

# RAMSEY ABBEY WALLED GARDEN CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1202958

## Details

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**Other names** RAMSEY WALLED GARDEN

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-05-05

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, ENHANCEMENT, ENRICHMENT, REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT AS NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE OF THE WALLED GARDEN, ITS GRADE II LISTED WALLS, ARCHES AND FEATURES OF HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST LOCATED IN THE GROUNDS OF RAMSEY ABBEY COLLEGE. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE OF THE WALLED GARDEN AND IN GENERAL HORTICULTURE SKILLS.

**Activities:** We have restored a Grade 2 listed Victorian Walled Garden within the grounds of the medieval Ramsey Abbey. The garden is a visitor attraction and we maintain the garden by growing flowers, fruit and vegetables . We have a beautiful 33m Victorian style glasshouse. All work is done by volunteers.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cambridgeshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,669	£7,305	-	-
2024-03-31	£240	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>CHRISTOPHER VANE PERCY</b>	Chair	2023-03-31
Diana Yakely		2025-02-07
Dr JANE SILLS		2023-03-31
Esmond Edwards		2023-03-31
Mark Wilkinson		2023-03-31
Philip Whaites		2023-03-31
Valentina Steel		2024-10-01

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024** Period start date To **31st March 2025**  
Period end date

Charity name: **Ramsey Abbey Walled Garden CIO**

Charity registration number: **1202958**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>Restoration and maintenance of a one Victorian garden. Education relating to horticulture</b>
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Maintaining a Walled Garden as a visitor attraction by volunteers.</b> (items in accounts include insurance, utilities, washing greenhouse, cutting box hedges, composts, plants seeds etc.) Monies raised from selling garden produce, preserves and plants. Income from running City and Guilds horticulture courses
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have at all times followed Charity Commission Guidance regarding public benefit of our work.</b>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>na</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>Na</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>All our work is done by volunteers, we have no paid staff. As a result we are able to achieve our objective of maintaining this historic garden, open it to the public for local people and visitors to enjoy. Volunteers have</b>

		<p>benefitted from learning and improving their gardening skills, health and well being from gardening and working outdoors, socialising and a sense of achievement in recreating this garden which is now a key part of Ramsey's heritage offer.</p> <p>This year has seen an increase in volunteer numbers and resulting "team spirit"</p>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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 to society as a whole.</p>	Para 1.20	<p><b>In this financial year we have maintained our visitor numbers and income from our visitors. We have increased the awareness of our garden.</b></p> <p><b>We have made improvements in the garden such as a better system of composting, introducing raised beds for growing vegetables. This is interesting to visitors and has helped with the maintenance of the garden</b></p> <p><b>We have organised a number of special events which have increased visitor numbers such as "yarn bombing" in the early Spring and taking part in an Apple Day in Autumn.</b></p> <p><b>Cambridgeshire Adult Skills continue to use our garden to deliver City and Guild horticulture courses. The garden offers an ideal venue so learners can gain a wide variety of skills. Some learners go on to employment in the horticulture sector. The garden has also been used for a one off skills training days.</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set		
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>The charity changed over from its former status as a charitable trust to the new entity Ramsey Abbey Walled Garden CIO during this financial year. The funds from the old Trust were transferred to the new CIO.</b></p> <p><b>For a short time the two organisations were running in parallel while arrangements were made to transfer the funds. The accounts for the CIO show a deficit due to the fact that our most significant of expenditure (our insurance) was made in this part of the year.</b></p> <p><b>Over the year covered by both organisation, there was a small surplus.</b></p> <p><b>At the end of the year our assets stood at £236,324</b></p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>We hold reserves for the following reasons:</b></p> <p><b>The interest helps cover our running costs;</b></p> <p><b>To cover unexpected items of expenditure, for example repairs to the wall</b></p> <p><b>To enable investment in future developments such as commissioning a garden designer to help us develop a masterplan for future developments in the garden</b></p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£200,000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p><b>Income from selling our produce, preserves and plants</b></p> <p><b>Donations from visitors to the garden</b></p> <p><b>Donations from wellwishers</b></p> <p><b>Fees for using the garden for training etc.</b></p> <p><b>Occasional grants</b></p>
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Trust deed</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Trustees are appointed based on the skills they offer</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>none</b>
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ramsey Abbey Walled Garden CIO
Other name the charity uses	Ramsey Walled Garden
Registered charity number	1202958
Charity's principal address	The Willows, Ramsey Road Ramsey Forty Foot Cambridgeshire PE26 2XN



