

Campy Growers Report 2024



**Camperdown Growing Collective
Annual Report Jan - Dec 2024**



2024

Campy Growers – A place to grow.

Creating a natural and healthy food culture through cultivation, conservation and community

Camperdown Growing Collective (known as Campy Growers) is the largest community growing space in Dundee. We are a registered charity (SCIO SC052250) working in partnership with Dundee City Council at the heart of Camperdown Country Park. Previously the site of the council nursery, Campy Growers sits on 8 acres of previously degraded land, 2 acres of which have now been cultivated by our dedicated staff team, volunteers, partners and trustees over the last 3 years. We are proud of the progress we have made so far in the creation of this urban community food garden using sustainable methods of growing to enhance the environment, local food production and to work positively with the community. We provide fresh veg and fruit to local community centres and larders, offer opportunities to learn new skills (food growing, sustainable practices, cargo bike training and DIY to name but a few) as well as a beautiful location to appreciate the natural world. We welcome visitors from Monday – Saturday, with dedicated volunteer sessions on Fridays and Saturdays. Please feel free to come and visit us!

Our charitable purposes are:

- To advance health and wellbeing by facilitating access to growing opportunities and contributing to improved diet through increased access to fresh local produce in a natural environment
- To promote environmental improvement including protecting and increasing biodiversity above and below the soil by adopting and promoting environmentally sustainable practices.
- To advance education and skills, particularly related to food (growing cooking, eating) and by developing and hosting land based educational programmes and courses such as gardening and environmental activities.



2024

Staff and Trustees

New staff member in the ongoing Lead Gardener position in January 2024

The Development Worker position went from 3 to 4 days a week from February 2024

The Project Coordinator position ended in June 2024

2 part-time staff joined the team for a month as seasonal gardeners in June 2024

A handy person/van driver joined the team in June 2024

A CLD student joined the team for 6 months from August 2024

The Board of Trustees met monthly throughout 2024 to oversee the charity's activities and ensure alignment with our charitable objectives. During the year, we welcomed five new trustees and three members stepped down. Trustees are recruited through open advertisement and approaches to individuals with relevant skills and experience. For more details please see page 8

The board focused on

- Securing funding for staff and site development
- Strategic development - specifically looking at vision and ethos
- Induction of new trustees

Main partnerships

Dundee Cycle Hub for the use of electric bike and trailer for veg delivery

Alexander Community Development with the obtaining of a van and support with veg delivery across Dundee

Eden project, Campy Growers became part of The Guild of Growers

NHS through staff time as Health Improvement Practitioner - Tayside Nutrition and Dietetic service



Community outreach / Events

Numbers

- 28 workshops - over 250 participants
- 12 events - over 1100 attendees
- 4 workshops/sessions a month from Feb-November 2024
- Ran more family workshops
- Wonderful.org account created to receive donations

Quotes

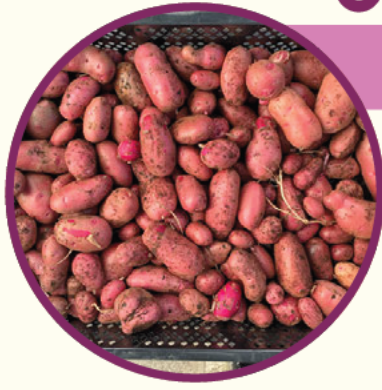
- *"Space is beautiful. Soup was amazing! particular thanks to the presenter who was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic. First Class"* Participant to the Stargazing night
- *"It was an excellent meal, with lovely company! Highly recommend and will be returning! What a fantastic resource for the community to learn and gain skills from."* Cooking group participant
- *"I didn't manage to say this afternoon, but please could you pass on thanks for a great workshop. Really appreciated all the effort that had gone in to preparing all the materials for the hands-on parts and it made for a super interesting and engaging workshop. Thanks for organising it too!"* Soil workshop attendee

Suggestions for 2025

- Involve more volunteers/professionals in delivering workshops
- Potentially use Eventbrite as booking system
- Possibility to charge for some workshops
- Look into Portable card reader to take donations

Veg distribution

CSA, veg stall, food larders



Numbers

- CSA: 20 members, 15 paying (£30/month for 2 veg box over 3 months), 5 non-paying (identified by food larders).
- CSA improvement from 2023: A-Z veg + recipe on website / for all / special CSA members event / Staff dedicated to deliveries / ACD van partnership
- Veg stall, weekly from July to October with over 1500 takers and over 700kg of produce donated
- Weekly veg donation to Strathmartine and Charleston food larders, and The RoundHouse Kitchen
- Sold produce to green grocers
- Total vegetables distributed : 2,160kg (excluding use for workshops and cooking for Campy Growers event)
- Overall income (sale and donation) generated: £2,753.46 (including workshop donation)

