



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 06 April 2024 Period start date
To 05 April 2025 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</p>

		determine, by the planting of trees and securing their guardianship’.
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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our transformation of Shuttleworth Park continued with generous help from Bankside Open Spaces Trust’s Green Hub in the form of expert horticultural advice, plants and tools. We continued our work on reviving the park, and creating a more welcoming and nature-friendly space for all. Southwark Council’s tree officers supplied us with four beautiful Japanese “Snow Goose” cherry trees (Umineko) for the refurbished playground in April 2023 and they didn’t disappoint, coming into flower in April 2024 and providing the most beautiful white blossom quickly covered in both wild and honey bees. Amelanchier x Lamarckii, the delicately white-flowered “Juneberry” or “Snowy Mesphilus” planted in 2023 in the two large circular areas which we depaved in the brick pathways burst into flower a few weeks later with native Hawthorn trees (Crataegus monogyna) marking the entrance to the picnic area providing important forage for pollinators followed by cascades of berries for the wood pigeons and blackbirds in the autumn. Residents’ bid for Cleaner, Greener, Safer funds was successful so we were in a position to add to the thousands of bulbs and plants already planted in the previous year, continuing to work with Bermondsey-based sustainable

		<p>gardening firm Sterling Landscapes who share Trees for Bermondsey's belief of working with biodiversity to create new green spaces and enhance existing urban green spaces for all.</p> <p>At our planting days, local residents again came together to sow thousands of perennial wildflower seeds, plug plants and spring bulbs to reinforce the new meadow edge planting from the previous reporting period.</p> <p>Thanks to Southwark Council's tree-planting and ecology officer and BOST's Green-hub co-ordinator 75 new trees were made available for us to plant.</p> <p>Species of note included <i>Arbutus unedo</i>, <i>Taxus baccata</i>, <i>Euonymus europea</i> as well as more common park and woodland shrubs and trees such as <i>Corylus avellana</i>, <i>Viburnum opulus</i>, <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> and <i>Acer campestre</i>.</p> <p>Because there is no water source in the park, irrigation has been challenging. The council's Tree Section had two 1000-litre IBCs installed which have to be filled by contractors. Several times, the contractors did not fill the tanks on time and Sterling were forced to bring in water in jerricans by cargo-bike.</p> <p>Most planting survived, but areas of dry shade were difficult to keep sufficiently watered by hand.</p> <p>The council has a policy of "no water" in parks and taps have been disconnected which means it is challenging to establish new planting, even using drought-</p>
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		<p>tolerant species. Through working with council ecology officers and the Southwark Biodiversity Partnership, we hope to influence parks management to change this policy to enable more planting and ecology projects in the smaller parks of the borough</p> <p>In early autumn, with help from BOST's green hub coordinator we held a scything session with volunteers. Scything once a year is the best way to optimise conditions for wild plants and grasses to thrive, encouraging more pollinators, birds and other wildlife to the park.</p> <p>2. Rouel Estate Community Orchard and the Joy Slide Orchard</p> <p>The Rouel Estate Community Orchard was conceived, designed and planted in 2021 – 2022 by around 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 and 135 metres of fruiting hedgerow was added to surround and protect the orchard. Since then three more fruit trees have been added as well as perennial wildflowers including native wild daffodils, primroses, snowdrops and cowslips and 30 metres of hedging.</p> <p>An exciting addition to the orchard this reporting year was a wildlife pond built with the help of charity, Froglife, as part of their London Blue Chain project, creating sixty ponds in public spaces across five boroughs in</p>
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		<p>South London over two years to provide connections for amphibians and invertebrates. Frogs and dragonflies moved in almost immediately.</p> <p>In this reporting year, we continued to care for and add to the orchard during volunteer events such as pruning days. A regular group of volunteers has formed who litterpick, prune, weed, water, mulch and generally keep an eye on both orchards. Our amazing Orchard Project mentor, Lesley Wertheimer, continues to provide instruction in orcharding skills.</p> <p>This year we were able to sample elderflower cordial and sloe gin made from the hedgerow fruit by one of our volunteers.</p> <p>Environmental studies Masters student, Lucy Houliston, made a week-long survey of bumblebee and beetle activity for her thesis which centres around urban orchards. We were delighted to hear that “our” orchard had more activity and species than others she had surveyed so far. She cited the fact that the Rouel Estate orchard is left mainly unmown, providing ideal conditions for many different species of invertebrate. We were surprised to hear that nearly all the other orchards she had visited were kept “neat and tidy” with councils insisting on mowing them throughout spring and summer.</p> <p>Lucy returned in a different role in September as one of the managers of the bat Conservation Trust’s Nightwatch project, giving a fascinating talk to a mix of adults and excited children at Big Local Works on</p>
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		<p>the different bats to be found in London, followed by a walk to the orchard where we were delighted to see Common pipistrelles hunting for moths at dusk.</p> <p>There was one negative among the many positive and exciting developments in the orchard: more and more dog walkers (very few of them from the estate) were using the orchard for exercising dogs off-lead and by February 2025 the ground had become muddy and compacted and covered in large amounts of excrement to the point that volunteers were no longer prepared to work in the orchard. As someone said, it was “stomach-churning”. The Wassail was going to take place in a few weeks, so reluctantly, we padlocked the gates so that the ground and trees could recover and until a solution could be found.</p> <p>3. 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 hedges for wildlife across Bermondsey.</p> <p>During National Tree Week in late November 2024, at the suggestion of local residents, we made our first incursion into Southwark Park in partnership with the Southwark Park Association 1869. With help from the council’s tree planting and ecology officer planted over</p>
