



Serpentine Community Garden Society CIO, Burlington Road, Buxton, SK17 9AR

Report of the Trustees, 6 April 2024 - 5 April 2025

Registered Charity number - 1188016

Registered office - c/o 39 Park Rd Buxton SK17 6SQ

Date of registration as a charity - 18 February 2020

Trustees

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|----------------|------------|-----------|----|------------|
| Madeline Hall | Associate | 06/04/24 | to | 05/04/2025 |
| Simon Fussell | re-elected | 06/04/24 | to | 05/04/2025 |
| Pete Brown | re-elected | 06/04/24 | to | 05/04/2025 |
| Carole Garner | re-elected | 06/04/24 | to | 05/04/2025 |
| Derek Bodey | re-elected | 06/04/24 | to | 05/04/2025 |
| Cath Birchall | elected | 19 /11/24 | to | 05/04/2025 |
| Luke Wilkinson | elected | 19 /11/24 | to | 05/04/2025 |
| Zoe Chaplin | elected | 19 /11/24 | To | 05/04/2025 |

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1. Structure, Governance and Management

The Board currently comprises seven trustees, all of whom take an active role in organisational development, and an Associate Trustee. Further trustees - to a maximum of eleven - are actively sought to contribute expertise and experience. Recruitment is via advertising roles with a description of the key skills, knowledge or experiences being sought and an overview of the role and responsibilities of a trustee. SCSGS's own networks and communication channels are used. Succession planning is an element in recruitment. Despite a good increase in volunteers contributing to practical activity, interest in volunteer trustee roles was limited. Additional events and word of mouth promotion with contacts has attracted one further trustee designate and interest from three more people with skills and experience to enrich the group.

The term of office for trustees is three years, renewable for a further three year term. After a break of a year trustees may stand for election for a return to office. For each of the first three years the longest serving trustee will resign, but may stand for a second term's appointment. Madeline Hall is now in the third year of her second term. Simon Fussell is serving the second year of his second term. Carole Garner and Pete Brown are in the first year of their second term. Derek Bodey is serving the second year of his first term. Cath Birchall is serving the first year of her first term.

Trustee meetings continue on the zoom platform, supplemented by ad hoc meetings on site. We continue to work as trustees to improve how we exchange and share information.

The Board of Trustees has sustained practice from its precursor Board of Directors of Serpentine Community Farm CIC, meeting every two months to review finance, projects and activity and to discuss long-term strategy and direction. The business plan approved in January 2020 was reviewed in detail in 2021, informed by appraisal from a financial consultant engaged with support from the Heritage Fund for Culture Recovery. The Management Risk assessment is updated annually. A further review of the Business Plan will be conducted when an Agreement to Lease the dilapidated stone buildings on site is agreed and signed. (Our landlords, High Peak Borough Council, had a target date for completion of April 2024. The timetable has slipped but we are confident that the lease will be signed early in the new financial year.)

2. Objectives and Activities

The object of the CIO is to advance the education of the public in the subject of horticulture and horticultural practices.

In addition we aim to:

- teach and learn about sustainable growing practices in the High Peak climate;
- share knowledge with our volunteers and visitors;
- introduce initiatives and practices that support the aim of long-term food security;
- build and maintain an environment where all people are welcome, enjoying what they are doing and having social interaction with others.

Our planning year for growing – for both plants and people – is a continuous cycle. These are the highlights for the reporting year,

April 2024

Nature Tots (under-5s) weekly sessions and Growing Well programmes for adults and for Burbage Junior School resumed.

May 2024

Growing Well sessions with Buxton Junior School started.

June 2024

- Buxton Garden Trail – 100+visitors.
- Exploratory meetings with Buxton Scout and Cub groups. 1st Buxton Cubs visit.

July 2024

- Summer 'Bizarre': Music, charity stalls, vegan burgers. 200+ visitors
- Bingham Trust award of £10,000 for essential surveys
- Hammond legacy grant received: £10,000
- Agreement to Lease signed 27 July 2024 (will be triggered once planning permission and funding secured).

