



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

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

Other names charity is known by EDIBLE ROTHERHITHE

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		
6	Sanira Emon	Volunteer Project Manager	Appointed 3 September 2022	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are appointed by the Constitution to serve fixed 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 elected and appointed by agreement of a simple majority of incumbent Trustees. During the year 2022-2023 Sanira Emon was appointed to the Board by Resolution to serve for 18 months until 14 February 2024

Section C

Objectives and activities

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 is a charitable incorporated organisation (1187980). 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, arts and crafts and gardening clubs and workshops for children and young people in Southwark., Throughout the period the Charity delivered over 200 clubs and workshops with over 2,000 attendances.

The focus of the Charity's delivery was at Surrey Square School, London, SE17 between April 2022 and March 2023. Over the summer months in 2022 the growing spaces at Surrey Square School were utilised for holiday growing and cooking clubs for up to 40 attendees per session. Throughout the year the Charity continued to develop and support its offer for the Nursery and Early Years children at Surrey Square School.

The Charity also ran growing clubs between July 2022 and March 2023 at Dog Kennel Hill Primary School in East Dulwich. The growing clubs established with this school are now run by a local food growing club, continuing the success of the Charity's work. Throughout the period the Charity serviced some 150 places in 15 clubs.

Clubs on all sites were tailored to cover the learning needs of the children attending. For early years and nursery children, content included light discussion of food, identification and preparation of vegetables and fruit, clearing raised beds, planting, watering and harvesting together with art activities (printing, drawing, worksheets) around growing and composting. Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 were engaged in indoor growing in the school polytunnel at Surrey Square, and amongst other activities, harvesting seeds which were then sent to the School Seed Bank to share with other schools. This year the children participated in salad making clubs and the children took the salad ingredients home with recipes to prepare with their family and friends. The engagement of a tutor enabled the Charity to enhance the art element of its offer and throughout the year older children were engaged in nature-based arts, printing, painting and creating designs for bags.

Throughout the period the Charity conducted weekly maintenance of planting spaces at the Surrey Square School and Dog Kennel Hill sites.

The Charity also helped raise funding for and instigated the inception and planting of a roof garden at Southwark College, London, SE1.

The Charity frequently gives free practical advice to community gardeners on an ad hoc basis.

Through its connections with local business and donations, the Charity was able to distribute take home plants, food and arts materials to

children. In 2022-23 the Charity commissioned Chris Collins (horticulturist and one-time Blue Peter gardener) to visit Surrey Square School for a motivational assembly. London Dreamtime for nature-based storytelling workshops, Old Operating Theatre and Elkins Construction staff to talk to children about their job roles during the School's Aspiration Week.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The charity is predominantly volunteer-run, but has been able to offer more clubs than in previous years due to the engagement of a self-employed artist who runs on average three clubs a week during term time which engage the children in nature and arts-based activities.

The Charity has received commitments for grant funding from local funders and London Borough of Southwark for the year 2023-2024.

The Charity took on the operation of the Thought Press Project in 2023 which involves 100 printmakers throughout the UK voluntarily donating prints free of charge, which are subsequently sold and net proceeds raised split with a partner charity with similar aims that delivers in LB Southwark..

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

After-School clubs and workshops, lunchtime clubs

As in previous years, the activity clubs are the core work of the Charity. The charity has consolidated its reputation within Southwark for being a quality provider for after school clubs and workshops. Its offer has remained consistent with previous years. We continue to be Vegetable Advocates for the Food Foundation, members of the 4 in 10 London Child's Poverty Network, Social Farms and Gardens, Southwark Food Action Alliance, Capital Growth, Old Kent Road Family Zone and the RHS for Schools Community Garden Programme. The charity regularly participates the whole of Surrey Square School in the Veg Power Healthy Eating Campaign. The Charity was delighted to appear on the Milkshake children's television show, celebrating Earth Day.

Expansion of Reach

The Charity consults on allotment and growing projects and as its reputation has grown it has worked with institutions through the borough: Dog Kennel Hill primary school, Southwark College. The Charity's early years and nursery offer has improved and increased its numbers with regular weekly clubs. Holiday clubs have also been established during periods when schools are closed for learning.

The Charity has worked with several major companies around CSR days for their staff: Penguin Books, The Royal Society of Arts, Nespresso.

Expansion of the outdoor learning area and teaching offer at Surrey Square

The Charity developed and maintained its outdoor learning space at Surrey Square School with the addition of an orchard and allotment space.

Partnerships

The Charity continues to work with Team London Bridge and Southwark Council, its two main funding partners. It also has strong relationships with various companies and volunteer organisations for in-kind help: Elkins Construction, Good Gym Southwark and Hands on London. It's learning partnership continues with the Old Operating Theatre. The Charity is a member of the Southwark Food Action Alliance, Walworth Garden Network, Rotherhithe Community Garden Network, Social Farms and Gardens, London Farm Gardens, Groundworks London, Capital Growth and Incredible Edible Network.

Public recognition

In October 2022 the children of Surrey Square – under the aegis of the Charity - won the Cultivation Street Award in the Gro Your Best Category – a prestigious award from a nationally-recognised organisation and received national press coverage.

Christina Wheatley, Trustee and Founder of the Charity was nominated for a civic honour - the Liberty of the Old Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell which she received at the Southwark Civic Awards in May 2023 in recognition of her exceptional voluntary contribution to civic and community life in Southwark, of which the Charity is a major part.

Section E Financial review

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. Its target for unrestricted reserves is £5,000 which it has achieved this year.

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

Section G Declaration

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 Adamec

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

8 November 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.

No (if any)
1187980

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01.04.2022

To

Period end date
31.03.2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	5,344	-	-	5,344	1,879
Gift Aid	84	-	-	84	154
Grants	-	9,965	-	9,965	12,905
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,427	9,965	-	15,392	14,938
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,427	9,965	-	15,392	14,938
A3 Payments					
Equipment, materials, tools, fees	960	12,274	-	13,234	12,693
Organisation running costs	-	44	-	44	44
Insurance	-	89	-	89	89
Office costs	118	251	-	368	233
Volunteers expenses	-	210	-	210	323
Fundraising costs	25	-	-	25	41
Marketing costs	-	-	-	-	539
Transport	50	60	-	110	180
Subscriptions	-	34	-	34	-
Governance costs	276	-	-	276	-
Sub total	1,428	12,962	-	14,390	14,142
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,428	12,962	-	14,390	14,142
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,999	- 2,997	-	1,002	796
A5 Transfers between funds	- 4	4	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,490	3,106	-	7,596	6,799
Cash funds this year end	8,484	113	-	8,598	7,595

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	8,472	113	-
	Petty cash	12	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,484	113	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Gift Aid due	10	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Matthew Allgood	MATTHEW ALLGOOD	24.5.2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1187980

Set out on pages

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(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

Uppal Patel

Date:

02/10/2023

Name:

UPPAL PATEL

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

ACCA. No. 2732316.

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

No matters of concern.