

Granton Community Gardeners SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC047087

Details

Known as	Granton Community Gardeners
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2017-01-11
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address c/o Royston Wardieburn Community Centre
11 Pilton Drive North
Edinburgh
EH5 1NF

Website <http://www.grantoncommunitygardeners.org>

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of health', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: We promote community development, health, and education, and care of our local environment, by providing opportunities for people to gather together either around food (growing, cooking, or eating) or around practical conservation activities, or biodiversity surveys. We run weekly free cooking, and gardening clubs, weekly free community meals, twice monthly free conservation activities. And we support initiatives from local community members that advance our charitable aims.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4. The SCIO's purposes are to benefit the community of GRANTON (North Edinburgh) which comprises the area shown on the attached map: The area is bounded by (and inclusive of the streets mentioned), the sea, Wardie Steps, Granton Road, Ferry Road (numbers 400-740), West Granton Access Road, and Waterfront Broadway with a line extending directly to the coast. ("the Community") with the following objects: 4.1.To support the advancement of a well functioning community with an increasingly healthy social, environmental, and economic fabric. Particularly by creating opportunities for people to meet together around food (growing cooking and eating) and by supporting those who take initiative on this. 4.2.To promote environmental improvement, including protecting and increasing biodiversity, by creatively imagining the best uses for our open spaces, and by caring for these spaces, particularly community gardens. 4.3.To advance health and wellbeing, both physical and mental, by: i. facilitating and supporting access to gardening

opportunities, and other community events. ii. contributing to improved diet through increased access to, and availability of, fresh local produce. 4.4.To advance education and skills, particularly related to food (growing, cooking, and eating).

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-01-31	£192,584	£210,852	-	9
2025-01-31	£163,271	£125,674	-	7
2024-01-31	£146,061	£121,310	-	6
2023-01-31	£97,904	£80,155	-	5
2022-01-31	£75,725	£73,339	-	5
2021-01-31	£81,569	£66,360	-	5

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Accounts

	Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	GRANTON COMMUNITY GARDENERS SCIO						
Registered charity number	SC047087						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	February	2025	to	31	January	2026
Set out on pages	Pages 3-8 of this documents						

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

20 April 2026

Name:

Phillip Lockwood-Holmes

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

N/A

Address:

100/2 Spottiswoode Street

Edinburgh

EH9 1BY

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

As part of my examination, I was granted full read-only access to Granton Community Gardeners SCIO's Xero accounting system. On Saturday, 28 March 2026, I reviewed the charity's financial records and confirmed that the accounts presented over the following pages accurately reflect the financial activity for the year. I carried out random sampling of both invoices and receipts; all requested documentation was provided promptly and in full.



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	February	2025		31	January	2026

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	2,303	10,000			12,303	2,674
Legacies					- 0	- 0
Grants		120,904			120,904	107,177
Receipts from fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading receipts	50,794	8,583			59,377	53,420
Income from investments other than land and buildings					- 0	- 0
Rents from land & buildings					- 0	- 0
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
A1 Sub total	53,097	139,487	- 0	- 0	192,584	163,271
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					- 0	
Proceeds from sale of investments					- 0	
A2 Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	53,097	139,487	- 0	- 0	192,584	163,271
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading payments	18,004				18,004	14,731
Consultancy	16,664	5,824			22,488	- 0
Investment management costs					- 0	- 0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	13,108	137,252			150,360	105,943
Grants and donations					- 0	- 0
Governance costs:					- 0	- 0
Audit / independent examination					- 0	- 0
Preparation of annual accounts					- 0	- 0
Legal costs					- 0	- 0
Other					- 0	- 0
Trustee Expenses					- 0	- 0
A3 Sub total	47,776	143,076	- 0	- 0	190,852	120,674
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					- 0	5,000
Purchase of investments	20,000				20,000	
A4 Sub total	20,000	- 0	- 0	- 0	20,000	5,000
Total payments	67,776	143,076	- 0	- 0	210,852	125,674
Net receipts / (payments)	(14,679)	(3,589)	-	-	(18,268)	37,597
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(14,679)	(3,589)	-	-	(18,268)	37,597

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	45,018	70,614			115,632	78,035
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(14,679)	(3,589)			(18,268)	37,597
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	30,339	67,025	-	-	97,364	115,632
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation	Last year
						to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments	Shares in wholly owned trading subsidiary			Granton Community Gardenres		20,000	-
				Total		20,000	-
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
					to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Land: Community Garden at 10 Wardieburn Road		Granton Community Gardeners		40,000	40,000	40,000
	Commercial oven and mixer		Granton Community Gardeners		5,000	-	2,500
				Total	45,000	40,000	42,500
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due	Last year
						to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities							
				Total		- 0	- 0
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate)	Last year
						to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities							
				Total		-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name				Date of approval	
		Nathalie Nogues				12/04/2026	

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Grant funding for the following purposes: Core costs. Provision and further development of community meals, to conduct environmental improvements, volunteer expenses, development of community gardening hub, community development: to support local residents to grow, cook, and eat food together, including to create new community gardens. Cooking and baking workshops. Group work to promote mental health and wellbeing. Infrastructure improvements in Community Garden. Also to research and develop new programs and activities to further charitable aims. Development of Neighbourhood Ecosystem Plan.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	Community Meals Provision, organisational and community development work	National Lottery Community Fund	1	44,580
	Core costs	Robertson Trust	1	10,000
	Support local network of community gardening groups	North Edinburgh Community Benefit Fund	1	2,000
	Community engagement around biodiversity and development of Neighbourhood Ecosystem Plan	Inspiring Scotland (Neighbourhood Ecosystem Grant)	2	13500
	Garden development (capital grant)	Scottish Land Fund	1	5,824
	Development work around community meals	ECCAN	1	10,000
	Construction work in community garden (capital grant)	The Clothworkers Foundation	1	35,000
		Total		120,904

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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	Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details		

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	
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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	2,303	10,000			12,303	2,674
					- 0	- 0
Total	2,303	10,000	- 0	- 0	12,303	2,674
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
National Lottery Community Fund		44,580			44,580	32,977
Robertson Trust		10,000			10,000	10,000
Scot Govt. Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund		- 0			- 0	20,253
Scottish Land Fund (Revenue Grant)		- 0			- 0	16,151
Scottish Land Fund (Capital Grant)		5,824			5,824	2,296
Peoples Postcode Trust		- 0			- 0	25,000
Link Group		- 0			- 0	500
The Clothworkers Foundation		35,000			35,000	
North Edinburgh Community Benefit Fund		2,000			2,000	
ECCAN		10,000			10,000	
Inspiring Scotland (Neighbourhood Ecosystem Grant)		13,500			13,500	
Total	- 0	120,904			120,904	107,177
	-	-			-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
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					- 0	
					- 0	
					- 0	
Total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					- 0	- 0
Staff	13,108	91,908			105,016	83,593
Project delivery costs (inc. tools/materials/food/insurance)		13,943			13,943	22,350
Infrastructure improvements for activities in community garden		31,401			31,401	- 0
					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
Total	13,108	137,252	- 0	- 0	150,360	105,943
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
		- 0				

Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	2,303				2,303	2,674
Legacies					- 0	- 0
Grants					- 0	- 0
Receipts from fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading receipts	50,794				50,794	47,170
Income from investments other than land and buildings					- 0	- 0
Rents from land & buildings					- 0	- 0
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					- 0	- 0
Sub total	53,097	- 0	- 0	- 0	53,097	49,844
					- 0	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					- 0	
Proceeds from sale of investments					- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	53,097	- 0	- 0	- 0	53,097	49,844
					-	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading payments	18,004				18,004	14,731
Consultancy	16,664				16,664	- 0
Investment management costs					- 0	- 0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	13,108				13,108	25,107
Grants and donations					- 0	- 0
Governance costs:					- 0	- 0
Audit / independent examination					- 0	- 0
Preparation of annual accounts					- 0	- 0
Legal costs					- 0	- 0
Trustee expenses					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
Sub total	47,776	- 0	- 0	- 0	47,776	39,838
					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	- 0				- 0	5,000
Purchase of investments	20,000				20,000	
Sub total	20,000	- 0	- 0	- 0	20,000	5,000
					-	
Total payments	67,776	- 0	- 0	- 0	67,776	44,838
					-	
Net receipts / (payments)	(14,679)	-	-	-	(14,679)	5,006
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(14,679)	-	-	-	(14,679)	5,006
					-	
Nature and purpose of funds						

Donations in support of events and core activities. Trading receipts from community bakery, chicken cooperative, community events and gardening support. Note the 20,000 investment is in our new wholly owned trading subsidiary. We are separating off our bakery enterprise as it expands. This will allow for it to grow, profits will support the parent charity, and risk to the charity will be minimised.

