



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	Day 1 Month 4 Year 2022	To	Day 31 Month 3 Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Northern Hull Community Rainbow Gardens

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1193332

Charity's principal address Gosschalks

61 Queens Gardens

Postcode HU1 3DZ

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	Kenneth Upshall	Chair		
2	Yvonne Black	Secretary		
3	Nicholas Middleton	Treasurer		
4	Stella Flynn			
5	Norman Flynn			
6	Valerie Shaftoe			
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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

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

CIO Foundation

How the charity is constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

Recruit, induction and observation; appointed formally during a recorded meeting, elected and voted on by the acting Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

None.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF KINGSTON UPON HULL BY PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTS OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; 2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION PRINCIPALLY IN THE AREAS OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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)

The Rainbow Gardens is now in its 27th year and again was awarded the Green Flag and was recognised by Yorkshire in Bloom, awards.

Over the year, we have welcomed approximately 160 people come through the gates to enjoy the outdoor space. This includes 90 adults, 50 children and 13 non-monitored walk-in visitors. We actively seek involvement from all stakeholders to plan the programme of events, activities and determine how we carry out tasks. Some of our volunteers are also Board Trustees and as with all board members, play a vital role at the Rainbow Garden. This offers us more time and opportunities to improve the local area, by providing a peaceful, natural space for residents to visit and engage with our varied programme.

The Trustee board and staff meet every two months throughout the year and completed the Lease Transfer of the site to the CIO, secured National Lottery Heritage funding, for three years. This funding has enabled us to employ an Operations Manager and extend the current garden opening to six days per week. In addition an independent freelance evaluator was appointed to assist in the development of the garden and reporting on progress and against the agreed plan.

The National Lottery Heritage funding opportunity, through the Operations Manager, has allowed the garden to develop it's organisational resilience, improving the technical support through the creation of an official domain – rainbowgarden.org.uk and securing 10+ years with Microsoft services to provide email, and office applications, securely with shared access. Reviewing and updating policies and procedures. Successfully secured funding to improve the garden and provide summer activities, the "Summer of Fun" kids program and events including lunch for local families. A new pagoda for the garden and buy t-shirts for volunteers, service users and staff.

Created the weekend 'Ravergers' Club and partnered with Dove House & FCC to create a fun and environmentally-friendly activity promoting the repairing of things, and PAT testing . The Ravensers Club weekly sessions are aimed at Dads and their children, but are open to everyone. We take apart electronic items to learn about how they're made up and to go about repairing them. For anything that cannot be fixed, we take them apart, separating the components for recycling. Through community consultation, we found that local childrens centres are not open over the weekend, when Dads are more likely to have time available to spend with their children.

The garden team is made up of two community gardeners; one senior and one assistant. Our senior gardener has over 30 years gardening experience and has been involved as a volunteer and staff member at Rainbow Garden for more than 17 years. With horticultural qualifications, alongside others in volunteer management and leadership.

The team are very interested in how gardening impacts the wellbeing of the community, having had some involvement in the care sector. They are both active members of the North Hull community, where the garden is located. Taking all of this into account, both members of the team are able to cater for the needs of the garden visitors, enabling them to get the most out of their

time here.

The Rainbow Garden supports and assists a variety of people from across Hull, including but not exclusive to vulnerable individuals, families and people with additional needs. Within our safe space, we offer a wide range of opportunities, such as: • having a chat with fellow Mums • hands-on gardening • growing vegetables & other edibles • general maintenance & wildlife-area upkeep • taking part in creative tasks such as crafting, painting etc. • taking time to relax • enjoying time together as a family

We regularly work with organisations and local schools to provide opportunities such as: social-prescribing sessions, work-experience for 15-year-olds, crafting groups, attending or participating in Back to Ours events – a Hull-based arts organisations, a National Portfolio Organisation funded by Arts Council England Whilst continuing to deliver regular sessions for volunteers and other service users. i

Our community extends beyond the garden gates though, with people keeping in touch with us and each other through our active Facebook page. Daily posts, often accompanied by photos, act as diary entries, showcasing what goes on in the garden and how people can get involved.

Our new messy play sessions, we have brought together parents and Grandparents in the area, along with their children. Most attendees to this session have not previously visited the garden and some were not even aware of its existence. Offering these sessions is opening up the garden to new groups of people who are excited to engage with our programme and happy that the garden is, for some of them, practically on their doorstep.

Our staff team work with visitors to the garden who might need support or advice. Whilst we are not qualified social workers, we are always happy to chat through problems, assist where we can or signpost to other services when we can't.

