



# Trustees Annual Report

For the Period 22.02.2023 to 31.12.2023

Charity Name: Clanfield Community Orchard

Charity Registration Number: 1202049

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. 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.

# 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 <sup>1</sup>	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
- 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, reading "K. S. Middleton", is displayed on a light blue background.

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	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Donations	£9,523	£4,549	£14,072
Grants	£2,220	-	£2,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,743</b>	<b>£4,549</b>	<b>£16,292</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,659</b>	<b>£1,984</b>	<b>£12,643</b>
<b>NET</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>£1,084</b>	<b>£2,565</b>	<b>£3,649</b>

### Cash in Bank

22/02/2023 £0.00 £0.00 £0.00

Total Receipts £11,743 £4,549 £16,291.97

Total Payments £10,659 £1,984 £12,642.98

### Cash in Bank

31/12/2023 £1,084 £2,565 £3,648.99