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		<p>100 metres of mixed native species hedge along the north-east edge. A fantastic turnout of 25 volunteers made short work of planting it and Southwark's mayor, Cllr Naima Ali even turned up to give us a hand! By April 2025, the total number of trees and hedge whips planted by Trees for Bermondsey in public places was nearly 5000. In addition, thanks to our amazing volunteers, we carried out the important tasks of mulching and maintenance pruning on hedges planted in previous years e.g. in Spa Gardens. The fruiting hedge in the Rouel Est Community orchard has grown so well that we have been able to harvest elderflowers, sloes and wild plums and one of the orchard volunteers made bottles of delicious cordial for a second year which was drunk at the annual orchard picnic.</p> <p>4. In this reporting period we were excited to embark on our latest project: the first phase of the North Bermondsey Green Corridor. The idea is to link borough SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) Southwark Park to local SINC, St James's Churchyard 0.5 km away via the Kirby, Four Squares and Keetons estates. Phase 1 was a tarmacked triangle covered in flytipping filled with large puddles when it rained. We decided to name the site the Moreton Gate Nature Garden as it sits between the Kirby and Slippers Place Estates in front of one of Southwark Park's entrances, Moreton Gate. The project was instigated by Kirby</p>
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		<p>Estate residents who approached Trees for Bermondsey for help. Having missed out on funding from the London Mayor's Rewild London fund, we were delighted that the council agreed to back the first phase from the Southwark Biodiversity Fund. Working with Southwark Ecology Officer, Holly Weber, as joint project manager and Anna Hwang Colligan of Southwark Nature Action Volunteers (SNAV) as designer, we set up stall onsite on a Saturday morning in October to gauge feedback to the plans and visualisations. No one needed persuading that the space would be improved by our interventions! The nature garden will be an extension of the park, bringing biodiversity and a new green space into the estates. The whole space of about 75 square metres will be depaved to around 600mm, keeping and protecting existing trees, then low fertility soil brought in and seeded with a perennial native wildflower and grasses mix. As with our previous depaving projects - Octopus Garden and Shuttleworth Park - Highways contractor FM Conway stepped in to depave and bring soil from another site in the south of the borough. A corner of the site will still need to be used for recycling, so a concrete base is included and a new Metrostor bin shelter with a sedum roof added. Planting consists of mainly native and drought resistant species requiring minimum maintenance after an initial establishment period. Fortunately, as the garden is in proximity to the Slippers Place Estate, a tap is available to provide essential irrigation for the first spring/summer. TfB</p>
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		<p>were successful in a request for Cleaner Greener Safer funding for additional features such as reclaimed York stone slabs for the entrances at each end of the garden and cast iron arches for climbers (hop, honeysuckle and rambling rose). The whole space will be designed and planted to optimise biodiversity – hedges, trees, shrubs, wildflowers and native grasses for pollinators, birds and other wildlife and the CGS award will also cover the cost of installing a graphic interpretation board explaining the transformation and species likely to be attracted to the garden.</p> <p>It was a long time in the waiting, but in February 2025 Conway's broke ground and work continued through March, with planting days to be scheduled in April with residents and volunteers.</p> <p>With our previous collaborators, local sustainable gardeners, Sterling Landscapes, taking care of planting and looking after the nature garden over the first couple of years, we feel confident that it will thrive for both people and nature.</p> <p>5. A Tree for Ada</p> <p>In 2022 we celebrated the centenary of Ada Salter becoming Mayor of Bermondsey and her husband, Dr Alfred Salter becoming MP. We wanted to mark the occasion by planting a tree in Tanner St Park near where Ada and Alfred planted a Tree of Heaven at the playground's opening in the 1920s. We knew a Tree of Heaven would be out of the question as they are now listed as an invasive species, so better late than never, we conferred with author and street tree</p>
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		<p>aficionado, Paul Wood, and with Joe Arrowsmith, Southwark's Tree-planting officer to choose a suitable species. Joe came up with the perfect tree for the 21st century: the Heartnut tree (<i>Juglans ailantifolia</i>), a magnificent Japanese walnut with a passing resemblance to the Tree of heaven, said to be Ada's favourite tree. The tree was planted just in time for Southwark's celebration during National Tree Week of the planting of the 100,000th tree in the borough.</p> <p>The original tree had a circular seat around it, remembered by older locals, so we applied successfully for CGS funds from London Bridge and West Bermondsey ward to have a new seat made in 2025 – 26.</p> <p>6. The Tree of Life – in 2022 we saved a wonderful old Black poplar from being chipped and burned. Fallen and Felled removed the tree and seasoned the resulting timber at their yard for 18 months, some of which we bought back to be made into seats for Rouel Blue Garden club's community garden, just a stone's throw from where the old tree had stood. A summer party was held in honour of the beautiful new seats which were installed under the garden's pergola. The Tree of Life project perfectly illustrated the circular economy, meaning that carbon is held in the seats for years to come, instead of going up in smoke.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	All projects and activities approved by the Trustees and undertaken by Trees for Bermondsey have been for the public benefit.

