



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	01	04	2024	31	03	2025
From				To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **AMGIVINGBACK**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1207761**

Charity's principal address **72 Barton Road**

Luton

Bedfordshire

Postcode

LU3 2BB

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	Michael Hubbocks	Chairman		
2	Angela Scarlett-Marshall	CEO/Founder		
3	Attif Iqbal	Treasurer		
4	Juliet Johnson	Finance Lead		
5	Sandra Parris	Secretary		
6	Madit Grant	Director		
7	Richard Scarlett-Marshall	Director		
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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the 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.

The following policies have been created and approved by the Trustees:

- Safeguarding;
- H&S
- Equality and Diversity;
- Complaints;
- Modern Slavery

As we work with elderly and vulnerable people, their wellbeing and safety is at the core of everything we do. Our Trustees have approved Safeguarding Policies for both adults and children which are reviewed annually. Vulnerable adults are always accompanied by a carer or family member to our Singing Groups and the children who attend our Community Garden are always accompanied by staff or volunteers from their nursery/school who are all DBS checked.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

AMgivingback aim to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Luton and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation by providing an area for use as a community garden and other activities for 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.

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)

AMgivingback is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation supporting the local community in Luton, Bedfordshire.

We operate the Warblers & Wobblers singing group and the Grasmere Community Garden. The singing group is open to local people (and their carers) with mental health conditions, dementia and autism, whilst the gardening group is open to all local people - whether they want to volunteer to tend and develop the garden or use the crops we grow to feed their families. In less than a year, Warblers & Wobblers has grown in number from 25 to 65 people attending each month. The garden now involves c.15 local volunteers of all ages and involves local schools in educational activities across horticulture and woodland management.

We are 100% volunteer run. Our gardening volunteers meet twice weekly on site to tend the garden and have a WhatsApp group which they use regularly to communicate news, updates and gardening needs i.e. when new plants or specific maintenance Our Warblers & Wobblers Singing Café is currently held monthly for two hours, and our most recently formed DisHarmony Choir meet weekly and again serve the same genre of individuals.

Both initiatives were started in early 2023 to bring our local community together and both have proven hugely successful despite operating on a very limited budget – and with lots of goodwill.

Care Homes have very few opportunities to get out and socialise with other people in a similar position to themselves. They also have limited opportunities to spend valuable social time with their loved ones outside of the Care Home and the singing group enables them to achieve this.

The Disharmony Choir - for anyone based locally who is interested in singing, regardless of their singing ability enables local people to develop new friendships and support networks as well as a much-needed community spirit.

The Grasmere Community Garden is open to all local people, whether they want to volunteer to tend and develop the garden or use the crops we grow to feed their families. It was established on an unused piece of land alongside a children's nursery and now incorporates a woodland walk, veggie patch and a variety of sensory plants and flowers. We use the space to engage local schools and nurseries, teaching them about horticulture and running gardening competitions and, this year, have also used the garden to host our first Disharmony Choir Concert. The garden involves around 15 local volunteers and produces vegetables, herbs and fruit which are freely available to feed members of our local community.

We know there is greater demand for both projects – the development of the second Choir in a short space of time is proof of this –and the feedback we receive on a regular basis from those who are involved is overwhelmingly positive. We also know the cost-of-living crisis is making it challenging for many to feed their families and the Community Garden is helping to combat this issue.

We are therefore determined to establish both projects as an integral part of our local community - a community which is ranked 70th most deprived amongst 326 local authorities in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

AMGIVINGBACK is entirely run by volunteers, we have no paid staff or trustees.

We rely on our own fundraising activities, donations from businesses within our local community and Grant funding to support our activities.

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

2024/2025 Highlights:

During this Fiscal year AMgivingback in conjunction with Luton Borough Council held a concert in the Community Garden@Grasmere where our DisHarmony Choir hosted the celebration of Disability month in July, with performances from local schools, individuals within our disability community who performed poetry, sang and danced at the concert. We had in excess of 300+ visitors to the concert.

Our Community Garden@Grasmere was chosen by Luton North Inner Wheel for their annual planting of 2024 Peace Rose. The event was attended by the Sherif of Bedfordshire, several local councillors and school and nursery children.

In addition, we provided work experience opportunities for Special Needs children who are in their final year of Secondary education, teaching horticultural techniques and Woodland Management.

Our annual Growing Competitions amongst the local nurseries and school were again a huge success with Grasmere Nursery School winning 1st prize for growing the tallest Sunflower.

