Company registration number 04394724 (England and Wales)

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are:

- 1) to provide and maintain a public garden or gardens for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Islington and others in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- 2) to advance public education, particularly in horticultural skills; and
- 3) to promote the enhancement of the environment within North Islington and neighbourhood.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Sunnyside Community Gardens

Chairs Report: April 2021-April 2022



Monday Volunteers in the Peace Garden

Overview

This has been a year of recovery and returning to "normal" for Sunnyside Community Gardens after the COVID/ Pandemic. This was the first 12 months since the pandemic started without lockdowns and all restrictions on association were lifted by July 2021. This is reflected in the participation numbers which took a while to build but increased across the year.

We were successful in bidding for a National Lottery Community Fund Grant of £175,174.19 over 3 years for the "Sunnyside Community Hub" Project. The first payment was received in June 2021 and we started working on it in August 2021. We developed the popular monthly 'Sunday Social and Plant Sale' on the first Sunday of the month. We have started redevelopment of our plant nursery despite building work on the site next door taking half of its land. Also we have made significant progress on the project to erect a new permanent building with the support of Cooke Fawcett Architects who developed initial drawings for us pro-bono.

People

As a result of the National Lottery Funding, we recruited an additional Community Gardener in July and were able to open for gardening on four days a week. This took our staff up to 4PT:

- A manager (3/5 FTE), funded by the National Lottery (Anna Portch)
- Three Community Gardeners (1FTE) four days a week funded by the National Lottery and one day funded by Lady Gould's Charity (Esther Coles, Noam Hollander and Robert Bradshaw)
- We also had occasional assistance with book-keeping and administration (Adrian Cahill)

With the support of the Small Charity Coalition we were able to host two KickStart trainees this year (Rubyray Gallardo-Jones and Zakiya Byer), who were a great addition to our team.

We spent our donation from the Co-op shop and their customers on Picnic benches, plants and being able to run the Tuesday Cook and Grow group continuously between grants.

We successfully completed our grant with the Postcode Lottery which funded our Monday and Friday drop in volunteer gardening before the National Lottery.

From September 2021, Sunnyside was open four days a week for volunteer gardening, up from three days a week previously.

Thanks to the National Lottery we had more capacity to host visiting groups to come for one-off days or reciprocal visits. We were able to adapt to the needs of the organisations and participants.

A significant event in terms of our people this year was that Anna, our manager, had major surgery at the end of November 2021. While she has fully recovered, she was off work for longer than anticipated (two months) and needed a staggered return which was a lot slower than planned. The trustees and community gardeners managed the day to day running of the gardens, but any capacity for fundraising for our proposed new building was delayed until she returned.

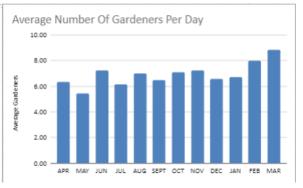
Volunteers

We ran 172 volunteer gardening days each made up of both a morning and afternoon session. Volunteers come to both or either session and we delivered a total of 1205 volunteer days. The sessions are led by three different Community Gardeners and each concentrates on different parts of the garden, and each has a different approach. This enables us to reach a wider range of people both in terms of skills and interests and provides variety for volunteers who come more than once a week.

We have run 10 Sunnyside Socials for the community. These monthly events centre on a plant sale, but also have tea and cake, a bike repair clinic. The plant sale has a wide range of plants for both indoor and outdoor gardeners. Because these events are on the weekend, they allow us to engage with a different segment of the local community, and provide an opportunity for the working and volunteering communities to mix. As over half our Trustees are in full time employment, it also gives them an opportunity to engage with the volunteer base.

Participation Statistics





Volunteer Lunches

We have provided an estimated 803 volunteer lunches. We offer lunch to all our volunteers (cooked by different volunteers), and roughly 2/3 of people who volunteer will participate. All lunches are vegetarian, and accommodate allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements to ensure that everyone can eat who wants to. Left-overs are packed up in take-away boxes and volunteers take these boxes home. We also have a small vegetable garden in the plant nursery, which is cared for by the Cook and Grow and the Sunday group and the small amount of produce also gets used in the volunteer lunches. We are also a food bank referral centre for the local food bank so we can discreetly help people who are struggling with food insecurity.

