



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 30/09/2020 to 31/12/2021

Charity Name: Crosstown Community Orchard
Charity Registration Number: 1191549

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

1. To encourage for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and expansion of a community orchard in Knutsford and the preservation of their genetic biodiversity, landscape and heritage value.
2. To advance the education of the public in horticulture and in particular but not exclusively orchard management skills.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

During the period, the charity has redeveloped an area of underutilised open space into a community orchard, planting a number of fruit trees. It has laid the area out as a park, providing benches and bins. It has undertaken a number of ecological improvements to promote biodiversity on the site and organised regular volunteering activities to engage the wider community in the maintenance of the orchard.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

We confirm the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding the activities of the charity.

ACHIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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

The main achievements of the charity in the period were:

- a) Establishing the organisation and recruiting a full cohort of trustees and setting up a website, social media and bank account
- b) Undertaking preparatory site works in order to improve the space
- c) Planting fruit trees to create the orchard
- d) Planting further native trees and 'wild harvest' whips to create interest
- e) Undertaking a number of ecological improvements, installing hedgehog and bird boxes, creating a bug hotel and sowing a wildflower meadow to promote biodiversity on the site
- f) Created a space where the community can dwell and with an identity – providing signage, bins and benches.
- g) Engaging a wide number of volunteers in our everyday activities, from planting the fruit trees to undertaking routine maintenance
- h) Hosting a scything workshop
- i) Holding a successful launch party in August 2021 to further engage the wider community in the space
- j) Hosting a meeting of the 2nd Knutsford (Crosstown) Cubs and having the Cross Town WI plant commemorative trees.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The charity is in a strong financial position, having been extremely successful in securing grant funding to deliver projects and establish the orchard. In addition to the specific grants received, it also received donations for unrestricted purposes which provide flexibility.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The charity has no specific reserves policy, its unrestricted funds form its reserves.

Amount of reserves held

The charity holds unrestricted funds of £1,040

Other declarations

No funds are materially in deficit.

The charity has no uncertainties about its continuation as a going concern.

Principal Sources of Funds

In addition to ad hoc donations totalling £831, the charity would like to acknowledge the grants/donations given by National Lottery, People's Postcode Lottery, Tesco Community Fund, Waitrose, Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund, The Tree Council and David Wilson Homes.

Further, the charity thanks Knutsford Town Council for directly funding the installation of a bench and sign.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document

Constitution

How is the charity constituted?

Foundation model Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions

Trustees appoint up to six of the seven trustees.

Knutsford Town Council appoints one trustee from its members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	Crosstown Community Orchard
Other name the charity uses	None
Charity Registration Number	1191549
Charity's Principal Address	Squirrel Brook, 68 Manor Park South, Knutsford, WA16 8AN

TRUSTEES WHO MANAGE THE CHARITY

Trustees at end of period

Where no date of appointment is given, the trustee served the entire period.

- Adam Keppel-Green (Chair)
- Lyndsey Keppel-Green – appointed 25/11/2020
- Joanna Moonan – appointed 12/11/2020
- Laura Chandler – appointed 12/11/2020
- Lesley Dalzell* – appointed 09/11/2020
- Malcolm Thomas
- Kevin Griffiths

* appointed by Knutsford Town Council.

Trustees serving during the period

All trustees serving during the period were trustees at the end of the period.

Other declarations

The charity has no corporate trustees.

No trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCLOSURE

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details.

n/a

DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 27th September 2022.

Signature



Full Name

Adam Keppel-Green

Position

Chairman

CROSTOWN COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Receipts and Payments
30/09/2020 to 31/12/2021

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	
RECEIPTS			
Grants	21,347	-	21,347
Donations	-	2,131	2,131
TOTAL	21,347	2,131	23,478
PAYMENTS			
Administration	-	157	157
Horticultural Supplies	2,573	582	3,155
Nature Supplies	807	48	855
Tools and Equipment	342	-	342
External Contractors	3,854	240	4,094
Infrastructure	6,790	-	6,790
Event Costs	319	53	372
TOTAL	14,685	1,080	15,765
BALANCE	6,662	1,051	7,713