



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To Period end date

Day

01

Month

04

Year  
2021

Day

31

Month

03

Year  
2022

Charity name EDIBLE ROTHERHITHE C.I.O. (the "Charity")

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1187980

Charity's principal address 5 GEORGE ELLISTON HOUSE,

AVONDALE SQUARE, OLD KENT ROAD

LONDON

Postcode

SE1 5ET

### 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 Robert Jamieson	Chair		
2 Christina Nilsen	Founder		
3 Isabella Adamec	Secretary		
4 Matthew Allgood	Treasurer		
5 Hester Buck	Volunteer Project Manager		

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted

(eg. trust, incorporation, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are appointed by the constitution to serve particular terms

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are identified and appointed by agreement of a simple majority of incumbent Trustees. During the year 2021-22 I Adamec and H Buck were reappointed to the board by resolution to serve second terms of two years to 15 February 2024.

## Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- (1) To advance the education for the public benefit of persons living in the London Borough of Southwark on the subjects of horticulture and arts and crafts in such ways as the Charity Trustees deem fit.
- (2) To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities so that they may become helpful and productive members of their community and wider society.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Edible Rotherhithe was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (No. 1187980) on 14 February 2020. Its registration as a Community Interest Company was closed by Companies House on 11 February 2020 to enable charity registration with the Charity Commission. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's work is undertaken with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The Charity ran weekly food growing and gardening clubs and workshops for children and young people at Surrey Square School from April to July 2021. Coming out of the lockdown periods of 2021 meant that it took a while for the Charity to establish momentum as face-to-face teaching had been suspended.

The Charity also ran growing clubs for the 2021 Spring and Summer terms at St Joseph's RCP School in Southwark, where it assisted with the planting out and establishment of a growing scheme. Produce was harvested from this scheme and used in classes. This programme is now run by the teachers at that school and to the best of the knowledge of the Charity's Trustees continues to be in operation.

Between September 2021 and March 2022 the Charity continued to run growing clubs for children at Surrey Square School. In September 2021 these involved between 25 to 30 children per week, ranging in age from nursery/early years to Year 5. In January 2022 a further early years club was added and by March 2022 the Charity regularly ran up to seven clubs per week, involving roughly 40 children. These clubs were funded by grants from Team London Bridge and Southwark Council.

Clubs were tailored to cover the needs of the children. For early years children, content included light discussion of food and preparation, clearing raised beds, composting, planting and art activities involving found objects, making a mural for the playground and growing fruit and vegetables. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 were engaged in indoor growing in the school polytunnel, harvesting seeds then sent to a national seed bank, bug hunting and identifying and counting of plants within the polytunnel, weeding, food preparation, growing seasonal vegetables and composting. Throughout the academic year there were waiting lists to join in the Charity-run clubs. All children were engaged with art activities, ranging from drawing to painting and print making to tree rubbings and crafting, all themed around biodiversity.

Throughout this period the Charity conducted weekly maintenance of planting spaces and made improvements to the polytunnel learning space, raised beds and garden area. During the February 2022 half-term period the Charity planted a 'green screen' with a local gardening contractor using a Cleaner Greener Safer award from Southwark Council. The Charity partnered with Good Gym Southwark, whose volunteers assisted with moving and topping up soil and bark chips in raised beds.

Through connections with local business and donations, the Charity was able to distribute seeds, books and take-home art materials to children. In February 2022 over 110 children at Surrey Square School enjoyed a storytelling performance by London Dreamtime, which brought together elements of their outdoor learning throughout the year.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Edible Rotherhithe is a volunteer-run charity. All after school clubs and workshops are free of charge to participants. Weekly maintenance of all growing spaces is carried out by the Charity and volunteers.

The Charity is engaged in an ongoing program of fundraising through production and sale of rewards to sponsors and donors. In 2021-2022 this included running fundraising stalls at community events in Southwark and online.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

### **After-school clubs and workshops, lunchtime clubs**

The main achievement of the Charity for the period 2021-2022 was the consolidation of its reputation for delivery of high-quality outdoor learning and a significant increase in the number of children to which it provides after school clubs and workshops. It now delivers up to seven clubs a week which are free to parents/carers and schools.

### **Expansion of reach**

Through consolidation of its reputation, the Charity has been approached with opportunities to work with other local schools in Southwark (St Joseph's RCP; Dog Kennel Hill; Southwark College). Expansion of its reach is something the Charity hopes to build on in 2022-2023. The Charity has received a positive response to the inclusion and establishment of early years clubs at Surrey Square School, in addition to the expansion of our offer for older children. Our tutors constantly upgrade their skills and knowledge to keep teaching relevant and to learn specific outdoor learning skills for eg teaching children with autism spectrum disorders and special needs.

### **Expansion to the outdoor learning area and teaching offer**

The outdoor learning environment at Surrey Square School has been enhanced by the addition of a 'green screen' and several bug hotels, composting areas, and new raised beds which have in turn expanded the Charity's teaching offer.

### **Partnerships**

The Charity has established partnerships for funding with Team London Bridge and Southwark Council. Other partnerships developed for giving in-kind help to the Charity through the year include AE Elkins Construction (building materials and printing), London Bridge City (plants and building materials), Essdee Arts (art and crafting materials). Volunteering partnerships continue with Good Gym Southwark and Hands on London. A learning partnership continues with the Old Operating Theatre and new learning partnerships have been established with Southwark College and South London Seed Bank. The Charity is a member of the Southwark Food Action Alliance, Walworth Community Garden Network, Rotherhithe Community Garden Network, Social Farms and Gardens, London Farm Gardens, Groundwork London, Capital Growth and Incredible Edible Network. The Charity works with The Food Foundation as one of 180 'Veg Advocates' across the UK.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The policy of the Trustees of the Charity is to retain monies in reserve for use in the event of emergencies or to cover cashflow liabilities resulting from delays in grant payments. Our target for unrestricted reserves is £5,000. As the Charity is small and has limited reserves it is not yet in a position to designate funds beyond this amount, but in future years monies in excess of the reserve target will be designated for future projects or redistributed.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F**

**Other optional information**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Isabella A B Adamec

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

16 August 2022





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.

No (if any)  
1187980

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2021

To

Period end date  
31/03/2022

### 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>					
Donations	1,879	-	-	1,879	2,900
Gift Aid	154	-	-	154	300
Grants	-	12,905	-	12,905	10,091
Other Income	-	-	-	-	1,424
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>12,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,938</b>	<b>14,715</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>12,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,938</b>	<b>14,715</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment, materials, tools, fees	403	12,292	-	12,694	6,500
Organisation running costs: website domain, hosting	44	-	-	44	44
Insurance	-	89	-	89	89
Office costs	-	-	-	-	-
Office costs: email account, postage, cloud storage	72	161	-	233	138
Volunteers expenses	-	323	-	323	58
Fundraising costs	23	18	-	41	587
Marketing costs	93	446	-	539	500
Transport costs	10	170	-	180	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>13,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,142</b>	<b>7,916</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>13,498</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,142</b>	<b>7,916</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>- 593</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>6,799</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>- 1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,799</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,595</b>	<b>6,799</b>

## 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>	Cash at bank	4,490	3,106	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,490</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift Aid due	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Matthew Allgood	MATTHEW ALLGOOD	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1187980

Set out on pages

Attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an independent examination is not required under section 145(1) of the Act, however the trustees have requested independent examination as best practice.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

23/08/2022

Name:

Uppal Patel

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

ACCA

<b>Address:</b>	4 Holwell Place
	Pinner
	HA5 1DT

<b>Section B</b>	<b>Disclosure</b>
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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