Quotes

- *" I love coming every week to get vegetables. I know I seem to take a lot but I distribute to my 7 neighbours. They can't really walk so having this is amazing for them. Thank you. "*
- *"I now know how to make that little extra difference to the taste of my cooking. This has been a wonderful experience for me. Thank you".* Family receiving weekly free vegetables delivered to their door during the growing season.
- *"I love working with Campy Growers and we have a great relationship, It enables the use of fresh ingredient. Long may it continue!"* The Roundhouse kitchen

Suggestions for 2025

- Keep CSA system
- Work with ACD for delivering to more locations if possible

Community Market Garden production



Numbers

- Production total: 2,160kg (excluding use for workshops and cooking for Campy Growers events)
- Vs 2023 : 2,250kg
- Growing space extended by 445m²



Reflection

Difficulties

- Crop loss due to nibblers (slugs, rabbits, rats and deer) and diseases (mould, root fly)
- Cold June slowed down crop growth
- Need to improve pest protection for mesh tunnels
- Presence of more rodents
- Crops which struggled : tomato, aubergine, tomatillo, corn

Successes

- 2 seasonal gardeners in June
- Pond creation on site
- Volunteer involvement
- More locations received vegetables
- Handy person position
- Container upcycling
- Successful crops (vs 2023): celery, basil, potatoes, carrot (mixed), fennel, beans Limka, spinach
- Extended our propagation area (tunnel+ heated mats)
- Able to donate large amount of seedlings to other growing spaces

Suggestions for 2025

- Use crop rotation for an easier planning system
- Incorporate polycultures
- Incorporate more flowers
- Have a variety of mesh widths to cover crops (to include more biodiversity)
- Living hedges and orchard
- Creation of new space in front of building
- Improve irrigation all over the site
- Protecting tunnels and mesh tunnels against pests
- Add fences to terraced area
- Build compost bays

Community Market Garden Volunteer Involvement



Numbers

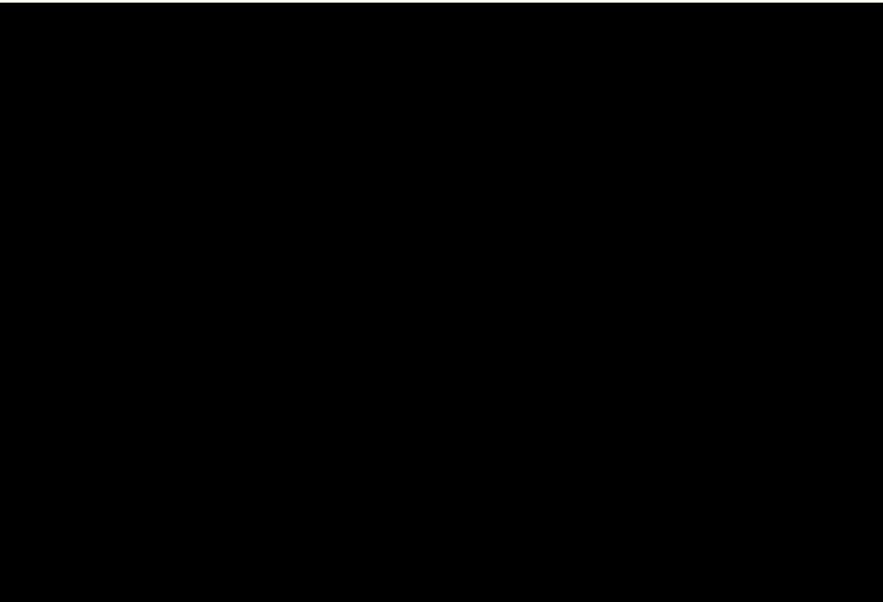
- 500 volunteering hours a month in 2024 vs 400 hours in 2023
- Special events for volunteers (Volunteer celebration, EcoTour, end of year celebration)
- Special gatherings for collaborative experience to promote participation and decision making (orchard planning, biodiversity on site, pond creation, winter planning, seed sowing, special DIY session for volunteers, ...)
- Support volunteers to run their own projects: cooking sessions, pond building.
- Lunch provided twice a week during drop in volunteer session
- Support volunteers with their Grow and Learn Award

Suggestions for 2025

- Involve volunteers on the running of workshops (leading or shadowing)
- Develop volunteer feedback strategies

Camperdown Growing Collective is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its constitution, adopted in September 2022.