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Scot Govt. Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (via EVOC)	People's Postcode Trust	National Lottery Community Fund	Robertson Trust	The Clothworkers Foundation	Scottish Land Fund (Capital Grant)	ECCAN	Inspiring Scotland (Neighbourhood Ecosystem Grant)	North Edinburgh Community Benefit Fund	Nature Neighbourhoods Project	Murray Foundation	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts													
Donations											10,000	10,000	- 0
Legacies												- 0	- 0
Grants	- 0	- 0	44,580	10,000	35,000	5,824	10,000	13,500	2,000			120,904	107,177
Receipts from fundraising activities												- 0	- 0
Gross trading receipts										8,583		8,583	6,250
Income from investments other than land and buildings												- 0	- 0
Rents from land & buildings												- 0	- 0
Gross receipts from other charitable activities												- 0	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	44,580	10,000	35,000	5,824	10,000	13,500	2,000	8,583	- 10,000	139,487	113,427
Receipts from asset & investment sales													
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets												- 0	- 0
Proceeds from sale of investments												- 0	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	- 0	- 0	44,580	10,000	35,000	5,824	10,000	13,500	2,000	8,583	- 10,000	139,487	113,427
Payments													
Expenses for fundraising activities												- 0	- 0
Gross trading payments												- 0	- 0
Consultancy						5,824						5,824	1,500
Investment management costs												- 0	- 0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	10,029	22,406	35,878	12,000	29,021		8,335	10,500	500	8,583		137,252	79,336
Grants and donations												- 0	- 0
Governance costs:												- 0	- 0
Audit / independent examination												- 0	- 0
Preparation of annual accounts												- 0	- 0
Legal costs												- 0	- 0
Sub total	10,029	22,406	35,878	12,000	29,021	5,824	8,335	10,500	500	8,583	- 0	143,076	80,836
Payments relating to asset and investment movements													
Purchases of fixed assets												- 0	- 0
Purchase of investments												- 0	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total payments	10,029	22,406	35,878	12,000	29,021	5,824	8,335	10,500	500	8,583	- 0	143,076	80,836
Net receipts / (payments)	(10,029)	(22,406)	8,702	(2,000)	5,979	-	1,665	3,000	1,500	-	- 10,000	(3,589)	32,591
Transfers to / (from) funds													
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(10,029)	(22,406)	8,702	(2,000)	5,979	-	1,665	3,000	1,500	-	- 10,000	(3,589)	32,591
Nature and purpose of funds													

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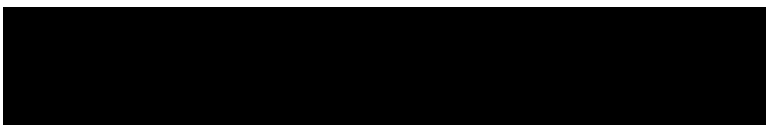
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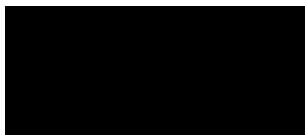
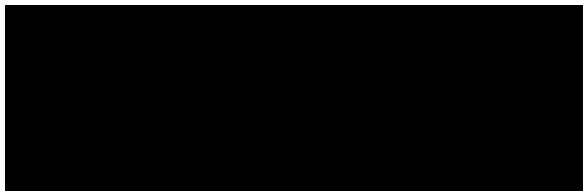
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Trustees' Annual Report

1st February 2024 to 31st January
2025



Signed:



(Chair)



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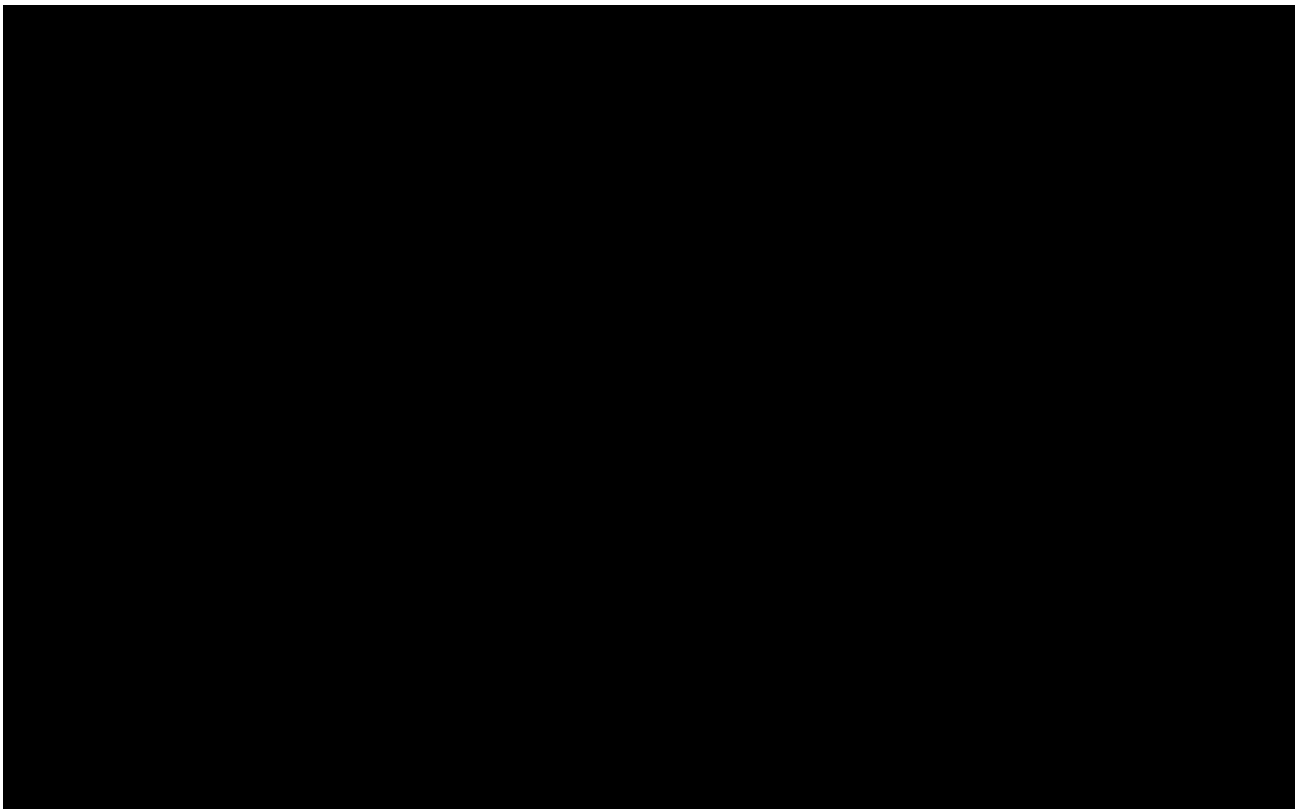
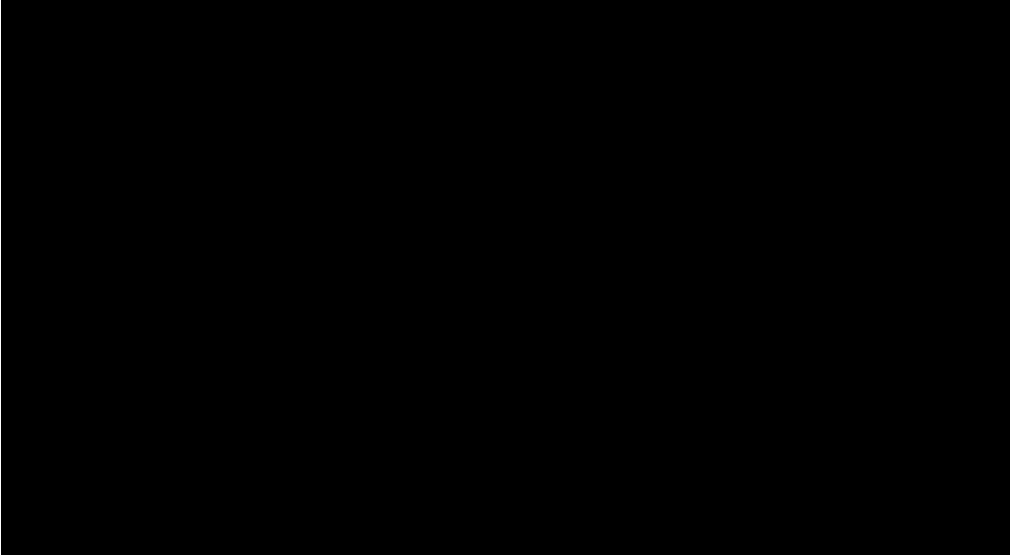


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Charity Trustees

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they arrived/left if they were not in post for the whole year



Harvest Festival September 2024

Objectives and activities

Granton Community Gardeners began as a group of neighbours who decided to work together to turn a plot of waste ground into a community garden. We set up as a charity in order to be able to support more residents in our area to do similar things, and to pursue the following aims:

1.To support the advancement of a well functioning community with an increasingly healthy social, environmental, and economic fabric. Particularly by creating opportunities for people to meet together around food (growing cooking and eating) and by supporting those who take initiative on this.

2.To promote environmental improvement, including protecting and increasing biodiversity, by creatively imagining the best uses for our open spaces, and by caring for these spaces, particularly community gardens.

