



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

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.

This year built on the success of the creation of the orchard and saw increased volunteer and wider community support for the space. Regular work days were well attended and the orchard has been well maintained with community support. The biodiversity of the orchard was furthered during the year with additional planting. A survey of the wildflower meadow (sown in 2021) found around fifty species.

Two key events were held to bring the community together in the space, starting with a highly successful Wassail and our summer BBQ. Our attempted jubilee event was unsuccessful due to poor weather.

We hosted our second skills workshop, which focused on teaching pruning, this coincided with a workday and also saw get its first winter pruning. We also held a bat walk and moth trapping event with Cheshire Wildlife Trust which was very successful.

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) Hosted a pruning workshop where volunteers learnt how to properly prune fruit trees
- b) Hosting a very successful Wassail event to toast in the new year and encourage people to enjoy the orchard
- c) Hosting a regular (Monthly) volunteer workday in the orchard to undertake general maintenance and improvement
- d) Creating a bed for fruit bushes (ready for planting in 2023)
- e) Securing donations of tools for recycling, creating a bank of tools for volunteers to use
- f) Hosting a second successful community BBQ
- g) Hosting a well attended bat-walk and moth trapping
- h) Planting thirty additional whip trees in the borders and guelder rose at the top of the orchard
- i) Planting additional wildflower plug-plants and native bulbs
- j) Receiving 'outstanding' in the North West in Bloom "It's Your Neighbourhood" awards

More broadly, the space has been used by the wider community, from individuals enjoying the space for its tranquillity to the local scouting group holding activities in the orchard during the summer.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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

The charity continues to be in a good financial position. A large unrestricted donation from Coop supports the general funds of the charity, whilst two large donations from local businesses (being treated as restricted funds for education)

will support the charity's work over the coming years. The charity is continuing to spend from the successful grants received in 2021.

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 £1,113.

Other declarations

No funds are materially in deficit.

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

Principal Sources of Funds

During the period a total of £4,118 was received. This included donations from Chancery Gate and Triton, the Coop and Cross Town WI. A small grant was received from Cheshire East Council and the two main events also generated some income towards the cost of the events.

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
- Joanna Moonan
- Laura Chandler
- Lesley Dalzell*
- 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 28th March 2023.

Signature



Full Name

Adam Keppel-Green

Position

Chairman

CROSTOWN COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Receipts and Payments
01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	
RECEIPTS			
Grants	-	100	100
Donations	2,612	1,406	4,018
Event Income	-	685	685
TOTAL	2,612	2,191	4,803
PAYMENTS			
Administration	-	175	175
Horticultural Supplies	-	1,017	1,017
Nature Supplies	-	31	31
Workshops / Education Events	150	-	150
Tools and Equipment	625	-	625
External Contractors	-	-	-
Infrastructure	1,639	49	1,688
Event Costs	177	857	1,034
TOTAL	2,591	2,129	4,720
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	21	62	83

Cash in Bank 01/01/2022	6,662	1,051	£ 7,713.13
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>2,612</i>	<i>2,191</i>	<i>£ 4,803.10</i>
<i>Total Payments</i>	<i>2,591</i>	<i>2,129</i>	<i>£ 4,719.79</i>
Cash in Bank 31/12/2022	6,683	1,113	£ 7,796.44