

Reports for small non-company charities

Charity Name: Gerddi Bro Ddyfi Gardens

Date when we adopted current legal status: 23/06/2022

Registration number: 199433

Address: Gerddi Bro Ddyfi Gardens, Plas Grounds, Machynlleth, SY20 8ER

Trustees: Donna Pybis (chair), Eleanor Larmour, Angela Paxton, Sally Richards, Mike Williams, Jeanette Gray

Structure and details of how managed including how it recruits

Trustees

The charity is managed by the Trustee team of 6 Trustees and one staff member (Project Manager). Monthly committee meetings are held to agree priorities and progress actions. Regular communications and smaller decisions are discussed over email.

Trustees are recruited by approaching all interested parties to advertise the role and via online adverts on social media channels. Potential Trustees are initially invited to attend some committee meetings and are later asked to become a Trustee if they are a suitable fit.

Activities and objectives in the year

Rounding up Growing Together

- This National Lottery Community Fund project at the end of September 2022. Until which date we ran two weekly therapeutic gardening sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and ran a series of popular monthly workshops open to the public (the list of which can be seen below).

Planning for the future

- In the winter, we reduced drop-in sessions to just Thursdays 1pm-4pm. These have been consistently well attended, with a core group of around 5 volunteers attending each week.
- Over the winter we developed fundraising strategy, write several funding applications, and designed a plan year ahead.

New beginnings in 2023

- We were successful in multiple fundraising efforts (details below in fundraising section).
- This allowed us to begin our Herbs for Healing group, which has got off to a successful start. With around 45 active members of the group's mailing list/WhatsApp group, sessions have on average had 10 people attending each time. Bringing a new, different group of beneficiaries to the gardens.

- Money raised to now hire a second staff member, to restart the Tuesday drop-ins.

Achievements and performance including reporting on its public benefit

Public benefit:

- Drop-in sessions continue: add numbers, activities done.
- Herbal group
- Other community groups: Blwm, Bushcraft, Juniors Herbalists Club (from sept)
- Average visitors to the gardens each day. Lots of positive feedback
- Site developments – public benefit
- BioBlitz: event and sculptures
- Positive change in vandalism – barely any recorded at all this year.
Removal of shelter a very positive step, getting lots of community feedback that the gardens feel safer now.

Workshops delivered:

- Whittling Workshop, 23rd June
- 17 wildlife activities over 24 hours at Bioblitz event eg. moth night, bats, dawn chorus, mammal trapping, hymenoptera, mosses and lichens. 25th-26th June.
- ‘Summer School’ workshops with Year 8, Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Uwchradd: 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June (Powys Training Health Board).
- Wildlife Graffiti workshop with GCSE Art pupils from Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Uwchradd, 13th July.
- Bridge building with Year 10 pupils from Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Uwchradd, 13th July.
- Scything workshop with Anita O’Flynn, at Scything Fair, 13th August.
- Make a wildlife pond, 16th August.
- Wildlife art drawing and collage workshop. 19th August.
- Children’s Clay workshop. 23rd August.
- Wood carving workshops . 25th and 30th August.
- Children’s wildlife mini bug sculpture and floral crown workshop. 13th September.
- Living Sculpture Workshop, Saturday 24th September.
- Winter Warmer, Saturday 3rd December 2023
- Forest Bathing, Thursday 23rd March
- Herbs for Healing group, commenced Tuesday 11th April

Networking

- Different organisations offering to give referrals: Ecodyfi, Kaleidoscope 68, Cyfle Cymru
- BioBlitz, working with town council and MBG

- Mailing List: subscribers, feedback
- Market stalls
- Social Media: likes always increasing
- Started membership.
- Donations from community – tools from Vinci Facilities, Dolau Dyfi, multiple offers from people in the community.
- Corporate volunteers: Vinci Facilities brought 3 staff members to help us lay a new gravel path at the gardens. Our volunteers enjoyed working with them, and Vinci have said they would like to return again this year.

Fundraising

- Successfully raised x amounts of funds – a large private donation, a donation from the Premier League, and a National Lottery Awards for All grant, add table
- Total income £17,777

Financial review including any debt and details of reserves policy (if applicable)

No debt.

We aim to have a reserve amount of £3,000.

Details of any funds held as a custodian Trustee

none

Financial Summary

Income and Expenditure GBDG Core	
Income	
Donations	5,739.08
Powys SLA	1,040.40
Summer Project	1,887.50
Herbs for Healing Project	9,110.00
Total	17,776.98
Expenditure	
Gardeners	5,174.65
Rent	328.75
Other	987.73
Total	6,491.13