

# ROUS LENCH AND RADFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1204895

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-09-25

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION BY PROVIDING AN AREA FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND ALLOTMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN WORCESTERSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, 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:** We run a community garden and allotments. We rent allotment plots to local tenants and maintain a community garden for use by the public, including running events to fund ongoing maintenance.

## 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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- Worcestershire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£17,119	£12,668	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Laura Bradley	Chair	2023-03-01
Ben Cashmore		2024-03-02
Catriona Blair Whitfield		2024-05-11

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# Accounts

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# **Rous Lench Allotments and Community Garden**

## **Annual Report of the Trustees**

Financial Year End 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

### **Charity details**

Name: Rous Lench and Radford Community Garden

Charity number: 1204895

Address: Court Hill House, Rous Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UJ

Trustees during the year:

- Laura Bradley
- Ben Cashmore
- Catriona Blair Whitfield

### **1. Objectives and Activities**

We run a community garden and allotments. We rent allotment plots to local tenants and maintain a community garden for use by the public, including running events to fund ongoing maintenance.

This year we:

- Received money from 3 grants from Wychavon District Council, Worcestershire County Council and Rous Lench Parish Council which we used to develop and improve the Community Garden, installing a Community Shed, a compost toilet, play equipment and water pump.
- We ran two events this year: an opening event in May 2025 and a Big Lunch over the summer, both of which were well attended by residents and local villagers, engaging our local community and bringing people together.

### **2. Achievements and Performance**

This year we have:

- Improved footfall by 200% to the Community Garden through our events and encouraging individuals and families to use the Garden as a community resource
- Volunteers gave an estimated 100 hours of their time to maintenance, event preparation and admin support
- Feedback from residents post our opening event in May 2024 showed that 98% of respondents and residents felt positive about the garden.
- We have implemented 95% of the planned improvements to the Community Garden
- Allotments are now fully tenanted with a waiting list.

### **3. Financial Review**

Income: £17,119 (grants, donations, events and allotment plot rent)

Expenditure: £12668 (bought assets with grant money, groundworks, insurance, land rent)

Unbanked Cash: £946

Reserves: £3505.84 carried forward

The trustees are satisfied with the charity's financial position and have adopted a simple reserves policy to maintain at least £500 to cover core costs.

### **4. Plans for the Coming Year**

- We intend to complete the implementation of the grant funded items which are scheduled for completion by February 2025.
- We intend to run at least two fundraising and community events in 2025 to raise awareness of the Community Garden
- We want to promote our 'Friends of the Garden' programme to increase donations

### **5. Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is governed by a constitution adopted in 2023. Trustees are elected annually by Trustees at the AGM. No paid staff are employed.

### **6. Reference and Administrative Details:**

Independent Examiner/ auditor: N/A

Bankers: Cooperative Bank

### **Approval**

Approved by the trustees on: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Signed on behalf of the board:



Laura Bradley

**Rous Lench Community Gardens**  
**Budget Monitoring**

	Budget	Receipts YTD	Cash	Payments YTD	Under/Over Spend	% Spent	Comments
<b>Receipts</b>							
Allotment Rent	0.00	565.00					
Friends of ...	0.00	80.00					
Events	0.00	1,001.61					
Grants/Funding	0.00	14,272.18					
Other	0.00	1,200.01					
<b>Unbanked Cash</b>			946.05				
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,118.80</b>	<b>946.05</b>				

<b>Payments</b>							
Rent	0.00			187.50			
Insurance	0.00			178.91			
Maintenance	0.00			559.51			
Events	0.00			0.00			
Assets	0.00			10,943.99			
Surveys	0.00			798.00			
Other	0.00			0.00			
<b>Total budget</b>	<b>0.00</b>			<b>12,667.91</b>			*
VAT recoverable				0.00			
<b>Total</b>				<b>12,667.91</b>			

<b>Total at Bank</b>	<b>3,504.84</b>
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**Rous Lench Community Gardens**

**Receipts**

Date	Ref.	Supplier	Receipts	BK.St.	Allotment Rent	Friends of	Events	Grants/Funding	Other	Unbanked Cash
30/09/2023	R24-0	BBQ and open afternoon	181.75				181.75			181.75
22/04/2024	R24-1	Paypal code 4586	0.01	⊗					0.01	
22/04/2024	R24-2	PCC Rous Lench rent reimbursement	200	⊗	200					
09/05/2024	R24-3	PCC Rous Lench PCC takings from Grand Opening	55.56	⊗			55.56			
14/05/2024	R24-4	Wild EA	40	⊗		40				
22/05/2024	R24-5	F J Bentley	40	⊗		40				
31/05/2024	R24-6	Grand opening	764.3				764.3			764.3
29/07/2024	R24-7	C Phillips	15	⊗	15					
12/09/2024	R24-8	S Newton	100	⊗	100					
17/09/2024	R24-9	C Philips	50	⊗	50					
23/09/2024	R24-10	MP Gladwin K Jones	200	⊗	200					
25/09/2024	R24-11	Worcestershire County Council	7000.00	⊗				7,000.00		
02/10/2024	R24-12	Rous Lench Parish Council - remaining CLG funding	4022.18	⊗				4,022.18		
03/10/2024	R24-13	Rous Lench Parish Council - Grant	3000.00	⊗				3,000.00		
17/10/2024	R24-14	Anderson Sol Refund	1200.00	⊗					1,200.00	
15/11/2024	R24-15	Seed Arboriculture	250.00	⊗				250.00		
		<b>Totals: Year To Date</b>	<b>17,118.80</b>		<b>565.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>1,001.61</b>	<b>14,272.18</b>	<b>1,200.01</b>	<b>946.05</b>

Notes

17,118.80



**Rous Lench Community Gardens**  
**Bank Reconciliation as at 31-12-24**

	Opening Balance Current Acc	0.00
add	receipts for period 01-01-24 to 31-12-24	17,118.80
less	payments for period 01-01-24 to 31-12-24	-12,667.91
less	un-banked cash	-946.05
	<b>balance per cash book</b>	<b>3,504.84</b>

	Bank Statement Current Acc 31-12-24	3,504.84
	<b>balance carried forward</b>	<b>3,504.84</b>