

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day01	Month08	Year2022		Day31	Month07	Year23

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Growing Mansfield

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1194190

Charity's principal address

Horticultural Unit
Forestry Holdings
Kings Clipstone
Nottinghamshire

Postcode

NG21 9JL

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	Jeffrey Bale	n/a		
2	Martin Lee	n/a		
3	Sharon Clancy	n/a		
4	Caroline Phillips	n/a		
5	Mary Whetstone	n/a		
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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)	See Charity Commission website
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	See Charity Commission website
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	See Charity Commission website

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.

Policies
Equality and Diversity – Safeguarding - H&S

Organisation structure
We are a small charity still in its infancy and in our 2nd year has funding for a Development Worker who reports to trustees

Relationship – mutually beneficial relationships with land owners Local Authority other community gardens in the arena and relevant Statutory organisations

Trustees – The Trustees are fully aware of the importance of safeguarding and health and safety, especially when working with vulnerable people, and have undertaken to ensure these are taken into consideration at all times.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Provide a structure and framework to work with community based allotments & groups looking for help & guidance, to develop their project for the benefit of the local area. In developing these projects we promote the advancement of community education & the relief of poverty empowering residents to grow, cultivate & distribute locally grown produce.

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)

Growing Mansfield provide a structure and framework to work with community based allotments & groups looking for help & guidance, to develop their project for the benefit of the local area. In developing these projects we promote the advancement of community education & the relief of poverty, empowering residents to grow, cultivate & distribute locally grown produce.

Growing Mansfield continues to work across local community allotments with groups of vulnerable people, including parents and children engaging them both as volunteers, and beneficiaries.

Growing Mansfield has run several schemes to enable local residents to obtain and use fresh produce grown on these allotments. These include crop drops, taking produce directly to where is needed, such as food banks at local schools.

The project has engaged with groups from all sectors of the community, from small children through to teenagers and young people attending a college course. Our project continues to work with young adults who are struggling with addiction and homelessness, and older people who may be isolated and in need of support.

Growing Mansfield is also continuing to support a number of volunteers to gain skills and confidence, and to engage with other local horticulture projects, thus furthering their personal development and learning.

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.

Amanda Fisher with the help from John, and an ever increasing team of willing volunteers, run this community project (Northfield Allotment) with incredible hard work and dedication.

Northfield Avenue and its volunteers has continued to build on it's success and provides the local community with a focal point and safe haven

A Northfield participant testimonial.....

"Before lockdown, I was part of a walking group and walked 5 days a week. Then, I joined the allotment because we could work outside and could be 2 ft apart. I never re joined (the walking group) as I can be outside most of the day and still get my steps in. We have a good laugh, and I get to meet new people."

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Northfield Avenue Community Allotments have started to work with a local child minding service who attend the project twice weekly. Attendees, with support from our project lead have developed and grown their own vegetables on site and taken produce away to cook and eat.

Northfield Avenue have had 1587 visits up on last year by 247. they now average between 15 to 20 people per session which is nearly double last year.

Local residents who come to site give a small donation for vegetable plants to grow produce at home.

Two of our volunteers have now been able to gain employment after overcoming low confidence and anxiety, which we believe is a direct result of working with our team.

Two more of our volunteers have their own allotment plots using the skills they have developed under the guidance of our project leaders.

Northfield Avenue have run a pumpkin competition where children from the community have sown pumpkin seeds that have then been grown on site, once ready for picking they have taken them home and carved them and then brought them back to site.

15 crop drops to Northfield Primary School – delivering boxes of fresh produce seasonally

Northfield continue to offer open access to free produce collection where residents collect fresh produce and we continue to encourage local residents to take part in site walks – which has enhanced their health and wellbeing

Northfield Avenue community allotment in cooperation with Mansfield District Council, has now been extended to include 50% more land

Links with.....

“The Explorers” a local childminding service

Framework

Green Social Prescribers

Feel Good Gardens

Yeoman Park School

Tum Tum Housing – supported housing organisation

Action Housing – working with ex drug users and offenders

Northfield Primary School

Crescent Primary School

Mansfield District Council

Notts County Council

Notts Community Garden Network

Northfield Ave Allotments Association

Barnsley College

Just Fencing – donations of free wood chip

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Growing Mansfield are a new charity and do not currently have a policy on reserves. However, the Trustees appreciate that this needs to be addressed. In our second year a policy will be put in place to cover contingencies and risks.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

none

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.

Principal – fund raising from grants and donations

How expenditure supported – see below

Investment – currently no investment policy and objectives

Section F

Other optional information

For the public benefit - the development of community allotments and local food growing, for the advancement of community education, citizenship and community development, Growing Mansfield will also work for the relief of poverty and the assistance of people in need, in the Mansfield district by empowering residents to grow food, and to distribute locally grown produce to people in need.

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)

Jeffrey Bale

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date 21/05/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Growing Mansfield

1194190

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
8/1/2022

To

Period end date
7/31/2023

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					
Donation	275		-	275	
Donations - fund raising event	200		-	200	-
Donation	3		-	3	41
	-		-	-	-
Feel Good Gardens	-		-	-	1,000
Community Food Fund	-		-	-	20,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	478	-	-	478	21,041
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
NONE	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	478	-	-	478	21,041
A3 Payments					
TRADE TIMBER SUPPL 200000001093844	-	645	-	645	-
TRAVIS PERKINS 200000001101526859 5	-	216	-	216	-
AMANDA FISHER 100000001129387489 C	-	6,209	-	6,209	-
	-	-	-	-	-
First Tunnels Ltd - Polytunnel	-	-	-	-	2,432
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	7,070	-	7,070	2,432
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	7,070	-	7,070	2,432
Net of receipts/(payments)	478	- 7,070	-	- 6,592	18,609
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	478	- 7,070	-	- 6,592	18,609

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 balance @ 31/07/23	478	11,539	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	478	11,539	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	NONE	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	NONE		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Polytunnel @ Northfield Allotment		2,432	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	NONE		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Jeffrey Bale	5/14/2024