



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

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	Sanira Emon	Volunteer Project Manager		
6	Hester Medi Buck	Volunteer Project Manager	Resigned 15 February 2024	
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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

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)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Trustees are elected and appointed by agreement of a simple majority of incumbent Trustees. During the year 2023-2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hester Buck resigned as a Trustee • Sanira Emon renewed her appointment as Trustee for a further two years to 15 February 2026 • Isabella Adamec renewed her appointment as Trustee for a further four years until 15 February 2028
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Section C

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>(1) To advance education for the public benefit of persons living in the London Borough of Southwark in horticulture and arts and crafts in such ways as the Charity deems fit.</p> <p>(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.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (118780). The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's work is undertaken with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>The year 2023-2024 was a period of further consolidation for the Charity. During the year ended 31 March 2024 the Charity ran weekly lunchtime and after school clubs and workshops in food growing, arts and crafts and gardening for children and young people in Southwark. Throughout the period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 the Charity delivered 90 clubs and workshops with 1,038 attendances (excluding 'unique' attendances) over a period of 174 hours.</p> <p>As in previous years, the focus of the Charity's delivery between April 2023 and March 2024 was at Surrey Square School, London, SE17. Over the summer months in 2023 the growing spaces at Surrey Square School were utilised for holiday growing and art clubs, vital maintenance work took place, and the Surrey Square hub was used for a CSR volunteering day for Nespresso. Throughout the year the Charity continued to develop and support its offer for all children from Early Years to Year 5.</p> <p>With the involvement of a new tutor for the autumn term 2023, the Charity's offer expanded to include forest school and outdoor learning principles at Surrey Square. All clubs run by the Charity are tailored to the needs of children who attend, both in terms of capability and age. For example, early years and nursery children are taught healthy eating principles, make and take home simple salads from vegetables grown, attend group storytelling sessions, go on trips outside the school to Walworth Garden and assist in the Nursery garden makeover.</p> <p>Children in all Years are engaged in indoor growing in the Surrey Square school polytunnel. During the period, they were taught root systems of plants and worked on nature-based worksheets. Artistic sessions included drawing from nature, print making, making signage, decorating pots, mosaic and collage making, paper making and making lavender and tie-dyed bags. The engagement of a tutor with music and art skills has added an extra dimension to the Charity's work.</p> <p>Throughout the period the Charity conducted regular maintenance of the polytunnel. Planting spaces at the school were enhanced. In the summer of 2023 a number of raised beds were constructed using grant funding received from Southwark Council's Cleaner, Greener, Safer capital funding programme.</p> <p>The Charity continues to give free practical advice to community gardeners on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>Through its connections with local businesses and donations, the Charity was able to distribute plants, food and arts materials to children. It also received via a funder in kind 38 wooden stools, which were distributed</p>

	<p>throughout Surrey Square School.</p> <p>At the end of the autumn term Team London Bridge donated 45 Christmas gifts for the Early Years cohort of young growers at Surrey Square School.</p>
Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)	
<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers. 	<p>The Charity is entirely run by volunteers and has been able to offer a consistent level of quality and supervision in its clubs due to commitment from volunteer support of the session tutor.</p> <p>In supporting the employment of a tutor trained at Goldsmiths College, the Charity is proud to be able to offer work experience to its volunteers and paid tutors for their own portfolios, and as hands-on experience for their future careers as educators.</p> <p>The Charity has received commitments for grant funding from local funders and London Borough of Southwark for the year 2024-2025.</p> <p>The Charity continues to run, with the assistance of volunteers, the Thought Press Project. This involves 100 printmakers throughout the UK donating prints free of charge to Thought Press Project, which are then sold both online and at street stalls and fairs. Net proceeds raised are then split with a partner charity with similar ambitions that deliver in the London Borough of Southwark: in 2023 the Charity Partner was Magic Breakfast and in 2024 it is Place 2be. This initiative raises between £3,500-£5,000 per annum.</p>

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

After-school clubs and workshops, lunchtime clubs

As in previous years, activity clubs are the core work of the Charity. The Charity has further consolidated its reputation within Southwark and with its regular funders for being a quality provider. The Charity's offer has remained consistent with previous years. The Charity continues to be Vegetable Advocates for the Food Foundation, members of the 4 in 10 London Child's Poverty Network, Social Farms and Gardens, Old Kent Road Family Zone and the RHS for Schools Community Garden Programme.

Expansion of Reach

The Charity consults informally on allotment and growing projects. The Early Years and Nursery offer has been consolidated this year, with a greater variety and depth of engagement.

The Charity has worked with several major companies around CSR days for their staff: most notable Nespresso, Marks & Spencer and Thames Water.

Expansion of the outdoor learning area and session tutoring at Surrey Square

The Charity maintained and developed its outdoor learning space at Surrey Square School with the addition raised beds and an enhanced offer of arts-based learning. This in turn has led to the outdoor learning being the basis of classroom-based discussion and learning.

Partnerships

Throughout the period the Charity continued to work with Team London Bridge and Southwark Council, despite constraints on funding generally. Both organisations remain supportive of the Charity's work. The Charity also enjoys strong relationships with Good Gym Southwark and Hands on London.

Public Recognition

In April 2024 the children of Surrey Square in our after-school clubs achieved Level 1 of the RHS School Gardening Awards. The Level 1 Award recognises the children's understanding of the importance of the environment, food growing, biodiversity and sustainability while developing life-skills such as teamwork, resilience and confidence, and improving physical and mental well-being.

We were delighted that our Founder, Christina Nilsen, was awarded The Liberty of the Old Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell at The Southwark Civic Awards, Southwark Cathedral, on 20 May 2023. The Liberty Award celebrates Christina's exceptional voluntary contribution to civic and community life in The London Borough of Southwark, of which the work of the Charity has been a major part. Christina's award was presented by Past Worshipful Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Sandra Rhule.

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, which can occur when grants are awarded in tranches and reporting is required. The Charity's target for unrestricted reserves remains at £5,000, a figure which it has achieved throughout the period and beyond.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	
Further financial review details (Optional information)	
<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	The Charity has an interest-bearing deposit account with the Co-Operative Bank, which holds its reserve funds.


Section F Other optional information

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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	29 October 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01.04.2023

To

31.03.2024

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	5,732	-	-	5,732	5,343
Gift Aid	59	-	-	59	84
Grants	-	20,600	-	20,600	9,965
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,791	20,600	-	26,391	15,392
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,791	20,600	-	26,391	15,392
A3 Payments					
Tools, equipment, materials, fees	229	12,320	-	12,549	13,234
Organisation running costs	24	20	-	44	44
Insurance	116	-	-	116	89
Office costs	808	-	-	808	368
Volunteers expenses	214	228	-	442	210
Fundraising & marketing costs	90	-	-	90	25
Transport	-	10	-	10	110
Subscriptions & donations	1,000	-	-	1,000	34
Governance costs	284	-	-	284	276
Sub total	2,765	12,578	-	15,343	14,390
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,765	12,578	-	15,343	14,390
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,026	8,022	-	11,048	1,002
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,484	113	-	8,597	7,595
Cash funds this year end	11,510	8,135	-	19,645	8,597

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	11,510	8,135	-
	Petty cash	0	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,510	8,135	-
	(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	2	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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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			-	-
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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	29.6.2024	



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

Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1187980

Set out on pages

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Accountants should include the page numbers of addition if relevant

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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:

[Signature]

Date:

16/10/2024

Name:

Uppal Patel.

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

Address:

*4 Holwell Place
Pinner
HAS1DT*

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.