

Kirkmichael Community Garden
Year Ended October 2024

KCG Surplus/Deficit

Income

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted
Donations	£ 440.52	£ -	£ 440.52
Grants	£ 7,500.00	£ 7,500.00	£ -
Other	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ 7,940.52	£ 7,500.00	£ 440.52

Expenditure

Professional Fees	£ 150.00		£ 150.00
Insurance	£ 567.65	£ 567.65	
Materials	£ 1,301.23	£ 1,301.23	
Labour	£ 328.75	£ 328.75	
Tools and Equipment	£ 662.96	£ 662.96	
Advertising	£ -		
Stationary	£ -		
	£ 3,010.59	£ 2,860.59	£ 150.00

Surplus/Deficit	£4,929.93	£4,639.41	£290.52
Donations			

Additional Capital ***£17,655.47***

KCG Balance Sheet 2023/2024

Fixed Assets

Fixtures and Fittings	£	20,747.40	
less Depreciation	-£	1,850.67	£ 18,896.74

Current Assets

Cash at bank	£	3,804.46	
Cash in hand	£	-	£ 3,804.46
			£ 22,701.20

<u>Liabilities</u>	£	-
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<u>NET ASSETS</u>	£ 22,701.20
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CAPITAL

Brought Forward	£	19,677.00	
Movement	£	1,179.40	
Less Depreciation	-£	1,850.67	
Cash	£	3,695.47	£ 22,701.20

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<u>Depreciation</u>	Date of Purchase	Rate of Depn	B/F	Cost	- Chg PA	- NBV 2024
Deer fencing	27/06/2023	10%	739.10	764.59	73.91	665.19
Deer fencing	17/07/2023	10%	1,506.19	1,544.81	150.62	1,355.57
Other fencing	17/07/2023	10%	64.94	66.61	6.49	58.45
Deer fencing	09/08/2023	10%	500.09	508.57	50.01	450.08
Deer fencing	16/08/2023	10%	107.89	109.72	10.79	97.10
Postcrete	15/03/2024	10%	-	264.00	30.80	233.20
Building materials	29/04/2024	10%	-	1,143.92	114.39	1,029.53
Windows	22/05/2024	10%	-	861.26	71.77	789.49
Building materials	23/05/2024	10%	-	1,142.43	95.20	1,047.23
Shed	31/05/2024	10%	-	704.00	58.67	645.33
Building materials	31/05/2024	10%	-	106.94	8.91	98.03
Building materials	31/05/2024	10%	-	979.31	81.61	897.70
Shed	03/06/2024	10%	-	500.00	33.33	466.67
Shed	08/06/2024	10%	-	880.00	58.67	821.33
Building materials	01/07/2024	10%	-	572.56	28.63	543.93
Guttering	22/07/2024	10%	-	296.63	14.83	281.80
Building materials	22/07/2024	10%	-	1,154.40	57.72	1,096.68
Shed	05/12/1902	10%	-	920.00	46.00	874.00
Arches	27/06/2023	10%	-	900.00	30.00	870.00
Tarpaulin	16/08/2023	20%	173.71	179.70	34.74	138.97
Polytunnel	22/02/2024	20%	-	4,234.10	493.98	3,740.12
Construct poly	09/04/2024	20%	-	2,940.00	294.00	2,646.00
Accessories poly	16/04/2024	20%	-	55.92	5.59	50.33

3,091.93	17,655.47	1,850.67	18,896.74
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees consider that an independent examination is needed under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts 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

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 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 of the statement of accounts for the year ended 30th October 2024, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

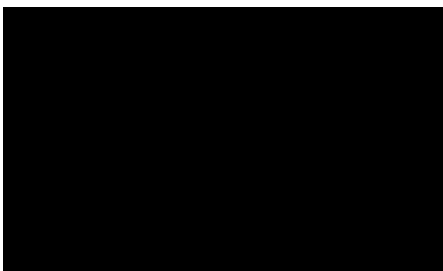
Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

The accounts do not accord with those records

The statement of accounts do not comply with any of the requirements of Regulation 8 of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006

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

Date: 22-Jan-25



Kirkmichael Community Garden
Chairperson's Report
2023/24

A Busy and Productive Year

Main Development

By November 2023, our plans were in place, and we had secured the necessary funding to develop the garden. Once we received planning permission for our design in February 2024, it was full steam ahead!

Highland Polytunnels arrived on-site in April to construct our polytunnel, while our volunteers began cutting turf to create the vegetable plots. Thanks to [REDACTED] the sawmill in Blairgowrie, who donated wood slabs, [REDACTED] were able to start building the raised beds for our herbs and the school area.

Following our award from the Green Living Fund by Perth and Kinross Council in March, we commenced building our welfare and tool sheds. This work was carried out through June, thanks to [REDACTED] efforts. Once completed, we were fortunate to receive units and furniture donated by Straloch Primary School to furnish the interior.

We also planted a small orchard with donated fruit trees, a row of large blueberry bushes, and established a fruit patch with strawberries, raspberries, and currants.

Throughout the summer, the garden continued to develop, with many smaller tasks being undertaken to make it what it is today.

Growing and Produce

In the spring, our volunteers began sowing seeds and planting crops, including potatoes, carrots, beetroot, onions, leeks, turnips, beans, and peas. In the polytunnel, we grew tomatoes, salad leaves, cucumbers, and some brassicas. The hard work paid off with a fantastic harvest that our volunteers enjoyed, and some of the produce was shared with the community through a small stall outside the village shop.

The wildflower garden is a beautiful and significant part of the garden. Steve has devoted countless hours to this project, resulting in an amazing display throughout the summer.

Funding

In this financial year, we secured £7,500 from the Green Living Fund to build the welfare and tool sheds. We also raised £440 in donations, some of which came from the produce offered outside the village shop. These unrestricted funds are vital for covering fixed costs such as insurance and accountancy fees.

Working with the Primary School

[REDACTED] worked with the school to plant seeds again this year, this time directly into their raised beds. From this, they had a successful harvest of mainly tatties that the children took home to enjoy with their families.

Volunteering

Throughout 2023/24, we gradually expanded our volunteer group and now have 25 members in our WhatsApp group. Thanks to all the community members who have helped with various tasks, especially the team effort required to move the compost delivery from the village hall to the garden and create the vegetable and fruit beds.

Kirkmichael in Bloom

In the spring and summer, some of our volunteers assisted Kirkmichael in Bloom with the village planters. This included growing bedding plants, as well as helping with weeding, replanting, and watering pots around the village. With a reduced budget, the plants grown in our polytunnel helped create a lovely floral display over the Summer.

Events

Alongside our ad-hoc volunteer sessions, in August, alongside the Highland Games, where we hosted an open day to invite people into the garden.

Looking Forward – November 2024 Onwards

We are all looking forward to our second year of growing. Now our main building work is complete, we hope to have more time this year to focus on our optimising our crops and yields, and trying out new things. We also plan to have an official open day in April, to hold a few community events and to encourage more volunteers to participate on the garden activities.

Plans are in place to deliver a structured learning programme with the Primary School, led by [REDACTED] from our Board. We recently held the first session, learning about soil and composting, which went really well. The mud kitchens built and donated by [REDACTED] are great and will be well used for support this activity.

Huge thanks to our Board members, our volunteers, all those who have helped with one off jobs and in any way to support the garden, as well as to all of our funders. We all hope to enjoy the fruits on our labour in 2025, with lots of good produce, fruit, veggies and flowers and to bring our community together to enjoy the lovely space we have created together.

