



WaterNish Community Garden

Trustees' Annual Report

September 2024 to August 2025



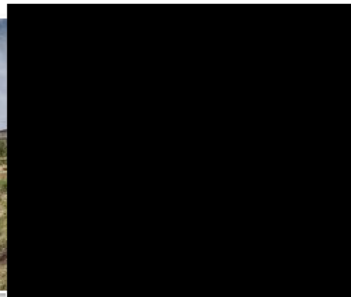
Admiring the Men's
Shed bench



Moving the woodchips



Harvesting the produce

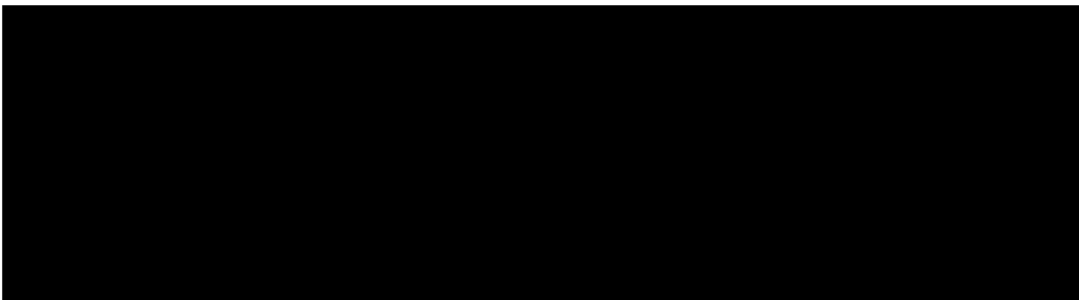


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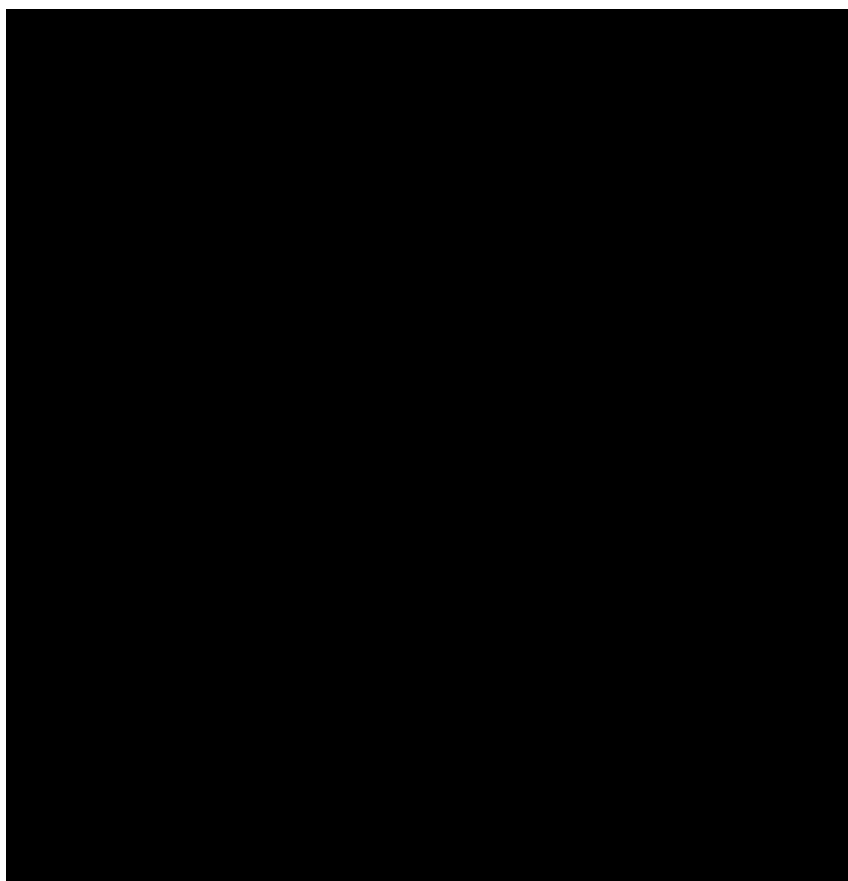
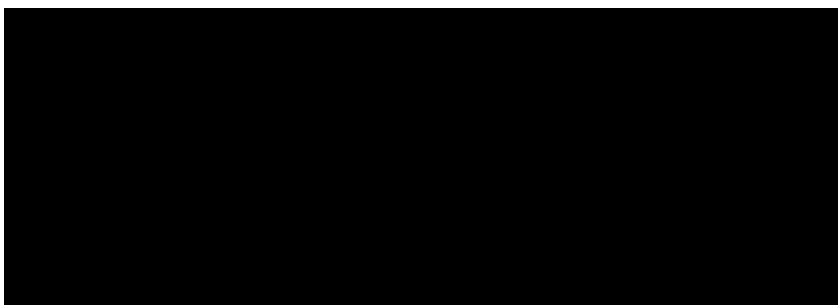