<p>Commission on public benefit</p>		<p>The charity is entirely volunteer-led and run, and all projects and activities undertaken are as accessible as possible, free of charge 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 those who live in, work in or visit the area.</p> <p>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 parks and on estates • The planting of thousands of bulbs, seeds and other plants with adult and child volunteers in Shuttleworth Park • With landscape designer, Yoni Carnice, we started to propagate our own wildflowers for planting around Bermondsey • Planting and maintenance days in the Octopus street-garden • Maintenance days and events such as mulching and pruning under the instruction of volunteer Orchard Project mentor, Lesley Wertheimer. • Collaboration with the Blue Bermondsey BID, Big Local Works and Bankside Open Spaces Trust and participation in the annual Greening the Blue event • The South London Botanical Institute approached us to contribute an event to their programme and we were delighted to oblige with a guided tour of our main projects in Bermondsey in the early summer • We ran story-telling sessions and a children’s picnic in the orchard with author and performer, Bernadette Russell, including with a class of SEN children • Two art workshops were completed with St James’s school students to help design motifs for the Rouel
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		<p>Community Orchard's new interpretation board and map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Chair became a bat Conservation Trust Nightwatch project local coordinator monitoring bat activity in Bermondsey and organising a talk and walk with bat experts from the trust in collaboration with Big Local Works • The Bermondsey Wassail, which was held for a third year with the help and generosity of the Orchard Project and London National Park City rangers. The Green Man and friends performed on the Blue Marketplace while Trees for Bermondsey and the Rouel Blue Garden Club oversaw lantern and crown-making with "Illuminate Bermondsey" organiser, Frog Morris. Folk group Jijomaro performed to an appreciative audience on the Blue Market Place and accompanied The Green Man in a lantern-lit procession through the streets of Bermondsey to the Rouel Estate Community Orchard where everyone joined in the ancient tradition of Wassailing the apple-trees with songs, instrument-playing and mulled cider.
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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
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Policy on social investment including program related investment		N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>As noted previously, Trees for Bermondsey is entirely volunteer-led and run and we try to set an example and use best practise in everything we do, e.g. it is always exciting when we have new projects, but it is important to ensure successful establishment with regular maintenance, whether it is pruning, watering or repairing fences and cages.</p> <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 wonderful volunteers.</p> <p>In this reporting period, Trees for Bermondsey volunteer group, which we can call on for all our projects and activities, grew to 60 members. As we add more sites and projects, so our pool of volunteers grows. For larger events such as the Wassail and hedge and tree planting we call on our wider group, which stood at approximately 240 subscribers at end of the reporting period. We opened a new BlueSky account with a view to cutting down our presence on Twitter and grew our Instagram following meaning we can tap into around 3000 followers when we want to call on larger numbers of people to volunteer or attend events e.g. the Bermondsey Wassail.</p> <p>Partners and friends such as the Southwark Nature Action Volunteers, Southwark Park Association 1869 and Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Litterati are other important sources of volunteers.</p> <p>As members of BOST's Green Hub community, we exchange help and ideas</p>

