

THE CALLISTER TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 520017

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1964-01-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN, RESIDENT IN THE BENEFICIAL AREA.

Activities: Provision of outdoor activities and well being projects in our volunteer restored garden in Birkenhead

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BIRKENHEAD.
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£116,109	£236,578	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,849	£14,498	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,241	£7,180	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,335	£5,801	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,420	£9,712	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Warren	Chair	2018-02-01
Allan John Brame		2018-02-01
Laura Penn		2018-02-01
MARY O'NEILL		2018-02-01
Melanie Routledge		2018-02-01

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Accounts

Annual report April 2024/April 2025 The Callister Trust Charity no: 520017

Contact address: 29, Grafton Street, Prenton CH43 4UJ

Trustees: Catherine Warren, Allan Brame, Melanie Routledge, Laura Penn, Mary O Neill

Introduction

The charity's purposes are 'for the welfare of girls and women in Birkenhead' and derive from a declaration of trust within a conveyance dated April 20th 1925.

The charity owns a property in Argyle Street, Birkenhead tenanted by Wirral Children and Young People's department. The lease was renewed in March 2023 for a further four years.

The Charity also owns a half acre garden in Slatey Road, Birkenhead which had been boarded up and neglected for 15 years up until the appointment of new trustees in 2018.

The plan for April 2024/25 was to continue developing and restoring the Garden and to expand the use of the Garden for community activities. The trustees would also proceed with plans for the new garden pavilion.

The public benefit of the charity is as stated in the introduction. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's policy on public benefit.

The trustees do not at present have a policy on reserves.

1. Tasks planned for 2024/25

The main tasks for 2024/25 were:

1. To continue the restoration and improvement of the garden for its use for the purposes of the charity.
2. To proceed with plans for the new garden pavilion with a view to commencing the build in September 2024.
3. To enable the volunteer gardeners comprising long term local residents and recent arrivals, mainly refugees and asylum seekers to continue gardening throughout the year.
4. To work with local community groups to run small events to further the purposes of the charity.
5. To apply for local grants for community activities in the Garden and to continue to work in partnership with other local organisations.
6. To continue the 'hops' project working with Make Hamilton Square, local growers and Brimstage brewery.

2. The Pavilion

The trustees looked forward to bringing this project to fruition offering an indoor space to support the work of the charity, offer modern, accessible facilities and enable the Garden to be used all the year round. The trustees continued to work with the architects, to follow the funding plan for the new Pavilion and to proceed to

contract with the builders identified by the tender process with a view to commencing the build of the new garden pavilion in August/September 2024. The trustees continued to identify small grants for the fit out of the new pavilion and were delighted to receive further grants from: Wirral Green grants, Hubbub, the Duchy of Lancaster, Medicash, Pilkingtons, the Hemby Trust, the Price Parry trust, the Cheshire Freemasons, The Oxton Society and other donations from local community organisations and individuals. The trustees would continue to work on plans for the running of the pavilion.

3. Activities: April – July 2024

- a. Women's groups – community organisation Neo Ladies group used the Garden for a summer event. Heswall ladies gardening group visited and Grow – Wellbeing CIC ran 2 x Nature Babies sessions for mothers/carers and babies under one which were greatly appreciated.
- b. Weekly reading group: This continues to be held outdoors as long as weather makes it possible.
- c. Open Days and public access: This year those that live in the neighbourhood have been encouraged to make use of the garden. The Garden is now open for volunteers every Wednesday and Saturday and is open to the general public every Saturday. A 'twilight' gardening session was held during Spring/Summer 24/25 to encourage volunteers who were working in the day time. Over 100 visitors came to the Garden as part of the 'Oxton Secret Gardens' event.
- d. Gardening programme with local refugees and Asylum seekers: Attendees from this programme have become much valued members of our volunteering team.
- e. EsSEntial early years: The nursery for children with additional needs have continued to use the garden on a regular basis and held a summer event attended by over 60 family members.
- f. Occasional events included a Wirral Poetry Society afternoon, a visit by the Urban Sketchers and a celebration of the installation of a blue plaque on the family house of Mallory the climber attended by the Mayor of Wirral.
- g. Activities except for the maintaining of the garden and harvest of the hops ceased during the build of the pavilion from mid August 2024 – March 2025.
- h. March 2025 saw the recommencement of community workshops on Spring gardening, Composting, Womens wellbeing, and Growing food/shared meal.

