



Eco- Friendly Garforth

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

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Trustees names

Carol Burns (chair)
Suzanne Harding
Brian Flynn
Scott Hennessy
Gary Pierce
David Swindells
Walt Treloar
Louise Ward (Treasurer)

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Bank details **Head Office:** 177 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7ER

These financial statements and trustees report cover the time period from September 2024 when we were registered as a CIO until March 2025 and therefore only cover 6 months of activity

Governance and Management

EFG is managed by a committee of between 5 and 10 trustees. The trustees have the power to

- Raise funds, receive grants and donations
- Apply for funds to carry out the work of the charity
- Co-operate with and support other charities with similar purpose
- Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes.

New trustees are recruited either because:

- a. vacancies have arisen or will arise
- b. existing Trustees have agreed that additional specific skills are needed.
The trustees agree what skills, experience and knowledge are needed, and write it down in the form of a short job description and person specification to form the criteria for recruitment. Prospective trustees must be recommended by at least two existing members.

Trustees have a short induction similar to that given to other volunteers and are given an introductory pack with the policies of EFG

Aims and Objectives

1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, by any means as the trustees in their discretion shall determine.

2. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, by any means as the trustees in their discretion shall determine.

Achievements

EFG developed from an initiative of Climate Action Leeds and registered as a CIO in September 2024. We are grateful to the National Lottery for funds which have allowed us to transition to independence

Our celebration event in December 2024 brought together volunteers and supported. We showed two films highlighting how different communities have responded to becoming more sustainable and also spent time consulting with local people about priorities for EFG. The need to work with young people came out as the most important issue.

Our main projects so far are:

A repair cafe, working closely with the Leeds repair cafe network, once a month with between 6 and 9 repairers and volunteers. So far we have saved over 260 items weighing about 475kg from landfill. You can find out more from our YouTube channel:
<https://youtu.be/iwcBbleFgcc>

A community garden, we restored a piece of waste land which belongs to one of the local pubs. Over a period of 24 months, we have transformed it into a thriving sustainable garden. This merited an award from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Regular activities take place there. A group of 8-10 volunteers meet each Wednesday morning to work on the garden. A variety of local groups - art and drawing groups, brownies, rainbows- have used the garden. There have been several open days and sessions for families. Additionally, individuals have used the garden facilities.

Community energy: we organised a light bulb initiative where we exchanged about 220 bulbs with a combined wattage of over 5.7kW for new bulbs with a wattage of over 1.4kW. This is a reduction of 4.3kW or 75% on energy demand. For every hour that all these bulbs are used 700g CO₂e are avoided and assuming that all the bulbs replaced were half way through their life, then an estimated 3.5 tonnes CO₂e are avoided.

In June 2025 we installed some off grid solar power for Garforth Allotments on the Church Lane site. We are hoping to have a short film about this to put on our YouTube channel soon.

We are now developing links with Alwoodley and Leeds Community Energy and will be working under that umbrella in the future.

Most of our funding is used for these projects.

We have a website which is a source of information and also links to other green groups in the area. Networking with other green groups in the area.

Reserve Policy

We aim to hold the equivalent of 3 months expenditure (based on last year's costs) plus a proportion for legal costs and maintain the level of reserves from unrestricted income. The

trustees may agree to designate some of the free reserves for a particular project or activity. They will ensure that these designated funds are spent within a reasonable period of time. This policy is reviewed at least annually.

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Accounts for period ending 31 March 2025			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Donations	186.00	-	186.00
Grants	-	16,166.25	16,166.25
Other Income	-	-	-
Total Receipts	186.00	16,166.25	16,352.25
PAYMENTS			
Project Costs	-	2,805.85	2,805.85
Venue Hire	-	322.50	322.50
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-
Training	-	-	-
Running Costs	-	597.54	597.54
Total Payments	-	3,725.89	3,725.89

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Net receipts / (payments)	186.00	12,440.36	12,626.36
	-	-	-
Transfer	- 7.00	-	- 7.00
Balance brought forward	286.59	-	286.59
Balance carried forward	465.59	12,440.36	12,905.95

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
Current Virgin Money	12,880.05
Petty Cash	25.90
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	-
	-
	12,905.95

Signed Carol Burns (Chair)

Louise Ward (Treasurer)