3.To advance health and wellbeing, both physical and mental, by:

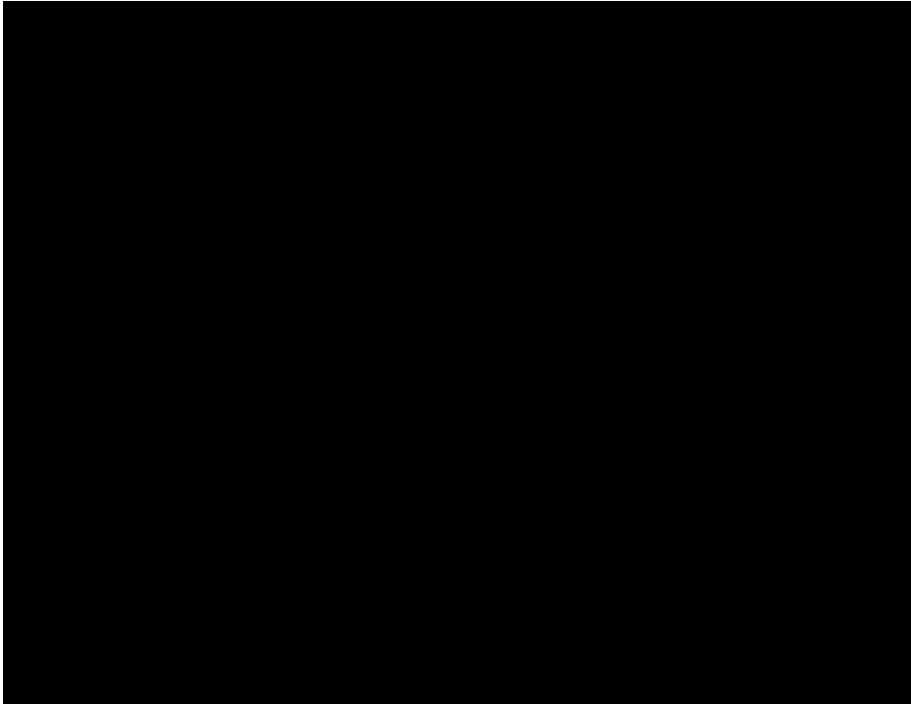
i. facilitating and supporting access to gardening opportunities, and other community events.

ii. contributing to improved diet through increased access to, and availability of, fresh local produce.

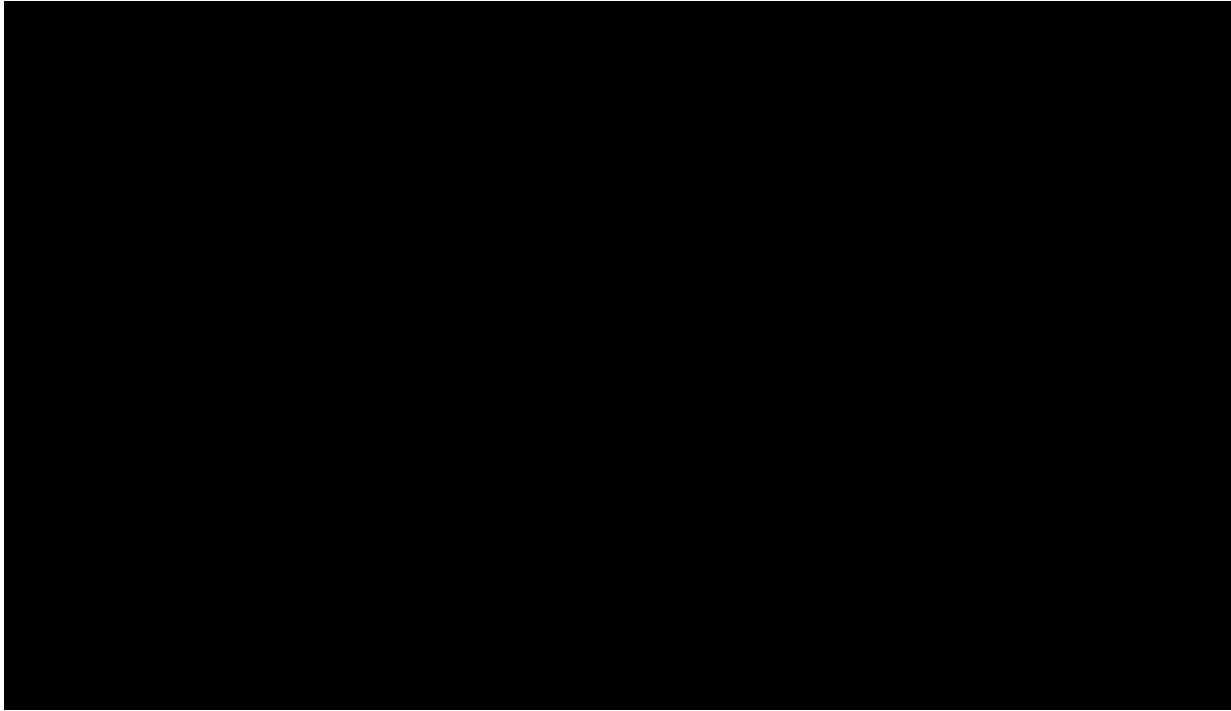
4.To advance education and skills, particularly related to food (growing, cooking, and eating).

Our activities over the past year have included:

1/ Our weekly gardening club



Gardening Club is a weekly open afternoon drop-in session where anyone is welcome to gather to work together on a range of seasonal gardening tasks. These sessions are hosted by members of staff, who can give guidance and



growing aubergines in the polytunnel

find suitable tasks for all abilities and skill/confidence levels. This is a busy and friendly group, who maintain the garden, grow substantial amounts of food, and share knowledge and skills.

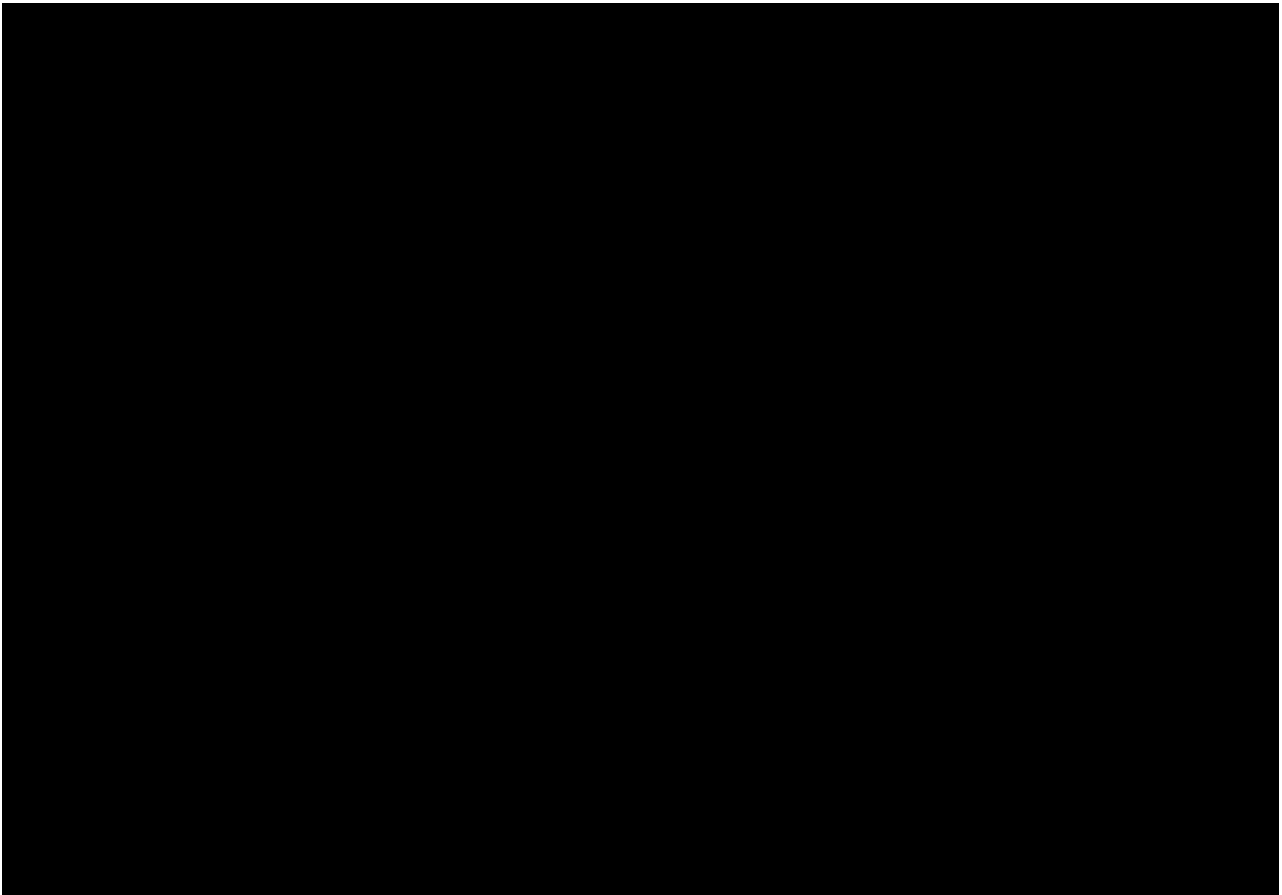
During Gardening Club, we are open for the public to visit the garden, including our free shop, and to join us for our weekly free Community Lunch. It's a place where anyone can come and get food, clothes, and other items. Everything is free, and everyone has the opportunity to contribute in some way.

