

SKEWEN COMMUNITY GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1204915

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-09-26

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR INDIVIDUALS IN SKEWEN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY, OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL 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: To provide and maintain a community garden for individuals in Skewen and the surrounding area who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, or disablement, financial hardship or social 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.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Neath Port Talbot

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-08-31		£825	£914	-	-
2024-07-31		£1,209	£1,815	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Peter Robert Mallon Mr	Chair	2022-10-05
Ceri Marie Stillwell		2026-06-07
Joe Brian Rayner		2022-05-18

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Chair's Report

September 2024 – August 2025

Grant Funding

- **4TheRegion**

We had funding of £400 and bought tomato planter bags, 2 x water butts, wildflower seeds and compost. The items purchased have enabled us to establish another no-dig bed as planned and our growing capacity is increased for the coming season.

The extra water butts help our project to maintain a sustainable water supply.

The wildflower seed will enable the wildflower area to be replenished.

- **Biodiversity - local places for nature grant scheme**

Just over £305 was received in funding which funding enabled the construction of wildlife boxes for hedgehogs, bats, birds and bees. Through distribution of these items in the local community, we hope to encourage wildlife and support habitats encompassing a wider area.

We have constructed 6 hedgehog boxes, 20 bird boxes, and 24 bat boxes.

These boxes have been distributed to Neath Abbey Primary School, Coedffranc Junior School, YMCA Neath, Skewen Cricket Club, Coedffranc Town Council, and people in the local community. Local residents were very enthusiastic as they felt a part of a wider community in supporting local wildlife, giving the natural world a helping hand.

The local schools also received wildlife boxes, again with enthusiasm, making good subject matter for forest school projects.

Events

- We held our annual Pumpkin Carving in October 2024, with a successful attendance.
- We also held our annual Wreath Making event in December 2024, with middling success, due to the weather.
- Hope church again held their Church At The Park event in June 2025.
- Finally, we hosted Dan Evans from Red Media, who kindly made a short video package of the garden, including interviews

Volunteering initiative

In June 2025, we began our volunteering initiative, by having posters made calling for volunteers, as well as creating a post on our Facebook page. We also started to open the garden during the week, which currently consists of Tuesdays, and Fridays, along with our regular opening day on Sundays. As of the end of August, we have had 2 new regular volunteers to the garden, with the aim of recruiting more, so that we can open on more days during the week

Growing season/Relationship with The Rock and Fountain

We have started to grow produce from seed at the garden, which includes salad veg such as lettuce, and beets. We are also growing vegetables for The Rock and Fountain pub, for their free Christmas dinners, as an ongoing partnership with them. They have also placed volunteering posters around the pub, as well as holding a charity collection bucket to raise money for the garden. We hope to continue this in the future by potentially hosting a barbecue in the garden or at the establishment, to further boost exposure for the garden

Garden structures

We have connected the final 2 small water butts together, to increase collection of rain water. We have also converted one of the raised beds into a veg bed for the more deep rooted plants, and created a second no-dig structure

Ongoing issue with trees

We are still currently having an issue from the local town council regarding the trees that are planted within the garden grounds, which we hope to set-up a meeting soon and have this matter resolved.

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Income and Expenditure Report
September 2024 to August 2025**

September 24 to August 25

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Bal b/f	£1,725.06	Public Liability Insurance (Ladbrokes)	£125.79
For the Region Grant	£400.00	For the Region Expenditure	£406.04
Xmas Wreath income	£100.00	Xmas Wreath expenses	£65.85
Local Places for Nature Grant Scheme	£305.35	Local Places for Nature Grant Scheme Expenditure	£305.35
		Zoar's Ark Seeds	£11.40
Misc. donations	£20.00		
Total Income	£2,550.41	Total Expenditure	£914.43
Bal c/f	£1,635.98		

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Chair's Report
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Overview

In September 2023 the group became a registered charity. Originally set up with 5 trustees, two of these have since resigned. GQ stepped down as Chair and ED stepped down as Secretary. The Charity Commission record needs to be amended to reflect this. JM stepped in as Chair but a vacancy exists for Secretary. In the interim period, Treasurer, TH has covered the role of Secretary. DS and LR also joined the committee.

Garden structure and activities

During the year, the infrastructure of the garden has been added to with the construction of the polytunnel, the compost area and the utility area. Mini water butts have been erected alongside the summerhouse.

Vegetables have been planted in the no-dig beds, potatoes have been planted and other plants have been planted in the polytunnel.

The wildflower area has been seeded and several trees have been established in the arboretum. A rockery has been started by the wildflower area

Summerhouse

A mural has been painted along the back wall of the summerhouse and plans are in progress to upgrade and improve the proposed 'kitchen' area inside the building. A gas burner has been installed. Wall panelling was also applied to the walls of the summerhouse

Events

We successfully hosted Pumpkin Carving and Wreath Making events which were well attended. We also hosted an Open Day for the community council, and were host to both the scouts, and Hope Church for a Sunday service. We also attended the skewen 4 Seasons, selling wreaths, and a fayre at Hope Church