



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025

### 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	Jane Christie	Volunteer Project Manager	1 August 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

<b>Description of the charity's trusts</b>	
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
<b>Additional governance issues (Optional information)</b>	
<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>Trustees are elected and appointed by agreement of a simple majority of incumbent Trustees. During the year 2024-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane Christie was appointed to the Board of Trustees on 1 August 2024 for a term of three years</li> </ul>

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

<p><b>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</b></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><b>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)</b></p>	<p>The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (118780). The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's work is undertaken in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>The year 2024-2025 was a period of further consolidation and growth for the Charity. During the year ended 31 March 2025 the Charity ran weekly Forest Schools sessions in Nursery 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 2024 – 31 March 2025 the Charity delivered 105 clubs and workshops with 1,159 attendances (excluding 'unique' attendances) over a period of 110 hours.</p> <p>As in previous years, the focus of the Charity's delivery between April 2024 and March 2025 was running clubs for children at Surrey Square School, London, SE17. The growing spaces at Surrey Square School were utilised for all year round growing and art clubs maintained by an Edible Rotherhithe volunteer during the school holidays. Throughout the year the Charity continued to develop and support its offer for all children from Early Years to Year 5.</p> <p>In June 2024 the Charity incorporated the 'Forest Schools' concept from ad hoc beginnings to a regular club offer. The follow-on impact of forest schools includes children explaining the activities they have been involved with to their classmates – simple oracy. Forest School club sessions with Nursery pupils have been replicated and delivered to morning pupils the next day by a teacher from Surrey Square School.</p> <p>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; how to identify insects and other fauna and exploring their habitats; and artistic first steps in working with clay and other media.</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 besides growing and planting, 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.</p> <p>Funding for Clubs in the period April 2024 to March 2025 came from Team London Bridge, Southwark Neighbourhood Fund and Superzones programmes.</p> <p>Throughout the period the Charity conducted regular maintenance of the polytunnel. Children are taught the importance of and gain an appreciation of maintaining orderly growing spaces. They assist with clearing-out dead plants and weeds, seed-saving and watering. During the summer holiday period the space is maintained and soil topped up.</p>

	<p>Bark is laid and areas are made safer. This is facilitated by a grant from Southwark's Cleaner greener Safer programme.</p> <p>The Charity continues to give free practical advice to community gardeners on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>As in previous years, the Charity has held a stall in the Old Kent Road Zone, giving away plants, seeding up bulbs, sunflower seeds and herbs. The Charity engages with at least 30 families at each monthly Old Kent Road family Zone event.</p> <p>The Charity has also been a party to the London conference of the Ministry of Eco Education, delivering two sessions to 54 people in total.</p>
<b>Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)</b>	
<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy on grantmaking;</li> <li>• policy programme related investment;</li> <li>• contribution made by volunteers.</li> </ul>	<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 2025-2026.</p> <p>The Charity continues to run, with the assistance of volunteers, the Thought Press Project. This involves 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 2024 it was Place 2be. For the year 2025 it is Children's Book Project which redistributes books to children and their families. The Thought Press Project 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, Forest School sessions**

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, particularly with our forest school offer.

**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 an enhanced offer of arts-based learning and a planned programme of paper-making and development of skills necessary for production of printed book. As in past years, outdoor learning provided by the Charity has developed into 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**

During the year 2024-2025 Surrey Square School (via the Charity) has been awarded RHS levels 1 and 2 School Gardening Awards. The Level 2 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.

## Section E Financial review

<b>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</b>	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.
<b>Details of any funds materially in deficit</b>	
<b>Further financial review details (Optional information)</b>	
<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);</li> <li>how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li> <li>investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.</li> </ul>	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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Isabella Adamec	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Secretary	
<b>Date</b>	17 November 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01.04.2024

To

31.03.2025

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	3,998	-	-	3,998	5,732
Gift Aid	41	-	-	41	59
Grants	-	16,500	-	16,500	20,600
Bank interest	189	-	-	189	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,727</b>	<b>26,391</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>4,227</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,727</b>	<b>26,391</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Tools, equipment, materials, fees	630	9,624	-	10,254	12,549
Organisation running costs	-	8	-	8	44
Insurance	-	134	-	134	116
Office costs	581	14	-	595	808
Volunteers expenses	10	300	-	310	442
Fundraising & marketing costs	30	315	-	345	90
Transport	16	40	-	56	10
Subscriptions & donations	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,000
Governance costs	-	471	-	471	284
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,673</b>	<b>15,343</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>2,767</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,673</b>	<b>15,343</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>5,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,054</b>	<b>11,048</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>11,510</b>	<b>8,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,646</b>	<b>8,597</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>12,970</b>	<b>13,730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,700</b>	<b>19,645</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	12,934	13,749	-
	Petty cash	36	19	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,970</b>	<b>13,730</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	Gift Aid due	2	-	-
	Uncleared payment at 31/3/2025	-	885	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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	12/07/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

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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").

Independent  
examiner's statement

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.

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:

15/12/2025

Name:

UPPAL PATEL

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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