Waternish Community Garden

Scottish Charity Number: SC051967



Charity Trustees



Our Trustees –



Objectives and activities

We have a vision for a communal garden, where we can grow together. Encouraging folk to come along and join in activities according to their skills, or their desire to learn about growing fruit and veg, to simply enjoy being in the garden, working or soaking up the natural beautiful environment. We hope that volunteers will feel a sense of fulfilment as their produce is distributed to local food outlets or sampled and enjoyed in households across the peninsula. We see the garden as a link to other local groups to strengthen the community.

During the last year, our third year, we have blossomed. This is due to the ongoing care of the ground and soil using the Back to Eden method of no tilling and putting down local matured manure and hardwood chips to build healthy fertile soil.

As well as having our established growing beds at the top of the garden, we now have raised beds in our polytunnel, and a well-designed watering system which has been a great improvement.

During the week, we now have two dedicated slots on a Wednesday & Saturday, to encourage folk to come during those times when our lead gardener will be there. She is able to see first-hand what can folk can contribute, or want to learn and allocate tasks accordingly and work alongside them as needed.

As well as growing vegetables; potatoes, leeks, carrots, climbing beans, tomatoes, chives, lettuce, broad beans, chard and rhubarb; there are fruit bushes producing strawberries, blackcurrants and raspberries. This year we have started leaving a basket of produce out for local folk to take. We also respond to requests from local food outlets to supply fruit and veg for their businesses. We ask for a small donation, which is ploughed back into the garden.

We continue to develop our polytunnel area. After the storms earlier in the year the covering had to be completely replaced. We also erected some well-designed wind breaks to afford extra protection from the strong winds which often affect the area. Using the joinery skills of a local resident, our raised beds were constructed with the aim of enabling more folk to be involved in planting and harvesting, without having to use as much physical effort that gardening at ground level requires.

The development of a beautiful sensory garden at the entrance has been planned and planted with care. It contains plants with different textures, smells, shapes and colours, for enjoyment and pleasure which definitely has a positive effect on our sense of wellbeing.

This year again we have been visited by Keep Scotland Beautiful and are hoping to have improved from last year, when we received our award of achievement.

This year we have hosted two BBQ events, one which included a plant swap opportunity. This is an opportunity to get to know more folk, chat about their interests and share what we are doing in the garden, as we would love to encourage more folk to join our group of volunteers.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Waternish Community Garden operates as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). Having met the requirements of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) who are satisfied that the organisation meets the charity test and the legal requirements for being a SCIO, and it has been entered in the Scottish Charity Register. This means it is now an incorporated body having charitable status under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

