

FARNCOMBE COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1198491

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-04-01

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

Contact

Address Farncombe Community Garden
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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION BY PROVIDING AN AREA FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR INDIVIDUALS IN FARNCOMBE 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 PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: The promotion of improvement in wellbeing as a result of accessing the therapeutic benefits of gardening in a volunteer supported environment, which includes better physical health, improved psychological health, improved social opportunities, learning new skills and access to the natural environment. To provide this service in Farncombe and the surrounding areas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£117,838	£138,674	-	-
2024-03-31	£54,458	£97,054	-	-
2023-03-31	£104,850	£19,422	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Farmer	Chair	2022-04-01
Dr Karen Jones		2022-04-01
Dr Martin Brunet		2022-04-01
Ellen Rinttila		2026-01-28
Philip Pearson		2026-01-22

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Annual report and Accounts 31st March 2025

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Dr Karen Jones

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To provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation by providing an area for use as a community garden for individuals in Farncombe 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 public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

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Vision and Mission

The project vision is to establish a working community garden within Farncombe for all the local residents to benefit from, whether it is through taking up gardening for the first time to aid recovery from a physical or mental health problem, finding purpose by volunteering in support

of the project, enjoying passing on a passion for gardening to others, or in education as people of all ages are encouraged to learn about horticulture and the importance of encouraging and supporting wildlife in an urban environment.

In planning the charity's activities the trustees have regarded the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Organisational Structure

As well as the four trustees to oversee and give strategic direction to the project, there is a management team who meet regularly consisting of 6 volunteers with different areas of expertise.

The garden is run entirely by volunteers, who donate their time, skills and expertise to make the garden a welcoming, beautiful space for everyone to enjoy and learn from. We are very grateful for their support and commitment without which the garden would not exist.

Achievements and performance

The third year of the charity continued to be productive and transformative, both in terms of the site and also in promoting the garden to a wider audience. Over 100 different people have visited the garden over the past year and we are also increasing our numbers of regular visitors.

During the third year of the charity the key activities were as follows: -

- Erecting a building, the Lambert Lodge, named in memory of a long-serving local district nurse. The addition of the building will provide a warm space for people in the colder months, extend the range of activities we can offer, and provide income opportunities to help fund the garden's activities;
- Developing growing areas by installing more raised beds, preparing space for a cut flower garden, and adding an espalier walk formed with fruit trees;
- Developing a pond area to benefit wildlife and provide other opportunities for people to interact with and appreciate nature;
- Creating a fire pit area with seating to extend the opportunities for social activities;
- Hosting Broadwater School's bee hives on the site to support their educational programme and our wildlife;
- Continuing to promote the garden through local fairs, articles, talks and events so that numbers of visitors and regular volunteers continues to increase;
- Increasing our regular gardening sessions to 3 per week year-round, with 4 sessions during the summer.
- Holding our second open day which attracted 289 people including families and the local Mayors.

Our key achievements were as follow:-

We continued our out-reach activities and extended our links with local organisations including local uniform groups, local schools, the Surrey Youth Justice Service, National Autism Society,

Learning Spaces, Meath Epilepsy Charity. The garden was also used for forest-bathing sessions for unpaid carers, through an initiative by Roots for the Future. Through these partnerships we ensured that some of the most vulnerable people in the local area are accessing and benefiting from the garden. One example is someone who previously did not go out at all, but now attends a weekly garden session after encouragement from their family. Another example, is someone with autism who couldn't find a suitable 'fit' elsewhere for volunteering activities, who is now a regular visitor and expresses their enthusiasm for the project.

We also continued to promote volunteering and continued to host a number of Duke of Edinburgh student volunteers.

