



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	06	04	2024		06	05	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

March Community Orchard

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1207758

Charity's principal address

Raspberry Cottage, 89 Creek Road, March

Postcode

PE15 8RE

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	Alanna Wilson			
2	Camay Chapman Cameron			
3	Martin Field			
4	Sara Farrow (formerly Downes)			
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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

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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed at AGM

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

Objects:

1) TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME
OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY ORCHARD IN MARCH

2) THE PROMOTION OF GOOD HEALTH IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING EDUCATION ON HEALTHY EATING, COOKING NUTRITIOUS MEALS, ORGANIC GARDENING AND BY PROVIDING FREE ORGANIC FRUIT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

3) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY ORCHARD IN MARCH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WHICH SUPPORTS A DIVERSE ECOSYSTEM AND IS SPECIES-RICH.

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)

1. To meet object 1, we have been working to raise support for, and find land for, a Community Orchard in March. To do this we have engaged with local government, housebuilders and residents through social media, held monthly open meetings and held a stall at the March Christmas market.
2. Swapping seedlings and seeds, sharing of information and expertise on gardening, fruit and vegetable harvest tasting session, days out including a visit to the Cambridge Botanic Gardens and the garden crawl, all relating to object 2.
3. Giving away three trees and engaging and educating local children through a bird feeder craft activity at the March Christmas market, for object 3.

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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. We received 541 signatures in support of a community orchard in March.
2. We have had discussions about the orchard with an estimated 40-50 people at the March Christmas market.
3. We have a regular community of volunteers up to 20 local people. This group benefit from seed and seedling swaps, as well as sharing knowledge. Group members report feeling an improved sense of community and social support, with other social groups being created as a result, therefore improving the conditions of life of these local people.
4. The orchard was discussed at a Fenland District Council Committee Meeting and while it was not approved as the land identified is instead to be used for a skate park, we are continuing to explore other areas of land as potential sites for the orchard.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We are currently holding reserves awaiting land to plant a community orchard on, or if unsuccessful within the next financial year we plan to use funding to offer to plant fruit trees in the front gardens of residents in March to offer some of the benefits of a community orchard but in a different format.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

The main spending was relating to room hire for the regular monthly meetings which have improved the quality of life of participants, as well as expenditure for the March Christmas market which engaged more members of the local area.

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) *S Farrow*

Full name(s) Sara Farrow

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Treasurer

Date 07/05/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

March Community Orchard

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2024

To

Period end date
06/04/2025

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					
Grant funding	-	-	-	-	994
Donations	134	-	-	134	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	134	-	-	134	994
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	134	-	-	134	994
A3 Payments					
Promotion and community engagement	241	-	-	241	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	241	-	-	241	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	241	-	-	241	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 107	-	-	- 107	994
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 107	-	-	- 107	994

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
S Farrow	Sara Farrow	01/08/2025
Alanna Wilson	Alanna Wilson	01/08/2025