



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** Period start date 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
**To** Period end date 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Charity name:** Rise Walled Garden

**Charity registration number:** 1205930

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of East Riding and Hull and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals 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.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Our aim is to preserve and restore the walled garden as an area for the use of the population of East Riding and Hull. In doing so, the public with benefit through:</b> <b>-Hands-on gardening activities for volunteers that promote mental/physical wellbeing, build social connections, develop skills (in particular in organic gardening).</b> <b>-Enhancing the site for food growing and biodiversity by creating areas of vegetable/fruit growing and planting and using regenerative horticulture principles.</b> <b>-Providing free surplus produce to local charities/food banks.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees declare that they have carefully reviewed and have taken into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when making decisions regarding the charity's activities throughout the reporting period.</b>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>Not applicable</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>Not applicable</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>The charity has no employees – all activities are carried out by volunteers.</b>
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>We have now secured an extension of the lease on the garden until September 2029, on the same terms as before (rent £300 per annum).</b></p> <p><b>Although we are still working one day per week, our average weekly volunteer attendance over the year has been 8 per week, compared to 6 last year. Overall, we have welcomed 20 different volunteers from the local community, including volunteer groups from Cooperation Hull.</b></p> <p><b>The summer drought made for difficult growing conditions, but with care losses in the newly-planted Forest Garden were &lt;10% and these have been made up from grafting of donated rootstocks. Purchase of a shredder and two more compost bins has increased our capacity to produce mulch and compost on site. A floral strip was planted in November adjacent to the main vegetable growing area to improve biological control of insect pests. In December we purchased a Barn Owl nest box, now installed, to improve non-toxic control of the rodents which have caused considerable losses this year.</b></p>

		<p>We have also recently secured funding for a compost toilet to help improve volunteer facilities.</p> <p>Produce from the site has either been shared amongst the community volunteers, donated to local food banks, or sold to help build an income stream for the running expenses of the garden. We are now members of the Hull Food Exchange Platform, which we hope in future will streamline the use of surplus produce. Our Facebook page currently has 93 followers.</p> <p>The volunteers who come to the weekly sessions have expressed that the gardening activities support both their mental and physical wellbeing, and provide a welcome space for them, whilst fostering a sense of community, and pride in what they are achieving.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p><b>Our key objectives this year were to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hold weekly gardening sessions.</li> <li>-Secure additional funding to be able to develop the garden and improve the experience for volunteers.</li> </ul> <p>The trustees are in agreement that we have made considerable progress against these objectives for our second year of operation.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>This year we wanted to be able to secure funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Secure our rent for the next 3 years</li> <li>-Improve facilities for volunteers</li> <li>-Be able to purchase additional equipment to help improve our productivity.</li> </ul> <p>We secured funding from 3 funders this year that have enabled us to achieve these objectives.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>In this financial year our total income was £4655.40 and our total expenditure was £4375.63. £4500.00 was raised from Trusts/Foundations and £155.40 was raised by our income generating activities. We finished our second year with a surplus of £279.77 and the account balance of the charity on 31<sup>st</sup> December was £1605.95.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>Due to the size of our charity and that there are no staff employed, we do not have a reserves policy yet, although we are aiming to hold at least 1 year's rent, insurance and utility costs at any given time (approximately £450/year).  At the end of this year, £356.06 of funds were unrestricted and available to use as reserves. Although a little lower than our reserves goal, we have already paid rent for next year.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£356.06</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>There are currently no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Income from sale of produce: £155.40 Grants from Trusts/Foundations: £4500.00</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>Not applicable.</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>Principal risks include: Reduction in volunteer time – the charity is run and managed by a team of dedicated trustees who are all volunteers. We are looking to involve more volunteers and a part-time staff member to mitigate this risk.</b>

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>CIO whose only voting members are its charity trustees.</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>As described in sections 9 and 10 of the constitution. There is no entitlement of any particular body or person to appoint any trustees.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Rise Walled Garden
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1205930
Charity's principal address	2 Woodyard Cottages, Jubilee Lane, Rise, Hull, HU11 5BN

### 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	Graham Brooks			
2	Paul Hanson			
3	Rohan Lewis	Secretary		
4	Michael Barrett			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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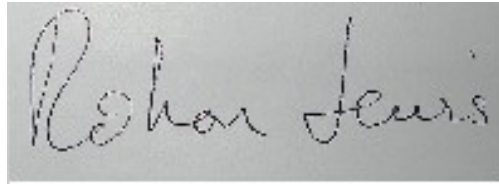


## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Rohan Francis Miles LEWIS

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**INCOME**

## Grants

Sir J Reckitt foundation	£ 1,500.00
Bramall Foundation	£ 3,000.00

Sale of Produce	<u>£ 155.40</u>
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TOTAL INCOME

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**EXPENDITURE**

## Project expenditure

Equipment >£500	£ 1,939.13
Equipment <£500	£ 1,139.38
Materials/Resources	£ 941.63
Advertising	<u>£ 190.00</u>
TOTAL	£ 4,210.14

## Overheads

Insurance	£ 111.72
Electricity	£ 53.77
Rent*	<u>£ -</u>
TOTAL	£ 165.49

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

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Excess of income over expenditure for the year	£ 279.77
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\* 2 years' rent paid in 2024

**BALANCE SHEET**

Current account balance 28th November 2024	£ 1,326.18
plus surplus for the year	£ 279.77
Current account balance 31st December	£ 1,605.95