4. Links with local organisations:

- GROW – Wellbeing CIC delivered woodland and wellbeing workshops.
- Wirral Environmental Network delivered gardening sessions.
- Members from Spider (Recovery project) continue to grow vegetables in a designated area in the Garden.
- EsSEntial early years have delivered forest school sessions for their children.

- Heart for Refugees have participated in gardening and family outdoor activities.
- Local community groups have used the Garden for outdoor events.
- The Callister Trust became part of the Cool Wirral network and became a 'Nature Hub'.

5. RHS North West in Bloom: The Callister Garden was visited by the judges from RHS North West in Bloom in July 2024 and was again awarded an 'outstanding' certificate. The feedback was very useful and has informed work in the Garden going forward.

Conclusion

The continued work and dedication of the volunteers throughout the build of the pavilion has enabled the garden to develop and flourish during the year April 2024 – 2025. The work of the volunteers continues to improve both the appearance of the Garden, its pathways and hedges, the variety of plants and encouragement of biodiversity.

Opening to the public on Saturday mornings has brought local visitors and those from further afield and also added to our volunteers. Workshops have all received very positive feedback.

The income from the property in Argyle Street ensures maintenance costs for the garden and the new pavilion.

The trustees were delighted that the new pavilion was nearly complete by the end of March 2025 and would be ready for use and a formal opening soon after the charity's centenary in April 2025.

The trustees thank all the volunteers for their hard work and thank community groups and local people for their support and enthusiasm. They would also like to thank all their grant funders, the architect and the builders whose commitment to the garden pavilion project has led to the completion of a resource for the charity and for the local community for years to come.

This report was approved by the Trustees at their annual meeting on 05/01/26 and it was agreed that the Chairperson should sign on their behalf.

Signed.......... Catherine M Warren (Chairperson)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Callister Trust

520017

Receipts and payments accounts

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

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rent	14,000	14,000	-	28,000	10,346
Pavilion Fund Donations	-	5,529	-	5,529	6,597
Other Donations	150	-	-	150	-
Duchy Of Lancaster Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	1,656	-	1,656	-
Oxon Society Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Pilkingtons Fund Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Wirral Society Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	500	-	500	-
Hubbub Foundation Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Wallasey Van Hire Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Veolia Environmental Trust Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	37,454	-	37,454	-
WBC Green Grant (Pavilion Fund)	-	9,890	-	9,890	-
Hemby Trust (Pavilion Fund)	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
Sales (Pavilion Fund)	-	4,265	-	4,265	-
Ardonagh Trust (For Shed)	-	1,300	-	1,300	-
Price Parry Grant (For furniture)	-	2,300	-	2,300	-
Wirral SOUP Grant (Childrens equipment)	-	1,055	-	1,055	-
WBC Councilor Grant (Winter Volunteering)	-	200	-	200	-
WBC Green Grant (Winter Workshops)	-	1,310	-	1,310	-
WBC Plants For Wellness Grant	-	-	-	-	250
Garfield Weston Pavilion Grant	-	-	-	-	10,000
Historic Gift Aid Claim	-	-	-	-	3,656
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,150	101,959	-	116,109	30,849

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,150	101,959	116,109	30,849

A3 Payments				
Consultants Fees	-	8,477	-	8,820
Capital Building Works (Pavilion)	-	215,598	-	215,598
Garden Shed	-	1,299	-	1,299
Workshop Facilitation	-	971	-	971
Garden Materials	31	655	-	686
Garden Work Non-Capital	150	-	-	150
WBC Plants For Wellness Grant Spend	-	-	-	-
Bridging Communities Grant Spend	-	-	-	-
Publicity	243	-	-	243
Stock	181	-	-	181
Open Day Costs	266	-	-	266
Fundraising Platform Fees	216	-	-	216
Insurance	257	-	-	257
Planning/Building Control Fees	-	743	-	743
Contributing 3rd Party Payment	-	7,491	-	7,491
Utilities	-	-	-	-
Joint Fundraising Transfer to Make CIC	-	-	-	-
Other Fees	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,344	235,234	236,578	14,498

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,344	235,234	236,578	14,498

Net of receipts/(payments)	12,806	-	133,275	-	-	120,469	16,351
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,469	-	146,944	-	151,413	151,413	116,002
Cash funds this year end	17,275	-	13,669	-	30,944	30,944	132,353