We've had a group of international students from the University of Hull, carrying out general gardening duties as volunteers from the Netherlands, Ukraine, New Zealand and Spain. We've had 4 work experience students in the last 12 months, with another 4 people who have been introduced to the garden through social prescribing.

We act as a support network for these service users, helping to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing. Through these referrals, we have been able to introduce service users to other elements of our programme. Our work experience programme is an important element, as we accept applicants from anywhere in Hull and recognise that gardening is not currently part of the curriculum in secondary schools. Community involvement

We believe that communities thrive through local leadership, so we always aim to involve people involved in the garden from the start. This includes chatting with our regular volunteers and those who are involved in our programme. The Womens Group, takes place around the availability of those involved and the activities they do are steered by their interests and skills they would like to gain. Sometimes, it's simply a friendly space to chat about shared experiences, seasoned Mums sharing tips and tricks with new Mums, or catching up on recent days and weeks. We have regular members, with new members taking part in recent months.

The team are active within the community, especially in the area within the immediate vicinity of the Garden. The staff regularly carry out litter picks on the neighbouring streets, helping to keep the area clean for local residents.

The team once again attended the annual seed swap taking place in Hull City Centre, organised by Hull Food Partnership. As well as providing seeds for the swap, it's a great opportunity to increase the public profile of the Garden. Meetings have taken place during which we have discussed opportunities to team up with Hull Food Partnership and Feral Art School, so we're excited to see what happens with these.

We promote our allotment area is made up of 7 small plots rented to individuals and families for nominal fee along with a communal area. We also have a greenhouse which is used to grow edibles which require higher temperatures. This year, we have helped five individuals and two families, by giving them the space to grow anything on their own plot, as well as sharing seeds and advice.

Our weekly messy play sessions, encourage children to play without feeling scared of getting dirty. The number of clothing changes and clear-up alone proves this is successful, with new people attending all the time. Friends of the garden have been sharing information about this and other sessions on social media. There are a number of Facebook groups which are well-used by parents in particular, who are always on the look-out for activities to do with their children. This is helping us to reach adults and children across Hull, with parents and grandparents taking the opportunity to be outdoors with children in their care.

We have created a wellbeing survey which we will be asking visitors to the Garden to complete. Due to having only recently employed a freelance Evaluator on the project, this has not yet been distributed, but will be over the coming weeks and months.

The Rainbow Community Garden will continue to provide, gardening, social interactions, activities, seasonal events, womens group, after school clubs, ravengers activities a summer of family fun. We have plans to promote volunteering at the garden, to bring more people into the space.

We have plans in place to carry out some outreach with those seeking to promote growing and looking after plants. Generally, we will continue to foster partnership working wherever we can.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees continue to review the position of the charity and has secured the reserves required to meet their responsibilities.

Level of reserves between 4-6months with grant funding in place for a further 2 years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kenneth Upshall	Nicholas Middleton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	19/1/24	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Northern Hull Community Rainbow Gardens

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1193332

Set out on pages

recommended to include the page numbers of additional accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**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").

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.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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:

J. Courtney

Date:

19/1/24

Name:

Joseph Courtney

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

61 Dock Street

Hull

HU1 3AE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1st April 2022
1/4/22

To

31st March 2023
31/3/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rainbow Garden Donation	-	-	-	-	17,971
Hull City Council	-	965	-	965	3,046
HEY Smile Foundation	-	-	-	-	1,009
Hull CCG	-	6,909	-	6,909	20,728
Donations	263	-	-	263	631
Freemasons	-	943	-	943	-
Masonic Hall	-	679	-	679	-
NLCF	-	39,615	-	39,615	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	263	49,111	-	49,374	43,385
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	263	49,111	-	49,374	43,385
A3 Payments					
Staffing Costs	-	35,675	-	35,675	17,904
Insurance	-	442	-	442	378
Rent & Utilities	-	616	-	616	420
Materials	218	1,248	-	1,466	1,993
Health & Safety	-	134	-	134	120
Equipment	-	1,068	-	1,068	58
Professional Fees	669	32	-	701	3,548
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	57	-	57	636
Telephone	-	1,374	-	1,374	-
Sub total	887	40,645	-	41,532	25,057
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	887	40,645	-	41,532	25,057
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 624	8,466	-	7,842	18,328
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,069	3,259	-	18,328	-
Cash funds this year end	14,445	11,725	-	26,170	18,328

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	-	11,725	-
	Prepaid Card	350	-	-
	Reserves	14,095	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,445	11,725	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ken Upshall	19/01/2024
	Nick Middleton	19/01/2024