60	£0.00	£260.84	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,276.90
Supplies	Supplies (general)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£27.48	£34.49	£0.00	£21.62	£8.96	£26.95	£0.00	£0.00	£119.50
Uncategorized Expenses	Uncategorized Expenses (general)	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£700.00
Total Expenses		£15.40	£1,023.46	£16.80	£355.80	£736.88	£51.29	£294.44	£21.62	£25.76	£43.75	£68.62	£16.80	£2,670.62
Net Profit (GBP)		£14.60	-£1,003.46	£193.02	-£260.47	-£421.62	£2,651.93	£77.30	£486.99	£756.21	£121.79	-£65.68	£199.58	£2,750.19

WHITBY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1186825

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st January 2021 **Period start date**

To: 31st December 2021 **Period end date**

Charity name: Whitby Park Community Garden



Charity registration number: 1186825

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance education for the public benefit in the subjects of horticulture, healthy eating, conservation of natural resources and improvement of wildlife diversity, in particular by providing opportunities for learning in and around Whitby Park Community Garden.</p> <p>To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Cheshire West and Chester the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and 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.</p>
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>We have continued to deliver a 12 week 'Gardening for All' programme as part of Cheshire's Natural Health Service (ChNaHS) in collaboration with The Mersey Forest. The programme aims to promote participants wellbeing and physical activity through social engagement and advancement of people's education in the subjects of horticulture, healthy eating, conservation of natural resources and improvement of wildlife diversity, by providing opportunities for learning in and around the garden and wider Whitby Park. This has included wood working, plant and tree identification, seed planting, seeding transplants (repotting), cultivation of fruit and vegetables from seed through to maturity and harvesting.</p> <p>During 2021 we completed the design and construction of a large poly tunnel which The Mersey Forest /ChNaHS purchased for us during the pandemic.</p> <p>The poly tunnel project involved a team of volunteers who were involved in the design, construction and installation of work benches, paths which also included the commissioning of a water harvesting and irrigation system.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have acted accordingly.

Additional information (removed optional)

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The covid pandemic meant that we were still operating with reduced numbers for part of the year. Yet, we have still managed to develop and grow a strong volunteer team.</p> <p>Throughout the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 new participants registered to do the 12 week 'Gardening for All' programme • 19, (two thirds) of those who registered went on to complete the 12-week programme. • 12 of those who completed the programme continued to volunteer every week. • alongside the existing 10 long term volunteers <p>In total, there are now 22 regular/ long term volunteers who help to maintain the garden and work alongside new participants.</p> <p>The sessions (often personal and tailored for each participant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of activities to improve participants' health and wellbeing, increase social connections and improve the local environment. • Provide a friendly and supportive environment where participants can connect with each other and their community. • Provide a learning environment that helps participants improve their self-esteem and confidence. • Support participants to access longer term volunteering opportunities. • Remove barriers to learning and improve skills that are required to access further employment and training. <p>The garden is an important part of many peoples' lives. Some volunteers have been coming to the garden every week for many years. All volunteers are always encouraged to take some fresh produce home to eat.</p> <p>The wider community also benefited from visiting the garden, engaging with volunteers, connecting with nature including having the opportunity to try fresh locally grown produce from the garden.</p>

Additional information (removed optional)

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>In part these financial results reflect a difficult year due to having to manage the pandemic (COVID19) risks and keeping volunteers and customers safe.</p> <p>Income of £1423.04 was generated from charitable activities. The total income for the period of £1423.04.</p> <p>Of this income, £1,530.72 was spent on charitable activities and administrative costs along with purchasing supplies for the garden and for our craft activities.</p> <p>Creditors falling due at the end of the reporting period was £0.</p> <p>Overall, the charity made a loss of -£107.68 for the period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The financial reserve policy is an estimated one year cost plus activities.</p> <p>Trustees place a maintain priority on maintaining this in 2022 and will continue to review as the charity progresses.</p> <p>The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,444.82
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Continued discussion are happening between Cheshire West and Chester Council over the renewal of a lease for the land as existing documentation has been misplaced by the council. We have still been unable to secure this in 2021 due to council staff leaving. We have reopened discussions again and will continue to move forward in 2022.

Additional information (removed optional)

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution Foundation model constitution for a CIO

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	voting members are the charity trustees only

Additional information (removed optional)

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Other name the charity uses	None
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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)
John Boden		09/12/2019	
Nina Dales		09/12/2019	
George Jones		09/12/2019	

Corporate trustees – None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

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 fall 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 (removed optional)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *John Boden*

Full name(s) John Boden

Position – Trustee

Date - 31st December 2021

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY**31 December 2021**

Main Current Account	£2,233.56
Paypal Account	£53.24
Associated Savings Account	£0.04
Associated Current Account	£30.30
Total Year End	£2,317.14