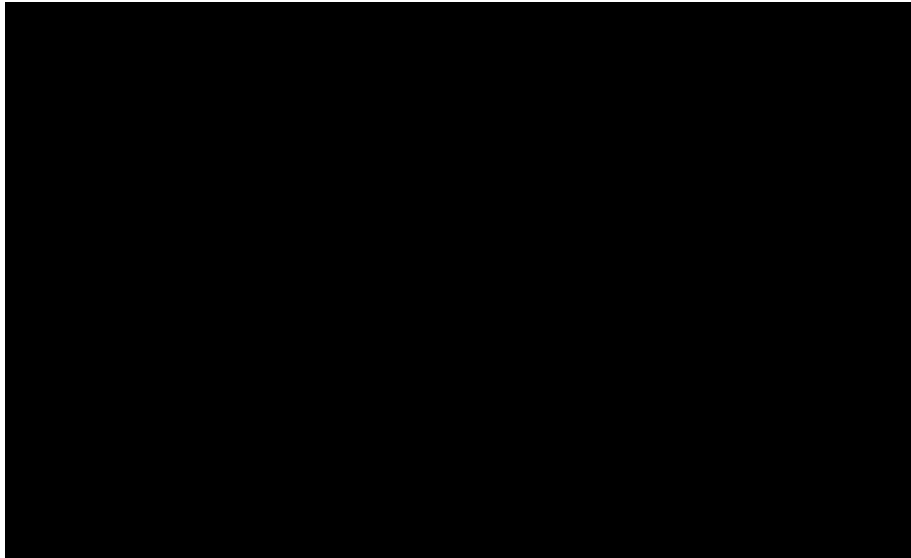
Trustee recruitment and appointment

Our original three Trustees were appointed on 19 August 2022. Sadly one has moved away and resigned in January 2025. To fill the gap we talked to people already known to us, who had shown an interest, been involved in the garden or were known to have been actively engaged in similar enterprises.

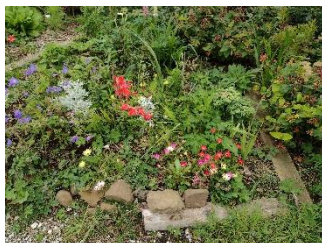
To that end two new Trustees were appointed at the beginning of 2025. Our mix of skills continues to blend the knowledge and practical skills of growing vegetables, plants and flowers in the garden. These are complemented by those with vision, a strategic approach and problem solving skills required to address potential obstacles within our limited finances and small pool of volunteers. Supported by administration and budgeting skills, all providing a good combination. Together we have been successful in advancing and delivering each step of this project.

The Board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee, this can include nominations from other organisations, and appointment is by way of a resolution passed by the majority at a Board meeting.


Achievements and performance

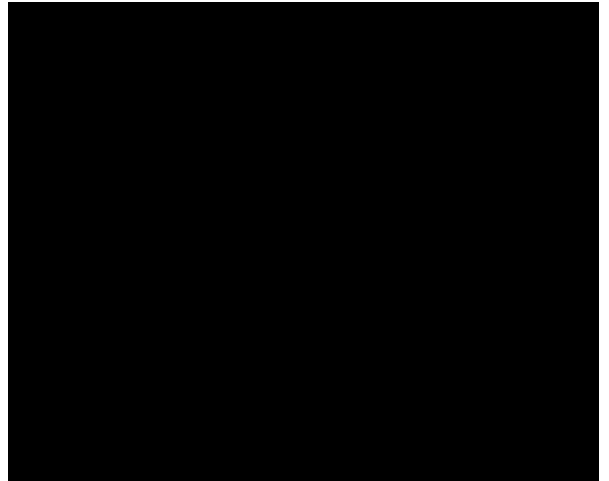





- We enjoyed hosting two BBQ events and plant swap for the local community.
- Responding to the continued challenge of the weather in this area. Particularly rainfall, to this end an additional trench has been dug at the top of the garden to divert water away from the sloped growing areas. More recently a small area has been identified to create a pond, which as well as capturing water is a magnet for wildlife. At the bottom of the main footpath a channel drain has been put in to prevent pooling of the water run-off.
- The placement of two windbreaks, crafted by a local tradesman, to protect the entrance to the polytunnel and shield it from the prevailing wind.
- Partnering with the local Men's Shed who crafted a beautiful outdoor table and bench for us.
- Progressing the erection of a handrail up the side of the main path.
- Bird boxes and a bug hotel have been put up.
- Wooden edging around some of the growing areas has been replaced.

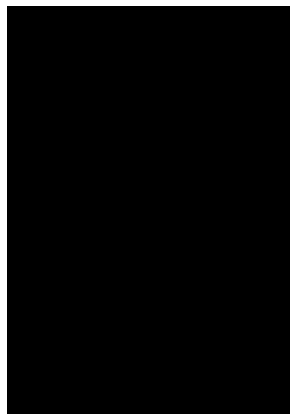


- A real difference can be seen in the expansion of the sensory garden.
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- A short promotional video show-casing the garden has been made.