August 2024

- Community Arts workshops with local artist
- £24,000 UK Shared Prosperity Fund award for improving site accessibility
- Mind the GAP landscaping started 12 August
- Second (week-day) Gardeniser (garden organiser) appointed
- Heritage Fund HEART (Heritage, Environment And Resources Team) application for the renovation and repurposing of derelict buildings on site submitted.

September 2024

- New accessible resin-bound pathways completed
- Arboricultural 'haircut' done by Able Trees
- Growing Well final term for all participants
- Final three weeks of Nature Tots
- Weekday Gardeniser left to do a PhD in Social Prescribing for young people in 'green' spaces
- Week-day Gardeniser took on main role with one week overlap for induction.

October 2024

- Apple Day celebrated by volunteers, members and family

- Halloween party for Moore Care clients and carers
- Donation of wood chip welcomed
- Seed potatoes and onion sets ordered through Transition Chesterfield.

November 2024

- Award of £2,499 from UK Shared Prosperity/Regeneration for further access improvements
- Baby change station installed in compost loo
- Orders for movable raised beds, recycled plastic picnic benches, perennial plants and accessibility aids drafted ready for placing in New Year
- Members' AGM endorsed acceptance of National Lottery Heritage Fund award for the Foundation project, a feasibility study for the HEART project.

December 2024

- Recruitment of Project Administrator for HEART Foundation phase
- Gathering quotations for surveyors' reports on buildings
- High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) to commission initial structural report and internal asbestos survey
- Wreath making workshops
- Winter gathering volunteer get-together.

January 2025: Laying the Groundwork

- Growing Plans discussed, developed and shared electronically and in hard copy at face to face event in our multi-purpose polytunnel
- Potatoes, onions and shallots collected from Transition Chesterfield
- Launch of a LinkedIn page and listing on Google Maps
- Job adverts for Engagement and Governance Consultants for the HEART Foundation phase went live, attracting five applicants for Engagement and three for Governance—a strong show of interest. Four candidates interviewed for the Engagement role, with one consultancy appointed
- Progress on site development: HPBC confirmed they would handle structural and asbestos surveys. Structural report received.

February 2025: Gearing Up for Action

- Seedy Saturday – donations and footfall details reflect a growing sense of community around the project.
- Governance Consultant selected for the HEART Foundation phase. Evaluation Consultant role recruitment begun.
- Asbestos survey completed.
- National Quarry Industry Services (NQIS) engaged for internal clearance of the buildings
- 1,000 views of the Garden logged on Google Maps
- Google Calendar integrated into the website.

March 2025: Breaking Ground & Nurturing Young Nature Lovers

- NQIS team started site work
- Evaluation Consultant appointed
- Media Consultant role filled by HEART project Administrator and Gardeniser as a job share
- Lab results confirmed NO asbestos in the boiler jacket insulation. Licensed contractor removed floor tiles and boiler gaskets containing ACMs (asbestos containing materials)
- Forest School sessions returned with Buxton Infants
- Nature Tots continued off-site in Buxton Library while work at the garden progressed.

Volunteer Hours and Visitor Numbers

| | Volunteers and Gardenisers | Visitors | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Hours | Numbers | Growing Well |
| April | 486.75 | 12 | 68 |
| May | 380.5 | 80 | 173 |
| June | 682.5 | 177 | 611 |
| July | 750 | 170 | 348 |
| August | 235 | 1 | 14 |
| Sept | 355 | 13 | 90 |
| Oct | 334 | 30 | 60 |
| Nov | 199.5 | 2 | |
| Dec | 175.5 | 2 | |
| Jan | 212.5 | 0 | |
| Feb | 260.75 | 79 | |
| March | 280.25 | 16 | 4 |
| Total | 4352.25 | 582 | 1368 |
| Gardenisers | 690 | | |
| | 3662.25 | 582 | 1368 |

3. Achievement and performance 24/25

Volunteers contributed 3,662 hours over the year in registered attendance on site. In addition unregistered, but highly appreciated, hours were invested off site on administration, publicity, planning and practical gardening enriching cultivation of a range of produce. We thank our team of volunteers for their ongoing commitment. Many go well beyond what is asked of them: supporting events, creating posters and labels, growing at home on windowsills, investing time and thought in the garden and the organisation, supporting our community in Buxton and the High Peak.

