

THIEVES LANE COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1197369

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION BY PROVIDING AN AREA FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN HERTFORD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.(2) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT PARTICULARLY BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING ABOUT HORTICULTURE IN AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY GARDEN.(3) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE GARDEN BY RESTORING DERELICT AREAS AND PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.

Activities: Leisure activity involving gardening, socialising, relaxing in an outdoor environment and physical exercise. Those taking part can be of any age. The garden is an accessible environment. The community garden is situated in an area where there are pockets of deprivation and there are a number of flats with no gardens.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£362	£218	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,001	£177	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,298	£635	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JULIA BARTON		2025-02-08
Mary Brady		2022-01-06
Rachel Walker		2021-05-24
Sarah Hopewell		2021-05-24
Sophie Bruton		2021-03-11

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Thieves Lane Community Garden annual report 1st April 2024– 31st March 2025

Summary of activities from April 2024 – March 2025:

Variable weather this year included longer dry spells in the summer, although it was cooler than previous years. It was however, challenging to keep on top of necessary regular watering, especially during the summer as volunteers took time away on holiday. However, we were able to continue our work improving the front and middle sections of the garden, planting up key areas and improving the edging of the borders to clearly define it from the pathway.

We maintained a regular monthly volunteer slot on Saturdays, but switched it to afternoons, which helped improve volunteer attendance. We also had people visiting to attend to the garden in between sessions, to help keep on top of bindweed and continue work slowly clearing the back section of the garden.

We were pleased to see that people were making use of the bench near the entrance. We look forward to a year of continued planting and developing the further end section of the garden.

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	Income	Expenditure
Charitable Donations	£362	
Grants	£0	
Insurance		£100
Plants		£111.48
Total	£362	£211.48

Statements:

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Summary of activities from April 2023 - March 2024:

This year saw some big changes to the community garden, including replacing the old and damaged fencing, building and installing four raised beds that could be accessible for wheelchair users, and adding a central path that could be used by wheelchairs. Trustees were keen to ensure that the garden would be a space that everyone could use and enjoy, and so made sure that the raised beds were near the entrance and readily accessible.

We were delighted to have regular volunteers offer to help with some of the work outlined above. We experimented with regular volunteer days, and after trying different times and different days, we settled on a regular monthly Saturday morning slot. Outside of this, volunteers were warmly encouraged to visit the garden at any time to either carry out some gardening or simply enjoy the space.

Along with raised beds and paths, we were pleased to be able to have some seating, which we made from some old wooden slats, and placed in the mid section of the garden so people could sit and enjoy whilst being set a bit further back from the road.

Unfortunately, the garden had quite a lot of bindweed, which readily took hold even despite the efforts of volunteers and trustees. We did our best to stay on top of this, but it has been an ongoing battle!

Thieves Lane Community Garden Accounts
6th Jan 2022 - 31st March 2023

	Income	Expenditure
Charitable donations (including co-op giving)	£3,000.85	
Grants	£0	
Community Garden Sign		£87.60
Insurance		£89.60
Total	£3,000.85	£177.20

Date	Description	Money in	Money out	Balance
27/03/2024	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£24.00		£4,920.05
07/02/2024	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£30.00		£4,896.05
09/01/2024	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£23.00		£4,866.05
05/12/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£21.50		£4,843.05
08/11/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£27.50		£4,821.55
07/11/2023	Counter Credit ACCOUNTS PAYABLE COOPNOV73966 BGC	£2,684.85		£4,794.05
09/10/2023	Bill Payment NORRIS + FISHER /I GARDEN INSURANCE BBP		-£89.60	£2,109.20
03/10/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£22.00		£2,198.80
13/09/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT	£22.00		£2,176.80

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EastHertsLottery BGC				
Date	Description	Money in	Money out	Balance
15/08/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£25.00		£2,154.80
14/08/2023	Bill Payment CHEVERTON AND SON THIEVES LANE SIGN BBP		-£87.60	£2,129.80
08/08/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£27.50		£2,217.40
11/07/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£22.00		£2,189.90
13/06/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£27.50		£2,167.90
10/05/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£22.00		£2,140.40
04/04/2023	Counter Credit CLIENTS DEPOSIT EastHertsLottery BGC	£22.00		£2,118.40

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Introduction:

Thieves Lane Community Garden is a project inspired by residents and Councillors in Sele Ward in Hertford, in which a disused and overgrown plot of land on the Sele estate be converted into a community space for all. The plot of land is owned by East Herts District Council, and the district council has offered some additional support to the community and has been supportive of the project.

Summary of activities from Jan 2022 until March 2023:

The area of land intended to become a community garden was incredibly overgrown, having been left largely untouched for a good ten years or more. As such, much of the year 2022 focused on preparing the land to make it suitable to begin use as a garden. We were also keen to ensure that future plans for the space were developed in line with the views and ideas of residents living nearby.

To ensure residents were actively involved in developing the garden design, we organised a visioning workshop, which was led by a local permaculture organisation. This involved a day workshop exploring ideas and options, and from this, a plan for the space was developed. We worked to ensure that the plan was shared widely with residents so that they could comment and continue adding their input.

As the year progressed, we continued our work to clear the garden, and in this, we received support from Network Homes. We also continued developing and fine-tuning plans for what to plant and how best to manage garden safety and security.

By March 2023, the garden had already progressed significantly, having been successfully cleared, and the group having a clear plan for next steps. The charity was also delighted to receive grant support from Hertford Town Council, which would be put towards garden supplies and equipment.

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6th Jan 2022 - 31st March 2023

	Income	Expenditure
Charitable donations	£368	
Grants	£2,400	
Community engagement		£45
Visioning workshop(s)		£590
Insurance		£89
Total	£2,768	£724