

CLANFIELD COMMUNITY ORCHARD

England & Wales · Charity number 1202049

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-02-22

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY ORCHARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS AND VISITORS TO CLANFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, PROMOTING THE PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE FRUIT TREES, ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF CLANFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS 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: Preservation of locally and nationally important heritage fruit trees. Creating a biodiverse habitat where nature can thrive. Traditional events related to fruit trees and their products (Wassail, Blossom Day, Apple Day). Connecting people to their environment building engagement with nature.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,903	£6,632	-	-
2023-12-31	£16,292	£12,643	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Katherine Middleton	Chair	2023-02-22
Charlotte Louise Johnson		2024-07-04
Jane Tracey		2023-02-22

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Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Charity Name: Clanfield Community Orchard

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Registered Office: 1 The Green, Clanfield OX18 2SR

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in the governing document.

1. The provision of a community orchard for the benefit of the inhabitants and visitors to Clanfield, Oxfordshire and the surrounding area, promoting the preservation of heritage fruit trees, advancing environmental protection and improvement of the natural environment.
2. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Clanfield and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals 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.

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.

1. In 2024 we continued to develop the Orchard and maintain the area with a team of volunteers. In Winter we planted an additional 17 heritage fruit trees and in Autumn we planted native Spring Flowering bulbs.

2. We held 3 successful community events, a Blossom Day Picnic in Spring, an Art- in-the Orchard Day in Summer and an Apple Day in the Autumn

Achievements and Performance

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 of society as a whole.

The main achievements of the charity in the period were:

- The continuing development of the Orchard, including the planting of an additional 17 nationally important heritage fruit trees
- Planting three espalier Pear trees and four espalier Apple trees, funded by the Coronation Living Heritage Fund to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III
- Adding QR codes to each tree label and signage, advancing the education relating to the preservation of heritage fruit trees, environmental protection and the improvement of the natural environment
- Celebrating the official opening of the Orchard by hosting a Village Community Picnic with traditional Morris Dancing on National Orchard Blossom Day
- Hosting an Art-in-the-Orchard Day to engage the community in creating a lasting visual record of the Orchard as it grows & establishes
- Hosting an Apple Day to engage with the community, preserving country traditions and celebrating the Autumn season
- Hosting a coppicing workshop where volunteers learnt to improve and manage the natural environment of the copse area
- Continuing to hold regular volunteer mornings to undertake general maintenance and improvement - numbers of volunteers growing as the year progressed

- Planting native Spring flowering bulbs to add to the biodiversity and improvement of the natural environment
- Creating a sense of community cohesion through events and regular volunteer sessions
- Inspiring other local villages to set up Community Orchards
- Establishing financial sustainability through a combination of donations, grants and events

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

At the end of the second year the charity remains in a positive financial position. The charity continued to use the restricted funding which had been secured for set up costs and has successfully generated unrestricted funding for operational costs from events such as Apple Day. The charity is continuing to spend from this income and donations and has reserves to meet its obligations for 2025.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The charity has no specific reserves policy, its unrestricted funds form its reserves.

Amount of reserves held

The charity holds unrestricted funds of £1,920

Other declarations

No funds are materially held in deficit.

The charity has no uncertainties about its continuation as a going concern.

Principal Sources of funds

During the period a total of £4,902 was received. This included donations from Clanfield residents and from the following organisations:

Bampton Village Community Shop

Burford Garden Company

CES Workshop Solutions

Clanfield Festival

Coronation Living Heritage Fund

The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) with funding from Grundon Waste Management Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund

Structure, Governance & Management

Type of governing document

Constitution

How is the charity constituted?

Foundation model Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions

Trustees appoint up to 12 trustees.

Reference & Administrative Details

Charity Name	Clanfield Community Orchard
Other name the charity uses	None
Charity Registration Number	1202049
Charity's Principal Address ¹	1 The Green, Clanfield, Oxon OX18 2SR

Trustees Who Manage The Charity

Trustees at the end of period

Where no date of appointment is given, the trustees served the entire period.

- Katherine Sarah Middleton (Chair)
- Jane Tracey
- Charlotte Louise Johnson from 4 July 2024

Trustees serving during the period

Nigel Johnson until November 2024

Other declarations

The charity has no corporate trustees.

No trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Exemption from Disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details.