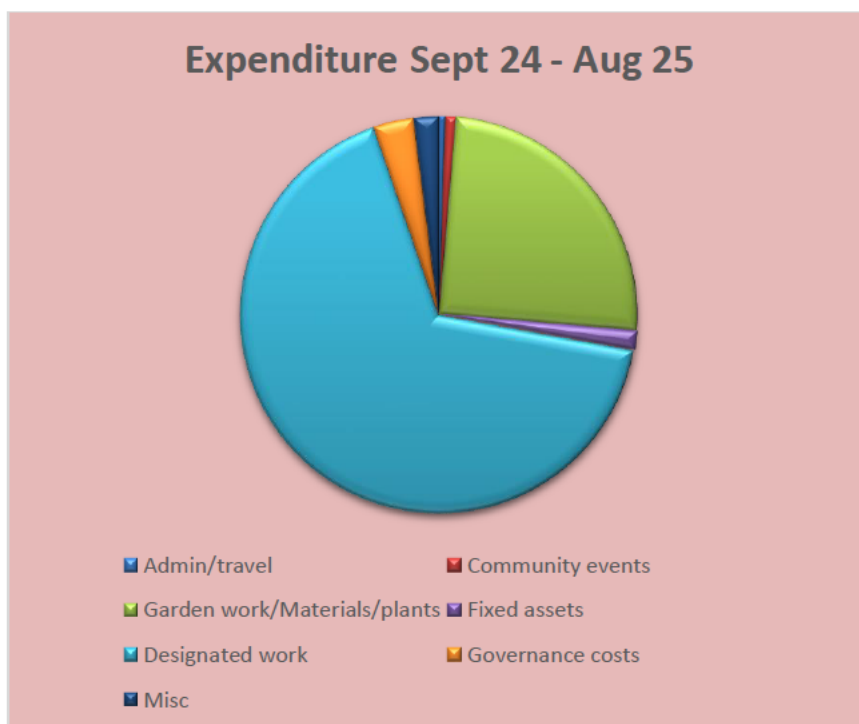
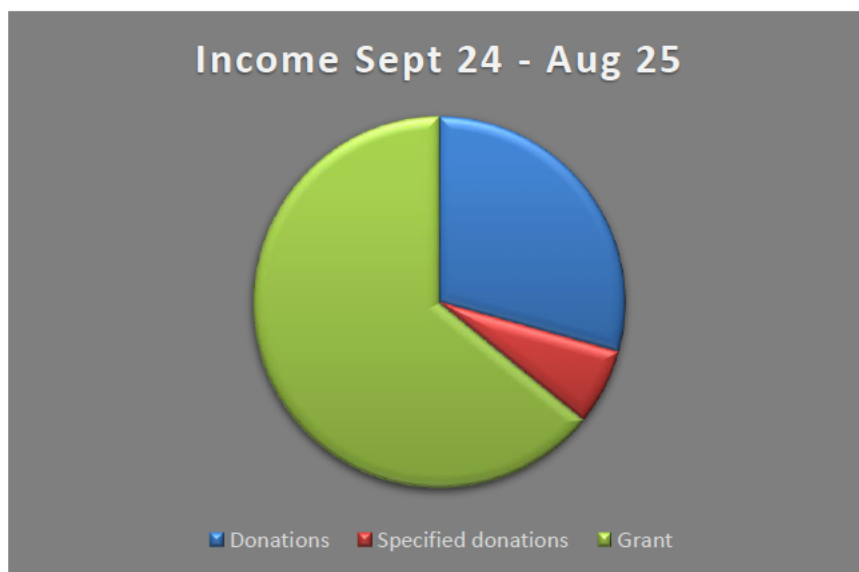
- The highlight of the year was having our polytunnel available to use. The joy of sowing seeds into the new well-crafted raised beds, made by 



- Then seeing  planting tomato plants in the polytunnel, yet to be tasted!
- We are grateful for one regular volunteer  who loves to help in the garden and has done all the heavy work, together with tasks like weeding and harvesting of the vegetables. Also for  who helps out generally and for those who step in when needed for watering duties which are integral to the success of growing.
- For the first time, this year produce has been available for the local people.