We aim to host the garden in a way that provides a safe context for community members to work together, and provide for each other in a way in which everyone benefits.



We were open 50 Wednesdays of the year (in all weathers!) with an average 52.1 participants, and a high of 101.

2/ Women's Cooking Club



Cooking on a sunny day October 2024

Every Wednesday in school term time we've run Women's Cooking Club. This is a partnership project with Pilton Community Health Project, and is a two hour group, where local women meet and cook together, including taking it in turns to teach others to make cultural dishes and specialities. The group is supplied with fresh ingredients, and together the group prepares a meal which is served in the garden, free and open to all. During the warmer/lighter months the cooking all takes place in the community garden, in the Winter we use the indoor facilities at the Health Project.



Fresh vegetables from Lauriston Farm

This year through our partnership with Lauriston Agroecology Farm, we've been able to supply a much larger quantity and variety of fresh local produce that we'd be able to from our community gardens alone.

Throughout the year, 95 different women joined in with Cooking Club, and dished up 1,910 meals to the community.

A few comments from participants:

"I enjoy the camaraderie and the shared organizing of the preparations. It's great to see you should cook what you had planted, and watched grow."

"Coming to cook then eat with everyone has made me feel so much happier in my life. I was very lonely, and I find it difficult to meet people. I feel like I am meeting friends when I come here and that makes me feel happy."

"I learned don't worry if there are some religious and language differences amongst us, if we all gather as humans and support each other, as a community member I can relax and enjoy myself"

“I like to work in a team. It's always a bit crazy but we laugh a lot.”

“It's nice to mix with some people, especially if you don't go out much. I like the women who come here and the women who run it are very friendly. I usually don't like groups, but this one is different. We're all putting something in and that makes me feel good about myself.”

3/ Hosting Free Community Meals

Hosting Community Meals is a core part of our work. Over the past year we hosted 66 different events which included a meal. The average number of diners/participants was 56.1.

This is possibly the single most impactful thing we do: provide frequent and regular opportunities for people to enjoy a tasty nutritious meal with others.

A few comments from participants:

“The community lunch has helped me to settle into the community and has made a huge difference to my wellbeing. I am so happy to be eating fresh vegetables especially when I don't feel up to cooking healthy food for myself”

“These lunches have made a great difference in my week as they have secured a routine of socialisation outside of work and my family.”

“I definitely get my five-a-day on Wednesdays. And it's a delicious five-a-day. Sometimes I think I'm getting more like 10-a-day on Wednesdays. It's definitely the day I eat the most healthy food”

“It's a really important part of the week for me and has helped me to meet people. I also love the amount of fresh veg involved!”

As well as our weekly Community Lunches, we've partnered with local charity Scran Academy to provide monthly evening meals at the garden using the Scran Van, (their catering van). These are always at 5pm, which can be a sunny relaxed afternoon in summer, or a chilly evening in Winter.



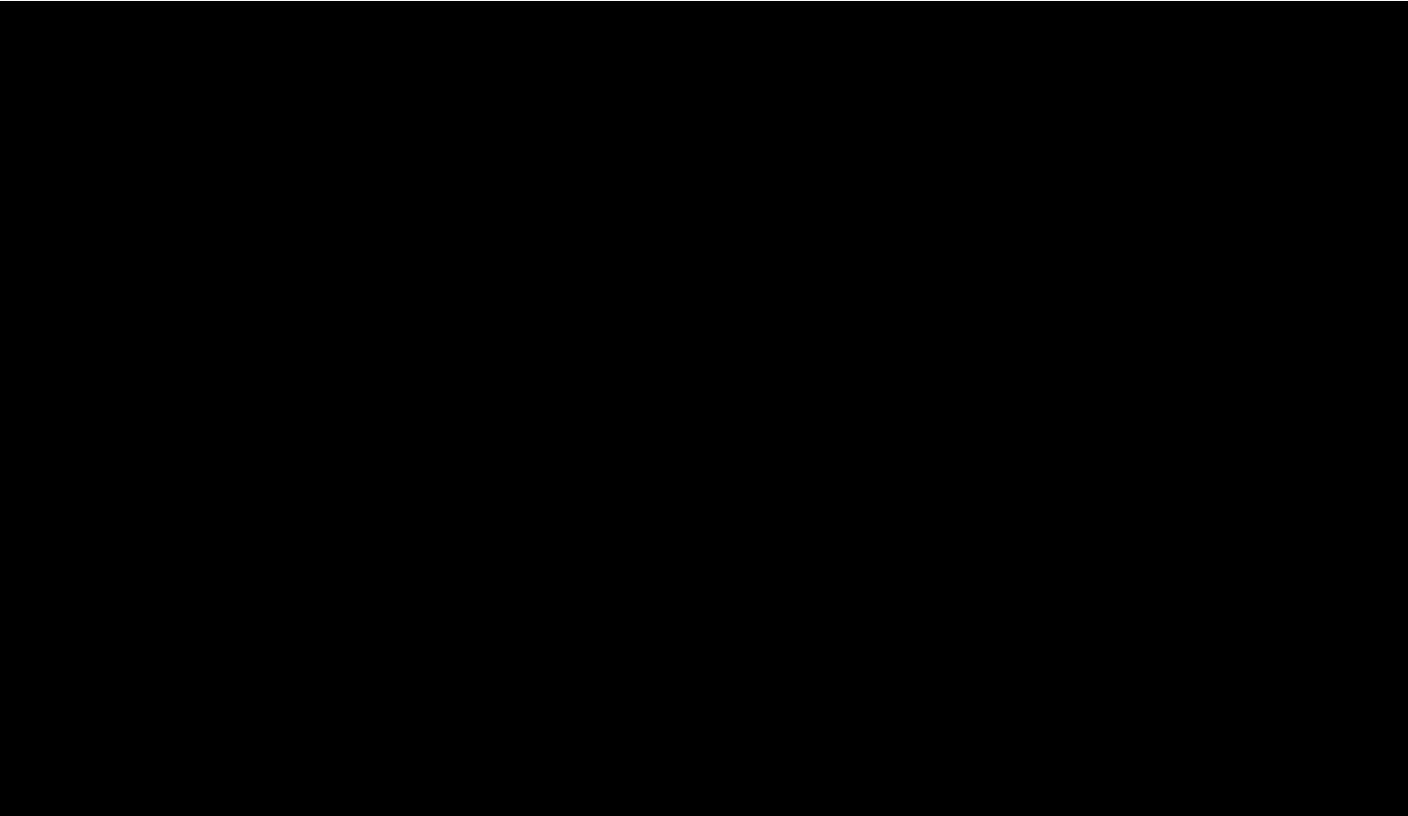
Scran Van meal October 2024

4/ Providing training and workshops

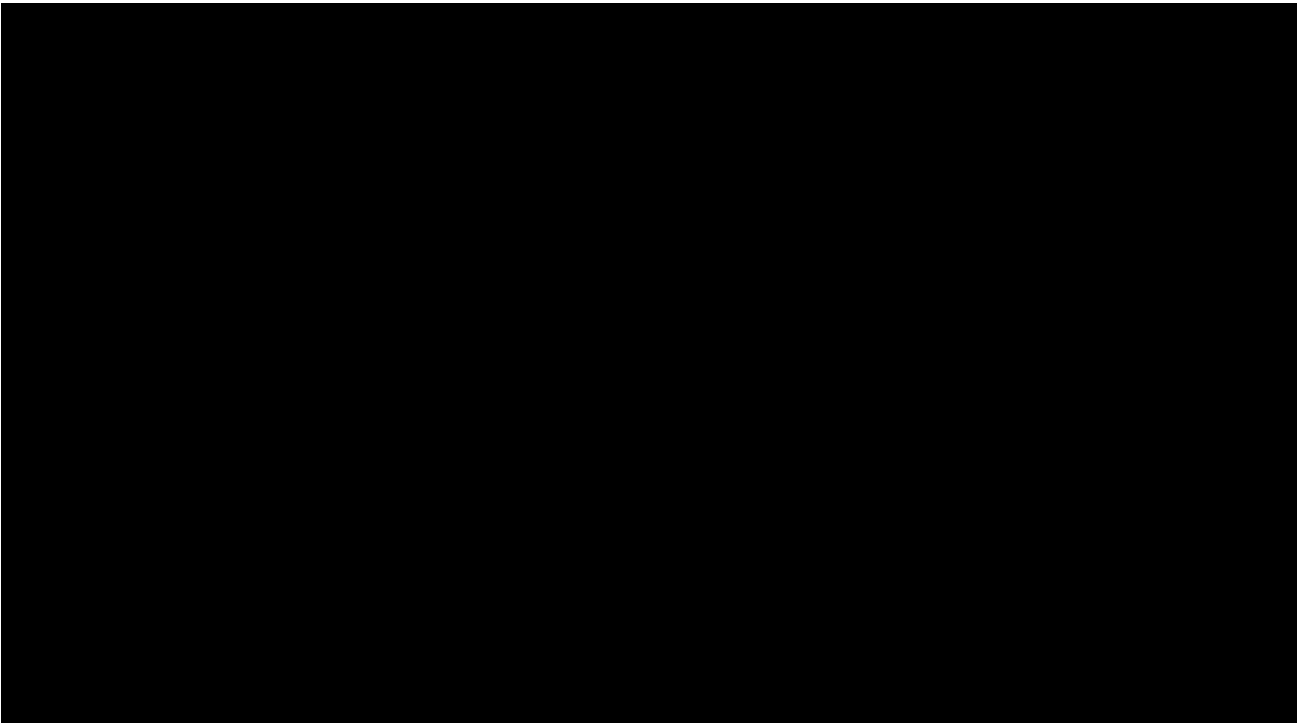
We've continued to provide various skills workshops according to demand, including sourdough baking, fruit tree pruning, keeping hens in community gardens.