3.1 Education

We advance education in the science, art and practice of horticulture. The teaching and learning is not externally accredited but has its foundation in the authoritative gardening and horticultural advice provided by the Royal Horticultural Society. There is a particular focus on organic gardening methods based on the principles of organic gardening promoted by Garden Organic. (We are members of GO and contributors to their Heritage Seed Library.) In an informal setting, we work with volunteers to identify the skills they bring and the knowledge and skills they wish to develop. More formally, we offer regular training workshops and courses to consolidate and extend learning. All ages are covered with interventions modified to meet age and experience and to take in to account such factors as learning or social disabilities.

We promote active use of our facilities by local educational and therapeutic providers. The Growing Well programme is used and valued by local GPs, a local care home provider, a borough-wide team of CVS social prescribers, and a local primary school. Our National Lottery Community Fund award supports continuation and programme development for three years. This was the second year of funding. We look forward to the third and final year and are exploring possibilities for a funding extension to sustain additional activities.

We are making a contribution to citizen science in a number of fields and with different audiences. A long-term soil analysis and phytoremediation project supported by HPBC Climate Change and Nature Recovery funding is now in its second year. We support activities in Science Week and Wild Weeks for school children and college students.

3.2 Children and Young People

Formalising the relationship with our partners who work directly with young people (children's nurseries, child minder groups, schools and colleges) through the provision of a range of services and experiences enables the charity to introduce more young people to the site, allowing them to experience not only food growing, cooking and crafts, and all the associated benefits, but being part of a community space that they can feel a part of.

We ran an after school programme staffed by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust tutors supported by volunteers. A Nature Tots programme and family fun days are also attracting great interest and healthy numbers. A local nursery school brings groups in weekly through the summer as an element of their curriculum exploring nature.

3.3 Culture

Art and culture remains a developing strand of SCG volunteer interest. We work with locally based voluntary organisations and individual artists. The site is valued by artists as inspiration and as a welcoming space for direct interaction with communities. The site has the potential to play a significant role in delivery of a thriving cultural life in the town as a space where the public and creatives can interact and collaborate on joint projects, often bringing more investment in arts and culture to the local area in the process. We are already recognised as an excellent informal performance space and a great setting for external artworks.

Community arts activity within the Community Fund focused on willow weaving workshops for groups of school-pupils and for adults. The Well Keepers project funded by Arts Council England supported a group of women to explore their creativity through the medium of natural materials. A series of workshops offered in partnership with artists and

the local museum service culminated in open access workshops and an exhibition at Buxton's Green Man Gallery.

3.3 Accessibility

With support from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) we were able to commission a comprehensive external access audit, carried out by Jane Cooper from Access & Inclusion UK. The report provided detailed feedback, listing “quick wins” as well as medium and longer term recommendations to improve access at the Garden, including accessible pathways and seating; better directional and safety signage, and enhancements to our website and social media provision.

The audit also suggested a number of additional actions that would make the experience easier and more enjoyable for a wider range of volunteers and visitors: a hearing loop; information in alternative formats such as large print, braille and ‘widgets’; magnifiers; memory box for visitors living with dementia; ear defenders for autistic visitor and a defibrillator. These are on our ‘to-do’ list, as and when funding allows.

Trustees immediately began to take action and we now have a smooth bonded gravel path providing easy access to a new under-5s outdoor educational play area; the tool shed; picnic space; quiet area and – crucially – our accessible composting toilet. The toilet now also has a wall-mounted changing table. The new pathways also provide access into Polytunnel 2 and the greenhouse, which now have raised level potting benches ideal for wheelchair users.

Our intention is to extend the pathways, providing easy access to the rest of the site, as part of a National Lottery funded capital project planned to restore and repurpose some derelict stone buildings which were part of the Council nursery complex (we are about to complete a feasibility study for this project and will decide this autumn whether to take the bid forward). If the capital works do go ahead, we will be applying the ‘universal design principles’ recommended by the access audit to ensure that the restored buildings are as accessible as possible.

We have also purchased specially adapted tools and equipment, enabling people with physical difficulties to join our volunteer team and enjoy gardening as productive members of the Serpentine community.