Financial review



Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our funding streams continue through grants and donations. As a very small charity run exclusively by volunteers, with no employees, there is little expenditure which needs to be reserved, so currently there is no policy for this.

Details of any deficit

None this year

Donated facilities and services

The lease of our land is for a peppercorn rent.

Future plans

We are looking to set up a coffee corner in the polytunnel, to encourage folk to socialize.

Use suitable decking around the shed, to help those with disabilities to get across to the polytunnel.

Improve the hanging space for tools in the shed.

Put in a small handrail alongside the two steps from the upper to lower garden path.

Put windproof netting along the north boundary.

Complete the replacement of the wooden edging on the borders of the growing areas.

We plan to extend the sensory garden planting and managing the boundary hedging which is currently overshadowing the planting there.

We hope to add two additional benches to the recreation area.

Finish creating a pond on the top level of the garden.

Additional information

This year everything has really started to come together and make the garden a much more attractive place for people to come to.

We are going to focus on interacting with the local community to update them about the project and encourage their involvement primarily on the two weekly sessions when our lead gardener is up on site.

To this end, create eye-catching A3 posters with a different focus to attract kids, volunteers, visitors; these will be posted on existing news boards around the peninsula.

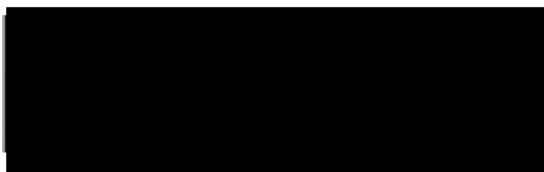
Make use of the Waternish newsletter to advertise jobs to be done on site, what has happened in the last month, produce available, gardening hints and tips, recipes, requests to hear from the community about what to grow and other ideas for garden.

Use an onsite, 'to do list', volunteer log book, ideas board, growing competitions, child play area (small world play), sandpit.

We are hoping this will inspire others to come to the garden and enjoy it.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name



Designation

Treasurer

Date

30 September 2025

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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
	30	08	2024		29	08	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	640	143			783	541
Legacies					-	
Grants		1,400			1,400	17,500
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	640	1,543	-	-	2,183	18,041
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	640	1,543	-	-	2,183	18,041
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	45				45	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	24	2,917			2,941	6,852
Grants and donations	100				100	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	165				165	148
					-	
A3 Sub total	334	2,917	-	-	3,251	7,000
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets		1,746			1,746	6,039
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	1,746	-	-	1,746	6,039
Total payments	334	4,663	-	-	4,997	13,039
Net receipts / (payments)	306	(3,120)	-	-	(2,814)	5,002
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	306	(3,120)	-	-	(2,814)	5,002

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	(63)	6,255			6,192	1,190
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	306	(3,120)			(2,814)	5,002
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	243	3,135	-	-	3,378	6,192
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Polytunnel	Restricted	1,459		
	Tools	Restricted	87		
	Garden seat	Restricted	200		
		Total	1,746	-	6,039

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Categories	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

Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

Monies given to complete the repair and erection of the polytunnel. For the construction of raised beds and purchase of plants, seeds to grow vegetables and enhance the sensory garden.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Polytunnel, compost, raised beds	Institution	1	1,400
Kettle	Individuals	3	45
Total			1,445

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)

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Purchasing of seeds, herbs, plants, tools	443

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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

Breakdown of unrestricted funds	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	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						
Legacies					-	
Grants						
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations						
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					-	
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Nature and purpose of funds

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APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2	
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name	Waternish Community Garden							
	Registered charity number	SC51967							
	Period start date				Period end date				
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		
	30	08	2024	to	29	08	2025		
								(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner Basis of independent examiner's statement Independent examiner's statement	<p>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 (as amended). 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.</p> <p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.</p> <p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed on the attached page*)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 								
Signed**: Name: Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Address:					Date:	2 nd October 2025			

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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