



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 23 November 2021 **Period start date**
To 05 April 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Trees for Bermondsey

Charity registration number: 1196737

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1. 'To promote the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment for the public benefit, in particular by the planting of trees and other plants on streets and in publicly accessible spaces within the London borough of Southwark and in particular the wards around Bermondsey to mitigate the detrimental effects of climate change and urban overheating, encourage biodiversity and improve air and water quality'.</p> <p>2. 'To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment including by promoting tree planting as a means for the public to learn about wider environmental issues such as: sustainability, climate change, ecology and the mitigating need for trees'.</p> <p>3. 'For the public benefit to promote the physical enhancement and beautification of streets and publicly accessible spaces around Bermondsey and the wider borough of Southwark as the trustees shall determine, by the planting of trees and securing their guardianship'.</p>
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	<p>Main activities and projects carried out during the reporting period included:</p> <p>1. The Rouel Estate Community Orchard was conceived, designed and planted by around</p>

		<p>60 local adult and child volunteers and was a collaboration between Trees for Bermondsey, the Rouel Blue Garden Club and Southwark Council's Tree Section, with generous help and advice from the Orchard Project and London National Park City. 24 fruit trees were planted including apple, pear, plum, cherry, apricot, black mulberry, peach and quince. 135 metres of fruiting hedge was added to surround and protect the orchard including elder, hazel, dog rose, sea buckthorn, blackthorn, hawthorn, rowan and cornelian cherry. A total of 1500 tree whips were planted to complete the hedge.</p> <p>2. Our second community orchard was planted in St James's churchyard as a tribute to Bermondsey's famous, tree-planting mayor, Ada Salter, and named after the Joy Slide (Peek Frean boss, Arthur Carr's gift to the children of Bermondsey which stood in the churchyard for fifty years). Elected in 1922 as London's first woman mayor, the planting of the orchard in Spring 2022 marked Ada's centenary year (see "Other" below). Trees for Bermondsey collaborated with London National Park City Ranger, Divya Hariramani, on the design and choice of unusual fruit trees, working closely with Southwark Council's Tree Section. Persimmon, Fig, Strawberry Tree, Quince, Medlar, Pomegranate, Cornelian Cherry and Black Mulberry were planted. With help from our Orchard Project mentor and National Park City Ranger, Lesley Wertheimer, we were also able to rescue six existing fruit trees in the churchyard which had been badly damaged by dogs. By pruning</p>
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		<p>and protecting them, Trees for Bermondsey has given them a new lease of life.</p> <p>3. The idea of the Octopus Garden was conceived during the Covid pandemic and became a rare positive consequence of the days of lockdown and the discovery of the importance of green space and being in the open air for health and well-being. An unloved, grey, polluted and fly-tipped street corner was taken and transformed into a lush, green oasis, equally welcoming for birds and pollinators as it is for its human visitors. Trees for Bermondsey brought together local residents to form "The Octopus Gardeners". Funding was secured from Southwark's Cleaner, Greener Safer scheme and the London Mayor's Grow Back Greener fund to de-pave 120 square metres on the corner of Dunton Road and Lynton Road and plant it with thousands of native species plants to encourage biodiversity. 100 native trees were included to create hedging to protect the garden from traffic pollution and noise. Existing uncomfortable metal seating was upcycled using timber from end-of-life street trees and a large mosaic birdbath was commissioned to invite more birdlife to the garden. The Octopus Garden was a highly successful collaboration with the council, their Highways Contractor, FM Conway Ltd, Southwark Nature Volunteers (SNAV), Trees for Bermondsey and many others who generously gave their time and brought skills to this exciting project. Work which had started in Spring 2022 was complete by late September and celebrated with a joint street party with the Octopus Garden's</p>