The Gardens

Sunnyside Community Gardens are looking good and are well used. Our work nurtures a habitat for nature, enhances biodiversity and improves the aesthetics of the area. It also helps keep this space as a community asset for local people. Because the gardens are open access 24/7, we have no influence over what happens at night or the days we are closed, however we are able to remove any evidence of anti-social behaviour which then reduces its occurrence and keeps the gardens accessible to all.

In addition to the main garden, we also have a small plant nursery on the other side of Sunnyside Road. This space was an area that we had used for over 20 years, but half of it has now become a building site for new council-built flats on the neighbouring plot. This means our plant nursery space has been greatly reduced. This is a challenge as it is the only part of our garden that is closed off, and some of our volunteers especially those on the Autism spectrum struggle being in a space with the general public so the plant nursery is really important for our more Therapeutic Horticultural work.

Despite the challenges with this we have persisted working with the council to manage this reduction of the size of a key part of our site and liaised with builders to facilitate their work and ours. While the size of our site has reduced, both the Tuesday and Sunday groups are still using it regularly and with the input of the additional community gardeners have increased what it produces in terms of plants and vegetables. As recognition for the delay in

completion of the building, the council have agreed to level the land they are returning to us and are also going to erect a new polytunnel for us.

We also garden in the Peace Garden in Elthorne Park, giving our volunteers the opportunity to learn more formal gardening skills. This space also continues to improve, and this year we have a volunteer with planting design experience who is working with our community gardener on a long-term project to revive the planting in the peace garden.

Working with our Community

At the start of the year we took growing out into the community, with a spring sunflower and nasturtium growing kit give-away. With the additional capacity of the gardening groups days volunteers were able to put together sunflower seed growing kits of seeds, pots and soil and give them out to over 100 people. People grew the sunflowers at home on the window sills in their flats, and many plants were returned to us so they could be planted in our family garden. Volunteers worked one-on-one with some families, supporting them to plant their sunflowers in our garden.



Volunteers made a model of our new building

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Financial review

Income for the year was £95,169 (2021: £48,147), of which £71,992 (2021: £33,163) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £61,945 (2021: £36,987). The reserves at the end of the accounting period were general funds £26,994 (2021: £14,282) and restricted reserves £49,070 (2021: £28,558).

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated 14 March 2002.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

H Wedmore

C Bourke

M Bourke

J Crisp

Z Gani

J Pearson

B Pavitt

A Swann

A Weir

The trustees are recruited from recommendations of local people with the mix of skills required by the Board.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees delegate the day-to-day management of the charity to a manager.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

B Pavitt **Trustee**

Date: 21/12/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sunnyside Community Gardens (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Frances Wilde FCCA DChA

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Warner Wilde Chartered Certified Accountants 4 Marigold Drive Bisley Surrey GU24 9SF

Dated: 21 December 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		nrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	9,597	-	9,597	74	-	74
Charitable activities	4	13,580	71,992	85,572	10,324	33,163	43,487
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	4,586	-	4,586
Total income		23,177	71,992	95,169	14,984	33,163	48,147
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	10,465	51,480	61,945	22,233	14,754	36,987
Net income for the year	ar/						
Net movement in fund	ls	12,712	20,512	33,224	(7,249)	18,409	11,160
Fund balances at 1 Apr	il 2021	14,282	28,558	42,840	21,531	10,149	31,680
Fund balances at 31 N 2022	larch	26,994	49,070	76,064	14,282	28,558	42,840
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

		2022	2	2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	10	941		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		76,394		44,011	
		77,335		44,011	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,272)		(1,170)	
Net current assets			76,063 ———		42,841
Income funds					
Restricted funds	12		49,070		28,558
Unrestricted funds			26,994		14,282
					40.040
			76,064		42,840

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21/12/2022

B Pavitt

Trustee

Company Registration No. 04394724

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sunnyside Community Gardens is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Sunnyside Ecology Centre, Hazelville Road, London, N19 3LX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest \mathfrak{L} .