5/ Hosting Large Community Events.

Our biggest two events of the year were our Burns Night Community Ceilidh (a partnership with Pilton Community Health Project, Royston Wardieburn Community Centre and others), and our Harvest Festival. Both involved large numbers of local people contributing performances, helping serve food, decorating venues, etc. eg. the Burns Night Community Ceilidh had over 80 performers, including folk, classical, punk, Bollywood dance, Ukrainian dance, community choirs, songs in different language, as well as lots of Burns poetry and ceilidh dancing. We also contributed to the busy North Edinburgh Community Festival held in West Pilton Park in May.



Burns Community Ceilidh, January 2025



Harvest Festival September 2024

6/ Hosting Groups

Our garden is now well established as a community venue and is regularly used by several different local organisations to run groups, including Stepping Stones North Edinburgh, Willowden Nursery, and Pilton Community Health Project.

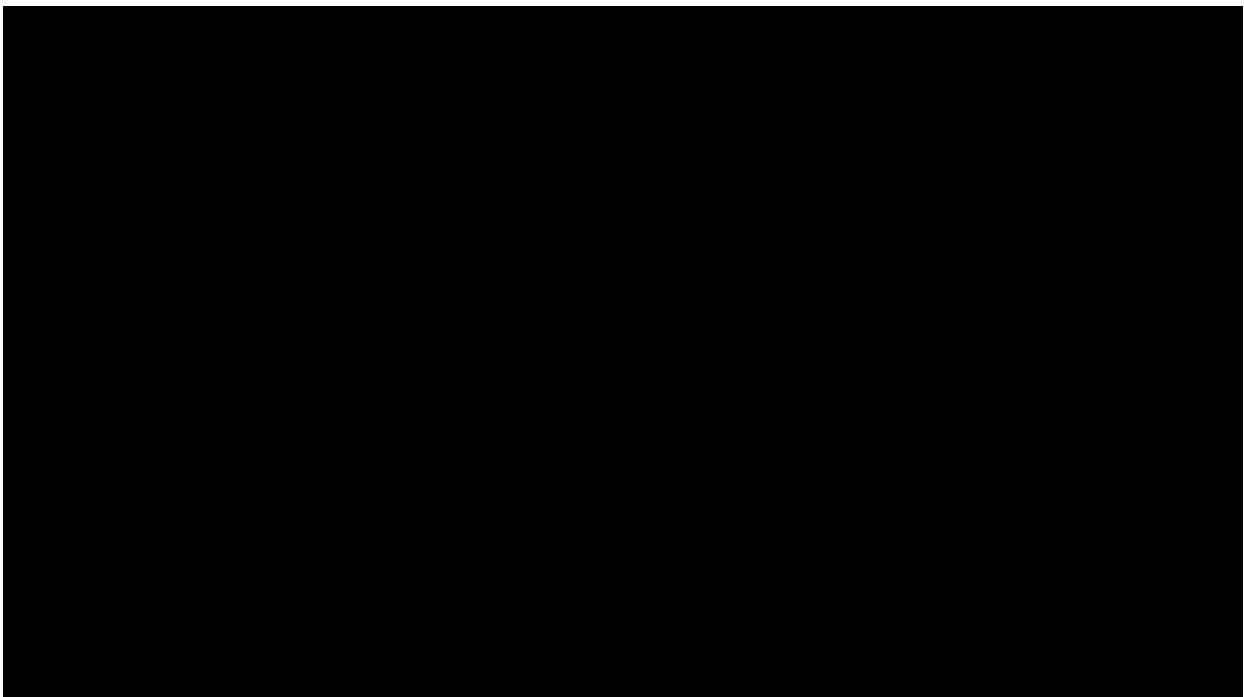
We continue to attract lots of interest in our work from further afield and have hosted study visits from Heriot Watt University, Queen Margaret University, and Edinburgh University.

7/ Supporting gardening throughout our area

Our organisation began as a group of neighbours growing food on street corners in Wardieburn which became a network which spread through the local area. As a charity we continue to support this network, for example by providing bulk compost deliveries, advice, and other practical support and materials when needed.

8/ Biodiversity work

Members of our organisation have been finding more ways to get involved with caring for our local ecosystems, and this year this action has expanded to include our local sea. We've been helping with the

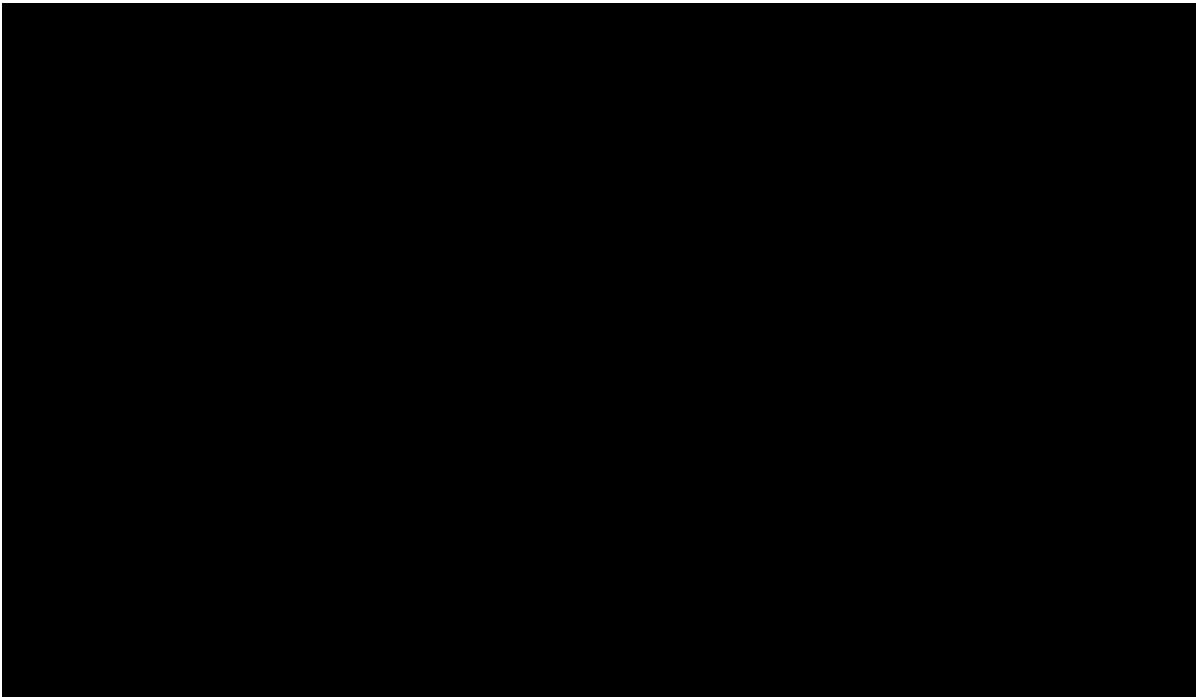


Helping clean oysters ready to be reintroduced to the Forth

Restoration Forth project, to reintroduce European Flat (native) Oysters into the Firth of Forth. These used to number in the hundreds of millions, but were fished to extinction by the early 1900s. Oysters play an important role in the marine ecosystem, and each adult oyster can filter as much as 200litres of seawater per day. This project has caught a lot of people’s imagination and is a great (and rare) positive environmental news story.

9/ Bike Repairs

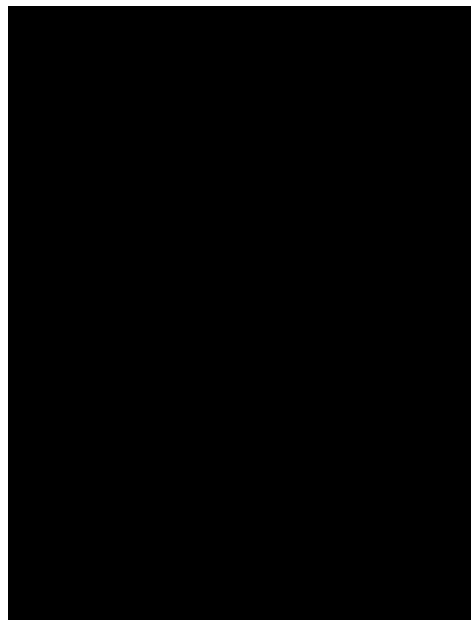
We’ve hosted 4 free Dr Bike sessions at the garden, with over 30bikes receiving a free safety check with minor repairs (and some bigger ones) carried out by trained bike mechanics. This is thanks to the R2 network, and coordination from North Edinburgh Arts.