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 held by Callister Trust	17,275	13,669	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,275	13,669	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	19 Argyle Street	The Callister Trust	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
34A Slatey Road	The Callister Trust	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
<i>Pen</i>	LAWA PENN
Date of approval	
<i>05/01/2026</i>	

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of The Callister Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Callister Trust (the trust) for the year ended March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

E J Ward

Name:

ELIZABETH JANE WARD

Address:

60 SHREWSBURY ROAD, CH43 2HY

Date:

15 JANUARY 2026

THE CALLISTER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 520017

Accounts

Annual report April 2023/April 2024 The Callister Trust Charity no: 520017

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The plan for April 2023/24 was to continue developing and restoring the Garden, to expand the use of the Garden for community activities, to continue following the funding plan for the new Pavilion and to identify appropriate grant applications.

The public benefit of the charity is as stated in the introduction. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's policy on public benefit.

The trustees do not at present have a policy on reserves.

In January 2024 the RBS bank account was closed and a new account opened with the Co-operative bank in the name of The Callister Trust.

1. Tasks planned for 2023/24

The main tasks for 2023/24 were:

1. To continue the clearing and restoration of the garden for its use for the purposes of the charity.
2. To continue to work with a local architect on developing a detailed cost plan for the 'Pavilion' and to develop the funding plan and to identify potential grants sources. If successful with grant applications to go out to tender and identify most suitable contractor for the building of the Pavilion in time for the charity's centenary in 2025.
3. To expand the Callister Garden local volunteers and to encourage local refugees and asylum seekers to join the volunteers on a regular basis.
4. To work with local community groups to run small events to further the purposes of the charity.
5. To apply for local grants for community activities in the Garden and to continue to work in partnership with other local organisations.
6. To develop the 'hops' project working with Make Hamilton Square, local growers and Brimstage brewery.

2. The Pavilion

The trustees continued to work on the fundraising plan to bring this project to fruition offering an indoor space to support the work of the charity, offer modern, accessible facilities and enable the Garden to be used all the year round. A Just Giving platform was established for individual donations and donations were received at events held in the Garden including Heritage Open Day, September 2023.

An online consultation about the Pavilion in July 2023 received over a hundred very positive responses and letters of support from other local community organisations and charities were received by the trustees. In August 2023 the trustees received the news that they had been successful in their application to Veolia environmental trust for a large grant towards the Pavilion. This meant that the project could go ahead. Further meetings were held with the local architects and documents were prepared by them to go out to tender to local and regional contractors.

3. Activities

- a. Women's workshops – a Spring women's wellbeing workshop was well attended and very positive feedback was received. Three further workshops 'Plants for Wellness' were held in the summer and autumn and creative workshops – willow weaving and soap carving were also offered. They aroused great interest. These workshops were run in collaboration with Grow – Wellbeing CIC and local artists.
- b. Weekly reading group: This continues to be held outdoors as long as weather makes it possible.
- c. Open Days and public access: This year those that live in the neighbourhood have been encouraged to make use of the garden. The Garden is now open for volunteers every Wednesday and Saturday and is open to the general public every Saturday. A 'twilight' gardening session was held during Spring/Summer 23/24 to encourage volunteers who were working in the day time. The Garden received the help of over 25 members of the local community as part of 'The Big Help Out' and over 100 visitors came to the Garden as part of the 'Oxton Secret Gardens' event. Heritage open day was attended by over 200 people with live music, refreshments and other activities.
- d. Gardening programme with local refugees and Asylum seekers: This gardening programme funded by Wirral Refugee resettlement programmes 'Bridging Communities' project continued. Regular gardening sessions were offered to refugees/asylum seekers through local organisation, Heart for Refugees. A family woodland day were also well attended. 12 of those who have attended the sessions have become regular garden volunteers.
- e. EsSENTial early years: In March 2023 we received some new and our youngest regular visitors. We were approached by EsSENTial early years, a nursery ten minutes walk from the Garden about using the garden for forest school activities for their children all of whom have complex learning difficulties or other specific educational needs. They are the only special needs nursery on the Wirral. It has

been a delight to see the children enjoying and learning in the outdoors and to see their excitement and enthusiasm as they arrive.

f. The trustees continued to develop links with local organisations:

- GROW – Wellbeing CIC delivered woodland and wellbeing workshops.
- Wirral Environmental Network delivered gardening sessions.
- Members from Spider (Recovery project) continue to grow vegetables in a designated area in the Garden.
- EsSEntial early years have delivered forest school sessions for their children twice a week.
- Heart for Refugees have participated in gardening and family outdoor activities.
- Local community groups have used the Garden for outdoor events.