With regard to signage, we are systematically improving wayfinding on site and are in discussions with our landlords (High Peak Borough Council) and others to improve navigation to the Garden from Buxton and beyond.

Issues with the website have been noted and will be dealt with as part of a reworked communications strategy we are planning alongside the capital development project.

3.4 Organisation

Work on securing the future of the project continues. Our landlords, High Peak Borough Council, approved in principle the terms of two 25-year leases, one on the land, the second on the land to include stone store buildings erected in 1898. Detailed negotiation with council officers began in January 2020. The lease on the land was finally signed on 8 February 2022. Agreement to separate the two strands of the lease allowed the land lease to progress, which in turn confirmed the Charity's eligibility for the National Lottery Community Fund revenue award.

Our landlords, High Peak Borough Council, had a target date for completion of April 2024. The timetable has slipped but we are confident that the lease will be signed early in the new financial year was done in July 2025

Local press and social media were used effectively. Weekly working notes are circulated to all members and volunteers. Each month an update is circulated to all supporters.

Onsite activity has increased again with opening to volunteers and visitors on four weekday mornings plus Sundays and booked sessions for groups on a further day, early morning and after-school hours. The structure for sustaining growing on site and facilitating communication between the various user groups is proving robust. We work towards a consensus model for decision making and a dispersed 'management and supervision' model.

Links with other community groups have been strengthened. Following a consultation process initiated with volunteers about the extent and pace of steps, the Garden is now open for larger numbers of visitors, individually and in groups. The increase in provision for young people is particularly pleasing.

4. Financial review

Income for the fifth year as a charity totaled £103,737 made up of £101,072 in grant awards and £2,655 in donations including associated Gift Aid and £321 in membership subs.

There was spending on an Access Audit along with the UKSPF Levelling-up award for community infrastructure administered by HPBC. (The total project funding is £28,880 including 20% match from the charity's own resources).

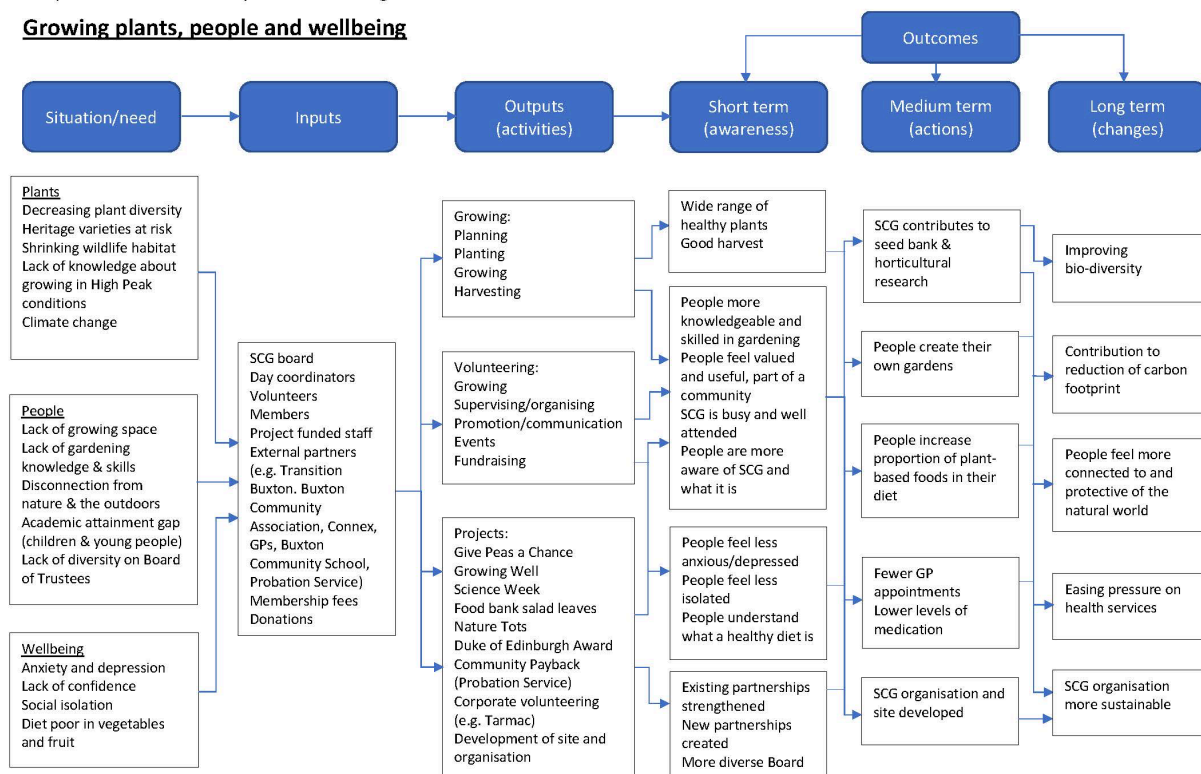
The National Lottery Community Fund award of £96,000 continued for revenue costs over three years covers consolidation of initiatives in the Community Garden and further development of the Growing Well programme. A high proportion of the funding is devoted to payments of freelance staff. The profile of spending is heaviest during the late spring and summer but in-house reserves maintain a cash cushion reserve at all times.

