

WILD CLAPHAM - ANNUAL REPORT

19 Oct 2023 to 31 March 2025



Wetland project during construction, April 2025

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1. INTRODUCTION

Gareth James, Chair

Wild Clapham was registered as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) in October 2023, and this Report covers the period up to 31 March 2025.

Given the relatively small size of the charity, it has achieved an impressive amount in its first 17 months of activity.

2. ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Completed projects are listed below:

Autumn 2024 - Spring 2025

- Designs and planting for new SuDS beds along Windmill Drive
 - A partnership project with Lambeth Council
- Design and construction of the new Wetlands and Reedbeds adjacent to Eagle Pond
 - A partnership project with the Friends of Clapham Common (FOCC), the Mayor of London, Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee (CCMAC), Froglife, Butterfly Conservation (BC), Consano Earth Fund, and Lambeth Council

April 2024

- Design, excavation, and planting of 2,800 square metres (0.28ha) of sustainable, deep-scape, wildflower meadows with surrounding scrubland islands on West Side and Battersea Rise
 - A partnership project with CCMAC, BC, FOCC, and Lambeth Council

January 2024

- Tree and scrubland planting between Mount Pond and Windmill Drive, plus reseeding of the North Side meadow
 - A Partnership project with Lambeth Council, CCMA, and FOCC
- Planting 30 trees, selected to be climate change tolerant and of high biodiversity value
 - Partnership project with FOCC and Thomas's Clapham School

November 2023

- Allocation of site locations and selection of tree species for the planting of 55 trees planted by Lambeth Council in January 2024
- Landscaping for the Wetplay area - trees, hedging and climbers
 - A partnership project with CCMAC and Lambeth Council

October 2023

- Registered with Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Before Registration

- August 2023: designs and landscaping prepared for trees, hedging and climbers for the new Wetplay area in Old Town
- May 2023: project with CCMAC and Lambeth Council to redesign and sow new wildflower meadow on North Side
- March 2023: project with CCMAC and Lambeth Council to designate over 16.32 hectares of the Common as Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)
- November 2022: partnership project with the FOCC, CCMAC and Lambeth Council to plant 30 new trees and additional scrubland islands by wildflower meadows along Windmill Drive
- March 2022: partnership project with the FOCC, BC, CCMAC and Lambeth Council to design and excavate 1,400 square metres (0.14ha) of sustainable, deep-scrape, wildflower meadows along Windmill Drive
- November 2021: partnership project with the FOCC, CCMAC and Lambeth Council to design and create over 2ha of scrubland islands using indigenous shrubs. This initiative reintroduced lost species to the Common.
- October 2021: partnership project with the April Trust, FOCC, the Clapham Society, CCMAC and Lambeth Council to plant 42 trees. This initiative reintroduced lost tree species to the Common and started trialling new tree species for climate change.

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Adrian Darley, Treasurer

The Draft Accounts are attached. Our 1st year of trading was uneventful so the accounts are very simple. We have used the "receipts and payments " approach to the accounts, using a template from HMRC. This is a summary of all the money we received and paid out in the year. The CIO does not hold assets (things we own or money owed) or liabilities (money owed to others).

The Charity seeks to raise funds, which are then spent on projects in line with its purpose on Clapham Common. A small amount of unrestricted funds is used to cover ongoing costs

Reserves Policy

The CIO does not currently hold financial reserves.

Going Concern

The Charity is, in the opinion of the Trustees, a going concern.

4. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure

Charity registration number: 1205292

- Wild Clapham was registered as a charity structured as a CIO on 19 Oct 2023.
- The Charity's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March.
- Wild Clapham is recognised by HMRC for gift aid.

Charitable objects¹

- TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN AND AROUND CLAPHAM COMMON

Management

- Since inception, there have been meetings of trustees every 4 months or so, covering strategy, policy, governance, and delivery of projects
- Activities are reported through Instagram and the website.

Policies and procedures

- The Trustees seek to strengthen charity governance. Current policies are:
 - o Code of Conduct
 - o Health and safety
 - o Risk Management Policy
 - o Complaints and Grievances Policy
 - o Reimbursement of Expenses Policy
 - o GDPR Policy
 - o Managing Volunteers Policy
 - o Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Policy

5. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name: WILD CLAPHAM
 Charity number: 1205292
 Principal address: 25A Bellamy Street, London, SW12 8BT
 Email: wildclapham@gmail.com
 Website: <https://www.wildclapham.com/>
 Instagram: [@wildclapham](https://www.instagram.com/wildclapham)

Trustees during the reporting period:

- Gareth James, Chair. Also a trustee of the Friends of Clapham Common.
- Adrian Darley, Treasurer
- Simon Saville, Secretary. Also a trustee of Butterfly Conservation.
- Alison Inglis-Jones

Professional advisors during the reporting period:

- Lynn Cadman, Illuminate Governance, <https://www.illuminategovernance.co.uk/>
- Klara Fine, social media management and advice
- Craig Murley, website development, <https://www.elasticstudio.com/>

Land and property: Wild Clapham does not own or lease land or property.

¹ <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/5075072/governing-document>
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6. DECLARATIONS

This report has been prepared and approved by the Charity's Trustees for 2023-25.

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Gareth James

Name: Gareth James

Position: Chair

Date: 15th Jan 2026

ACCOUNTS

	WILD CLAPHAM			1205292	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	19-10-2023	To	31-3-2025	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowmen t funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
A Darley donation 25/3/24	1	-	-	1	-
Friends of Clapham Common 31/10/24	2,480	-	-	2,480	-
A Darley donation 6/1/25	5	-	-	5	-
London Borough of Lambeth 21/3/25	11,564		-	11,564	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,050	-	-	14,050	-
A2 Asset and investment sales (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,050	-	-	14,050	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Platter London 11/2/25	500	-	-	500	-
Platter London 4/3/25	500	-	-	500	-
Platter London 27/3/25	500	-	-	500	-
Sub total	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Net of receipts / (payments)	12,550	-	-	12,550	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	12,550	-	-	12,550	-