The building has been the most significant addition to the garden and was completed in March 2025 by Nordic Room. This space has been designed with accessibility in mind, and will allow us to have a warm, sheltered space to offer our visitors. We are grateful for the public support we received for this project, and for the grant funding from Your Fund Surrey plus a donation from the Broadwater Lodge care home, which enabled this amazing space to be realised. The prominence of the building has helped to raise our public profile, and will certainly help to increase our visitor numbers, and the scope of what we can do.

We also won 'Best Community Garden' in the Godalming in Bloom awards in 2024.

We conducted our second survey of garden attendees in Spring 2025. Respondents ranged in age group, gender and employment status.

People responded that they are learning new gardening skills and that the garden is a good source of knowledge. The survey highlighted that people want to know more about future plans and progress on projects. Activities around creative projects were also suggested.

Future Plans

Over the next year our aims are to achieve the following:

- Finish developing the wildlife pond;
- Develop the wood-working area and associated workshops to offer different learning opportunities for people to engage with the garden;
- Try and ensure that the garden is used most days during the week and that the building is fully utilised and supports our charitable objectives;
- Continue to work towards making the site accessible for all – install more seating around the site, and provide clear signage;
- Continue to develop the annual plan of activities for the garden;
- Continue to develop links with other local charities, schools and services, and involve the wider community through workshops and events;
- Continue to evidence the impact of what we do, evaluating and continually improving.

Challenges may include:

- Trying to ensure a wide range of people can access the garden – this will be helped by developing our partnerships;

- the successful recruitment and retention of Lead Volunteers so that we can maintain and extend our opening;
- Ensuring that the necessary skills/expertise is available to meet high needs groups/individuals – this may mean employing a qualified professional, and volunteer training.

Financial Review

The charity received grants from the Your Fund Surrey grants programme which was supported by Cllr Penny Rivers; and donations from the Denningburg Centre, Gorrings Funeral Directors and Waitrose.

We also received fruit tree donations from the Surrey County Council Tree Grant scheme for the espalier walk. The garden also benefitted from volunteer time, plants and seeds from Network Rail and Octavius and their staff.

We have been fortunate to receive wonderful support from local organisations, including Squires through their 'Love where you live' scheme.

Donations were also received from individuals through various initiatives, including a sponsored walk undertaken by a volunteer, a quiz night, plant sales and a wreath-making workshop.

The garden has managed to build up unrestricted reserves to cover running costs for at least 6 months.

This report was approved by the trustees on 25/9/25 and signed on their behalf by:

H. Farmer

Helen Farmer
(Chair of Trustees)

FARNCOMBE COMMUNITY GARDEN

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FARNCOMBE COMMUNITY GARDEN

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farncombe Community garden (the charity) for the period to 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 as set out on pages 6 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this financial period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P. I. Vickerman. 30/09/2025

P I Vickerman FCA
 Practising Accountant
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Receipts and payments accounts

Year to 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS	2024
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Income from operations - Workshops	-	-	-	886
Grants	-	103,300	103,300	47,931
Donations	10,157	599	10,756	3,131
Fundraising events	3,280	-	3,280	2,342
Bank interest	443	-	443	167
Other income	60	-	60	-
Total receipts	13,939	103,899	117,838	54,458
PAYMENTS				
Buildings/ Structures	-	122,047	122,047	20,036
Groundworks	-	-	-	64,789
Landscaping	-	2,566	2,566	9,146
Planning and Other legal	145	2,963	3,108	1,094
Garden equipment and running costs	1,085	5,783	6,867	1,479
Fundraising costs	775	-	775	284
Administration, marketing and insurance	2,520	790	3,310	225
Total payments	4,525	134,149	138,674	97,054
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,414	(30,250)	(20,836)	(42,596)
Cash funds brought forward	3,931	38,901	42,832	85,428
Cash funds carried forward	13,345	8,651	21,996	42,832

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£
Assets			
Cash at bank	13,345	8,651	21,996
Total	13,345	8,651	21,996
Liabilities			
Amounts due in respect of rent to Surrey County Council	282	-	282
Total	282	-	282

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 25/9/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Name: H. Farmer

Notes to the Financial Statements

31st March 2025

1. Fixed assets

Assets are only capitalised when future income or cost reduction from their acquisition can be identified. Sundry equipment is written off in the year of acquisition.