There was potential for a significant capital funding award once the terms of the Agreement to Lease the dilapidated stone store buildings on site were finally agreed. An initial £10,000 was received from a local charitable trust and the National Lottery Heritage Fund agreed a grant of £43,750 for the Development stage for a major capital project which commenced in January 2025 and will complete in October 2025.

5. Evaluation

Serpentine Community Garden – Logic Model for evaluation

Growing plants, people and wellbeing



We adopt a logic model for evaluation as outlined below:

6. Risk management

As Trustees, we are responsible for overseeing the charity's risk management activities. The Trustee Board manages and monitors SCGS's risks through a Strategic Risk Register which is incorporated in the Annual Business Plan. Strategic Risks are identified following the Annual General Meeting of members, drawing on response to the annual Future Strategy briefing paper.

Main risks identified:

- Security of Tenure
- Running Out of Cash
- Venue Income Down
- High Staff/Volunteer Turnover
- High Trustee Turnover
- Education Income Down
- Lack of Grant Success

- Catastrophic On-Site Event

All risks are evaluated and considered against mitigation measure in the Business plan 2025- 2030. The plan demonstrates a strong reliance on external funding, particularly for capital and revenue grants, which are essential for the refurbishment of buildings and core staffing costs. While there is a diverse range of income-generating activities planned, these are relatively modest compared to the expected grant income. The reliance on grants poses a risk if grant applications are unsuccessful or if funding bodies change their priorities.

To mitigate this, the plan includes strategies to build resilience through diverse income streams and prudent cash reserves. However, the success of these strategies will depend on effective implementation and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Engagement of trustees and a committed volunteer cadre and membership supports on-going review which is both sensitive and robust.

7. Future Plans

The 2025 - 2030 Business Plan includes a summary of potential futures, subject to opportunities and challenges:

Serpentine Community Garden's fundraising effort will be focused on securing large capital and revenue grants to enable the charity to refurbish old buildings whilst building its volunteer and visitor capacity over the next five years. Awarding bodies and trusts to approach include the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Community Fund, Arts Council England and Severn Trent. We will also continue to seek smaller grants to fund project work.

We intend to build in a more planned approach to grant applications. One of our trustees is setting up an online platform for not-for-profit organisations to view tailored opportunities, to access support for bid writing and to access project administration tools. We anticipate being an early adopter of the platform and a flagship for its benefits.

The prospective capital build project has attracted early pledges of significant donations from members and an earmarked sum from a legacy award to kickstart crowd funding at the appropriate time. New literature and an improved web presence will encourage more to do this, as well as one off donations for appeals and funding campaigns.

Serpentine Community Garden will seek to foster links for the provision of education, health and wellbeing services. Generally, these are not directly income generating. Children's nurseries, schools, colleges and health services have limited funds for supplementary/ complementary activity. Where resources allow, we aim to respond positively to all requests. In some cases, grant funding may be secured in partnership with other organisations.

