



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From April 2022 **Period start date** **To** April 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Windmill Community Gardens

Charity registration number:1194070

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To further or benefit the residents of Nottingham City, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to promote the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment through environmentally friendly gardening practices, the promotion of physical and mental health, and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	44 general volunteer sessions - 77 individuals volunteered during the year. 12 sessions for young families aimed at helping them to feel more comfortable with their children playing outside and provide opportunities to learn about gardening and the natural world. 12 Lithe Lunches which involved harvesting, cooking and eating with a gentle exercise session before the meal aimed at those wanting to increase mobility and to promote healthy eating and confidence in preparing fresh produce from scratch. We also host the Growing Forward project for those with mental health issues that would otherwise stop them from accessing the garden. This is currently on site at no cost to support what we consider a very valuable and much needed project.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have regard to the commission's public benefit guidance and are able to show that: -they are aware of the guidance - they have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant - if they have decided to depart from the guidance, they have a good reason for doing so

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	
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	The main achievements of the charity have been to: Provide voluntary work, including gardening experience and training to Local people. Provide fresh fruit and vegetables to volunteers, local residents and food banks and community meals. These have improved the physical and mental health of participants, so relieving dependence on NHS services. We have also provided space for Growing Forward, a project to help those struggling with their mental health, with similar rewards. We have held several Events this year, which were open to the public, free and

		widely advertised in the area. This provides an opportunity for local people to be outside, enjoy themselves and engage socially with others. Similarly we host events for Small Steps Big Changes who run activities for the under 4s. In more detail our achievements are as follows: Our Events: Wassail - Celebrating our fruit trees combining old 12th Night and Punjabi Lohri traditions, in collaboration with Always Community and the Her Lohri project, which exists to promote equality within the Punjabi community and support women and girls at risk of domestic abuse both locally and in India. Nowruz - Celebrating the Persian New Year at Spring Equinox in collaboration with Refugee Roots, local Iranian and Kurdish refugees and asylum seekers from many countries. Seed Swap evening - in collaboration with Primary to provide affordable plants and seeds to local people. Art in the Garden - in collaboration with Chaos Magic art collective who ran 2 preparatory workshops and showcasing the art of local artists and school children. Pumpkin Day - celebrating pumpkins and specifically aiming to promote use of them as food to avoid food waste. Additionally, the largest pumpkin was supplied to a school to use for maths investigation then to make into soup. Wreath Making by candle light workshop using our own natural resources to provide affordable wreaths for local people. Carols by Candlelight with the Nottingham Ukrainian Ensemble to support humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Workshops Medicinal herbal workshop with Nottingham Herbalist aimed at helping individuals produce their own salves and oils from safe natural ingredients.
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		The Nottingham Forager Ran foraging workshops from the site and additional sessions aimed at those in the LGBTQ+ community. Heya - Arabic Women's Group Used the site as a safe, women-only outdoor space for family cooking and play. We ran 20 sessions for local primary school classes and supplied seeds, plants, vegetables, fruit and herbs to them. 2 workday sessions for pupils from local secondary schools We grew edible plants with volunteers from the Canal and River Trust to be planted in public "pick as you wish" areas. 1 of our volunteers left to work at an outdoor centre in Germany for a 6 month sabbatical, having enjoyed working outside so much! We have provided work experience for 1 college student, and also a work-experience placement for someone looking to change career. We provided plants, seeds and surplus produce to a wide variety of different individuals, community groups and community feeding projects. Recognition We achieved an "Outstanding" Level 5 in the "It's Your Neighbourhood" Awards from RHS East Midlands in Bloom.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The activities taking place on the site include a weekly session at Growing Forward for refugees and Asylum seekers. We are used as a base by The Nottingham Forager for workshops. These are pay as you can and there are special sessions for the LGBT+ community.

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	See enclosed CC16a
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
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	
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	

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	Windmill Community Gardens
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194070
Charity's principal address	Windmill Community Gardens Ascot Road Bobbers Mill Nottingham

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	Matthew Hilton	N/A	N/A	Windmill Community Garden Committee
2	Rosemary Jarrett	N/A	N/A	Windmill Community Garden Committee
3	Susan Young	N/A	N/A	Windmill Community Garden Committee
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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

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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

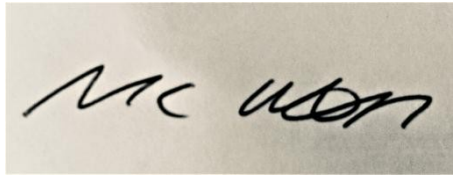
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s) Matthew Hilton

Position (eg Secretary, Treasurer
Chair, etc)

Date 23 January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Windmill Community Gardens

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from

Period start date

4/6/2022

To

Period end date

4/5/2023

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					
Trusts	-	-	-	-	3,000
Charitable Funding	-	31,535	-	31,535	36,099
General Donations	2,092	-	-	2,092	634
Memberships	-	-	-	-	40
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-
Site Costs	88	-	-	88	1,240
Sessions	683	-	-	683	616
School Donations	-	-	-	-	194
Stalls & Events	602	-	-	602	1,577
Workshops	75	-	-	75	100
Compensation	-	-	-	-	-
Refunds	430	-	-	430	258
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,970	31,535	-	35,505	43,757
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,970	31,535	-	35,505	43,757
A3 Payments					
Rent	455	72	-	528	396
Insurance	457	-	-	457	559
Construction/Repairs	-	13,379	-	13,379	8,869
Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	427	2,722	-	3,150	9,723
Volunteer Sessions	1,665	14,142	-	15,807	10,853
Video Production & Events	-	-	-	-	1,730
Admin and Remote Engagement	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,005	30,316	-	33,321	32,130
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,005	30,316	-	33,321	32,130
Net of receipts/(payments)	965	1,219	-	2,184	11,627
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,443	11,005	4,000	17,448	-
Cash funds this year end	3,408	12,224	4,000	19,632	11,627

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	Business Current Account	3,408	12,224	4,000
		-		-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,408	12,224	4,000
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
WINDMILL COMMUNITY GARDENS.

On accounts for the year
ended

5/4/23. Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(If the charity is included in the pages numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2023

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

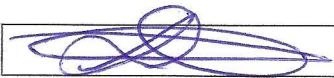
[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: 

Date: 23/6/23

Name: LINDSEY JAYCOCK.

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FMAAT, CTA

(if any):

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.