In the year the Garden acquired a Community Building which will enhance existing and increase the facilities.

	£
Cost of Building (excluding planning, construction and services)	<u>84,050</u>

2. Restricted Fund Analysis	Balance B/fwd	Total received in		Balance C/f
		2024/5	Total Expenditure	
			£	£
Postcode Society Trust	1,555		(1,555)	-
Community Foundation for Surrey	27		(27)	-
Donation from individual	30,000		(17,010)	12,990
Royal Horticultural Society - Connected Communities Network	4,564	-	(4,453)	111
Waitrose - Young people/food production grant	-	1,000	-	1,000
Assura - Pond dipping platform	1,893	-	(1,893)	-
Donations from individuals - sensory garden & plants	862	349	(1,211)	-
Donations from individuals - pond plants		250		250
Your Fund Surrey		102,300	(108,000)	(5,700)
	38,901	103,899	(134,149)	8,651
Buildings	30,000	102,300	(125,010)	7,290
Compost Toilet	27		(27)	-
Senses Garden	862	349	(1,211)	-
Pond Development	1,893	250	(2,143)	250
Connected Communities Network	4,564	-	(4,453)	111
Unspecified	1,555	1,000	(1,555)	1,000
	38,901	103,899	134,399	8,651

3. Related Party Transactions

In the year, Trustees made donations of £342 (2024: £100).

4. Gifts in Kind

In the year, goods received or services provided to the garden with a value of £300 were provided to the garden free of charge.

Cost of Building (excluding planning, construction and services)

£

	2024/5	2023/4
Unspecified	1,252	1,000
Connected Communities Network	4,204	-
Fond Development	1,893	320
Sensory Garden	863	349
Compost Toilet	33	(33)
Buildings	30,000	30,000
Total	38,901	32,901
Yours Fund Survey	102,300	102,300
Donation from individuals - pond plants	300	300
Donations from individuals - sensory garden & plants	863	349
Arsena - Pond dipping platform	1,893	-
Wellrose - Young people/food production grant	1,000	-
Royal Horticultural Society - Connected Communities Network	4,204	-
Donation from individual	30,000	(17,010)
Community Foundation for Surrey	33	(33)
Postcode Society Trust	1,252	(1,252)
Total received in	102,300	102,300
Total expenditure	(108,400)	(136,149)
Balance	(6,100)	(33,849)

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In planning the charity's activities the trustees have regarded the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Organisational Structure

As well as the four trustees to oversee and give strategic direction to the project, there is a management team who meet regularly consisting of 10 volunteers with different areas of expertise.

The garden is run entirely by volunteers, who donate their time, skills and expertise to make the garden a welcoming, beautiful space for everyone to enjoy. We are very grateful for their support and commitment without which the garden would not exist.

Achievements and performance

The second year of the charity has been productive and transformative, both in terms of the site and also in promoting the garden to a wider audience. Over 100 different people have visited the garden over the past year, with the overall number of visits around 556, not including the open day which attracted 269 visitors.

During the second year of the charity the key achievements were as follows: -

- Obtaining planning permission allowing us to make the site safe and accessible for people by installing fencing, accessible pathways and a compost toilet;
- Developing growing areas by adding to the orchard, creating more beds for flowers and vegetables, installing a polytunnel and connecting to mains water;
- Creating storage and shelter by installing a container;
- Promoting the garden through local shows, radio, articles, talks and events so that numbers of visitors and regular volunteers continues to increase (over 100 different people have engaged with the garden; with 556 visits (excluding the open day));
- Increasing our regular gardening sessions to 2 per week year-round, with 3 sessions during the summer.
- Holding our first open day which attracted 269 people including families and the local Mayors;
- Strengthening links with local organisations including the Halow Project, Freemantles School, and hosting a number of Duke of Edinburgh volunteers.

