

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Leavening Allotments & Gardens
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1201997
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Madeira House
	York Road, Leavening
	Malton
<b>Postcode</b>	YO17 9SN

### 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	Louise Ann Hampson	Chair		
2	Karen McDermott	Secretary		
3	Kelvin John Dudfield Hughes			
4	Susan Carter-Ferris	Treasurer	24/12/23 –	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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### 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members of the Allotment Association at the AGM

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity is affiliated with, and has been advised by, the National Allotments Society. We have adopted some of their model template policies in the running of our site. This Society supports a network of community allotment groups and we have linked up with them as part of our site is given over to individual allotments.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE RESIDENTS OF LEAVENING WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, OR OTHER OPINIONS BY PROVIDING ALLOTMENT FACILITIES, COMMUNAL GARDENING SPACE AND PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE GROWING PRACTICES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATIONAL LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

In this second year of operation, we have focused on acting upon the key priorities of our villagers as identified in last year's consultation, and within the scope of our stated objectives. Following on from securing a suitable site and getting the necessary permissions and consents to set up the allotments and community garden space, we have focused on getting the infrastructure and buildings in place, and the orchard, beds and raised beds planted. We have also secured tenants for all the allotment plots and have recruited local volunteers to work on the community garden and public areas. We have commenced our programme of training events to develop people's horticultural skills and build confidence. We have undertaken this with due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, in particular by ensuring that the framework and prioritisation of our initial activities have been directed by the prospective beneficiaries, seeking consensus or the majority view in consultations, and by ensuring that our financial reporting is in accordance with SoRP FRS102.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We do not make grants or invest funds as all income is put back into the delivery of our objectives. We have volunteers at the heart of our activities planned for and held in the community garden and see this aspect of our work as fundamental to the health and wellbeing strand of our objectives. We have already had extensive feedback on the health and wellbeing benefits that access to the communal gardens are bringing.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

2024 has been an exciting development and consolidation year for our charity. We finally secured ownership of our site and have been able to complete the initial groundworks and erection of the community pavilion and greenhouse, as well as the installation of a water supply and the building of the raised beds.

In addition to the initial Section 106 money allocated to this project, we were able to apply for and secure funding from a range of local, national and public bodies including the National Lottery, as well as support from the Woodland Trust with trees for the site. This has enabled us to plant the perimeter hedge and small woodland, as well as planting a community orchard.

We kept the village abreast of these developments and ran an open site visit day for village residents after the village show in September 2024 and have run a range of volunteer participation days to draw new people into the organisation and maintenance of the site. We also had a stall at the village fete in July 2024 to raise awareness and offer people the opportunity to 'adopt a tree' in the orchard. This resulted in new people coming to the site to plant 'their' tree.

Naming the site "Spencer's Field" in recognition of the outstanding support the village has received from the Spencer family who used to farm the land on which our site is located has proved very popular and a local volunteer has made us fabric bunting to hang out in the pavilion which spells out the name.

We are now in a very strong position to continue to be delivering more direct and tangible benefits to the village in our next year.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity seeks only to maintain sufficient reserves to cover our annual outgoings with one year in hand.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal sources of funding are: grants from other charities and public bodies; membership income for allotment rental; local fundraising events such as the village fete.

All expenditure to date has been on setting up the site to deliver the charity's objectives. In this second year this has been on the groundworks, parking area, paths, community pavilion, greenhouse, fencing, water supply and water harvesting, plants and raised beds.

We do not make investments.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

LOUISE ANN HAMPSON

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

02/03/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Leavening Allotments & Gardens

1201997

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

1/1/2024

To

12/31/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Stronger Communities Grant	-	-	-	-	1,000
NYCC Localities Grant	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Ryedale Communities Grant	-	17,909	-	17,909	17,909
Nation Lottery Grant	-	20,000	-	20,000	-
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
NYCC Inspire Grant	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Allotment plot rentals	690	-	-	690	-
Bank compensation	900	-	-	900	-
Village fete fundraising	266	-	-	266	-
Loans from Trustees	220	-	-	220	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>53,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,985</b>	<b>18,909</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>53,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,985</b>	<b>18,909</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Searches & Planning fees	-	1,360	-	1,360	1,709
Membership fees	-	45	-	45	36
Water installation	-	790	-	790	5,448
Groundworks, fencing, pipeworks, boundary hedging	-	24,850	-	24,850	-
Raised beds	1,131	2,151	-	3,282	-
Solicitor's fees	565	6,360	-	6,925	-
Insurance	-	291	-	291	-
Trees & plants	173	2,465	-	2,638	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>38,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,181</b>	<b>7,193</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Community shed & greenhouse	-	17,013	-	17,013	-
Land	-	10,300	-	10,300	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,313</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,313</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>65,625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,494</b>	<b>7,193</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>- 11,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 11,509</b>	<b>11,716</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,716</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>11,716</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Nat West Current Account	207		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	207	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land	Unrestricted	10,300	-
	Community shed & greenhouse	Unrestricted	17,013	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loans from Trustees	Unrestricted	220	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Sue Carter-Ferris	3/1/2025	
		Karen McDermott	3/1/2025	





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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Leavening Allotments & Gardens

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1201997

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's  
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

*A. K. Wilkinson*

Date:

13/05/2025

Name:

Alistair Keith Wilkinson

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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