



Rooting for Andover annual report for the period to 30th April 2023

Objectives, governance and structure

Rooting for Andover supports allotments and community gardens in the Test Valley area. We hold regular volunteer days at our main garden at Poppy Park next to the Augusta Park Community centre. Throughout the year, we hold a variety of community events in the garden which are advertised on social media. We are open to all and everyone is welcome.

We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation set up using the Charity Commission's Foundation Governing document. We have three trustees and appointments of trustees follows the model process set out in our governing document. Our charitable aims are described in the same document and can be viewed on the Charity Commission site. Broadly we aim to provide, for public benefit, facilities for community gardens for all members of the community in the Test Valley. We also aim to provide opportunities for learning about sustainable horticulture and community gardening. We provide a great place for people to meet, to enjoy green spaces and to enhance their knowledge and understanding of all aspects of horticulture as well as contributing free surplus food to those in the local community who might need it. The trustees are fully aware and always seek to comply with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

This first report only covers the period from registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in October 2022 to the end of the financial year on 30th April 2023. Rooting for Andover was previously a charitable not for profit company limited by guarantee (Rooting for Andover Ltd). Residual assets of Rooting for Andover Ltd were transferred to the CIO during this period.

Achievements and performance

Our very successful and well attended bi and tri weekly volunteer sessions were well supported. We had a 'raised bed workshop', undertook some local fruit tree planting and ran a hugely well attended Easter event which attracted crowds of local residents.

Thanks to the earlier work with volunteers from the local Round Table, we completed works on our wonderful pond and saw a definite increase in wildlife as a result.

We installed new benches so that we had a better social and learning space for some of our more formal activities.

All of our activities during this period were either free or required only a small token payment as we understood the financial pressure many families were under. Estimating how many beneficiaries we have is difficult but our popular events often attract hundreds of residents and our Facebook group where we share information has over 600 members.

We worked extensively with the NHS on a successful 'Healthy Andover' project and attended their public events with various planting activities which were popular with adults and children alike.

Several local Councillors were welcomed to our garden and we are grateful both to them, officers of Test Valley Borough Council and the local Community Centre for their help and support.

We are also grateful to a grant received from Gamma Aviation during this period.

The Charity's events were advertised on our website which is currently <https://rootingforandover.org>.uk as well as our Facebook page.

Finance

We normally strive to achieve around 6 months reserves which the trustees feel is a safe margin given our annual costs. Most of the funding we receive is related to project work but we aim to have between £900-£1000 in reserves which is our best current estimate

of our 6 month running costs. At the end of the financial year, the charity was in a strong financial position and is a going concern.

Administrative information

Rooting For Andover ((Charity Registration 1200827) has three Trustees at present; Mr Michael Parker (Chair), Mrs Vicki Cunningham (Secretary) and Mrs Maureen Treadwell (Treasurer). The postal address for correspondence is as follows: 21 Livia Close SP10 5QR. The contact email for the charity is info@rootingforandover.org

Submitted by Maureen Treadwell (Treasurer) following approval by :
Michael Parker (Chair)
Vicki Cunningham (Secretary)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Rooting for Andover

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	27.10.2022		30.04.2023

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 £
A1 Receipts				
Grants restricted	-	1,946	-	1,946
Grants unrestricted	1,500		-	1,500
Plant sales	198		-	198
Transferred in from Rooting for Andover Ltd	-	-	-	-
	2,690	-	-	2,690
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,388	1,946	-	6,334
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,388	1,946	-	6,334
A3 Payments				
Events		183	-	183
Garden Sundries	429	-	-	429
Grant items		619	-	619
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	429	802	-	1,231
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	429	802	-	1,231
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,959	1,144	-	5,103
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,959	1,144	-	5,103

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	5,103	3,157	1,144
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		-	-
	Total cash funds	3,157	1,144
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Garden equipment	Transferred from R4A Ltd	-
			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
M Treadwell	Maureen Treadwell

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Last year

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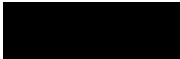
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**Endowment
funds**

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**Endowment
funds**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**

3/20/2024