

GAINSBOROUGH MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1205087

Details

Other names	GREENER GAINSBOROUGH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-10-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people particularly but not exclusively men aged 18 or over and women, within Gainsborough from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they can meet jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially. for the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental).2. TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR INDIVIDUALS IN GAINSBOROUGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, 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 provide a safe, welcoming space in Gainsborough where adults can meet, reduce loneliness and improve well-being. We offer creative, physical and recreational activities, opportunities to learn and share skills, and social support for people experiencing isolation due to age, ill health, bereavement,

unemployment or financial hardship.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£12,420	£8,407	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Burgess		2023-11-16
Nigel Bowler		2023-10-05
Sandra Kemp		2023-10-05
Sheila Goodall		2023-10-05

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	05	10	2023		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nigel Bowler	Chair		
2	Ian Burgess	Treasurer		
3	Gillian Bardsley			
4	Sheila Goodall			
5	Sandra Kemp			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Foundation Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO Foundation
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity aims to improve the quality of life for people in Gainsborough and surrounding areas by creating opportunities for recreation and leisure. This is achieved through initiatives such as garden clubs, community allotments, and green spaces. These facilities are specifically designed to support individuals facing challenges related to age, disability, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances, as well as benefiting the general public in the interest of social welfare.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the year, Greener Gainsborough CIO actively pursued its charitable objects by delivering a range of activities aimed at enhancing community wellbeing and improving green spaces in Gainsborough and surrounding areas.

The charity's principal activity was the establishment and support of **Gainsborough Men's Shed**, a community initiative providing facilities for recreation, skill-building, and social connection. This project supports individuals facing challenges such as age, disability, financial hardship, or social isolation, offering meaningful opportunities to improve their quality of life. Gainsborough Men's Shed has been pivotal in fostering community well-being through its diverse activities and growing membership.

In addition to this flagship initiative, the charity undertook various initiatives to promote environmental improvement and community engagement, including:

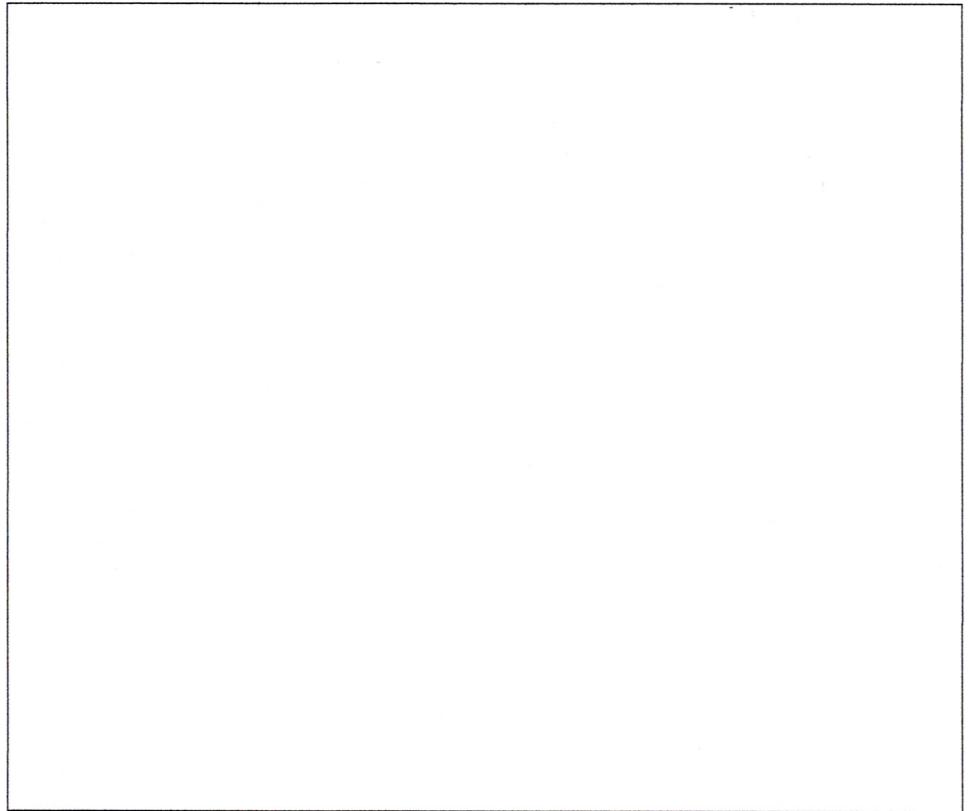
- **Supporting Aegir Specialist Academy:** Collaborated with learners from the Community Learning in Partnership (CLIP) Flare program for 16–18-year-olds to develop a woodland outdoor learning area, encouraging environmental education and skill-building.
- **Community Gardening:** Provided Sunflower Kits to LEAP Community Hub's Community Participation group, fostering interest in gardening and wider community involvement.
- **Hedge Planting at GAPA:** Prepared the ground and planted 200 saplings at Gainsborough Adventure Playground (GAPA), providing children opportunities to connect with nature.
- **Library Garden Enhancement:** Transformed the front entrance of Gainsborough Library by creating a garden and planting over 800 bulbs. This visually appealing space, officially unveiled by local Council leaders, was a collaborative effort spearheaded by Greener Gainsborough CIO with support from Hastings Day Centre volunteers, a facility for adults with learning and/or physical disabilities.
- **Ashcroft Green:** Supported volunteers in transforming a deprived area into an accessible community space by planting and supplying 400 daffodil bulbs to enrich its beauty and utility for residents.
- **Biodiversity Promotion:** Planted wildflower seeds at Morton Corner as part of the Gainsborough in Bloom initiative, enhancing natural habitats and environmental enrichment.
- **Scouts Hill Tree Planting Day:** Participated in a community tree planting event at Scouts Hill, helping to create a greener and more sustainable environment for the local community.