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		<p>neighbour and supporter, Café Crol.</p> <p>4. Hedge-planting in public spaces has been an important activity since Trees for Bermondsey's inception. It helped Trees for Bermondsey open a positive dialogue with Southwark Council around tree-planting and was a simple way to raise awareness and bring people together to create greener neighbourhoods. In this reporting period, we extended and added to the hedge for wildlife in Spa Gardens. In the year previously (2020 – 21) we planted around 400 native species whips provided for free by the Woodland Trust. The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) provided another 200 in 2021 – 22 and in March 2023 Southwark Council's Tree Section gave us another 200 including yew and holly to complete the hedge. In February 2022, we also added a further 200 whips to the native species hedges planted previously with the Friends of Galleywall Nature Reserve in Shuttleworth Park. In March 2023 we added another 200 whips to the fruiting hedge planted around the Rouel Rd Orchard (1500 had already been planted in December 2021). The total number of tree whips planted by Trees for Bermondsey in public places since 2020 is approximately 3000.</p> <p>5. Tree-planting campaign – increasing tree canopy cover – Right tree, right place. Trees for Bermondsey liaised between members of the public and Southwark Council's Tree Section between 2020 and 2022 to replace felled trees and plant new trees for streets, estates and parks in Bermondsey. We processed over 100 requests from single trees, e.g, the</p>
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		<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree, to entire streets. We estimate that at least 250 trees have been planted in response to these original requests. Others, such as Blue Anchor Lane (one of Trees for Bermondsey's early campaigns) remain outstanding, but with promises to progress once infrastructure and planning issues are resolved. The campaign continues.</p> <p>6. Post-planting tree-care campaign Trees for Bermondsey lobbied councillors and officers to introduce systems to check contractors were fulfilling planting contracts, especially watering sufficiently from Spring to early Autumn and drew attention to systemic failures which became particularly apparent during the drought and high temperatures of 2022. Since then, with an ever more ambitious planting programme in place, a tree-planting and ecology post has been created to oversee tree-planting and monitor after-care. New systems have been introduced to help ensure that wide-spread failures of new trees on council-managed land will be a thing of the past.</p> <p>7. Shuttleworth Park In 2019 local residents started to fund-raise to improve Shuttleworth Park located on the noisy and polluted corner of Southwark Park Rd and Galleywall Rd in the area of Bermondsey known as the Blue. They asked Trees for Bermondsey to help and at the end of 2021, we launched a Crowdfunder and Marks and Spencer Energy matched donations made by 50 members of the public. With the Blue Bermondsey Business Improvement District (BID) and others, Trees for Bermondsey formed a loose coalition under the banner "Greening the Blue"</p>
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		<p>(see also “relationship with any related parties”) to promote and lobby for more and better public green space. A successful bid to the Mayor of London’s Grow Back Greener fund added to the Crowdfunder and grants from Southwark’s Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund meant that plans could be drawn up and work will start from summer 2023 to revive the park, refurbish the playground and create a more welcoming and nature-friendly space for all.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>All projects and activities approved by the Trustees and undertaken by Trees for Bermondsey have been for the public benefit.</p> <p>The charity is entirely volunteer-led and run, and all projects and activities undertaken are accessible and available to all. As can be seen in the “Summary of main activities” above, all projects are located in the public spaces of Bermondsey for the benefit of everyone who lives, works or visits the area. In addition to the activities and projects listed previously, the Trustees have raised funds for and organised free workshops and events which attracted hundreds of participants and volunteers over the reporting period. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree and hedge-planting days in the parks and in the new orchards • Planting and maintenance days in the Octopus street-garden • Bulb-planting thanks to the Metropolitan Gardens and Parks Association who supplied hundreds of free bulbs. • Maintenance days and events such as mulching and pruning under the instruction of volunteer Orchard Project mentor, Lesley Wertheimer. • Bird and bat-box and bug-hotel making on the Blue Marketplace in collaboration with the Bankside Open Spaces Trust and help from The Conservation Volunteers • A guided walk in collaboration with Fruity Walks, London National Park City ranger Divya Hariramani. This took place as part of the Salter Centenary celebrations in summer

