
ALLOTMENTS FOR LABOURING POOR

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees

The Civic Mayor or Chairman of the Council
J Carter, Chairman
M Lee, Vice Chairman
P Bradshaw
M Bradshaw
T Whitworth
S Richardson (resigned 23 May 2023)
T Clay
S Swinscoe
L Henshaw (appointed 23 May 2023)
R Tempest-Mitchell (appointed 23 May 2023)
J Beachus (appointed 23 May 2023)
N P Henshaw (appointed 23 May 2023)

Charity registered number

219936

Independent examiner

Jonathan Wilson
Chartered Accountant
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NG18 1RR

Bankers

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Solicitors

Bryan & Armstrong
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Clerk to the trustees

J Francis-Ward
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NG13 8BT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The trustees administer 11 sites known as Broomhill Lane, Barratts Field, New England, Little Barn Gardens, Eakring Road, Racecourse, Ravensdale Road, Blake Crescent, Quarry Lane, Kirkland Avenue and Harrop White Road.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the charity

New Trustees were appointed to the Trust on May 23 following the elections at Mansfield District Council. They have visited a number of the allotment sites and are fully engaged in the management of the Trust. There has been a drop off in interest of residents seeking allotments since the Covid lockdown. The Trust is looking at whether smaller allotments are of more interest and as such are trialing reducing the size of larger allotments when they become vacant. A former site was sold during the year and proceeds will be used to improve the remaining sites and to ensure rents can be held at manageable levels.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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b. Reserves policy

Reason for holding reserves:

The trustees wish to maintain a level of reserves, which is capable of being invested to generate an income, which will meet some of the outgoings of the charity. In addition, the trustees also wish to try to achieve some potential growth on the capital to try to keep pace with inflation.

Level of reserves:

The trustees wish to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to enable repairs and additions to be carried out to the allotments and to give them the potential to further the aims of the charity by the addition of further premises or facilities if appropriate. The trustees are also mindful that they have no other regular source of income (excluding the contributions from the allotment tenants) and that they therefore need to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to generate a high enough level of income to ensure that they are always able to meet their outgoings.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity was created by an Inclosure Award dated 27 June 1855 whereby certain land was allocated as allotment land and it is this land which is now administered by the trustees under a scheme dated 23 May 1916. The sole purpose of the trustees is to provide allotments within the old borough of Mansfield area (i.e. prior to 1974).

b. Methods of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the scheme.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The charity scheme provides for a total of 12 trustees appointed as follows:

- The Mayor of Mansfield District Council for the time being
- Eleven representative trustees appointed by Mansfield District Council

The term of office of the representative trustees is four years and such trustees may be, but need not be, members of the council.

Meetings are held on average every six weeks at Mansfield Civic Centre.

All those assisting the charity do so on a self-employed basis so that any minor areas of risk in employing staff are minimised.

Investment management was reviewed during the year and it was decided to maintain the status quo for the time being.

The charity is a member of the National Allotment Association. One of the benefits of membership is to obtain favourable insurance rates.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Financial risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 19 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

J Carter
Chairman

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Allotments for Labouring Poor ('the charity')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: Jonathan Wilson FCA CTA

Dated: 13 January 2025

Jonathan Wilson FCA CTA

Chartered Accountant

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Charitable activities	3	19,282	-	19,282	18,444
Investments	4	8,282	-	8,282	8,278
Other income	5	2,020,448	-	2,020,448	-
Total income and endowments		2,048,012	-	2,048,012	26,722
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	38,178	-	38,178	28,741
Total expenditure		38,178	-	38,178	28,741
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		2,009,834	-	2,009,834	(2,019)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10	110,348	-	110,348	(12,782)
Net movement in funds		2,120,182	-	2,120,182	(14,801)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,116,069	1,434,488	2,550,557	2,565,358
Net movement in funds		2,120,182	-	2,120,182	(14,801)
Total funds carried forward		3,236,251	1,434,488	4,670,739	2,550,557

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	2,073,924	2,253,476
Investments	10	2,388,177	277,806
		<u>4,462,101</u>	<u>2,531,282</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	-	1,774
Cash at bank and in hand		214,404	23,124
		<u>214,404</u>	<u>24,898</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,766)	(5,623)
Net current assets		<u>208,638</u>	<u>19,275</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>4,670,739</u></u>	<u><u>2,550,557</u></u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	14	1,434,488	1,434,488
Restricted funds	14	-	-
Unrestricted funds	14	3,236,251	1,116,069
Total funds		<u><u>4,670,739</u></u>	<u><u>2,550,557</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 19 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

J Carter
Chairman

M Lee
Vice Chairman

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Allotments for Labouring Poor meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

At the date of signing there is a degree of uncertainty about the economic impact of the wider geopolitical environment and the cost of living crisis. The trustees continue to monitor the position closely however they believe that the charity can continue at its current level of activity subject to continued support from the bank and they therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the statement of financial activities.

