



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From**

Period start date

01

04

2022

**To**

Period end date

31

03

2023

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Hazelnut Community Farm

**Other names charity is known by****Registered charity number (if any)**

1195745

**Charity's principal address**

9 Dorset Road

Bristol

**Postcode**

BS9 4BJ

#### 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 John White

Chair

Resigned 19/01/2023

2 Lucy Sablan

Chair

Appointed 19/01/2023

3 Clare Fussell

4 David Gould

5 Tim Barnett

Treasurer

Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees

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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)**

Section B

Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity’s trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by Board of 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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

1. to advance the Christian faith and understanding of its relevance to the environment in the United Kingdom and any part of the world for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Basis of Faith by
1. raising awareness and understanding of Christian beliefs and practices,
1. carrying out religious devotional acts,



1. contributing towards a better society, for example by promoting social cohesion and social capital,
1. carrying out, as a practical expression of religious beliefs, other activities (such as advancing education or conflict resolution, or relieving poverty), which may also be charitable;
2. to promote for the benefit of the public in the United Kingdom and any part of the world the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment by
  1. modelling and promoting sustainable practices and engagement with gardening and the outdoors,
  1. other activities (such as advancing education) which may also be charitable.

**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)**

**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

## Hazelnut Bristol

### - Hazelnut Church Bristol

This year we have continued to deepen our rhythms of Christian spirituality examples include Easter in the garden and Slow Christmas. We are working on developing a yearly rhythm of worship.

We have also started Grow and Explore to encourage our young people. Gigi Cheung has taken the lead and is doing a great job with 12 young people and 8 parents meeting monthly.

In the autumn we hired Bryony Davis as our Community Growing Enabler she started just after Easter 2023.

In the middle of March, we relocated to the garden at St. Anne's Church in Eastern Bristol and have begun to develop the gourds whilst working with St. Anne's Church.

This year we also became a Bishop's Mission Order with the Diocese of Bristol in the Church of England. This allows us to have representation and support structures within the Church of England.

### - Safeguarding

We have been pleased to have Jon Davis as our safeguarding officer at Hazelnut Bristol. Clare Fussell is our trustee with responsibilities for safeguarding.

This year we have worked with the Diocese of Bristol to have an up-to-date rigorous safeguarding policy. We have continued to put policies in place to encourage safeguarding best practice. Our Trustees have now all been DBS checked as well. We have a standing item regarding safeguarding at every trustee meeting. This year we have had no safeguarding issues. Next year we will aim to continue to develop robust policies.

### - Conservation

We are pleased to have received an award of Gold eco church from A Rocha UK for our conservation work. Practically we have developed community gardens with vegetables, fruit, and pollinator-friendly flowers in Upper Horfield and Lockleaze. We used no chemicals of any kind. We also planted wheat in several locations in Bristol and we have planted 8 plum and apple trees in local schools. We had 2 foraging walks led by Steve England.

We are also pleased to have hired Angus Lam as our Lead gardener. Angus works 4 hours a week as an independent contractor.



### - **Giving food**

Over the last year we have given back to the community 50% of what we have grown. We gave to Vench, a charity well established in Lockleaze, that gives veg boxes and cooks meals for young people whilst not in term time.

### - **Community engagement**

We had a local primary school come and plant in our Lockleaze location. We created murals in Lockleaze. In Eden Grove we had a community open day with 500 people in attendance. We had other events including the harvest festival, Christmas around the fire, and Christmas cookie party.

### - **Hong Kong**

We have had a large number of families who have resettle from Hong Kong join our community. We have an average of 5 families come on a Sunday to our Church service with new families coming each week.

### - **Collaboration**

We built a community garden for GKN Aerospace. We had over 1000 visitors to our sites this year.

## **Network**

### - **Conference**

Our Sustaining Church conference had speakers from around the world on zoom. We had 200 people in attendance.

### - **Potting shed**

In January we are starting Potting shed. A weekly program for Christian groups who want to start growing projects. Our first year has seen 20 groups sign up with an average weekly attendance of 28 people. These groups are across the UK. We are already seeing this ecumenical training. This year we ran two more courses and have now trained over 50 groups.

### - **Growing Collective**

All of this is building a network called the Collective that encourages communities to engage creatively with agriculture, worship and climate emergency. The growing collective is now up to 30 different communities across the UK. We now have our first international partner Mudacretza from the Democratic Republic of the Congo



**- Growing Course**

We wrote a 6 weeks week course that is currently in beta testing. We plan to release this next year.

**- Hosting/ speaking**

We have begun to have wider influence through speaking engagements. we have spoken at: the diocese of Bristol environmental conference, a school in Bath, St. Barnabas Warmly, Keysham eco conference, Bow church in London, A Rocha retreat, Cres, St. Davids vocation weekend, Diocese of Wales Net Zero Day.



## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is our intention, once we are established, to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to at least 3 months costs in line with charity best practice

**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)**

Lucy Sablan

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair



**Date**

28/09/23





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hazelnut Community Farm

1195745

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2022

To


Period end date  
31/03/2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Receipts	10,039	12,800	-	22,839	-
Gifted from loan - N Woodfield	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	12,039	12,800	-	24,839	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	12,039	12,800	-	24,839	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Costs of Charitable Activities	6,573	4,291	-	10,864	-
Loan repayment - N Woodfield	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	8,573	4,291	-	12,864	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	8,573	4,291	-	12,864	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	3,466	8,509	-	11,975	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	1,637	1,637	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	5,842	8,033	-	13,875	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	10,945	14,905	-	25,850	-



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		10,945	14,905	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	10,945	14,905	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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
			Tim Barnett	28/09/2023