		<p>2022 and showcased the fruit-trees and fruiting hedges newly-planted in the Rouel Estate Community Orchard and the Joy Slide orchard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosaic workshops with Age UK and the Blue Marketplace which were delivered by the London School of Mosaic who Trees for Bermondsey had commissioned to design and build a large commemorative, mosaic birdbath for the Octopus Garden. • The Bermondsey Wassail, which the Trustees hope will become an annual tradition, was made possible by the generosity and not inconsiderable musical and theatrical talent of members of the famous troupe “The Lion’s Part”. Their Green Man and friends performed on the Blue Marketplace while Trees for Bermondsey and the Rouel Blue Garden Club oversaw lantern and crown-making. The Green Man led a lantern-lit procession through the streets of Bermondsey to the Rouel orchard where everyone joined in the ancient tradition of Wassailing the apple-trees with songs, instrument-playing and mulled cider. • An exhibition showing the history of Shuttleworth Park and the drawings and visualisations of proposed works to improve Shuttleworth Park was held on the Blue marketplace in February 2023 with project partners, Bankside Open Spaces Trust, and an online consultation and public engagement event held to gather feedback from the community.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	N/A

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Trees for Bermondsey's volunteers make everything the charity does possible. Although grants and donations mean we can pay outside providers for some services, day-to-day running and activities are entirely dependent on the goodwill and generosity of our volunteers.</p> <p>We try to set an example and use best practise in everything we do, e.g. we don't just plant trees, but make sure they are cared for to ensure successful establishment.</p> <p>We run WhatsApp groups for different projects e.g. The Octopus Gardeners and Orchard Group. For larger events such as hedge and tree planting we call on our wider group, which stood at approximately 160 members at end of the reporting period. Our partners and friends, Southwark Nature Action Volunteers and Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Litterati are other important sources of volunteers.</p> <p>Our regular groups of volunteers are vital for taking care of our greenspaces, new trees and plants. Their dedication was amply illustrated through spring and summer 2022 during the drought and exceptionally high temperatures.</p> <p>In the Rouel Estate community orchard 23 trees received between 20 and 50 litres each weekly and in the hottest part of the summer, this was doubled. A dedicated group of neighbours from the estate and surrounding streets had to fill endless watering cans, but determination paid off and all the trees have thrived.</p> <p>The Octopus Garden was particularly challenging through the drought, as although the garden was deliberately planted with climate change in mind, to succeed, it had to be watered daily through its early stages. Without a water-supply onsite, volunteers had to transport water to a storage tank and set up a watering rota. Thanks to the Octopus Gardeners, the garden flourished, despite unpromising conditions.</p>
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The charity was nominated for the 2022 "Tree Oscars", the London Tree and Woodland Awards, sponsored jointly by the Forestry Commission and Mayor of London. Our Chair took the coveted Acorn Award - "for an

		<p>individual member of the public who has made a particular contribution to promoting or conserving trees” and Trees for Bermondsey were Highly Commended in the “Community Tree” category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees for Bermondsey took an active part in the Salter Centenary celebrations which took place throughout 2022 and our Chair was on the steering group and helped organise events and activities. In 1922 Ada Salter became mayor of Bermondsey while her husband, Alfred Salter, was elected MP. The couple devoted their lives to the environment, housing and public health and transformed a deprived inner-city area into a healthy green oasis. During 2022, thousands of Southwark residents and visitors from further afield took part in activities and attended events to honour the lives and actions of the Salters. These included performances, concerts, guided walks, films, radio plays, tree-planting and talks. • Some of the oldest and best-loved street trees in Bermondsey are hybrid Black poplars (<i>Populus nigra</i>) and in early 2022 Trees for Bermondsey heard that a 120-year-old tree on Southwark Park Road had become dangerous and needed to be removed. We negotiated with Southwark’s tree officers and our local councillors to have the tree removed by “Fallen and Felled” who specialise in removing street trees as intact as possible to ensure they are re-used. Fallen and Felled milled and seasoned the timber for 12 months and Trees for Bermondsey were awarded a Cleaner, Greener, Safer grant to have some of the wood made into seating in the Rouel Estate’s new community garden, just a few metres from where the old tree stood.
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		<p>Most street trees are chipped and incinerated, so using the timber for furniture is far more sustainable and a perfect example of the circular economy, with the tree returning to the place where it grew and preventing its stored carbon being released into the atmosphere. The seat will be installed ready for summer 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends' group, Southwark Park Association 1869, invited Trees for Bermondsey to advise on tree-related matters and co-opted Trees for Bermondsey's Chair onto their management committee. Trees for Bermondsey's first duty was to consult with the council and assisted in choosing a heavy-standard tulip tree to plant in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year as part of the UK-wide Queen's Green Canopy scheme.
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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	<p>The geographical area Trees for Bermondsey is active in has some of the lowest tree-canopy in London, highest deprivation and worst access to green space.</p> <p>The planting of trees and plants, the creation of new green space and the improvement to existing ones, provide many important ecosystem services for the benefit of the human and wildlife populations of Bermondsey and the wider community of Southwark.</p> <p>Research has proven that proximity to trees and greenspace has a positive effect on physical and mental wellbeing and community cohesion. We have seen this in action again and again and it is reflected in feedback from volunteers:</p> <p><i>"...the idea of creating beautiful green spaces has brought our community together through a</i></p>