4. RHS North West in Bloom: The Callister Garden was visited by the judges from RHS North West in Bloom in July 2023 and were awarded an 'outstanding' certificate. The feedback was very useful and has informed work in the Garden going forward.

Conclusion

The Garden has continued to develop and flourish during the year April 2023 – 2024 thanks to the work and dedication of the volunteers and the support and enthusiasm of the local community. The work of the volunteers continues to improve both the appearance of the Garden, the variety of plants and encouragement of biodiversity.

Opening to the public on Saturday mornings has brought local visitors and those from further afield and also added to our volunteers.


The Wellbeing, woodland and creative workshops have continued to be very well received and a grant from CVF renewal fund and Wirral neighbourhood Fund saw them continue during 2023.

The income from the property in Argyle Street ensures maintenance costs for the garden.

The trustees were delighted to receive capital grants from Veolia Environmental Trust, Hubbub (Nature Hubs) and the Garfield Weston Foundation which will ensure that the build of the Pavilion will go ahead and they have continued fund raising towards other costs of the new Pavilion.

The trustees thank all the volunteers for their hard work and thank community groups and local people for their support and enthusiasm.

This report was approved by the Trustees at their annual meeting on 11/12/24 and it was agreed that the Chairperson should sign on their behalf.

Signed.......... Catherine M Warren (Chairperson) 11/12/24 .



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

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					
Rent	10,346	-	-	10,346	14,000
Pavilion Fund Donations	-	6,597	-	6,597	2,391
Other Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Communities Grant	-	-	-	-	6,250
CVF Renewal Fund Grant	-	-	-	-	3,600
WBC Plants For Wellness Grant	-	250	-	250	-
Garfield Weston Pavilion Grant	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Historic Gift Aid Claim	-	3,656	-	3,656	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,346	20,503	-	30,849	26,241
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,346	20,503	-	30,849	26,241
A3 Payments					
Consultants Fees	8,820	-	-	8,820	-
Garden Materials	174	-	-	174	874
Garden Work Non-Capital	125	-	-	125	420
WBC Plants For Wellness Grant Spend	-	250	-	250	-
Bridging Communities Grant Spend	-	2,139	-	2,139	1,669
Publicity	1,738	-	-	1,738	-
Open Day Costs	94	-	-	94	94
Fundraising Platform Fees	180	-	-	180	216
Insurance	-	-	-	-	282
Planning Fees	216	-	-	216	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
CVF Renewal Fund Spend	-	-	-	-	3,625
Joint Fundraising Transfer to Make CIC	-	750	-	750	-
Other Fees	12	-	-	12	-
Sub total	11,359	3,139	-	14,498	7,180
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,359	3,139	-	14,498	7,180
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,013	17,364	-	16,351	19,061
A5 Transfers between funds	- 108,098	108,098	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	113,580	21,483	-	135,063	116,002
Cash funds this year end	4,469	146,944	-	151,414	135,063

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 held by Callister Trust	4,469	146,944	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,469	146,944	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	19 Argyle Street	The Callister Trust	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	34A Slatey Road	The Callister Trust	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name LAURA PENN	Date of approval 11/12/2024
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Signed:

Name: Jane Ward

(Music administrator running own business for 30 years)

Address: 60 Shrewsbury Road, Oxtou CH43 2HY

Date: 17 January 2025

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England & Wales - Charity number 520017

Accounts

Annual report April 2022/April 2023 The Callister Trust (former name EF Callister Youth Club) Charity no: 520017

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3. To expand the Callister Garden local volunteers.
4. To work with local community groups to run small events to further the purposes of the charity.
5. To apply for local grants for community activities in the Garden and to continue to work in partnership with other local organisations.
6. To develop the 'hops' project working with Make Hamilton Square, local growers and Brimstage brewery.

1. Clearing and Restoration of the Garden

Tasks achieved during this year include:

- a. Use of the Greenhouse to grow plants from seed.
- b. Clearing of areas at the back of the garden planting of the 'stumpery'.