Dr Bike in action Feb 2024

10/ Granton Chicken Co-op

A flock of egg laying hens are kept at the community garden. These are owned and cared for by a co-operative of 12 local households, who share costs, care, responsibility, risk, and eggs. The hens add a lot of value to the garden as a whole, and the co-op model makes livestock ownership



and care a practical possibility for people who could never otherwise benefit from this.

11/ The Free Shop

Our Free shop is a large room in a shed, where people can either donate or collect clothes, toys, small furniture and bric a brac. It has become one of the most popular features of the garden and has diverted several tonnes of useful items from landfill, as well as providing people with things they need and saving a lot of money. We always emphasise that using the freeshop is not about being 'in need', but about reducing resource consumption. The challenge is often avoiding an excess of donations. There is 'too much stuff' in our city, while plenty of people don't have what they need. We need to get better at redistribution to where resources are needed, and the free shop is our contribution to this.

12/ Granton Seed Savers

This initiative has hosted workshops, distributed seeds at events, and is collating a seed library of saved seed from useful crops that grow well in North Edinburgh. Links are being made with other seed libraries and groups around Scotland.



10/ Granton Garden Bakery

Our bakery has taken big steps forward this year, increasing sales, and creating more paid local employment in the process. We've partnered with Lauriston Agroecology Farm to run a farm stall during the Summer, and have been selling some loaves alongside their veg-box scheme. We've also received media interest with features about us (especially our Pay What You Can model) on Radio 4, in Positive News, The People's Friend, and a mention in the Guardian.

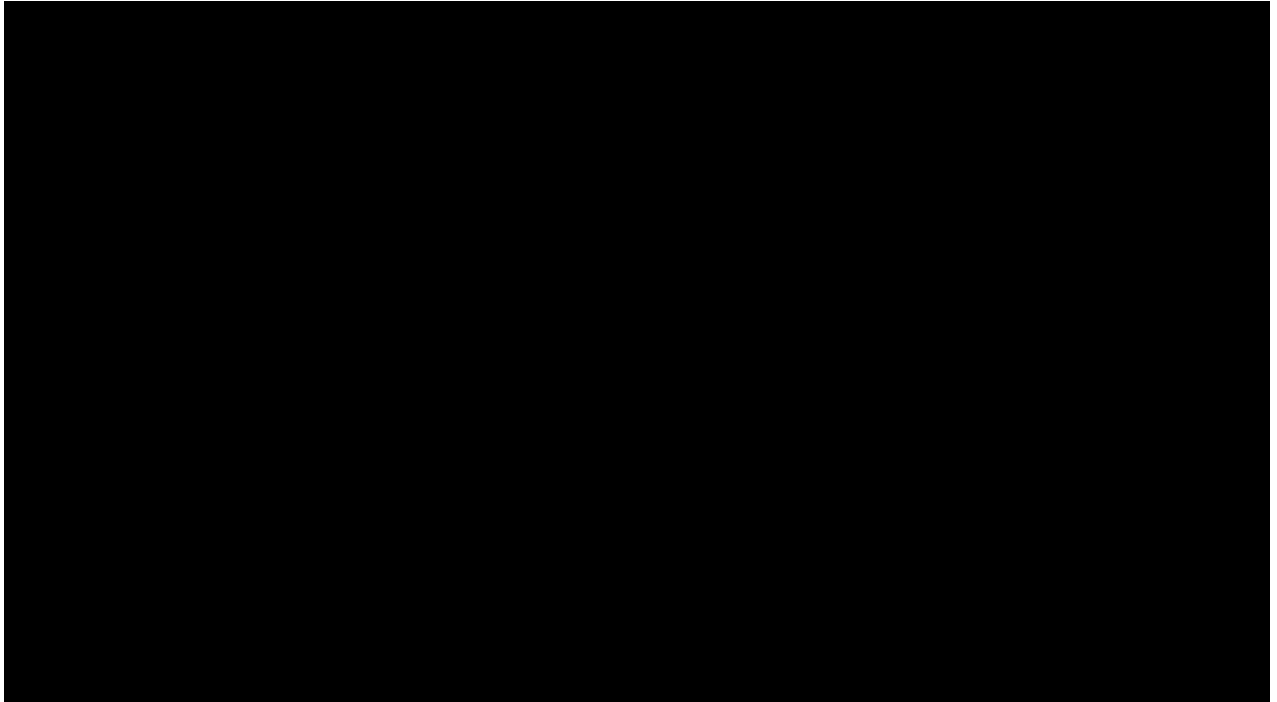


Our sourdough loaves are on sale every Saturday

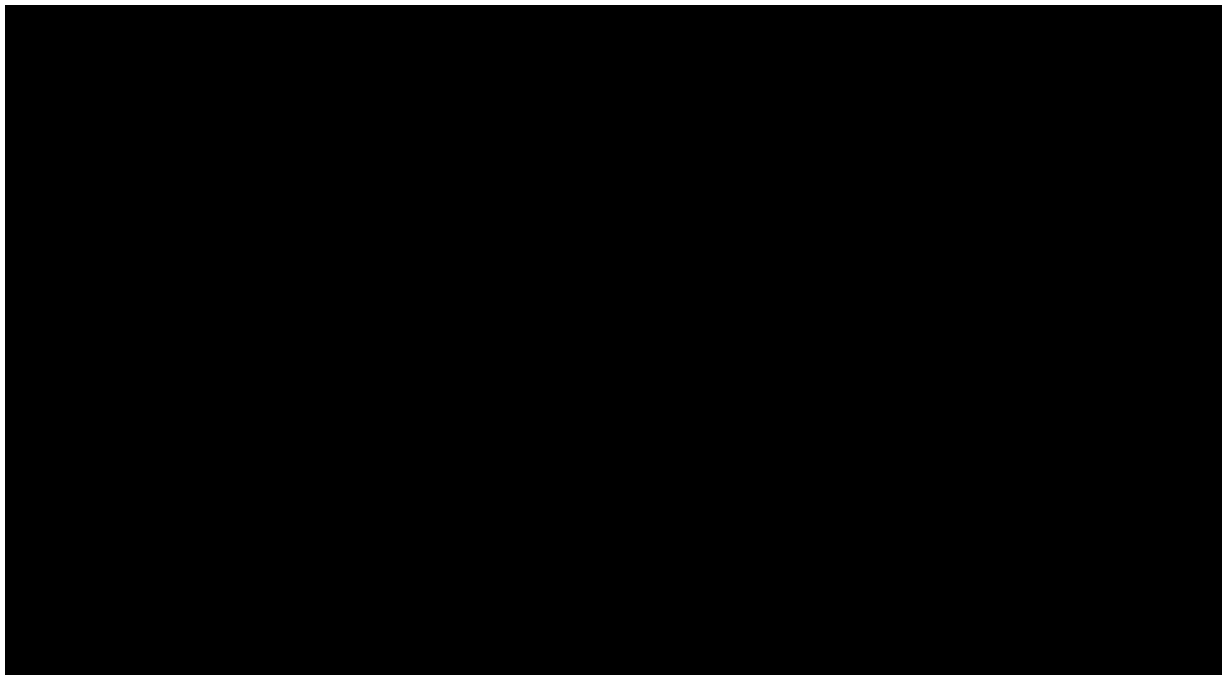
13/ Crop Trials, and our Wheat Growing Project

In August 2024 we harvested our biggest crop of grain yet! Over 100 volunteers worked together to harvest 1/2 acre of our heritage Scottish Wheat, and 1/2 acre of oats and rye. This scale is too small to be worth bringing in a mechanised harvester, but was an experiment for us, in how much is practical to do by hand. One of the most interesting results was how much people enjoyed the experience, with people describing learning a lot about grain in a very practical way, meeting new friends, having great conversations while working

together. There were profound reflections on how harvesting always used to be a community activity, and the good things that we can recover by working in this way even as a one off activity amidst busy city life.