We also strengthened our governance and management with key volunteers undergoing safeguarding training, and ensuring DBS checks.

We conducted our first survey of garden attendees in winter 2023. Respondents ranged in age group, gender and employment status.

People responded that they enjoyed being involved with the garden, with the most popular reasons being the time spent outdoors in nature, and to feel more connected to their community. Through

being involved with the garden, there was a significant number of people who felt that their wellbeing had improved, and they felt more positive about the local area.

The survey highlighted that people want to learn more and share more about gardening practices, and this is an area we hope to develop now that we have the infrastructure in place to support a variety of gardening activities.

As part of making our grant application to Your Fund Surrey for a building on the site, we needed public support. We received over 200 positive comments from people, many highlighting the need for our project and endorsing the inclusive, open nature of it:

“Since suffering a serious leg break a year ago, I have become very aware of the lack of accessible spaces outdoors for disabled people and for those undergoing rehabilitation. Although we live in a beautiful part of the country, most of it is not particularly accessible.”

“I have a family member, who due to ongoing mental health problems suffers from severe isolation. This project could offer him a lifeline, and obviously being able to provide an indoor space, will make the whole project much more welcoming and sociable.

This project has a broad appeal, not targeted at a specific group in the community. This inclusiveness is crucial for my family member as the stigma which he feels has been a prohibiting factor for him in addressing his isolation.”

Future Plans

Over the next year our aims are to achieve the following:

- Install a wildlife pond with a dipping platform;
- Install a temporary building on the site to allow all-weather activities for up to 30 people. Many of the survey respondents, when asked about improving their experience of the garden, raised the desire for a warm space. This was echoed in the wonderful support we received for our grant application to Your Fund Surrey for a building.
- Continue to work towards making the site accessible for all – install more raised beds, sheltered areas, seating around the site, supply outdoor wheelchairs, provide clear signage;
- Start developing an annual plan of activities for the garden;
- Continue to develop links with other local charities, schools and services, and involve the wider community through workshops and events;
- Hold at least 4 regular sessions per week, with the aim to engage at least 150 people.

We are coming to the end of our initial 3 year business plan, and we will be working on the plan for the next 3 years this year. Areas to consider will include:

- how to increase our opening times. One of the comments we have received from people is that they wish we were open more. Our opening times are dependent on volunteers, and so achieving this relies on...
- ...the successful recruitment and retention of Lead Volunteers;

- increasing our programme of activities to increase community engagement and sharing of gardening skills and opportunities for connecting with nature;
- evidencing the impact of what we do, evaluating and continually improving.

Financial Review

The charity received grants from the Royal Horticultural Society, Your Fund Surrey Small grants programme which was supported by Cllr Penny Rivers, Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy grant programme, Godalming Town Council and Assura via Surrey Community Action.

We also received grants in the form of credit from Squires Garden Centre Milford, and Keber Garden Materials. Surrey County Council tree donation grant provided 500 whips to create a native hedge.

We have been fortunate to receive wonderful support from local organisations, including Gorrings who sponsored our sign which was crafted by people from the local Men's in Sheds; Lucas Groundworks who helped us with installing the compost toilets, developing the sensory garden, digging out the pond and creating the mound; Rupipe who donated plumbing supplies so that we could connect to water; Honey Brothers who donated tools; and woodland plants from Hampton Court Flower Show donated by Inspired Earth Design.

Donations were also received from individuals through various initiatives, including a sponsored walk undertaken by a volunteer, a quiz night, plant sales and a wreath-making workshop.

Expenditure of restricted funds was possible once the planning permission was obtained to develop the site. Most projects had been completed by the year end. £30k restricted funding has been retained for a building.