Income	£1,423.04
Expenses	-£1,530.72
Total Year End	-£107.68

Outstanding Debt	£0.00
Starting Balance	£2,424.82
Difference	-£107.68

Whitby Park Community Garden**Annual Accounts ending 31st December 2021**

Date	Main Current Account	Credit	Debit	Subtotals	Subcategory	Memo
01/01/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£0.00		£2,199.95		Starting Balance
04/01/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£17.46	£2,182.49	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
01/02/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£2,167.09	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
01/03/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£2,151.69	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
01/04/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£2,136.29	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
13/04/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£540.00	£1,596.29	Bill Payment	D W FENCING CHESHI 12X10 WHITBY PARK BBP
19/04/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£3.00		£1,599.29	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
19/04/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£50.00		£1,649.29	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
21/04/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£111.26	£1,538.03	Bill Payment	JOHN BODEN LIGHTS SIGNS PAINT BB
04/05/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£1,522.63	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
10/05/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£80.00		£1,602.63	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
24/05/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£5.00		£1,607.63	Counter Credit	AMAZON EUROPE CORE 7967453564889563 BGC
01/06/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£1,592.23	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
07/06/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£50.00		£1,642.23	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
24/06/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£100.00		£1,742.23	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
01/07/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£1,726.83	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
12/07/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£74.90	£38.81	£1,840.54	Counter Credit	PAYPAL PPWDL4RCJ22222XQBA BG
12/07/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£50.00		£1,890.54	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
29/07/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£50.00		£1,940.54	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
02/08/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£1,925.14	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
06/08/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£30.00		£1,955.14	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
06/08/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£120.00		£2,075.14	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
16/08/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£200.00		£2,275.14	Counter Credit	PAYPAL PPWDL4RCJ222336GKA BG
16/08/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£15.00		£2,290.14	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
26/08/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£30.00		£2,320.14	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
01/09/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£2,304.74	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
02/09/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£40.00		£2,344.74	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
09/09/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£50.00		£2,394.74	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
01/10/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£2,379.34	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
04/10/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£111.90		£2,491.24	Counter Credit	PAYPAL PPWDL4RCJ22242DZSS BG
04/10/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£24.25	£2,466.99	Bill Payment	JOHN BODEN AMZ GWATER TIMER BBP
04/10/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£266.77	£2,200.22	Bill Payment	JOHN BODEN SIMPLY PAVING 4628 BB
04/10/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£245.86	£1,954.36	Bill Payment	JOHN BODEN SIMPLY PAVING 3212 BB
06/10/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£200.00		£2,154.36	Remittance	43ELLESMEERE PORT REM 43ELLESMEERE PORT REM
06/10/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£30.00		£2,184.36	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
01/11/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£2,168.96	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
01/11/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£20.00		£2,188.96	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
01/12/2021	20-51-08 80439215		-£15.40	£2,173.56	Direct Debit	HISCOX HISCOX PIB 9793306 DD
06/12/2021	20-51-08 80439215	£60.00		£2,233.56	Counter Credit	JOHN BODEN Cash Deposit BGC
31/12/2021				£2,233.56	TOTAL	Remaing at year end in Main Current Account
		£1,369.80	-£1,375.00	-£5.20		

Date	Paypal Name	Credit	Debit	Subtotals	Type	From Email Address
01/01/2021	Paypal	£0.00		£38.81		Starting Balance
17/05/2021	iZettle AB		£9.82	£48.63	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
31/05/2021	iZettle AB		£5.89	£54.52	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
14/06/2021	iZettle AB		£12.53	£67.05	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
28/06/2021	iZettle AB		£6.68	£73.73	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
05/07/2021	iZettle AB		£21.81	£95.54	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
12/07/2021	iZettle AB		£18.17	£113.71	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
12/07/2021	Paypal		-£113.71	£0.00	General Withdrawal	Transfer whitbyparkgarden@btconnect.com *
19/07/2021	iZettle AB		£20.97	£20.97	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
26/07/2021	iZettle AB		£74.66	£95.63	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
02/08/2021	iZettle AB		£32.89	£128.52	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
09/08/2021	iZettle AB		£55.86	£184.38	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
16/08/2021	iZettle AB		£26.72	£211.10	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
16/08/2021	Paypal		-£200.00	£11.10	General Withdrawal	Transfer whitbyparkgarden@btconnect.com *
23/08/2021	iZettle AB		£41.76	£52.86	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
30/08/2021	iZettle AB		£11.31	£64.17	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
06/09/2021	iZettle AB		£28.89	£93.06	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
13/09/2021	iZettle AB		£3.93	£96.99	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
20/09/2021	iZettle AB		£14.91	£111.90	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
03/10/2021	Paypal		-£111.90	£0.00	General Withdrawal	Transfer whitbyparkgarden@btconnect.com *
04/10/2021	iZettle AB	£1.18		£1.18	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
18/10/2021	iZettle AB	£2.95		£4.13	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
06/12/2021	iZettle AB	£19.64		£23.77	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
27/12/2021	iZettle AB	£29.47		£53.24	Mass Payment	Sale paypal@izettle.com
31/12/2021				£53.24	TOTAL	Remaing at year end in Paypal
		£53.24	£0.00	£14.43		