Post 2025 Serpentine Community Garden will continue to grow and diversify, embedded in the local community and developing strong partnerships with regional and national organisations to deliver projects that help create a greener, healthier High Peak. Should targets

for securing funding and planning approvals for site buildings and infrastructure not be met, the project will continue the balance of its 25 year lease. Whilst this will not exploit the full potential of the site, it guarantees continued use and development of the land and the people who work it.

Supplementary to this plan, an income generation plan has been developed to explore how the charity can diversify its income through developing its corporate partnership, trading, individual/community giving and membership income. Implementation of the actions in this plan aim to help secure the financial diversification of the organisation.

We will continue to develop our profile and external-facing activities; improve our internal systems and processes; develop our strategy for measurement of impact in use of the logic model of evaluation; reappraise organisational risk; and plan to grasp opportunities to extend our community reach.

Trustees 24/25

Simon Fussell (Chair)

Carole Garner (Vice-Chair)

Madeline Hall (Associate - Project Management)

Pete Brown

Derek Bodey

Cath Birchall

Luke Wilkinson

Zoe Chaplin

Charity Registration Number

Registered Charity Number : 1188016

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

05 APRIL 2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

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SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

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|------------------------------|--|
| Trustees | Madeline Hall Simon Fussell Pete Brown Carole Garner Derek Bodey Cath Birchall Zoe Chaplin – Appointed 17 November 2024 Luke Wilkinson - Appointed 17 November 2024 |
| Charity Number | 1188016 |
| Company Number | CE020741 |
| Registered Office | 39 Park Road Buxton Derbyshire SK17 6SQ |
| Independent examiners | ABS Accountancy Ltd Certified Public Accountants Suite 1 Harewood Business Centre 2 Fairfield Road Buxton Derbyshire SK17 7DW |

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 05 April 2025.

Trustees' report and financial statements

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Madeline Hall
Simon Fussell
Pete Brown
Carole Garner
Derek Bodey
Cath Birchall
Zoe Chaplin
Luke Wilkinson

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also the directors of Charity For Serpentine Community Gardens for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustee and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fussell', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Trustee

A small handwritten mark, possibly a checkmark or a stylized 'S', followed by the printed name 'S. Fussell'.

Date : ~~23 May~~ 2025

11 June 2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2025, which are set out on pages which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Serpentine Community Gardens, 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 audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiners statement

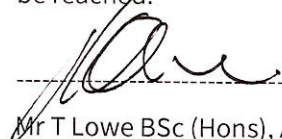
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

I have completed my examination

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of Serpentine Community Gardens as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
- 2) to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.



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Date: 03/07/2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

| Recommended categories by activity | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted income funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 38,243.85 | 65,493.00 | 103,736.85 | 51,380.00 |
| Total | | 38,243.85 | 65,493.00 | 103,736.85 | 51,380.00 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 3 | 363.94 | - | 363.94 | 576.50 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 21,032.16 | 29,143.13 | 50,175.29 | 51,618.50 |
| Other | 6 | 8,370.69 | 340.00 | 8,710.69 | 799.00 |
| Total | | 29,766.79 | 29,483.13 | 59,249.92 | 52,994.00 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 8,477.06 | 36,009.87 | 44,486.93 | (1,614.00) |
| Net movement in funds | | 8,477.06 | 36,009.87 | 44,486.93 | (1,614.00) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 14,110.00 | - | 14,110.00 | 15,724.00 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 22,587.06 | 36,009.87 | 58,596.93 | 14,110.00 |

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
BALANCE SHEET
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

| Recommended categories by activity | Notes | Total Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Heritage assets | | 19,262.50 | 1,400.00 |
| Total fixed assets | | 19,262.50 | 1,400.00 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 8 | 40,334.30 | 13,710.00 |
| Creditors: due within 1 year | 9 | - | 1,000 |
| Total current assets | | 40,334.30 | 12,710.00 |
| Total net assets or liabilities | | 59,596.80 | 14,110.00 |
| Funds of the Charity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 9 | 22,587.06 | 14,110.00 |
| Restricted income funds | 9 | 36,009.87 | - |
| Endowment funds | 9 | - | - |
| Total funds | | 59,596.93 | 14,110.00 |