The aim continues to be to build up sustainable income sources and reserves to cover running costs now that the garden is operational.

This report was approved by the trustees on XXXX and signed on their behalf by:

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Receipts and payments accounts

Year to 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS	2023
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Income from operations - Workshops	886	-	886	-
Grants	-	47,931	47,931	89,700
Donations	3,131	-	3,131	15,150
Fundraising events	1,480	862	2,342	-
Bank interest	167	-	167	-
Total receipts	5,665	48,793	54,458	104,850
PAYMENTS				
Buildings/ Structures	-	20,036	20,036	8,266
Groundworks	6,097	58,692	64,789	-
Landscaping	3,218	5,928	9,146	-
Planning and Other legal	1,094	-	1,094	-
Garden equipment and running costs	823	656	1,479	-
Fundraising costs	284	-	284	284
Administration, marketing and insurance	225	-	225	1,705
Total payments	11,741	85,313	97,054	10,255
Net of receipts/(payments)	(6,076)	(36,520)	(42,596)	94,595
Cash funds brought forward	10,007	75,421	85,428	-
Cash funds carried forward	3,931	38,901	42,832	85,428

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£
Assets			
Cash at bank	3,931	38,901	42,832
Total	3,931	38,901	42,832
Liabilities			
Amounts due in respect of rent to Surrey County Council	177	-	177
Total	177	-	177

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Approved by the trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:

Name:

Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. Fixed assets

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2. Restricted Fund Analysis

	Restricted Funds Balance B/fwd 01/04/2024		Restricted Funds Total received in 2023/4	Transfer between Restricted and Unrestricted	Expenditure in Year restricted	Expenditure in Year unrestricted	Restricted Funds Balance C/fwd 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Landscaping, Fencing, Polytunnel, Water - Postcode Society Trust		13,221			(11,666)	(5,551)	1,555
Car Park and Accessible Pathways							
National Lottery	10,000						
Openworks	10,000						
Your Fund Surrey- small grants programme			24,238				
Godalming Neighbourhood CIL			13,580				
		20,000	37,818	546	(58,364)	(546)	-
Compost toilet - Community Foundation for Surrey		12,200			(12,173)		27
Community Building - Broadwater Lodge Care Home (resident's gif		30,000					30,000
Connected Communities Network - Royal Horticultural Society		-	5,000		(436)		4,564
Signage - Dignity Funerals Goringes			220		(220)		-
Storage container - Godalming Town Council			3,000		(3,000)		-
Pond dipping platform - Assura			1,893		-		1,893
Sensory garden - Donations from individuals			862		-		862
		<u>£ 75,421</u>	<u>£ 48,793</u>		<u>£ (85,859)</u>	<u>£ (6,097)</u>	<u>£ 38,901</u>

3. Related Party Transactions

In the year, Trustees made donations of £100 (2023: £3,373).

4. Gifts in Kind

In the year, goods received or services provided to the garden with a value of £2,720 were provided to the garden free of charge.

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Vision and Mission

The project vision is to establish a working community garden within Farncombe for all the local residents to benefit from, whether it is through taking up gardening for the first time to aid recovery from a physical or mental health problem, finding purpose by volunteering in

support of the project, enjoying passing on a passion for gardening to others, or in education as people of all ages are encouraged to learn about horticulture and the importance of encouraging and supporting wildlife in an urban environment.

In planning the charity's activities the trustees have regarded the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Organisational Structure

As well as the four trustees to oversee and give strategic direction to the project, there is a management team who meet regularly consisting of 10 volunteers with different areas of expertise.

Achievements and performance

During the first year of the charity the key achievements were as follows: -

- Securing a 2.5 acre site by signing an initial 15 year lease with Surrey County Council at a peppercorn rent;
- Raising over £100,000 in income through grants and donations;
- Over 80 people engaging with the garden and activities so far;
- Raising the profile of the garden through fundraising events, social media, a new website, a radio appearance on BBC Surrey, and talks to the public;
- Developing links with other community groups and other service providers, including the local care home.