Trustees 2024



Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by OSCR. As demonstrated throughout this report, our charitable activities directly advance our three charitable purposes and provide clear public benefit to our community. All our activities are open and accessible to the public.


Trustees' Responsibilities and Declaration

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report that complies with applicable law and Scottish charity accounting requirements. The trustees confirm that this annual report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations made thereunder. This report covers the period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024 and has been approved retrospectively by the Board of Trustees in January 2026

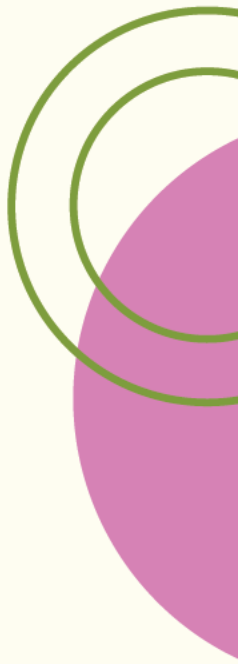
Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Chair

 served as Chair during the reporting period; this report is signed by the current Chair following his departure)

Date: January 2026



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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
				£	£
Receipts					
Grants	3		82,072	82,072	117,936
Donations		2,503		2,503	280
Membership				-	2,261
Sales and Fees		1,652		1,652	3,187
Total Receipts		£ 4,155	£ 82,072	£ 86,227	£ 123,664
Payments					
Charitable Activities	3	7,476.58	44,343	51,819	8,003
Salaries			53,130	53,130	62,327
Administration		1,144.89		1,145	1,784
Insurance		1,346.88		1,347	1,206
Governance		175		175	-
Total Payments		£ 10,143	£ 97,473	£ 107,616	£ 73,320
Excess of receipts/(payments) over (payments)/receipts in the year		-£ 5,988	-£ 15,401	-£ 21,389	£ 50,344

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Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
			£	£
Cash at Bank and in hand				
Bank and Deposit				
balances brought				
forward	4,596	45,748	50,344	-
Movement in year				
Excess of receipts over				
payments for the year	- 5,988 -	15,401 -	21,389	50,344
 Bank and Deposit				
balances carried				
forward	- 1,392	30,347	28,955 £	50,344

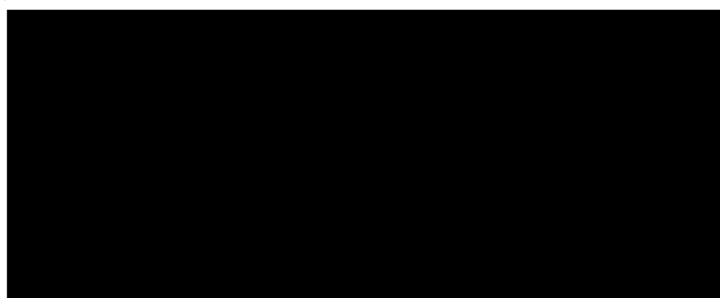
Represented by:

Bank	£	28,788	£	50,255
Cash	£	167	£	89
	£	28,955	£	50,344

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

21st August 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.



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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

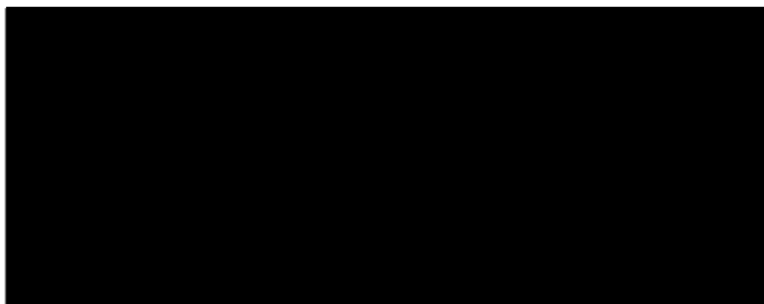
These financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year and no expenses were reimbursed to them. There were no related party transactions.

3 Funds

	forward 31/12/2023	income	expenditure	balance as at 31/12/24
Awards for All	1,285			1,285
DCC Climate Change Fund	37,366	38,665	51,886	24,145
DVVA Green Health Fund	7,097		2,205	4,892
Scottish Community Alliance		450	425	25
Dundee Partnership		19,922	19,922	-
Robertson Trust		10,000	10,000	-
Tayside Health Board		13,035	13,035	-
	45,748	82,072	97,473	30,348



Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Camperdown Growing Collective SC052250

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the accompanying pages.

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 Account 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

- 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

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


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