

**Skewen Community Garden
Chair's Report
September 2023 to August 2024**

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