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
2022 £	2021 £
Donations and gifts 9,597	74

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Income 2022 £	Charitable Income 2021 £
Sales within charitable activities	13,580	10,324
Performance related grants	71,992	33,163
	 85,572	43,487
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	13,580	10,324
Restricted funds	71,992	33,163
	85,572	43,487

5 Other trading activities

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising events	<u>-</u>	4,586

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

6 Charitable activities

						Charitable (penditure Ex 2022 £	
	Staff costs Charitable Projects					34,981 7,948	9,600 5,154
						42,929	14,754
	Share of support costs (se Share of governance costs					17,595 1,421	21,063 1,170
						61,945	36,987
	Analysis by fund Unrestricted funds Restricted funds					10,465 51,480 61,945	22,233 14,754 36,987
7	Support costs						
		Support Gov costs	vernance costs	2022	Support G costs	overnance costs	2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	General support costs Light and heat Subcontractors Printing, postage and	6,573 372 10,650	- - -	6,573 372 10,650	3,964 1,429 15,000	- - -	3,964 1,429 15,000
	stationery	-	-	-	669	-	669
	Bank and finance charges	-	143	143	-	-	_
	Independent Examiner fees	-	1,278	1,278	-	1,170	1,170
		17,595	1,421	19,016	21,062	1,170	22,232
	Analysed between Charitable activities	17,595	1,421	19,016	21,063	1,170	22,233

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

Expressed as full-time equivalent, the average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	2	1
Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries Other pension costs	34,680 301	9,600
	34,981	9,600

In the 2021 signed accounts, employment costs were included within charitable expenditure.

The charity employs 1 part-time Garden Manager and 3 part-time Community Gardeners.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 £	2021 £
	Prepayments and accrued income	941	
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022 £	2021 £
	Accruals and deferred income	1,272	1,170

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement	in funds		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended 31	Balance at March 2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
National Lottery								
Awards for All	3,965	-	(300)	3,665	56,283	(29,882)	30,066	
Lady Goulds								
Trust	-	8,670	(3,523)	5,147	-	(3,070)	2,077	
Morris								
Charitable Trust	5,613	2,500	(2,297)	5,816	_	(900)	4,916	
Nationwide	3,013	2,300	(2,291)	3,610	-	(900)	4,310	
Foundation	521	_	_	521	_	_	521	
Postcode								
Lottery								
Funding	-	18,887	(7,734)	11,153	-	(7,119)	4,034	
Elthorne								
Pride	50	-	-	50		-	50	
Coop Grant	-	595	-	595	5,442	(4,094)	1,943	
Support	-	2,511	(900)	1,611	-	-	1,611	
Kickstart					40.007	(0.445)	0.050	
Scheme	-	-	-	-	10,267	(6,415)	3,852	
	10,149	33,163	(14,754)	28,558	71,992	(51,480)	49,070	

National Lottery Awards for All: Funding for staffing, renovation of the pond and to erect new fences.

Lady Goulds Trust: Tuesday Cook and Grow for people in the community who need more support to access community gardening.

Morris Charitable Trust: one-off Covid relief grant.

Nationwide Foundation: Horticulture Therapy Project.

Skipton Building Society: New furniture for Portacabin

Postcode Lottery Funding: running Monday 'Green Gym' community gardening and Friday community gardens drop-ins for local people.

Co-op Grant: a grant for local cause, i.e. supporting the community garden.

Kickstart scheme: Funding for staffing under the government kickstart scheme.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Analysis of net assets	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by: Current assets/						
(liabilities)	26,994	49,070	76,064	14,283	28,558	42,841
				-		
	26,994	49,070	76,064	14,283	28,558	42,841

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).