		<p><i>shared interest.”</i></p> <p><i>“I am certain that the work that the group does helps my mental stability... I love to be outside and not only have I learned from being with the group, I have also felt a strong sense of responsibility and ‘belonging’”</i></p> <p>Just two examples of the difference the charity’s work has made to its beneficiaries over the reporting period are shown below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Octopus Garden is a street corner, so open 24 hours a day 365 days a year. De-paving and planting with thousands of native species plants has created a tiny new green lung for the area. <p>Before Trees for Bermondsey transformed it, this was one of the most common places for fly-tipping in the area. This is now a rare occurrence and our partnership with the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Litterati means it stays clear of rubbish. Trees for Bermondsey even installed a street bin which is now emptied by Southwark’s street-cleaners.</p> <p>In March 2023, within days of being installed in the Octopus Garden one of the birdboxes made with local children at our public workshop, was occupied by a pair of bluetits.</p> <p>The large birdbath, made by the London School of Mosaic from design ideas collected from the community during workshops is not only a beautiful centrepiece, but an important source of water for our local wildlife.</p> <p>When the plants and wildflowers started to bloom in Spring 2023, they were soon abuzz with pollinators and it was hard to believe that barely 12 months earlier, the garden hadn’t existed and was barren, polluted tarmac. It was exciting to experience the positive reaction to the transformation.</p>
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		<p>The Octopus Garden has inspired its neighbours to de-pave their driveways and others to fundraise for their own street garden.</p> <p>2. The Rouel Estate Community Orchard is the result of an impressive joint-effort between the newly-formed Rouel Blue Garden Club, Trees for Bermondsey, Southwark Council, the neighbouring St James's School and others.</p> <p>It is being cultivated to provide a significant fruit harvest within a few years which will be shared with residents and the Love North Southwark food pantry.</p> <p>The school has installed gates from the playground to the orchard meaning that the space can be used for recreation and eventually, as an outdoor classroom.</p> <p>The space is being managed to maximise biodiversity in collaboration with the estate's maintenance team who have agreed to a reduced mowing regime. The native species fruiting hedge will be trimmed in rotation so there is always habitat for birds and other wildlife. The orchard already hosts a large and noisy colony of sparrows and pipistrelle bats hunt over the long grass on summer evenings.</p> <p>Trees for Bermondsey does not simply organise one-off events but encourages and works with the community to care for their trees and greenspaces. This brings neighbours together and has engendered a collective sense of pride in the local environment.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Please see above sections and below. The charity fulfilled and exceeded objectives set.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Trees for Bermondsey had 100% success rate in grants and awards applied for, most notably, two successive Grow Back Greener grants from the GLA to create a community street garden, the Octopus Garden, successfully completed in 2022 and the restoration of Shuttleworth Park (onsite works due to start Summer 2023).</p> <p>Both projects received match-funding from Southwark Council's Cleaner Greener Safer fund.</p> <p>Another grant was awarded by Southwark's Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund for items needed for the Rouel Estate Orchard.</p> <p>A donation was received from London National Park City to spend on events and tools for the Rouel Estate Orchard.</p> <p>A grant was received from the Mayor's Weekend Fund to be spent on summer 2023 activities (storytelling, a guided walk and a family picnic).</p> <p>We also received unrestricted funds through ASDA Foundation's green token campaign and from Thames Water which fulfilled the objective of boosting reserves.</p> <p>In addition, 50 members of the public contributed to a fundraiser for improvements to Shuttleworth Park and donations were matched by Marks and Spencer Energy.</p> <p>A new Paypal account was set up and a link embedded in the Trees for Bermondsey website enabling donations to be collected online from supporters.</p>