Harvesting wheat by hand August 2024

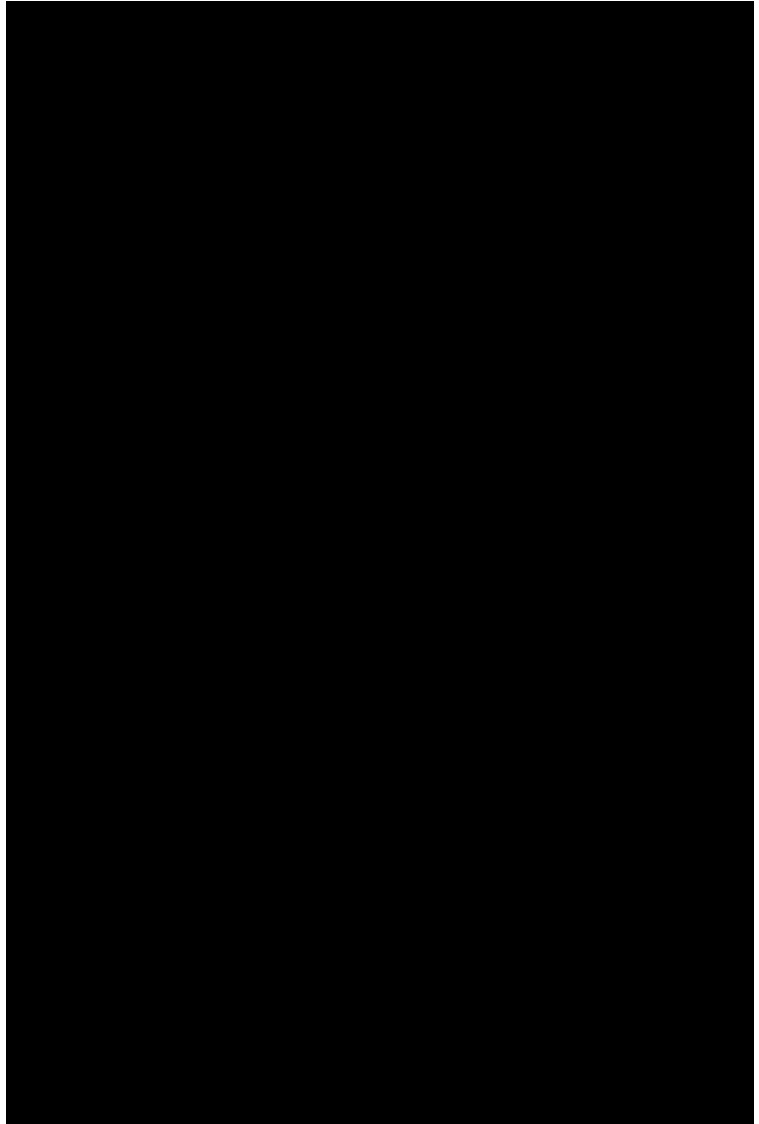


We also grew a great small crop of wheat at our community garden

14/ Working for more Community Growing Opportunities across the City

We've put lots of effort this year into trying to increase the opportunities for Community Growing across the city. This has included speaking at Edinburgh Council Committees in support of the Right to Grow Policy, and about applying the Community Wealth Building Policy to Greenspace improvement work.

These are both very positive changes that City of Edinburgh Council will hopefully adopt, which will enable local communities to play a greater role in caring for local land; and give more people the opportunity to be able to grow at least a bit of their own food.



Making a deputation at City Chambers, August 2024

15/ Other social enterprise work

We conducted some paid projects for other organisations this year, including running a series of gardening workshops for Harbour Homes. We have also done some paid consultancy for other organisations.

16/ Nature Neighbourhoods

Our partnership project with the National Trust, RSPB, WWF, and 17 Community organisations around the UK has continued to progress well. It's been particularly valuable learning from organisations in different towns and cities that have similar aims to ourselves. In October we hosted the whole project at our community garden.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Our organisation is governed by our SCIO constitution. We adapted this in order to become a Tier 2 SCIO in 2019.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

We registered as a charity in January 2017 with 5 trustees, of these 3 have continued to serve, with one resigning (due to moving away), one retiring, and four joining the board.

Financial review

See our accounts for details. Our organisation is in good financial health. We have been able to generate 32% of our own income this year through social enterprise activity, both through our bakery, and through consultancy and running workshops for other organisations.

Reserves policy

We always hold reserves sufficient to meet any obligations we may incur such as staff redundancies at the end of any grant funded post. In addition we aim to hold sufficient reserves in order to enable us to consider some sources of income that need to be claimed in arrears without creating cash flow problems. This year in particular we are looking ahead to making some improvements to the buildings in our

garden, as well as a potential expansion of our bakery, both of which will require significant funding. We have increased our reserves target to £45,000 and we currently have £18 above this amount.

Details of any deficit

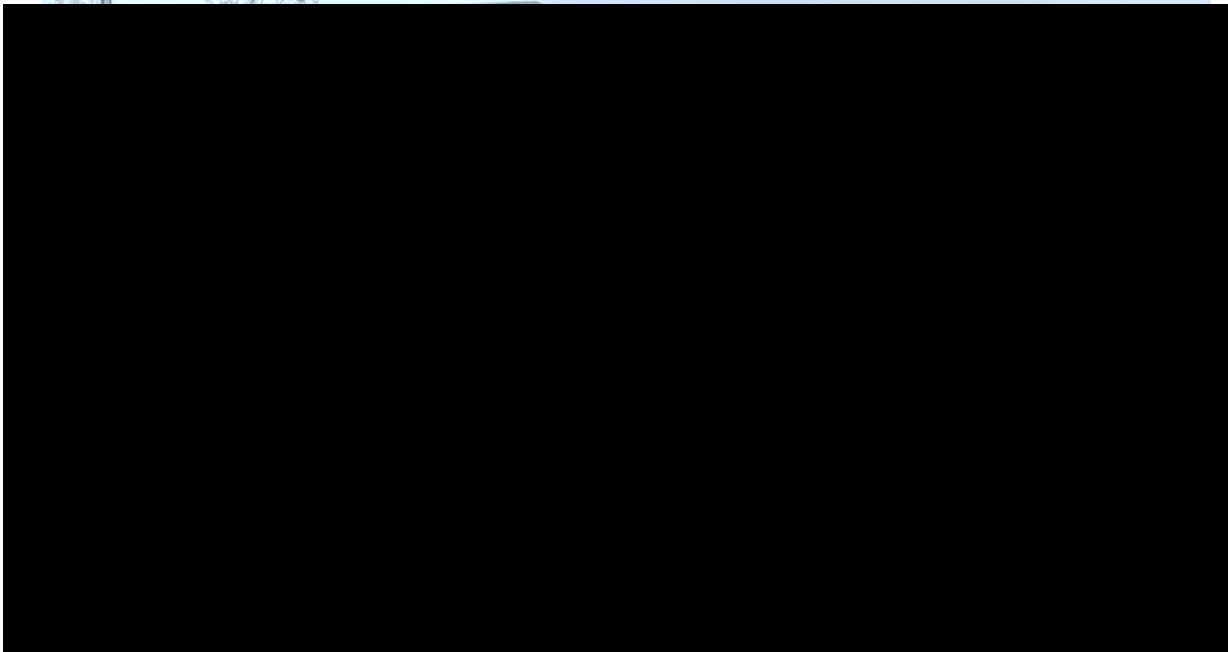
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Donated facilities and services

We work in partnership with a wide range of local organisations, and have received in kind support in the form of venue use (thanks to Royston Wardieburn Community Centre, City of Edinburgh Council, and Pilton Community Health Project).

Future plans

We will continue to host regular community meals and bigger celebrations, bringing people together around food: eating as well as



Community Lunch after work party, November 2024.

growing and cooking. We continue to aim to make sure that no-one need go hungry in our community and that everyone has regular opportunities to eat with others in a safe and welcoming environment

We'll continue to provide a variety of opportunities for people to join with others to grow and cook food and to learn new skills, continuing to recognise and promote the amazing wealth of skills in our community.



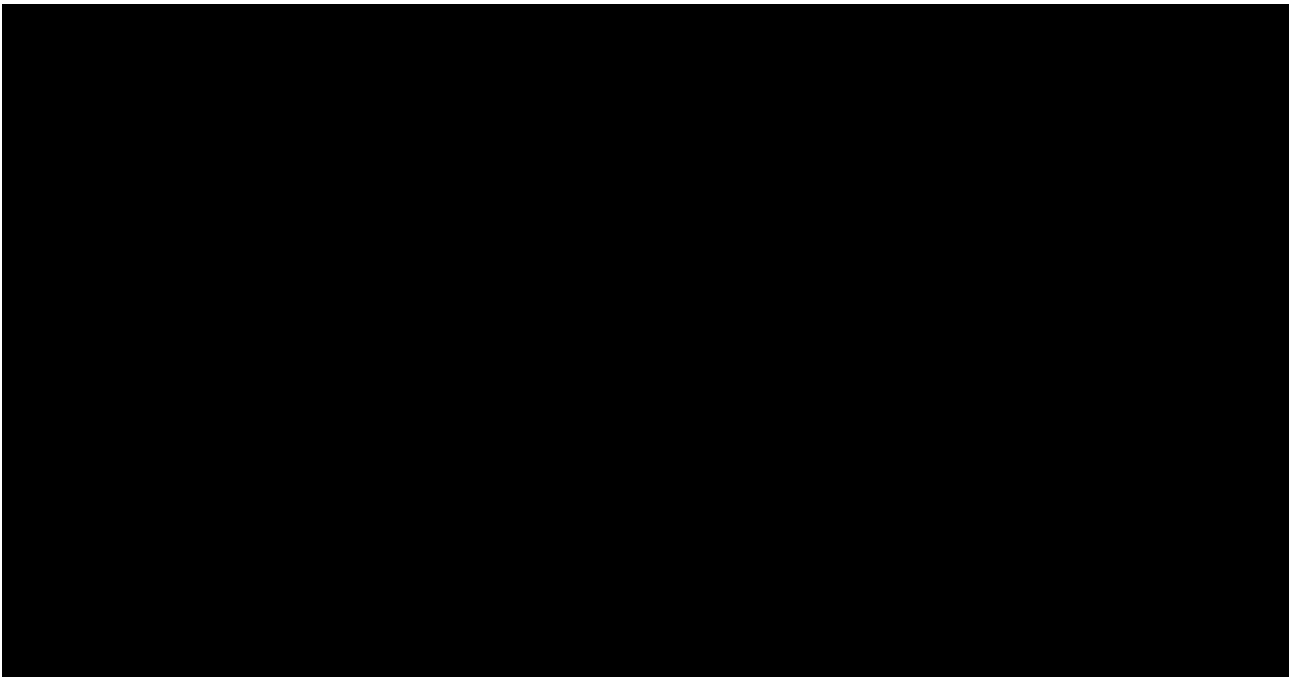
Hebridean Rye, August 2024

We will continue to provide support to local people who want to develop good ideas that fit with our charitable aims.