		<p>and took part in events organised by coordinator, Barney, like tool sharpening and pond building workshops.</p> <p>Our regular groups of volunteers are vital for taking care of our greenspaces, new trees and plants and we do not take them for granted.</p>
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees for Bermondsey continued to be part of the Southwark Biodiversity Partnership, formed of council ecology officers and representatives from Southwark's environmental and conservation groups. The SBP meets quarterly to discuss environmental matters and update each other on projects as well as finding ways to improve and promote biodiversity in the borough. • From our early days Trees for Bermondsey has often partnered with Southwark Nature Action Volunteers on campaigns and projects and our chair continues to sit on their committee and contribute to projects • Trees for Bermondsey's Chair continued as co-optee on the management committee of friends' group, Southwark Park Association 1869. This year we worked with SPA1869 to plant a 100 metre native species hedge in the park.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The planting of trees and plants, the creation of new green space and the improvement to existing ones, provide many important eco-system 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.</p> <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>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> <p>Please refer to Paras 1.17, 1.18 and 1.19 for information and main achievements.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Please see above sections and below. The charity fulfilled and exceeded objectives set.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Trees for Bermondsey had 100% success rate in grants and awards applied for with Southwark Council's Cleaner Greener Safer and Neighbourhoods Fund schemes</p> <p>Cleaner, Greener, Safer funds will be used on items and services needed for Moreton Gate Nature Garden such as signage, stone and metal structures; also, planting and gardening services in Shuttleworth Park</p> <p>Applications for grants from Veolia and London National Park City were both successful and used towards projects in the Rouel Estate Community Orchard including the new wildlife pond and our wildflower propagation project which will provide plants for public sites around Bermondsey.</p> <p>Council ecology and climate change officers funded the Moreton Gate Nature Garden via Southwark's Biodiversity Fund which began in February and will be completed in 2025.</p> <p>Match-funding for the Moreton Gate Nature Garden was provided pro bono by FM Conway who depaved and provided soil for the new garden as well as the CGS award listed above.</p> <p>Our unrestricted expenses were mostly covered by T shirt sales and private donations through our Paypal account including a generous Standing Order. Unused stone off-cuts were sold to boost unrestricted funds.</p>

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the reporting period Trees for Bermondsey had a total income of £11636.47 comprised of £744.08 unrestricted funds and £10892.39 restricted funds.</p> <p>Net income was £2503.19 after expenditure. (See Financial Statement attached to this document)</p> <p>Trees for Bermondsey has no current liabilities.</p>
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 £650. 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 2025, we have £11913 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:

		Most funds are restricted for specific purposes e.g. from grants or awards from
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<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>	<p>Para 1.47</p>	<p>Southwark Council (Cleaner Greener Safer, Neighbourhood Fund) and in this reporting period Veolia and two grants from London National Park City.</p> <p>Unrestricted funding such as that raised from Paypal Donations and subscriptions is important for maintaining reserves for day-to-day costs such as public liability insurance and internet fees.</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.</p> <p>In addition to funds from grants recorded in our accounts, we also receive funding provided as awards and jointly project-managed with Southwark Council.</p> <p>Both the Rouel Estate Community Orchard and the Moreton Gate Nature Garden (Southwark Biodiversity Fund) were funded in this way in 2024 – 25.</p> <p>Highways contractor FM Conway provided de-paving, paving, railing-removal, earthworks and bike racks for the Shuttleworth Park project pro bono and provided depaving, repaving and soil for the Moreton Gate Nature Garden.</p> <p>Big Local Works and the Blue Bermondsey BID provided market stalls and meeting facilities for the Shuttleworth Park/Greening the Blue projects.</p> <p>Bankside Open Spaces Trust generously provided us with horticultural advice, training, plants and tools</p> <p>Others are listed under "relationships with any related parties."</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any</p>		<p>N/A</p>

social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
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	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: Southwark Council – working closely with Trees, Ecology and Parks teams who provide services as well as trees, hedge