Date	Associated Saving Account	Credit	Debit	Subtotals	Subcategory	Memo
01/01/2021	20-29-50 63695565			£0.04		Starting Balance
31/12/2021				£0.04	TOTAL	Remaing at year end in Ass Savings Account
		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		

Date	Associated Current Account	Credit	Debit	Subtotals	Subcategory	Memo
01/01/2021	20-20-46 60531561			£186.02		Starting Balance
01/03/2021	20-20-46 60531561		-£30.00	£156.02	Expenses	cash advance G.Jones
18/03/2021	20-20-46 60531561		-£88.20	£67.82	Expenses	Hews Gray
29/03/2021	20-20-46 60531561		-£11.27	£56.55	Expenses	Burleydam Garden Centre
06/04/2021	20-20-46 60531561		-£2.28	£54.27	Expenses	Rightway
06/04/2021	20-20-46 60531561		-£8.97	£45.30	Expenses	Burleydam Garden Centre
08/04/2021	20-20-46 60531561		-£11.00	£34.30	Expenses	Access Locks (Keys)
19/04/2021	20-20-46 60531561		-£4.00	£30.30	Expenses	Access Locks (Keys)
31/12/2021				£30.30	TOTAL	Remaing at year end in Ass Current Account
		£0.00	-£155.72	-£155.72		

WHITBY PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1186825

Accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 9th December 2019
To: 31st December 2020

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Whitby Park Community Garden



Charity registration number: 1186825

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance education for the public benefit in the subjects of horticulture, healthy eating, conservation of natural resources and improvement of wildlife diversity, in particular by providing opportunities for learning in and around Whitby Park Community Garden.</p> <p>To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Cheshire West and Chester the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and 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.</p>
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>Due to the global COVID pandemic the following activities have been provided as when it has been legal and possible to deliver.</p> <p>We have continued to deliver a 12 week 'Gardening for All' programme as part of Cheshire's Natural Health Service (ChNaHS) in conjunction with The Mersey Forest. The programme aims to promote participants wellbeing and physical activity through social engagement and advancement of people's education in the subjects of horticulture, healthy eating, conservation of natural resources and improvement of wildlife diversity, by providing opportunities for learning in and around the garden and wider Whitby Park. This has included wood working, plant and tree identification, seed planting, seeding transplants (repotting), cultivation of fruit and vegetables from seed through to maturity and harvesting.</p> <p>At the end of 2020 we started a project to build a new outdoor shed thanks to funding from Cheshire West and Chester councillors.</p> <p>This involved several volunteers being involved in preparing the ground works, laying hardcore and providing a foundation for the new shed arriving Q1 2021.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have acted accordingly.

Additional information (removed optional)

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>14 x new participants registered during the year and 5 of them completed the 12-week programme. 15 x regular volunteers also attended sessions when possible, alongside the new participants.</p> <p>NB. The covid pandemic lockdowns meant that the site was closed for several months and when it was open, we had to operate with reduced numbers.</p> <p>The sessions (often personal and tailored for each participant):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of activities to improve participants' health and wellbeing, increase social connections and improve the local environment. • Provide a friendly and supportive environment where participants can connect with each other and their community. • Provide a learning environment that helps participants improve their self-esteem and confidence. • Support participants to access longer term volunteering opportunities. • Remove barriers to learning, and, improve skills that are required to access further employment and training. <p>The garden is an important part of many peoples' lives. Some volunteers have been coming to the garden every week for many years. All volunteers are always encouraged to take some fresh produce home to eat.</p> <p>The wider community also benefited from visiting the garden, engaging with volunteers, connecting with nature and have the opportunity to try fresh locally grown produce from the garden.</p>

Additional information (removed optional)

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income of £2,912.31 was generated from charitable activities, with a further £1,400.00 being raised through a fundraising application from Cheshire West and Chester. A carry over from the association to the charity was £440.00 This amounts to a total income for the period of £4752.51.</p> <p>Of this income, £2,327.49 was spent on charitable activities and administrative costs along with purchasing supplies for the garden and for our craft activities.</p> <p>Creditors falling due at the end of the reporting period was £540.00.</p> <p>Overall, the charity made a profit of £1444.82 for the period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The financial reserve policy remains at an estimated one-year cost plus activities.</p> <p>Trustees place a high priority on maintaining this in 2021 and will continue to review as the charity progresses.</p> <p>The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,444.82
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Continued discussion are happening between Cheshire West and Chester Council over the renewal of a lease for the land as existing documentation has been misplaced by the council. We are expecting to conclude this discussions in 2022.

Additional information (removed optional)

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution Foundation model constitution for a CIO
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	voting members are its charity trustees
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Additional information (removed optional)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Whitby Park Community Garden
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1186825
Charity's principal address	Whitby Hall Lodge, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 6QY England, United Kingdom.

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)
John Boden		09/12/2019	
Nina Dales		09/12/2019	
George Jones		09/12/2019	

Corporate trustees – None

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this fall 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 (removed optional)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *John Boden*

Full name(s) John Boden

Position – Trustee

Date - 1st December 2021