We will explore with local people, opportunities to create new food-based enterprises.

We will make physical improvements to our community garden infrastructure, particularly the outdoor kitchen and dining facilities.

We continue to work on our plans to move the bakery to new premises in order to be able to expand production, as well as to develop a local infrastructure to grow, harvest, process, store and mill, grain at a scale that is measured in tens of tonnes.



Community lunch January 2025

We will partner with other organisations to plan and action ambitious improvements to our local green spaces to improve biodiversity, food production, and the wider health and wellbeing of our community.

We will keep discovering more about how community can form around sharing food.

	Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	GRANTON COMMUNITY GARDENERS SCIO						
Registered charity number	SC047087						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	February	2024	to	31	January	2025
Set out on pages	Pages 2-8 of this documents						

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

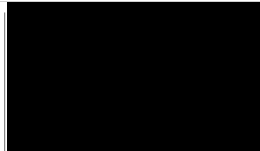
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

17 May 2025

Name:



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

As part of my examination, I was granted full read-only access to Granton Community Gardeners SCIO's Xero accounting system. On Wednesday, 14 May 2025, I reviewed the charity's financial records and confirmed that the accounts presented over the following pages accurately reflect the financial activity for the year. I verified the closing bank balance as of 31 January 2025 against the corresponding bank statements. In addition, I carried out random sampling of both invoices and receipts; all requested documentation was provided promptly and in full.



Enter charity name below

Granton Community Gardeners SCIO

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	February	2024		31	January	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	2,674				2,674	368
Legacies					- 0	- 0
Grants		107,177			107,177	112,056
Receipts from fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading receipts	47,170	6,250			53,420	33,637
Income from investments other than land and buildings					- 0	- 0
Rents from land & buildings					- 0	- 0
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
A1 Sub total	49,844	113,427	- 0	- 0	163,271	146,061
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					- 0	
Proceeds from sale of investments					- 0	
A2 Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	49,844	113,427	- 0	- 0	163,271	146,061
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading payments	14,731				14,731	7,383
Consultancy					- 0	- 0
Investment management costs					- 0	- 0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	25,107	80,836			105,943	71,447
Grants and donations					- 0	- 0
Governance costs:					- 0	- 0
Audit / independent examination					- 0	- 0
Preparation of annual accounts					- 0	- 0
Legal costs					- 0	2,480
Other					- 0	- 0
Trustee Expenses					- 0	- 0
A3 Sub total	39,838	80,836	- 0	- 0	120,674	81,310
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	5,000				5,000	40,000
Purchase of investments					- 0	
A4 Sub total	5,000	- 0	- 0	- 0	5,000	40,000
Total payments	44,838	80,836	- 0	- 0	125,674	121,310
Net receipts / (payments)	5,006	32,591	-	-	37,597	24,751
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	5,006	32,591	-	-	37,597	24,751

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Grant funding for the following purposes: Core costs. Provision of community meals, to conduct environmental improvements, volunteer expenses, development of community gardening hub, community development: to support local residents to grow, cook, and eat food together, including to create new community gardens. Cooking and baking workshops. Group work to promote mental health and wellbeing. Also to research and develop new programs and activities to further charitable aims.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	Community Meals Provision, organisational and community development work	National Lottery Community Fund	1	32,977
	Core costs	Robertson Trust	1	10,000
	Community Mental Health and Wellbeing, group work.	Scot Govt (via EVOC)	2	20,253
	Community Garden Development (Revenue Grant)	Scottish Land Fund	2	16151
	Garden development and insurance (capital grant)	Scottish Land Fund	2	2,296
	Core costs	People's Postcode Trust	1	25,000
	Community garden improvement	Link Group	1	500
			Total	107,177

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details	Payment for hours worked by Mizan Rahman preparing a report	500
	Approved by Trustees.	

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details			

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	
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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	2,674				2,674	368
					- 0	
Total	2,674	- 0	- 0	- 0	2,674	368
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
National Lottery Community Fund		32,977			32,977	31,116
Robertson Trust		10,000			10,000	10,000
Scot Govt. Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund		20,253			20,253	9,965
Scottish Land Fund (Revenue Grant)		16,151			16,151	16,151
Scottish Land Fund (Capital Grant)		2,296			2,296	42,480
Peoples Postcode Trust		25,000			25,000	- 0
Link Group		500			500	- 0
City of Edinburgh Council Community Grant		- 0			- 0	2,344
					- 0	
Total	- 0	107,177			107,177	112,056
	-	-			-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					- 0	
					- 0	
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					- 0	
Total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					- 0	
Staff	25,107	58,486			83,593	62,368
Project delivery costs (inc. tools/materials/food/insurance)		22,350			22,350	9,079
					- 0	
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					- 0	
Total	25,107	80,836	- 0	- 0	105,943	71,447
	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0

Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	2,674				2,674	368
Legacies					- 0	- 0
Grants					- 0	- 0
Receipts from fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading receipts	47,170				47,170	21,137
Income from investments other than land and buildings					- 0	- 0
Rents from land & buildings					- 0	- 0
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					- 0	- 0
Sub total	49,844	- 0	- 0	- 0	49,844	21,505
					- 0	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					- 0	
Proceeds from sale of investments					- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	49,844	- 0	- 0	- 0	49,844	21,505
					-	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					- 0	- 0
Gross trading payments	14,731				14,731	7,383
Investment management costs					- 0	- 0
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	25,107				25,107	9,634
Grants and donations					- 0	- 0
Governance costs:					- 0	- 0
Audit / independent examination					- 0	- 0
Preparation of annual accounts					- 0	- 0
Legal costs					- 0	- 0
Trustee expenses					- 0	- 0
					- 0	- 0
Sub total	39,838	- 0	- 0	- 0	39,838	17,017
					-	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	5,000				5,000	
Purchase of investments					- 0	
Sub total	5,000	- 0	- 0	- 0	5,000	- 0
					-	
Total payments	44,838	- 0	- 0	- 0	44,838	17,017
					-	
Net receipts / (payments)	5,006	-	-	-	5,006	4,488
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	5,006	-	-	-	5,006	4,488
					-	
Nature and purpose of funds						

Donations in support of events and core activities. Trading receipts from community bakery, chicken cooperative, community events and gardening support.

Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Scot Govt. Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (via EVOC)	People's Postcode Trust	National Lottery Community Fund	Robertson Trust	Scottish Land Fund (Revenue Grant)	Scottish Land Fund (Capital Grant)	Link Group	Nature Neighbourhoods Project	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts										
Donations									- 0	
Legacies									- 0	
Grants	20,253	25,000	32,977	10,000	16,151	2,296	500		107,177	112,056
Receipts from fundraising activities									- 0	
Gross trading receipts								6,250	6,250	12,500
Income from investments other than land and buildings									- 0	
Rents from land & buildings									- 0	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities									- 0	
Sub total	20,253	25,000	32,977	10,000	16,151	2,296	500	6,250	113,427	124,556
Receipts from asset & investment sales										
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets									- 0	
Proceeds from sale of investments									- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	20,253	25,000	32,977	10,000	16,151	2,296	500	6,250	113,427	124,556
Payments										
Expenses for fundraising activities									- 0	
Gross trading payments									- 0	
Consultancy						1,500			1,500	- 0
Investment management costs									- 0	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	10,214	2,594	31,581	5,000	16,151	796	500	12,500	79,336	61,813
Grants and donations									- 0	
Governance costs:									- 0	
Audit / independent examination									- 0	
Preparation of annual accounts									- 0	
Legal costs									- 0	2,480
Sub total	10,214	2,594	31,581	5,000	16,151	2,296	500	12,500	80,836	64,293
Payments relating to asset and investment movements										
Purchases of fixed assets									- 0	40,000
Purchase of investments									- 0	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0	40,000
Total payments	10,214	2,594	31,581	5,000	16,151	2,296	500	12,500	80,836	104,293
Net receipts / (payments)	10,039	22,406	1,396	5,000	-	-	-	(6,250)	32,591	20,263
Transfers to / (from) funds										
Surplus / (deficit) for year	10,039	22,406	1,396	5,000	-	-	-	(6,250)	32,591	20,263
Nature and purpose of funds										