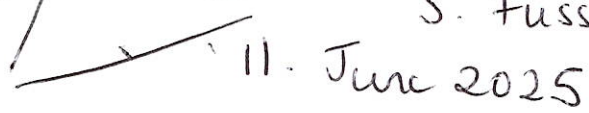
For the year ended 05 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustee acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee 
 Date  S. Fussell
 11 June 2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

| Analysis | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donation and gifts | 1,807.99 | - | 1,807.99 | 2,133.00 |
| Gift Aid | 618.36 | - | 618.36 | 628.00 |
| Grants | 35,579.00 | 65,493.00 | 101,072.00 | 48,179.00 |
| Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations | 231.00 | - | 231.00 | 322.00 |
| Other | 7.50 | - | 7.50 | 118.00 |
| | 38,243.85 | 65,493.00 | 103,736.85 | 51,380.00 |

3. Expenditure on Raising Funds

| Analysis | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Support Costs | 363.94 | 576.50 |
| | 363.94 | 576.50 |

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

| Analysis | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Projects | 4,059.18 | - |
| Charity management & administration | 3,299.92 | 737.00 |
| Employee costs | 27,075.88 | 43,156.00 |
| Legal/professional fees | 12,541.12 | 4,000.00 |
| Horticultural Supplies | 2,067.25 | 3,149.00 |
| Support Costs | 1,131.94 | 576.50 |
| | 50,175.29 | 51,618.50 |

5. Support Costs

| Analysis | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| General Overheads/Utilities | 349.66 | 784.00 |
| Insurance | 378.22 | 369.00 |
| Governance Costs | | |
| Accountants fees | 768.00 | - |
| | 1,495.88 | 1,153.00 |

6. Other Expenditure

| Analysis | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Equipment Hire | - | 340.00 | 340.00 | - |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 60.00 | - | 60.00 | - |
| Depreciation Charge for the Year - Heritage asset 1 | 6,887.50 | - | 6,887.50 | 700.00 |
| Other Expenditure | 1,423.19 | - | 1,423.19 | 99.00 |
| | 8,370.69 | 340.00 | 8,710.69 | 799.00 |

7. Heritage Assets

Fixtures

£

7.1 Cost or valuation

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| At 06 April 2024 | 3,500.00 |
| Additions | 24,750.00 |
| Disposals | - |
| Revaluations | - |
| Transfers | - |
| At 05 April 2025 | 28,250.00 |
| Depreciation | |
| At 06 April 2024 | 2,100.00 |
| Charge for year | 6,887.50 |
| At 05 April 2025 | 8,987.50 |

8. Cash at bank and in hand

| | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 40,284.30 | 13,710.00 |
| Petty Cash | 50.00 | - |
| | <u>40,334.30</u> | <u>13,710.00</u> |

9. Charity funds

9.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

| Fund names | Fund balances brought forward | Income | Expenditure | Fund balances carried forward |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | 14,110.00 | 38,243.85 | 29,766.79 | 22,587.06 |
| Restricted income funds | - | 65,493.00 | 29,483.13 | 36,009.87 |
| Total | <u>14,110.00</u> | <u>103,736.85</u> | <u>59,249.92</u> | <u>58,596.93</u> |

9.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the previous reporting period

| Fund names | Fund balances brought forward | Income | Expenditure | Fund balances carried forward |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | 16,357.00 | 3,201.00 | 5,448 | 14,110 |
| Restricted income funds | (633.00) | 48,179.00 | 47,546.00 | |
| Total | <u>15,724.00</u> | <u>51,380</u> | <u>52,944.00</u> | <u>14,110</u> |

Charity Registration Number

Registered Charity Number : 1188016

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

05 APRIL 2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

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SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Trustees | Madeline Hall |
| | Simon Fussell |
| | Pete Brown |
| | Carole Garner |
| | Derek Bodey |
| | Cath Birchall |
| | Zoe Chaplin – Appointed 17 November 2024 |
| | Luke Wilkinson - Appointed 17 November 2024 |
| Charity Number | 1188016 |
| Company Number | CE020741 |
| Registered Office | 39 Park Road |
| | Buxton |
| | Derbyshire |
| | SK17 6SQ |
| Independent examiners | ABS Accountancy Ltd |
| | Certified Public Accountants |
| | Suite 1 Harewood Business Centre |
| | 2 Fairfield Road |
| | Buxton |
| | Derbyshire |
| | SK17 7DW |

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 05 April 2025.