- c. Development of composting and volunteers attending appropriate training.
- d. Growing and harvesting hops as part of a fundraising project with local CIC Make Hamilton Square and local brewery 'Brimstage Brewery.' First 'brew' Autumn 2022.

2. The Pavilion

The trustees continued to work on the fundraising plan to bring this project to fruition offering an indoor space to support the work of the charity, offer modern, accessible facilities and enable the Garden to be used all the year round. A Just Giving platform was established for individual donations and donations were received at events held in the Garden including Heritage Open Day, September 2022 and from Wirral neighbourhood fund. Further meetings were held with local architects.

3. Activities

- a. Women's and Girls wellbeing taster workshops Funding was received from Wirral CVF renewal fund towards a series of women's and girls wellbeing workshops to be run in the Callister Garden. The women's workshops were run in partnership with GROW Wellbeing CIC. They received very positive feedback from the attendees, some from Wirral Spider (recovery project), others from WEB (Women's project) and from Heart for Refugees as well as members of the local community/volunteers. The Girls workshops were offered to a local high school. Twelve teenage girls with difficulties of various sorts (particularly anxiety) were nominated to attend sessions in the Garden every Friday afternoon in the Autumn term 2022. They were managed by Callister volunteers and led by local artists and craftspeople and forest school leaders. The sessions were very well received. The only drawback in the later months was the weather, emphasising again the need for a suitable indoor space to enable the use of the Garden all the year round. The trustees will be seeking further funding to develop these sessions in future.
- b. Weekly reading group: This is held outdoors as long as weather makes it possible.
- c. Volunteers meal out: Held January 2023 for volunteers as a celebration of work achieved. Intend to continue this tradition.
- d. Open Days and public access: This year those that live in the neighbourhood have been encouraged to make use of the garden. The Garden is now open for volunteers every Wednesday and Saturday and is open to the general public every Saturday. During Spring/Summer 2022 an additional 'twilight' gardening session was held to encourage volunteers who were working in the day time. Heritage open day was attended by over 200 people with live music, refreshments and other activities and the Garden benefited from visitors to 'Oxton Secret Gardens.'
- e. Wildlife survey and photography: Wirral Spider project installed wildlife cameras in the Garden during Spring 2023 achieving fascinating footage of the foxes who make their home under the wildflower meadow and using the images to create art prints of foxes, hedgehogs, plants and flowers.

- f. Gardening programme with local refugees and Asylum seekers: In March 2022 Wirral Refugee resettlement programmes 'Bridging Communities' project offered further funding for gardening workshops in the Callister Garden for refugees and asylum seekers. Regular gardening sessions were offered to refugees/asylum seekers through local organisation, Heart for Refugees. A woodcraft day and a family woodland day were also well attended.
- g. The trustees continued to develop links with local organisations:
- GROW – Wellbeing CIC delivered woodland and wellbeing workshops.
 - Wirral Environmental Network delivered gardening sessions.
 - Members from Spider (Recovery project) continue to grow vegetables in a designated area in the Garden.
 - Local community groups have used the Garden for outdoor events.

RHS North West in Bloom: The Callister Garden was visited by the judges from RHS North West in Bloom in August 2022 and were awarded a 'thriving' certificate. The feedback was very useful and has informed work in the Garden going forward.

Conclusion

The Garden has continued to develop and flourish during the year April 2022 – 2023. The work of the volunteers continues to improve both the appearance of the Garden, the variety of plants and encouragement of biodiversity.


Opening to the public on Saturday mornings has brought local visitors and those from further afield and also added to our volunteers.

The Wellbeing workshops and woodland workshops have continued to be very well received and a grant from CVF renewal fund saw them continue in 2022/3 as well as funding the development of the pilot programme of wellbeing workshops for teenage girls.

The income from the property in Argyle Street ensures maintenance costs for the garden. The trustees have continued fund raising towards the capital cost of the new Pavilion.

The trustees thank all the volunteers for their hard work and thank community groups and local people for their support and enthusiasm.

This report was approved by the Trustees at their annual meeting on 10/01/2024 and it was agreed that the Chairperson should sign on their behalf.