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 6 January 2024

Signature



Full Name Katherine Sarah Middleton

Position Chair

Date 6 January 2025

Clanfield Community Orchard

Receipts and Payments

01.01.24 to 31.12.24

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	
RECEIPTS			
Donations	£496	£1,424	£1,920
Grants	£1,739		£1,739
Events		£1,242	£1,243
Interest		£1	£1
Total	£2,235	£2,668	£4,903
PAYMENTS			
Equipment & Infrastructure	£1,781	£1,876	£3,657
Digital/Website		£498	£498
Insurance		£221	£221
Trees & Planting	£1,351	£108	£1,459
Events	£188	£389	£576
Miscellaneous		£221	£221
Total	£3,319	£3,313	£6,632
NET			
RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	-£1,084	-£645	-£1,729
Cash in Bank 01.01.2024			
	£1,084	£2,565	£3,649
<i>Total Receipts</i>	£2,235	£2,668	£4,903
<i>Total Payments</i>	£3,319	£3,323	£6,632
Cash in Bank 31.12.2024			
	£0	£1,920	£1,920

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For the Period 22.02.2023 to 31.12.2023

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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.

1. This year saw the charity registered in February 2023. In July a thirty-year lease was signed by the trustees on a half-acre site in the heart of the village with

the purpose of creating a community orchard for the benefit of the inhabitants and visitors to Clanfield.

2. Forty seven heritage fruit trees and a harvest hedge were planted in November/December with the purpose of promoting the preservation of heritage fruit trees, advancing environmental protection and improvement of the natural environment.

Achievements and Performance

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 of society as a whole.

The main achievements of the charity in the period were:

- Securing donations and grants to cover the essential set up costs for year 1.
- Construction of a wooden pedestrian footbridge over the dry ditch to provide accessible access to the community orchard. Construction of perimeter fencing.
- Sourcing 47 locally and nationally important heritage fruit trees.
- Securing a donation from the Woodland Trust of harvest hedge plants to provide a hedge for foraging and haven for wildlife.
- Establishing a core group of volunteers for working parties to prepare the site for planting and subsequent maintenance.
- Hosting 2 community planting days in November/December to plant 47 heritage fruit trees and a harvest hedge. More than 50 volunteers from the community turned out to join in planting and show support for the community resource.
- Planting the orchard including:
 - Local Oxfordshire heritage apple varieties
 - Nationally important heritage apple trees
 - Cider Apple varieties
 - Heritage Pear trees
 - Plums, Gages and Damsons
 - Cherry trees
 - Quince, Medlar, Walnut and Mulberry

- Arranging an away day at Hinksey Hill Woods for volunteers to learn how to coppice and manage the existing hazel at the Community Orchard.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

At the end of the first year the charity is in a good financial position. The set-up costs have been met by the generous support of local village residents, grants and donations from local businesses. The charity is continuing to spend from grants and donations and has reserves to meet its obligations for 2024.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The charity has no specific reserves policy, its unrestricted funds form its reserves.

Amount of reserves held

The charity holds unrestricted funds of £2,565

Other declarations

No funds are materially held in deficit.

The charity has no uncertainties about its continuation as a going concern.

Principal Sources of funds

During the period a total of £16,292 was received. This included donations from Clanfield residents and from the following organisations:

Bampton Village Community Shop

Carol & Mary Willmer Trust

CES Workshop Solutions

The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) with funding from Grundon Waste Management Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund

Donations in kind were received from Blake's Kitchen and Burford Garden Company. Support was received from Clanfield Parish Council.

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- Jane Tracey
- Nigel Johnson

Trustees serving during the period

All trustees serving during the period were trustees at the end of the period.

Other declarations

The charity has no corporate trustees.

No trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Exemption from Disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details.

n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 1 February 2023

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. S. Middleton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Full Name Katherine Sarah Middleton

Position Chair

Date 11 February 2024

Clanfield Community Orchard

Receipts and Payments

23.02.2023 – 31.12.2023

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	
RECEIPTS			
Donations	£9,523	£4,549	£14,072
Grants	£2,220	-	£2,220
Total	£11,743	£4,549	£16,292

PAYMENTS			
Planning& Legal Fees	£9,043	£507	£9,550
Equipment & Construction	£897	£100	£997
Digital/Website	-	£319	£319
Insurance	£219	-	£219
Trees & Planting	£500	£824	£1,324
Miscellaneous	-	£234	£234
Total	£10,659	£1,984	£12,643

NET			
RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	£1,084	£2,565	£3,649

Cash in Bank			
22/02/2023	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<i>Total Receipts</i>	£11,743	£4,549	£16,291.97
<i>Total Payments</i>	£10,659	£1,984	£12,642.98
Cash in Bank			
31/12/2023	£1,084	£2,565	£3,648.99