



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2024		31	March	2025

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

C/o GOSSCHALKS

61 QUEENS GARDENS

HULL

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	Ken Upshall	Chair	September 2024	
2	Yvonne Black	Secretary	January 2025	
3	Nick Middleton	Treasurer		
4	Stella Flynn			
5	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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Foundation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Recruitment and induction to ensure the skills and community connection supports the strategy and collective responsibility of Trusteeship.

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.

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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 trustees are pleased to report that Rainbow Community Garden has continued to advance its charitable purposes for the public benefit throughout the reporting period. In exercising their duties, the trustees confirm that they have had **due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit** and have ensured that all activities undertaken by the organisation demonstrably contribute to community wellbeing and support those experiencing disadvantage.

The Charity maintained an inclusive and accessible community garden for all to enjoy, while delivering a comprehensive programme of activities designed to improve health, wellbeing, and social cohesion. These included:

- **Women’s Group sessions**, addressing isolation and providing peer support for women and mothers with limited access to other services.
- **After-School Club**, offering safe and enriching activities for families during critical after-school hours.
- **Rainbow Tots (early years provision)**, developed directly in response to identified gaps in local provision for children aged 2–5.
- **Volunteer gardening, craft sessions, DIY projects, nature activities**, and informal social opportunities open to all residents.

During this year we strengthened partnerships with local organisations including Unity in Community, local schools, Family Hubs, Occupational Therapists, Hull Truck Theatre, and social prescribers. These collaborations enabled:

- Work-experience placements for young people
- Therapeutic and outdoor activities for vulnerable residents
- Access to creative, cultural, and educational opportunities
- Broader engagement with residents who face barriers to participation.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Substantial Growth in Community Engagement

The garden experienced a major increase in public use, recording **2,805 total visits** between October 2022 and April 2025 and achieving a **64% year-on-year rise** in visitor numbers. Monthly averages rose to **116 visits in 2024–25**, demonstrating sustained and growing engagement from local residents. Nearly **45% of visitors came from the immediate HU6 area**, confirming the garden's strengthened role as a vital local community asset.

Delivery of a Diverse and Responsive Programme

The charity delivered a wide range of well-attended community programmes, including:

- **Women's Group**, reducing isolation and supporting women and mothers facing social and financial challenges.
- **After-School Club**, providing safe, family-focused enrichment activities.
- **Rainbow Tots**, redesigned from Messy Play in direct response to community-expressed need for provision for children aged 2–5.
- **Volunteer gardening sessions, craft activities, DIY projects, allotment growing**, and nature-based activities.

These programmes ensured consistent and inclusive access to meaningful activities for families, individuals, and vulnerable adults.

Strengthened Partnerships and Collaborative Delivery

The charity deepened partnerships with multiple organisations, including Unity in Community, local schools, Hull Truck Theatre, Family Hubs, Occupational Therapists, and social prescribers. These collaborations allowed the charity to:

- Host work-experience placements for young people
- Deliver therapeutic and creative activities
- Support apprentices and local trainees
- Offer wider participation routes for vulnerable individuals

This partnership-based model broadened the charity's reach and amplified its community impact.

Recovery and Rebuilding After the Garden Fire

A major achievement of the year was the charity's response to the **June 2024 fire**, which destroyed the garden shed and essential infrastructure. Despite significant operational challenges, the charity:

- Mobilised volunteers and partner organisations to restore the site
- Continued activities with limited shelter
- Secured funding through the National Lottery, Crowdfunder, and other sources
- Installed a **new, larger, and more secure garden building** to enhance future delivery

The charity successfully turned a crisis into an opportunity to rebuild stronger facilities for the community.

Delivery of Healthy Holidays Provision

Through Hull City Council's Healthy Holidays programme, the charity delivered well-attended summer holiday activities, supporting **85 children** in 2024, including **30 children in receipt of free school meals**.

Sessions included crafts, music, outdoor play, and family yoga. Many families later re-engaged with the charity during term-time, evidencing long-term impact.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity currently holds a balance of 4 months reserves.

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.

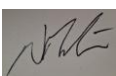
Section F Other optional information

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)

Nick Middleton

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

28/1/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

NORTHERN HULL COMMUNITY RAINBOW GARDENS

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1193332

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025.

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 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:

S McLeavy

Date:

30/01/2026

Name:

Suzi McLeavy

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

BA (Hons) Business Studies (Open)

Address:

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Molescroft

HU17 7JD

Section B

Disclosure

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

For the period
from

1st April 2024

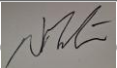
To

31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hull City Council	-	5,080	-	5,080	2,980
Donations	1,342	-	-	1,342	231
NLCF	-	70,107	-	70,107	64,125
Pillswood	-	2,000	-	2,000	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,342	77,187	-	78,529	68,336
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,342	77,187	-	78,529	68,336
A3 Payments					
Staffing costs	-	44,454	-	44,454	50,912
Insurance	-	405	-	405	452
Rent & Utilities	-	723	-	723	650
Materials	-	1,381	-	1,381	4,306
Health & Safety	-	306	-	306	105
Equipment	2,060	13,259	-	15,319	1,448
Professional Fees	42	3,825	-	3,867	2,317
Misc Expenses	17	282	-	299	157
Telephone	-	639	-	639	765
Activities	-	4,265	-	4,265	2,453
Maintenance	40	-	-	40	341
Marketing	-	16	-	16	132
Sub total	2,159	69,556	-	71,715	64,038
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,159	69,556	-	71,715	64,038
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 817	7,631	-	6,814	4,298
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,544	15,926	-	30,470	-
Cash funds this year end	13,727	23,557	-	37,284	4,298

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	-	23,244	-
	Pre-Paid Card	-	313	-
	Reserves	13,727	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,727	23,557	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Nick Middleton 18/1/26		