Signed  Catherine M Warren (Chairperson)



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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					
Rent	14,000	-	-	14,000	14,000
Pavilion Fund Donations	-	2,391	-	2,391	2,015
Other Donations	-	-	-	-	320
Bridging Communities Grant	-	6,250	-	6,250	-
CVF Renewal Fund Grant	-	3,600	-	3,600	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,000	12,241	-	26,241	16,335
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,000	12,241	-	26,241	16,335
A3 Payments					
Consultants Fees	-	-	-	-	1,190
Garden Materials	874	-	-	874	299
Garden Work Non-Capital	420	-	-	420	500
Hemby Trust Workshop Facilitation	-	-	-	-	1,000
Bridging Communities Grant Spend	-	1,669	-	1,669	2,026
WBC Women's Workshop Facilitation	-	-	-	-	500
Open Day Costs	94	-	-	94	22
Fundraising Platform Fees	216	-	-	216	126
Insurance	282	-	-	282	138
Planning Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
CVF Renewal Fund Spend	-	3,625	-	3,625	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,886	5,294	-	7,180	5,801
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,886	5,294	-	7,180	5,801
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,114	6,947	-	19,061	10,534
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	101,467	14,535	-	116,002	106,468
Cash funds this year end	113,580	21,483	-	135,063	116,002

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 held by Callister Trust			-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	19 Argyle Street	The Callister Trust	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	34A Slatey Road	The Callister Trust	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Cheques sent but not yet cashed	The Callister Trust	50	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LAURA PENN	10/1/2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Callister Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Callister Trust (the trust) for the year ended March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:


Name: Jane Ward

(Music administrator running own business for 30 years)

Address: 60 Shrewsbury Road, Oxton CH43 2HY

Date: 18 January 2024

THE CALLISTER TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 520017

Accounts

Annual report April 2020/April 2021 The Callister Trust (former name EF Callister Youth Club)
Charity no: 520017

Contact address: 29, Grafton Street, Prenton CH43 4UJ

Trustees: Catherine Warren, Allan Brame, Melanie Routledge, Laura Penn, Mary O Neill

Introduction

The charity's purposes are 'for the welfare of girls and women in Birkenhead' and derive from a declaration of trust within a conveyance dated April 20th 1925.

The charity owns a property in Argyle Street, Birkenhead tenanted by Wirral Children and Young People's department.

The Charity also owns a half acre garden in Slatey Road, Birkenhead which had been boarded up and neglected for 15 years up until the appointment of new trustees in 2018.

The plan for April 2020/21 was to continue developing and restoring the Garden, to expand the use of the Garden for community activities and to continue the work towards a planning application for the new Pavilion. The activities were curtailed, particularly in the first part of the year by Covid 19 and the lockdown and restrictions around it.

The public benefit of the charity is as stated in the introduction. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's policy on public benefit.

The trustees do not at present have a policy on reserves.

Tasks planned for 2020/21

The main tasks for 2020/21 were:

1. To continue the clearing and restoration of the garden for its use for the purposes of the charity.
2. To finalise the plans for a small indoor space in the Garden and with the help of a local architect and architecture firm to submit the plans for planning permission
3. To consolidate a group of local volunteers.
4. To work with local community groups to run small events to further the purposes of the charity.
5. To continue and complete the year's programme working with local refugees and asylum seekers in the Garden alongside community volunteers.

1. Clearing and Restoration of the Garden

During April – early June 2020 volunteering ceased in the Garden in accordance with the Government's requirements to stay at home during the first Covid lockdown with one of the trustees visiting occasionally to keep the plants watered.

As the recommendation came for up to six people to meet outside the volunteers began to return to the Garden in small groups, its size making social distancing easy

to achieve. At the same time the days of the week that the Garden was open to volunteers increased to four mornings. These practical restrictions led to an unexpected benefit. Small groups of volunteers took over the management of the clearing and planting of different plots within the Garden. This has proved a very successful way of working for all concerned.

Tasks achieved during this year include:

- a. Preparation for a small wildflower meadow.
- b. Development of a vegetable area with planters and use of the Greenhouse to grow plants from seed.
- c. Planting of a living willow tunnel by volunteers.
- d. Developing nursery beds for plants donated by Ness gardens to be found permanent homes in early summer.
- e. Relining and rewilding of the pond.
- f. Clearing of areas at the back of the garden designated for use by a girls' gardening club to be established for local young people.