Our DisHarmony Choir (DC) has performed at Luton DART where travellers paused to admire and occasionally accompany us in song. DC received many invites over the Christmas period resulting in us singing Carols and bringing festive cheer to in excess of 9 Care Homes to residents who are bed bound and unable to easily leave their establishment. The year cumulated with DC receiving an invite to sing at one the town's local Rotary Club where a donation cheque was presented to the Choir.

Our 'Warblers & Wobblers' Singing Café holds monthly themed sessions at which we combine Singing, Dancing & Chair exercise with Food, Fun and Laughter.

We have hosted summer afternoon tea parties for the community and organised coach outings for local care home residents.

Collaboratively our garden volunteers have supported our local Nursery School through refurbishing their SEND garden area, installing safety gates and building additional Sand Pits for the nursery children.

Our FUNdraising events held throughout the year are very much about building bonds within our local community as much as they are about raising money. We provide a focal point for local people to come together as neighbours and interact socially be that at a Quiz or Games Night, Curry evening or Music event. The success of Loving our Community into Life has been a real highlight of our year.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity maintains a reserves policy to ensure its long-term financial stability and to safeguard its ability to meet ongoing commitments, particularly in times of uncertainty or unforeseen shortfalls in income. The policy is designed to strike a balance between holding sufficient reserves to manage risks effectively and ensuring that funds are used promptly to achieve the charity's objectives.

Reserves are set aside to cover core operational costs, support continuity of services, and respond to unexpected events. The target level of reserves is reviewed annually, considering current income and expenditure patterns, future funding risks, and planned activities.

Where unrestricted reserves exceed the target level, the charity will consider reinvesting the surplus into strategic initiatives or community projects that align with its charitable aims. Equally, if reserves fall below the desired level, a recovery plan will be developed to restore reserves within an appropriate timeframe.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

- Donations from local businesses, grants through funding bodies or local/national grant schemes, various fund-raising activities and public donations.
- AMGIVINGBACK's expenditure is carefully directed to support its core objectives of promoting social welfare, reducing isolation, and improving the quality of life for residents—particularly those facing mental health challenges, dementia, autism, financial hardship, or social isolation.

Key areas of expenditure include:

Warblers & Wobblers Singing Group & DisHarmony Choir

- ❖ Funds are used to hire accessible venues, provide refreshments, and create a welcoming environment for participants and their carers.
- ❖ Resources such as printed song lyrics, musical equipment, and transport support (where possible) help enable attendance and engagement.
- ❖ These activities address social isolation and provide therapeutic benefits, aligning with the objective of improving the lives of people with mental health conditions, dementia, and autism.

Grasmere Community Garden

- ❖ Expenditure is used for gardening tools, compost, seeds, plants, and materials to maintain and enhance the garden space.
- ❖ Investment in sensory plants and woodland walk features supports therapeutic and educational objectives for all ages.

- ❖ The garden directly tackles food insecurity by growing crops made freely available to the community, supporting those facing financial hardship.

Community Engagement and Education

- ❖ The charity funds small-scale activities to involve local schools and nurseries, including gardening competitions and workshops, helping meet the aim of benefiting people by reason of age or youth through education and recreation.

Operational Needs

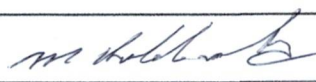
- ❖ Basic administrative costs, insurance, and marketing materials (such as flyers or banners for events) are kept to a minimum but are essential to delivering the charity's aims efficiently.
- ❖ All work is volunteer led, so no funds are used for salaries, keeping expenditure tightly focused on direct community impact.
- AMGIVINGBACK does not invest any funds currently.

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)	ANGELA SCARLETT-MARSHALL	MICHAEL HUBBARDS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CEO/FOUNDER	CHAIRMAN
Date	09/04/2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start 01/04/2024	To	Period end 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endow- ment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants BLCF			-	-	3,960
Grants Other		5,510	-	5,510	500
Fund Raising	3,663		-	3,663	
Donations	3,115		-	3,115	650
Subscriptions	770	-	-	770	-
Others	1,482		-	1,482	5,181
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,029	5,510	-	14,540	10,291
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,029	5,510	-	14,540	10,291
A3 Payments					
Administration	517	-	-	517	611
Grants	-	6,836	-	6,836	1,889
Grants	-	-	-	-	
CGG plants & materials	995	-	-	995	769
W&W Activities	1,364	-	-	1,364	648
W&W other costs	1,988	-	-	1,988	308
Other	766	-	-	766	208
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	5,630	6,836	-	12,466	4,433
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Gear4Music-PA	Restricted	375	-
PMT Yamaha Stage Plus and Dolly		1,085	-
Cartridge - Brother Printer		558	-
Lawn Mower		334	-
Hedge Cutter		311	-
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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