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the reporting period Trees for Bermondsey had a total income of £53761.38 comprised of £2017.09 unrestricted funds and £51,744.29 restricted funds. Net income was £30,947.02 after expenditure. (See Financial Statement attached to this document) Trees for Bermondsey has no current liabilities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The target reserve level is set at twelve months of operating expenses, adjusted according to our specific operational needs and risk assessment outcomes. Currently this would be £400. This amount would be sufficient to cover the annual running costs of the charity should there be no other unrestricted income in that financial year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As of 5 th April 2023, we have £30,947 in reserves.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A Reserves held.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Trees for Bermondsey has no material deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have no financial uncertainties about the Charity continuing as a going concern for the next 12 months. The Charity is run solely by volunteers and as such has no high fixed costs. Any annual expenses can thus be kept to a minimum and be funded if needed by reserve fund which is held for the coming financial year.

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	The majority of funds are restricted for specific purposes e.g. from grants or awards from the GLA (Grow Back Greener) and Southwark Council (Cleaner Greener Safer) Unrestricted funding such as that raised from Paypal Donations and ASDA foundation green token scheme is important for maintaining reserves for day-to-day costs such as public liability insurance and internet fees. A Crowdfunder was run for works and maintenance to Shuttleworth Park and funds raised were matched by Marks and Spencer
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		<p>Energy.</p> <p>A large part of our work is dependent on in-kind benefits provided by partners such as Southwark Council's Tree and Parks Sections e.g. provision of trees, hedging whips and mulch. Highways contractor FM Conway provided de-paving, paving, soil and bike racks for the Octopus Garden. Others are listed under "relationships with any related parties." As Trees for Bermondsey work with London National Park City rangers, we were awarded a grant by LNPC for the orchards. Thames Water provided funds for general use e.g. planting activities and tools.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees maintain a risk register to log and assess the charity's principal risks. Our top two risks refer to maintaining a sustainable financial position; and succession planning for trustees.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	Potential trustees are invited to apply by existing trustees. Appointment to the Board is made by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

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	New trustees are provided with induction material (background information, The Essential Trustee (CC3), the constitution, and policy documents). New trustees are formally inducted in a meeting of current Board of Trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>As a volunteer-run charity, teamwork is key to Trees for Bermondsey's success and none of our work would be possible without collaboration with a multitude of partners and friends some of whom are shown below:</p> <p>Southwark Council – working closely with Trees, Ecology and Parks teams who provide services as well as trees, hedge whips and mulch for projects. The Cleaner, Greener, Safer scheme provides match-funding and useful funds to kick-start new projects.</p> <p>Greater London Authority – awarded generous Grow Back Greener grants for the Octopus Garden and Shuttleworth Park. A successful application to the Mayor's Weekend fund will enable activities like story-telling, guided-walks and picnics to take place in the orchards and other locations in Bermondsey.</p>