2. The Pavilion

A local Architecture lecturer working with a local firm of architects worked on the initial design ideas and planning by his final year architecture students at Liverpool John Moores University to complete the detail and practical requirements for the submission of the plans for planning permission to Wirral Council.

The plans were submitted in December 2020 and planning permission was granted in February 2021.

The trustees embarked on a fundraising plan to bring this project to fruition offering an indoor space to support the work of the charity, offer modern, accessible facilities and enable the Garden to be used all the year round.

3. Activities

- a. Women's wellbeing taster workshops Funding was received from Wirral local neighbourhood fund and the Hemby Trust towards a series of four seasonal women's wellbeing workshops to be run in the Callister Garden with local forest workshops provider GROW Wellbeing CIC during 2021. The first workshop originally intended for early 2021 was postponed until April because of Covid restrictions on numbers.
- b. Weekly reading group: This is held outdoors as long as weather makes it possible.
- c. Heritage Open Day The garden was opened to the public on the Saturday of National heritage Week, September 2020. In line with Covid restrictions at the

time 30 people were allowed in at a time. There were still 200 visitors during the course of the day.

- d. Gardening programme with local refugees and Asylum seekers Wirral Refugee resettlement programmes 'Bridging Communities' project has funded gardening workshops in the Callister garden for refugees and asylum seekers. Most of those who attended were young women who valued meeting local people and mixing with others in the safe space of the walled garden. The charity has facilitated these and offered the opportunity for the participants to garden alongside the Callister's volunteers. The first six sessions took place before lockdown required temporary suspension of activities at the end of March 2019. The programme resumed in Summer 2020 with a picnic in the Garden, followed by a family day and two more day sessions for autumn planting and pruning with Wirral Environmental Network.
- e. The trustees continued to develop links with local organisations:
- Women's organisation WEB used the Garden for a wellbeing day for their Sunshine prescriptions group.
 - It was agreed for The Older People's Parliament group to use an area to grow vegetables as part of a 'Soup Box' project to encourage young families to use fresh veg in their cooking.
 - GROW – Wellbeing delivered woodland workshops.
 - Wirral Environmental Network delivered Gardening workshops.
 - Articles about the work of the charity were published in the Ness Gardens magazine and the Oxton Society Newsletter.

Conclusion

Despite and in some ways because of the Covid restrictions 2020/2021 continued to be a positive time for the Charity. The number of (mainly women) regular volunteers increased and up to 30 people have worked on bringing areas of the Garden back to life. A number of the volunteers said that the chance to work in the Garden had reduced their feelings of isolation during Covid and the need for outdoor activities has increased the number of volunteers.

The income from the property in Argyle Street ensures maintenance costs for the garden. The trustees have embarked on fund raising towards the capital cost of the new Pavilion.

The trustees thank all the volunteers for their hard work and thank community groups and local people for their support and enthusiasm.

This report was approved by the Trustees at their annual meeting on 6/10/2021 and it was agreed that the Chairperson should sign on their behalf.

Signed  Catherine M Warren (Chairperson)



REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 520017

THE CALLISTER TRUST

Financial Statement Year 2020/21

Balance brought forward	£85,759.98
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Income	
Rent	£14,000.00
Donations	£11,390.18
Grants	£4,000.00
Scrap metal removal	£30.00
Total Income	£29,420.18

Expenditure	
Event Costs	£3,387.86
Garden Materials	£754.29
Garden Works-Non Cap	£1,099.60
Insurance	£138.47
Consultants Fees	£3,610.00
Planning Fees	£487.00
Utilities	£37.94
Travel Expenses	£196.93
Total Expenditure	£9,712.09

Balance at end of 2020/21	£105,468.07
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I declare that the above statement is a true representation of the accounts of The Callister Trust previously known as the EF Callister Youth Club.


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Cathy Warren Chairperson

and


Treasurer

E F Callister Youth Club Charity no: 520017

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at April 2021

ASSETS

1. The Charity has cash in its bank account as shown in the accounts.
2. The Charity owns 2 freehold properties
 - A. 19 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
 - B. Gardens at 34A Slatey Road
3. There has been no recent valuation of either property but A yields a rent of £14,000 pa in accordance with a professional valuation.

LIABILITIES

1. The Charity has no liabilities.

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Signed:



Name: Jane Ward

(Music administrator running own business for 30 years)

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Date: 3 December 2021