Trustees' report and financial statements

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Madeline Hall
Simon Fussell
Pete Brown
Carole Garner
Derek Bodey
Cath Birchall
Zoe Chaplin
Luke Wilkinson

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also the directors of Charity For Serpentine Community Gardens for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).


Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustee and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fussell', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Trustee

A small handwritten mark, possibly a checkmark or a stylized 'S', followed by the printed name 'S. Fussell'.

Date : ~~23 May~~ 2025

11 June 2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2025, which are set out on pages which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Serpentine Community Gardens, 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 audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiners statement

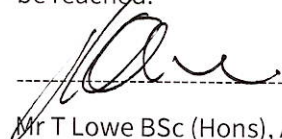
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

I have completed my examination

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of Serpentine Community Gardens as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
- 2) to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.



Mr T Lowe BSc (Hons), ACPA
Certified Public Accountant
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2 Fairfield Road
Buxton
Derbyshire
SK17 7DW

Date: 03/07/2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

| Recommended categories by activity | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted income funds £ | Total Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 38,243.85 | 65,493.00 | 103,736.85 | 51,380.00 |
| Total | | 38,243.85 | 65,493.00 | 103,736.85 | 51,380.00 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 3 | 363.94 | - | 363.94 | 576.50 |
| Charitable activities | 4 | 21,032.16 | 29,143.13 | 50,175.29 | 51,618.50 |
| Other | 6 | 8,370.69 | 340.00 | 8,710.69 | 799.00 |
| Total | | 29,766.79 | 29,483.13 | 59,249.92 | 52,994.00 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 8,477.06 | 36,009.87 | 44,486.93 | (1,614.00) |
| Net movement in funds | | 8,477.06 | 36,009.87 | 44,486.93 | (1,614.00) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 14,110.00 | - | 14,110.00 | 15,724.00 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 22,587.06 | 36,009.87 | 58,596.93 | 14,110.00 |

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
BALANCE SHEET
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

| Recommended categories by activity | Notes | Total Funds 2025 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Heritage assets | | 19,262.50 | 1,400.00 |
| Total fixed assets | | 19,262.50 | 1,400.00 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 8 | 40,334.30 | 13,710.00 |
| Creditors: due within 1 year | 9 | - | 1,000 |
| Total current assets | | 40,334.30 | 12,710.00 |
| Total net assets or liabilities | | 59,596.80 | 14,110.00 |
| Funds of the Charity | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 9 | 22,587.06 | 14,110.00 |
| Restricted income funds | 9 | 36,009.87 | - |
| Endowment funds | 9 | - | - |
| Total funds | | 59,596.93 | 14,110.00 |


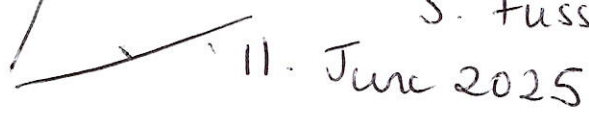
For the year ended 05 April 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustee acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee 
 Date  S. Fussell
 11 June 2025

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 APRIL 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

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| | 1,495.88 | 1,153.00 |

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| Repairs & Maintenance | 60.00 | - | 60.00 | - |
| Depreciation Charge for the Year - Heritage asset 1 | 6,887.50 | - | 6,887.50 | 700.00 |
| Other Expenditure | 1,423.19 | - | 1,423.19 | 99.00 |
| | 8,370.69 | 340.00 | 8,710.69 | 799.00 |

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Fixtures

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7.1 Cost or valuation

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| Charge for year | 6,887.50 |
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8. Cash at bank and in hand

| | Total funds 2025 | Total funds 2024 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
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| Petty Cash | 50.00 | - |
| | <u>40,334.30</u> | <u>13,710.00</u> |

9. Charity funds

9.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the current reporting period

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