**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)**

**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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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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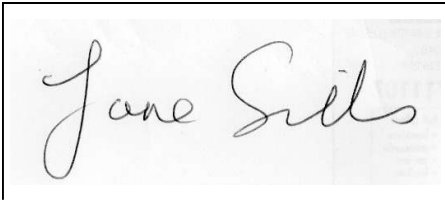
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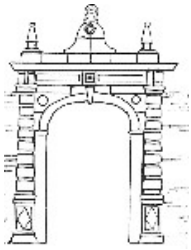
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## Declarations

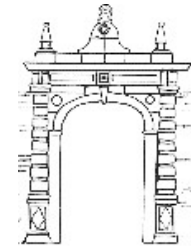
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Jane Sills	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer and Head Gardener	
<b>Date</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	



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### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

Year end 31/3/2025

#### INCOME

Grants	0.00
Produce sales, donations in garden	828.37
Receipts for garden use	726.00
Donations	1000.00
Gift Aid	0.00
Other	0.00
<b>total</b>	<b>2554.37</b>
<b>interest</b>	<b>1114.56</b>
<b>total</b>	<b>3668.93</b>
balance for year	-3636.37

#### EXPENDITURE

Insurance	4039.43
Water	0.00
Electricity	629.39
Contractors	0.00
Repairs renewals	94.27
Trees, plants, seeds	192.26
Consumables, general garden expen	1084.95
Capital / equipment	100.00
Web hosting/web management	626.40
Office	3.50
Fundraising	0.00
Volunteers	95.10
New info panel	440.00
<b>total</b>	<b>7305.30</b>

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<b>Balance 31/03/2024</b>	
<b>Current account statement</b>	152.50
<b>Unpresented cheques</b>	
Unpaid invoices	
Actual	152.50
Natwest transferred	64206.18
Nationwide transferred	78724.25
Cambridge Counties	93241.43
<b>Total at 31/3/2024</b>	<b>236324.36</b>

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<b>Balance 31/03/5</b>	
Current account statement	19332.00
Actual	19332.00
Liquidity account	49096.98
United Trust Bank	70000.00
Cambridge Counties	94259.01
Total at 31/3/2025	232687.99

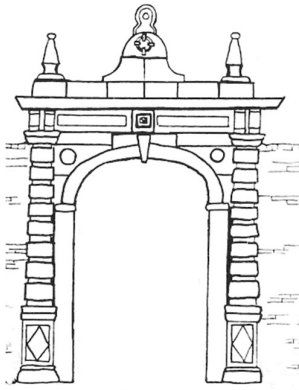
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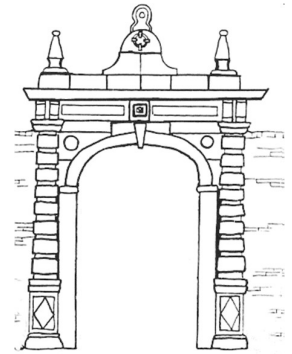
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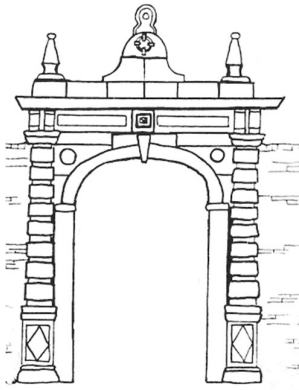
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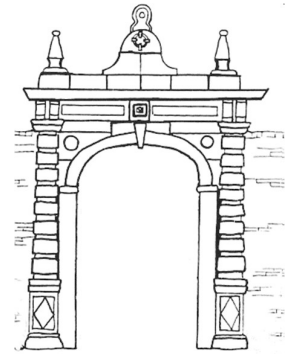
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