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The freehold land is shown in the balance sheet at cost. Any enhancement expenditure on the allotments has been capitalised as part of the cost of the freehold land. The remaining allotments are shown in the balance sheet at £nil cost which is treated as the acquisition cost to the charity.

It is the trustees' intention to value the land owned by the charity and to use the valuation as the carrying value, in the financial statements.

Land is not depreciated. No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. General information

Allotments for Labouring Poor is an unincorporated charity registered in England, registration number 219936.

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rental income	19,282	19,282	18,444
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Total 2023	18,444	18,444	
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4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from local listed investments	8,282	8,282	8,278
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Total 2023	8,278	8,278	
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5. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Profit on sale of allotment land	2,020,448	2,020,448	-

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by expense type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Rates and water	2,470	2,470	181
Insurance	300	300	277
Site maintenance	2,820	2,820	3,636
Professional charges	28,006	28,006	21,211
Miscellaneous expenses	442	442	466
Accountancy fees	2,316	2,316	2,100
Trustees' travel expenses and other costs	1,824	1,824	870
	<u>38,178</u>	<u>38,178</u>	<u>28,741</u>
Total 2023	<u>28,741</u>	<u>28,741</u>	

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the charity's annual accounts	2,208	2,100

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8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, expenses totalling £1,824 were reimbursed or paid directly to 8 trustees (2023 - £870 to 8 trustees), analysed as travel - £400 (2023 - £400) and other costs - £1,424 (2023 - £470).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	2,253,476
Disposals	(179,552)
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,073,924</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>2,073,924</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>2,253,476</u></u>

10. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	277,806
Additions	2,000,023
Revaluations	110,348
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,388,177</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>2,388,177</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>277,806</u></u>

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11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	-	500
Prepayments and accrued income	-	1,274
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,774</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>5,766</u>	<u>5,623</u>

13. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>214,404</u>	<u>23,124</u>
	2024 £	2023 £
Financial liabilities		
Other financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>5,766</u>	<u>5,623</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise bank balances.

Other financial liabilities measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise accruals.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	1,116,069	2,048,012	(38,178)	110,348	3,236,251
Endowment funds					
Permanent endowment fund	42,911	-	-	-	42,911
Expendable endowment fund	1,391,577	-	-	-	1,391,577
	<u>1,434,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,434,488</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,550,557</u></u>	<u><u>2,048,012</u></u>	<u><u>(38,178)</u></u>	<u><u>110,348</u></u>	<u><u>4,670,739</u></u>

The general fund represents the unrestricted funds which the trustees can use at their discretion in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

The endowment funds represent those assets held by the charity, mainly land as either permanent or expendable endowment. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income.

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	1,130,870	26,722	(28,741)	(12,782)	1,116,069
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Endowment funds					
Permanent endowment fund	42,911	-	-	-	42,911
Expendable endowment fund	1,391,577	-	-	-	1,391,577
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,434,488	-	-	-	1,434,488
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total of funds	<u>2,565,358</u>	<u>26,722</u>	<u>(28,741)</u>	<u>(12,782)</u>	<u>2,550,557</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	639,436	1,434,488	2,073,924
Fixed asset investments	2,388,177	-	2,388,177
Current assets	214,404	-	214,404
Creditors due within one year	(5,766)	-	(5,766)
	3,236,251	1,434,488	4,670,739

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	818,988	1,434,488	2,253,476
Fixed asset investments	277,806	-	277,806
Current assets	24,898	-	24,898
Creditors due within one year	(5,623)	-	(5,623)
	1,116,069	1,434,488	2,550,557

16. Related party transactions

During the year the charity has entered into related party transactions with a business run by the son of J Carter, the chairman of the charity. These were for site work on the allotments and the total for the year was £1,680 (2023 - £nil). £1,680 was owing by the charity at 31 March 2024 (2023 - £nil).

There are no further related party transactions to disclose.