The charity commissioned various ecological surveys to determine the suitability of the site and preserve its natural features and biodiversity.

Future Plans

Over the next year our aims are to achieve the following:

- Install a wildlife pond
- Install a temporary building on the site to allow all-weather activities for up to 30 people
- Install accessible pathways around the site
- Install accessible plant beds
- Install a polytunnel to allow a wider range of gardening opportunities and development of skills
- Enlist and train a team of volunteers and provide safeguarding training and undertake DBS checks
- Continue to develop links with other local charities and services
- Hold at least 4 regular sessions per week, with the aim to engage at least 100 people

By the end of 3 years, we hope to:

- Have a core team of support volunteers to help run sessions
- Recruit further trustees with a variety of relevant skills

- Hold at least 6 sessions over 3 days, including one weekend session
- Each session with up to 30 people including supported and supporting volunteers
- Have an annual schedule of activities to cover the full calendar year
- Have at least one open garden event per year to showcase the garden and sell plants and produce from the garden
- Have a programme of workshops throughout the year to generate revenue and increase community engagement
- Have collected strong evidence of impact

Financial Review

The charity received grants from People's Postcode Lottery, The National Lottery, Openworks, The Community Foundation for Surrey, Binscombe Medical Trust and Penny Rivers via the Surrey County Councillor nomination. A grant was also awarded by Godalming Town Council for a storage container, but planning permission needs to be granted before this will be received.

A restricted donation was also received towards a building on the site.

Donations of goods/services have been gratefully received from Honey Brothers, Lucas Groundworks, Alstom and Network Rail. These included a donation of loose tools which totalled £577. The Charity has chosen not to include these in the Accounts. Donations were also received from individuals through various initiatives, including a crowd-funding campaign and a wreath-making workshop.

Expenditure of funds was delayed due to waiting for confirmation of the lease from Surrey County Council. This is now in place and it is expected that the grants will be spent in the next few months on developing the infrastructure so that the garden can be made safe and accessible to the public.

Whilst the charity has been successful securing grants in the first year, the aim will be to try and build up sustainable income sources and reserves to cover running costs once the garden is fully open.

This report was approved by the trustees on 28th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Helen Farmer
(Chair of Trustees)

FARNCOMBE COMMUNITY GARDEN**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT****TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FARNCOMBE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Farncombe Community garden (the charity) for the period to 1 December 2021 to 31 March 2023 as set out on pages 5 and 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The Charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this financial period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner' report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Farncombe Community Garden
Receipts and payments accounts
1st December 2021-31st March 2023

Charity number: 1198491

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Grants	-	59,700	59,700
Donations	15,150	30,000	45,150
Total receipts	15,150	89,700	104,850
PAYMENTS			
Infrastructure	4,528	14,279	18,807
Fundraising costs	212	-	212
Administration and insurance	403	-	403
Total payments	5,143	14,279	19,422
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,007	75,421	85,428
Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	10,007	75,421	85,428

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL FUNDS
	£	£	£
Assets			
Cash in current account	10,007	75,421	85,428
Total	10,007	75,421	85,428
Liabilities			
Amounts due in respect of acquisition of lease	978	-	978
Total	978	-	978

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the trustees on 28th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Name:

Notes to the Financial Statements
1st December 2021-31st March 2023

1. Assets are only capitalised when future income or cost reduction from their acquisition can be identified.

2. Restricted Fund Analysis

	Total Received	Total Expenditure	Balance C/fwd
	£	£	£
Postcode Society Trust	25,000	11,779	13,221
National Lottery	10,000	-	10,000
Openworks	10,000	-	10,000
Penny Rivers SCC	2,500	2,500	-
CF Surrey	12,200	-	12,200
Care UK (donation)	30,000	-	30,000
	89,700	14,279	75,421