



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 November 2023 **Period start date** **To** 31 October 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: Worcester community garden

Charity registration number: 1198580

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Provision and maintenance of a community garden using sustainable horticultural practices, promotion of and protection of the natural environment and provision of learning opportunities about horticulture and conservation.
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	Construction of a floating greenhouse and a floating compost toilet, further development of small garden areas, installation of a solar powered watering system, running various workshops, improving signage across the site, hosting regular sketching and wood whittling groups, establishing a popular on-site pop up café during the warmer months.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees do have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

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 including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	In 2024, the garden had 175 volunteers, who between them contributed over 5,000 hours of work.

Other		Despite repeated flooding which closed the site for several weeks across the year, the community garden welcomed over 4,500 visitors during the period covered by this report. The community garden also continued to develop and maintain social prescribing partnerships with organisations including the NHS, Mencap, Heart of Worcester College and others.
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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	During the period covered by this report, the charity: - built an on-site floating compost toilet - built a floating greenhouse, with solar powered watering system, to enable the growing of plants that would not be possible on the rest of the site due to flooding - continued to develop opportunities for partnership working with relevant local groups including the NHS, Mencap, mental health charities, Heart of Worcester College, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, the RSPB and Worcester Environmental Group - provided a broad schedule of workshops as well as informal learning and development opportunities on site - Opened one evening per week during the summer months to provide access to the community garden to a broader demographic

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Covered above under "Achievements and performance"
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We raised £14,848.00 in grant funding, which enabled us to build a pontoon and floating greenhouse.
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	At the end of the period covered by this report the charity's account was £6,762.32 in credit.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to enable the charity to pay rent, water and insurance for a period of three months, and to fund annual replacement of worn and flood-damaged structures and equipment.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1,500.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	Principal sources of funds have been grants, donations, standing orders and sales of fruit, vegetables, flowers and other items produced by our volunteers
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 principal risk is flooding as we are situated near the River Severn. We have taken a number of measures to mitigate the risk, including using pontoons to protect our bees, tools and important structures. We have taken measures, including installing solar-powered security lights, to help lessen the risk of theft and vandalism.
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	New trustees are appointed through an agreed interview process conducted by the trustees, with the inclusion of an appropriately qualified external person on the interview panel.

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	We provide an information pack and induction training for new trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is affiliated to Transition Worcester
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Worcester community garden
Other name the charity uses	none
Registered charity number	1198580
Charity's principal address	10 Lavender Road, Worcester, WR3 7AE

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	Steve Dent	Chair	11 April 2022 - date	
2	Jon Bodenham	trustee	11 April 2022 - date	
3	Mandy Neill	trustee	9 June 2022 - date	
4	Pat Gildea	trustee	15 September 2023 - date	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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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)

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Full name(s)

Stephen Mark Dent	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

4 December 2024



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Charity Name	Worcester Community Garden	1198580
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	11/1/2023	To	10/31/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant - Floating Greenhouse	-	14,848	-	14,848	-
Grant - Solar Installation	-	500	-	500	-
Grant - Floating Toilet	-	1,525	-	1,525	-
Grant - Craft Equipment	-	140	-	140	-
Produce	4,370	-	-	4,370	-
Café	777	-	-	777	-
Donations	1,858	-	-	1,858	-
workshops	151	-	-	151	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,156	17,013	-	24,169	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,156	17,013	-	24,169	-
A3 Payments					
Grant - Floating Greenhouse	-	14,040	-	14,040	-
Grant - Solar Installation	-	309	-	309	-
Grant - Floating Toilet	-	1,796	-	1,796	-
Grant - Craft Equipment	-	144	-	144	-
Produce	460	-	-	460	-
Café	396	-	-	396	-
Workshops	110	-	-	110	-
Running Costs	1,902	-	-	1,902	-
Tools	76	-	-	76	-
Garden	2,495	-	-	2,495	-
Sub total	5,439	16,289	-	21,728	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,439	16,289	-	21,728	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,717	724	-	2,441	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,321	-	-	4,321	-
Cash funds this year end	6,038	724	-	6,762	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account balance	6,530		-
	Legacy account balance	232		
			-	-
	Total cash funds	6,762	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	