		<p>The Blue Bermondsey Business Improvement District (BID) – generous support and advice and partners in the Greening the Blue coalition, help with space on the Blue marketplace for activities and work-shops</p> <p>Bankside Open Spaces Trust – their dedicated Green Hub Co-ordinator for South Bermondsey provides invaluable time and help to Trees for Bermondsey and the Greening the Blue project in the form of expert horticultural advice and public engagement.</p> <p>Southwark Nature Action Volunteers – partners and friends of Trees for Bermondsey who provide ecological advice and volunteers.</p> <p>Greening the Blue – coalition of environmental groups in South Bermondsey including Big Local Works, the Blue Bermondsey BID, Trees for Bermondsey, Southwark Park Association 1869, Friends of Galleywall Nature Reserve and others, promoting greening of the area and holding annual Greening the Blue event</p> <p>Rouel Blue Garden Club – Partners and friends of Trees for Bermondsey, collaborators on the Rouel Estate Community Orchard and other local projects e.g. the Bermondsey Wassail</p> <p>The Orchard Project – Orchard Project volunteer mentor, Lesley Wertheimer, has collaborated on the orchards and advises Trees for Bermondsey on orchard-related matters</p> <p>London National Park City – Southwark rangers, Divya Hariramani and Lesley Wertheimer (see Orchard Project also) collaborated on all aspects of the Rouel Estate Community and Joy Slide Orchards</p> <p>The Octopus Gardeners – group of local residents and Trees for Bermondsey volunteers who care for the Octopus garden</p> <p>Salter Centenary Project – collaboration on events for the Salter Centenary Year celebrations in 2022</p> <p>Southwark Park Association 1869 – Trees for Bermondsey help liaise with the council and collaborate and advise on tree-matters related to Southwark Park</p> <p>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Litterati - partners and friends of Trees for Bermondsey keeping our greenspaces and tree-pits clean and litter-free</p> <p>Friends of Galleywall Nature Reserve</p> <p>ASDA Foundation</p>
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		Marks and Spencer Energy Thames Water Local businesses providing pro-bono services and support: FM Conway, Sterling Landscapes Ltd, Bronzewood Metals, Crol & Co, WeWork
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Trees for Bermondsey
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1196737
Charity's principal address	107 Grange Road London SE1 3BW

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	Sarah Vaughan	Chair		Founding Trustee
2	Robert Hutchinson	Treasurer		Founding Trustee
3	Andrew Readman	Vice-Chair		Founding Trustee
4	Katherine Hayes	Secretary		Founding Trustee

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner for Trees for Bermondsey accounts	Neelai Patel	31 Howcroft Crescent, London N3 1PA

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


Other optional information

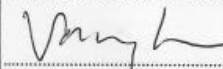
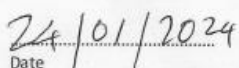
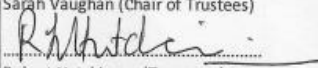
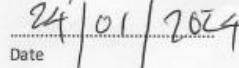

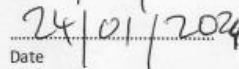
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Katherine Hayes	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	31/01/2024	

TREES FOR BERMONDSEY Registered Charity no: 1196737		
Income & Expenditure Account - Year 14-03-20 to 05-04-23		
	GBP	GBP
Income		
Donation - General	2,017.09	
Grant - Rouel Orchard	1,913.22	
Grant - GLA London Mayor's Weekend	760.00	
Grant - Octopus	28,376.70	
Grant - Shuttleworth	20,694.37	
Total Income		53,761.38
Expenditure		
Construction Materials & Shipping - Octopus	8,100.00	
Landscaping - Octopus	5,167.66	
Birdbath - Octopus	4,244.51	
Tools & Equipment, Stationary & Refresments - Rouel Orchard	1,260.98	
Design - Shuttleworth	1,025.00	
Timber for seating - Octopus	865.20	
Tools & Equipment, Stationary & Refresments - Octopus	646.10	
Birdbox - Octopus	344.00	
Trees - Octopus	204.00	
Landscaping - Rouel Orchard	171.00	
Insurance	403.00	
Workshop fee - Rouel Orchard	150.00	
50% share of donations for guided walk	51.00	
Paypal Fees	2.83	
Domain	179.08	
Total Expenditure		22,814.36
Net Income		30,947.02
Balance Sheet - Year 14-03-20 to 05-04-23		
	GBP	GBP
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	30,815.35	
Cash in Paypal	127.66	
Petty Cash	4.01	
Total Current Assets		30,947.02
Net Assets		30,947.02
Capital & Reserves		
Reserves C/F		10,473.49
Income & Expenditure Account for YE 5-4-2023		20,473.53
Reserves B/F		30,947.02
We approve the above accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.		
		24/01/2024
Sarah Vaughan (Chair of Trustees)	Date	
		24/01/2024
Robert Hutchinson (Treasurer)	Date	
		24/01/2024
Angelo Grossi (Accountant)	Date	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

TREES FOR BERMONDSEY

On accounts for the year
ended

05 April 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1196737

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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 **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: 24/01/2024

Name:

Neelai patel

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ACCA (The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

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Oct 2018

(if any):	
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Section B	Disclosure
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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.

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