The trustees confirm they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning and delivering these activities, ensuring alignment with the charity's objectives, and maximizing positive community impact.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The continued growth and success of **Gainsborough Men's Shed** has been a standout achievement for Greener Gainsborough CIO this year. The Shed has become a hub of creativity, camaraderie, and community service, offering recreational facilities, skill-building opportunities, and a welcoming space for social interaction. Widely embraced by local residents, this initiative has significantly reduced social isolation and improved overall wellbeing.

Key achievements include:

Reducing Social Isolation: The Shed has provided members with a strong sense of belonging, creating opportunities for shared activities and connections.

Skill Development: Participants have developed practical skills through regular workshops and training sessions, boosting confidence and personal growth.

Community Contributions: Members have contributed to local projects, such as maintaining green spaces, planting trees, and securing a nearby allotment for outdoor recreation and gardening.

Other notable achievements include:

- **Green Space Projects:** Enhancements at Gainsborough Library Garden and Ashcroft Green have made them more inviting for the community.
- **Collaboration with Schools:** Progress in developing a woodland outdoor learning area with Aegir Specialist Academy, encouraging environmental education for young learners.
- **Promoting Sustainability:** Successful participation in events and initiatives promoting biodiversity, sustainability, and community involvement, such as wildflower planting and tree-planting days.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Greener Gainsborough CIO maintains reserves to ensure financial stability and support ongoing community projects. Our reserves are reviewed regularly to align with our operational needs and long-term sustainability.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

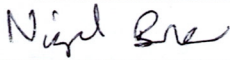

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nigel Bowler	Ian Burgess
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	06/06/2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Greener Gainsborough CIO

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	05/10/2023		31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	11,600	-	-	11,600	-
Mayflower School	100	-	-	100	-
Gainsborough in Bloom	220	-	-	220	-
GTC Funding	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,420	-	-	12,420	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,420	-	-	12,420	-
A3 Payments					
Rent	6,750	-	-	6,750	-
Allotment and Plants	261	-	-	261	-
Grass Cutting	200	-	-	200	-
Safety/PPE	88	-	-	88	-
Refreshments	12	-	-	12	-
Donations	28	-	-	28	-
Insurance	157	-	-	157	-
Advertising and Publicity	91	-	-	91	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,587	-	-	7,587	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Hedge Trimmer	379	-	-	379	-
Brushcutter and Battery	441	-	-	441	-
Sub total	820	-	-	820	-
Total payments	8,407	-	-	8,407	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,013	-	-	4,013	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,013	-	-	4,013	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	4,013	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,013	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

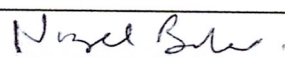
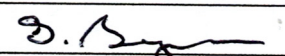
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Hedge Trimmer	379	-	-
	Brushcutter and Battery	441	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Nigel Bowler	06/06/2025
	Ian Burgess	06/06/2025