



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Charity name: Archbishop's Park Community Trust

Charity registration number: 1191222

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Archbishop's Park.</li><li>• Advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Archbishop's Park</li><li>• Promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in North Lambeth who are socially excluded on the grounds of unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; homelessness, or discrimination.</li><li>• To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Archbishop's Park.</li><li>•</li></ul>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Delivered 46 gardening club sessions supporting local residents and vulnerable adults</p> <p>Made significant improvements to an existing garden</p>

accounts.		<p>accessible garden.</p> <p>Hosted 6 gardening and cookery sessions to a local school using own produce</p> <p>In addition to existing club members, welcomed 12 new volunteers, 15 students and 30 corporate volunteers and offered 1,700 volunteer hours of effort</p> <p>Supported 5 students with work experience from an inner- city school who were struggling with mainstream education</p> <p>Ran a further 11 well being sessions and a summer get together for over 65s to promote healthier living and social inclusion</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers, students and corporate volunteers provided over 1,700 hours of support
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Archbishop's Park.</b></li> <li>•</li> <li>• We ran 46 gardening club sessions and with volunteers including local residents, referrals from the NHS and Thames Reach plus internship students from Roots and Shoots (an environmental college supporting barriers to learning), continued to maintain a variety of large gardens. Improvements have been made to a new garden established in 2021 by installing roped walkways, additions to the native hedging and have created areas of new bulb planting. The apiary produced a greater yield of honey and our orchard had bumper crops of fruit including the vine had a yield of 30 kilos of red grapes. We hosted a variety of cookery sessions for students and this autumn 6 gardening and cookery sessions were set up with local students from DLD who have helped make a variety of jams and chutneys which were sold to raise funds for our charity. The usual routine maintenance also took place including the re-mulching the walkways around the gardens to make them both safe and accessible, endless leaf collection and pruning plus applying coats of wood protection to the shelter and numerous seats. More bulbs and shrubs were planted to improve the biodiversity and physical appeal of the park and the green waste has been used to make compost.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <b>To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Archbishop's Park</b></li> <li>•</li> <li>• The gardening club sessions welcomed 12 new</li> </ul>

		<p>volunteers, 15 new students and over 30 corporate volunteers all of whom helped plant, prune and tidy. With support from Awards For All, Building Stronger Communities and the Lambeth Community Fund, we continued the work of our gardening club whose participants provided a minimum of 1,700 volunteer hours and 900 hours from the 2 staff and 5 students attending the internship programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>• In January 23 we supported 5 students who were struggling with mainstream education and attend one of the local academy schools. They have undertaken a variety of practical skills from repairing raised beds to dismantling a disused store cupboard to planting and cultivating our food growing areas. It's given them exposure to a real environment with real tasks whilst developing their capacity to work as a team and follow instruction. In addition we have run 4 cooking and skill based workshops with our neighbours at Oasis Farm, supporting young people who abstain from education. Since September 22 we have supported one horticultural student from Roots and Shoots (a local horticultural college) with a 7 month work experience placement on a 1:1 basis to help them gain a variety of key work skills which will provide the best opportunity to secure the next move into further training or employment. We've continued our trips to the Paper Garden in Canada Water which again have provide real building experiences as well as organizational ability, team working and time keeping.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Last year we trialled wellbeing sessions for over 65s and due to its popularity ran a further 12 monthly sessions funded by Lambeth Well Being Fund, each supporting 10 residents. This starts with a walk around the park, followed by a fun skills based task such as making lavender wheat bags which can be heated and applied to aching limbs!</li> <li>•</li> <li>• <b>To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in North Lambeth who are socially excluded on the grounds of unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; homelessness, or discrimination.</b></li> <li>•</li> <li>• We continued to promote social inclusion by widely advertising via fliers, the park noticeboard, our website, NHS agencies within</li> </ul>
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		<p>Lambeth and Southwark, Thames Reach (homeless) social prescribing teams and volunteers. For joint projects such as our well-being sessions, we used wider social media and were able to access their networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>• This year we won our 14th Green Flag marking community involvement in the public realm and an additional London in Bloom award.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The main grant providers were the Lottery, Building Stronger Communities (GLA) & Lambeth Social Fund (Changing Lives)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Monies are set on reserve to ensure 2 years of operating costs and items which are difficult to fund via grant applications
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Archbishop's Park Community Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1191222
Charity's principal address	c/o Lambeth Landscapes Archbishop's Park Carlisle Lane  SE1 7LE

### **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	Helen Lees	(Chair)		
2	Tim Hollins			
3	Matt Brownlee			
4	David Tootill			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Helen B. Lees

Full name(s)

Helen Barbara Lees

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Date

18.4.24