

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	Day01	Month08	Year2023		Day31	Month07

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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 3rd 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.

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. Numbers have increased on this site. Since we completed a very positive pilot project in 2024 with Yeoman Park School we are now working alongside the School delivering an hour a week session to a group of 6 teenagers with learning disabilities they have been learning about seed sowing Planting and the horticultural environment.

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 with somewhere they can come and chat, through these conversations Amanda has also been able to signpost them to other organisations for help or support.

We are a member of the Northfield Avenue Community Allotment Association building lots of relationships with other Allotment holders, swapping plants and advice.

A testimonial from a Volunteer,

I am 30 yrs old and have been attending this project for 2 years, my confidence has improves along with my mental health, I have a learning disability, but the support I get from Amanda and the rest of the volunteers helps me. I enjoy all the jobs we are given but especially I love helping out selling plants, and meeting new people.

We have now taken over another Site in Bull farm where we will be working closely with Crescent Primary Food bank, we will be delivering fresh produce to the school once a week. We have 7 volunteers attending a 2 hour session per week.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Northfield Avenue Community Allotments continues 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. 5 of our volunteers are now confident in growing there our produce at home.

Northfield Avenue have had 2,778 visits up on last year by 1,191 they now average between 20 to 25 people per session which is an increase on last year.

Local residents who come to site give a small donation for vegetable plants to grow produce at home, and to seek advice on vegetable growing.

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.

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 We are now open 3 mornings a week to help with the demand from volunteers wanting to join in the activities with children on Saturdays.

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

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

Our Bull Farm Site currently has 7 volunteers from the local community, 2 of our volunteers are also Allotment holders. We are looking to increase the hours on site in the future. Currently had 157 visits this year starting in January 2025

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)

	
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Full name(s)

Jeffrey Bale	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

14/05/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Growing Mansfield

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
8/1/2023

To

Period end date
7/31/2024

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	2,000		-	2,000	275
Donations - fund raising event	-		-	-	200
Donation	-		-	-	3
	-		-	-	-
Feel Good Gardens	-		-	-	-
Community Food Fund	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,000	-	-	2,000	478
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
NONE	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,000	-	-	2,000	478
A3 Payments					
Xmas Meal	72	-	-	72	645
Mark Richmond Trees		634	-	634	216
Amazon	-	323	-	323	6,209
Skip Hire	185		-	185	-
Trade Timber	-	95	-	95	
Strultch	-	214	-	214	-
Volunteer Refreshments	33	16	-	49	-
Enterprise Van Hire	-	85	-	85	-
Laptop	-	250	-	250	-
Sub total	290	1,617	-	1,907	7,070
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	290	1,617	-	1,907	7,070
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,710	- 1,617	-	93	- 6,592
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	478	11,539	-	12,017	18,609
Cash funds this year end	2,188	9,922	-	12,110	12,017

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 @ 31/07/24	2,188	9,922	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,188	9,922	-
	(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			
	NONE	-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	4/22/2025