

PURSERS ORCHARD GROUP

Trustees` Annual Report and Income and Expenditure Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1196889 Registered in England & Wales

The Trustees` Annual Report 31st March 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their second annual report of the Pursers Orchard Group (“The Charity”) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Reference and Administration Information

Registered charity number: 1196889

Principal administration address: c/o Brookend Ridge, Drake Street, Welland, Malvern
WR13 6LN

Gift Aid: The Charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs

Constitution

The Charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, and it is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

Trustees

The following have served as Trustees during the year.

Michael Davies – Secretary

Anne Garner -appointed 13th May 2024, retired 14th February 2025

Alan Gilbert

Patsy Lowe

Martin Harper

Mark Whaley -appointed 13th May 2024

Recruitment of Trustees

Trustees may be any person 16 years or older. New Trustees are appointed at a formerly constituted meeting of Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and public benefit

The Charity`s objectives are:

“The conservation and preservation of the flora and fauna of the Pursers Community Orchard in Welland, for the benefit of the public; the advancement of education of the public to celebrate the history and traditions of orchards; and to connect the community to its rural heritage”.

Objectives and public benefit / continued

The objectives will be achieved mainly through the following activities:

- a) The restoration, conservation and enhancement of the community orchard, its infrastructure and its inventory of flora and fauna.
- b) The organisation of activities to engage and involve members of the public in the use of the orchard as a community asset.
- c) By working closely in association with the Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council who have shared interests in the charity`s objectives.

The Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in their decision making.

Activities

The Pursers Orchard freehold is owned by the Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council. Negotiations are ongoing in respect of establishing a formal lease agreement but pending this the Charity liaises with the Council to ensure that any activities are approved and supported by the Council.

Achievements

The Charity has again had a very busy year. In addition to the ongoing maintenance of the orchard and its surrounding biodiverse grounds, the Charity volunteers have undertaken and completed numerous tasks, including:

- Building and erecting two substantial benches, plus creating the ground structure at five different locations to facilitate moving the benches to other areas to optimise the views.
- Planting a “green roof” on the storeroom shed adjacent to the entrance.
- Completing the wildlife pond with a diverse range of plant species.
- Installing structures for water harvesting and storage. And finally.
- Wildflower seeds have been sown in random areas to compliment the natural tranquillity and rustic settings.

The Trustees wish to record their thanks to the volunteers for their dedicated and unstinting contribution, without which the above achievements would not have happened.

Year ended 31st March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income:		
Public donations	1,570	1,047
Donation from Parish Council	930	398
Gift aid received and receivable	332	-
Sundry sales of orchard produce	22	-
WCC grant for pond planting	631	-
Total income	3,485	1,445
Expenditure:		
Stakes, repairs and fencing	97	452
Piping	196	-
Plants	1,438	-
Fruit tree testing	39	-
Insurance	437	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	80	-
Total expenditure	2,287	452
Surplus income over expenditure:	1,198	993
Unrestricted funds: brought forward	2,564	1,102
transfer from restricted	-	469
carried forward	3,762	2,564
Restricted funds brought forward	-	469
Transfer to unrestricted	-	(469)
carried forward	-	-
Total funds to carry forward	3,762	2,564

Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,176	-
Current assets:		
Cash funds:		
Bank balance –unrestricted	2,314	1,408
Funds due from Parish Council	-	729
Petty cash	-	427
Gift aid receivable	272	-
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Total assets	3,762	2,564
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Funds of the Charity:		
Unrestricted funds	3,762	2,564
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Total funds	3,762	2,564
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Approved by the Trustees on 10th April 2025 and authorised to sign on their behalf by:



Michael Davies – Secretary

Pursers Orchard Group

Notes to the Income and Expenditure Accounts 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Audit

The Charity is not required to have a statutory audit or independent inspection as its income and total assets are below the required thresholds.

Income

Voluntary income including donations in kind, and gift aid, are recognised when receivable.

No value is attributable to time donated by volunteers as it would be totally impracticable to record and value such time.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost if they have a useful life of one year or more.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the fixed assets over their effective useful life. Equipment and benches are depreciated at 20%.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be utilised at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose nominated by the donor.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities including any interest received.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Benches and Equipment £
Additions during the year at cost	1,256
Depreciation charge for the year	(80)
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Net book value	1,176
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