		<p>whips and mulch for projects. The Cleaner, Greener, Safer scheme provides match-funding and useful funds to kick-start new projects. The Neighbourhood Fund provides funds for workshops and events.</p> <p>Greater London Authority – awarded a generous Grow Back Greener grant for the transformation of Shuttleworth Park (2023) and the Octopus Garden (2022).</p> <p>St James's C of E Primary School adjoins the Rouel Estate Community Orchard and had gates installed to access the orchard directly from the school playground to open it up as an outside classroom and activities area. Children have helped work on designs for an interpretation board to be installed in 2025 – 26. Trees for Bermondsey works closely with St James's School on nature and storytelling projects.</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>Big Local Works – provide support for workshops and meeting space and facilities</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, public engagement, training, tools and plants. 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</p>
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		<p>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, wildflower mounds 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 and gives hands-on help to Trees for Bermondsey with orchard-related matters</p> <p>London National Park City – ranger Lesley Wertheimer (Also Orchard project mentor – see above) collaborated on all aspects of the Rouel Estate Community and Joy Slide Orchards. Other rangers took part in the Bermondsey Wassail, including dressing up as the Green Man!</p> <p>The Octopus Gardeners – group of local residents and Trees for Bermondsey volunteers who care for the Octopus Garden</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>Divya Hariramani (Fruity Walks) is working on an interpretation board for the Joy Slide Orchard funded by CGS</p> <p>The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) at Stave Hill provide ad hoc advice</p> <p>The charity, Froglife, worked with us to install a wildlife pond in the Rouel Estate</p>
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		Community Orchard during the reporting period as part of the London Blue Chain project. Local businesses providing pro-bono services and support: FM Conway, Sterling Landscapes Ltd, 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
5	Leanne Werner	None	From 23/06/2023	Appointed 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	Irfan Masood	64 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 0AS

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

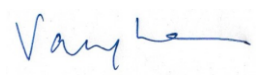
Other optional information

N/A

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)	Sarah Vaughan	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	08/10/2025	

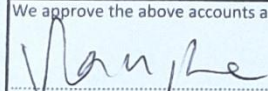
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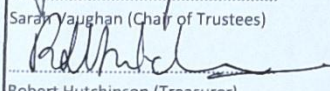
	GBP	GBP
Income		
General - Donations	0.01	
General - Sale of Materials	600.00	
General- Subscription	144.08	
Grant - Neighbourhood Fund	1,600.00	
Grant - Tree of Life	3,842.38	
Grant - Shuttleworth	4,000.00	
Grant - Rouel Orchard	1,450.00	
Total Income		11,636.47
Expenditure		
CGS Tree of Life		
Tree Seat Installation	2,364.00	
Bamboo Covering & Installation	329.50	
Neighbourhood Fund		
Story Telling	400.00	
Frog Life Printing	70.00	
School Workshop	438.00	
Bat Walk Refreshments	20.20	
Wassail Workshop	614.50	
Octopus Octopus		
Workshop	150.00	
Printing	109.00	
Pots , Compost & Plants	116.95	
Orchard Orchard		
Pond Plants	331.45	
Padlock	28.98	
Shuttleworth Park		
Landscape	4,000.00	
Unrestricted		
Insurance	143.15	
Website	12.99	
Paypal Fees	4.56	
Total Expenditure		9,133.28
Net Income		2,503.19

Balance Sheet - Year 06-04-24 to 05-04-25

	GBP	GBP
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	11,773.50	
Cash in Paypal	139.52	
Petty Cash		
Total Current Assets		11,913.02
Net Assets		11,913.02
Capital & Reserves		
Reserves C/F		9,409.83
Income & Expenditure Account for YE 5-4-2025		2,503.19
Reserves B/F		11,913.02

We approve the above accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.


 Sarah Vaughan (Chair of Trustees)


 Robert Hutchinson (Treasurer)


 Angelo Grossi (Accountant)

8/10/2025
 Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
TREES FOR BERMONDSEY

On accounts for the year
ended

5th APRIL 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1196737

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(remember to include the page 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 05/04/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Irfan Masood

Date:

08/10/2025

Name:

Irfan Masood

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

