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Company registration number 04394724 (England and Wales)

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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1092031

Company number

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SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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.



Sunnyside
Community Gardens

Sunnyside Community Gardens Trustee's Report

April 2023 - March 2024



Volunteers organise a plant delivery

Achievements

2023-24 was another busy and successful year for Sunnyside.

- For the second year running, we are delivering more. The number of days we were open for gardening, the number of volunteers involved in our activities, and the total number of days volunteers came to garden all increased compared with the previous year. This year we increased our average number of volunteers per day by 24% to 10.6 volunteers per day.
- We also hit— and surpassed— the group engagement targets we set ourselves when awarded National Lottery funding in 2021 to create a garden-based community hub for the local area.
- We were awarded again £5,000 from Islington Council's Community Chest grants programme which enabled us to continue and to expand our 'Cook & Grow' project where we provide opportunity for local residents with high levels of support needs a chance to get involved in gardening and make meals utilising in part produce grown by them in our vegetable garden. Many of these volunteers have been referred to us by medical professionals as a social prescription.
- Glenman, with the support of Islington Council, completed the polytunnel in our plant nursery. This has already been incredibly useful and enabled us to grow more plants for use in the garden and to raise funds at our monthly community social event and plant sale. It has also provided us with a useful sheltered indoor space for 'bad-weather' gardening and community meetings
- We continued to make progress with our long-term aim for a fit-for-purpose volunteer building to replace our original volunteer building burnt down in an arson attack in 2013. We continued with our negotiations with Islington Council to be granted a lease for the garden— an essential prerequisite when applying for capital grants—We further developed our building design with a local architect in consultation with our staff, volunteers and visitors and developed plans to go to pre-planning.
- Sunnyside Community Garden was the focus of an article published in the Financial Times on the value of community gardens and the financial challenges community gardens face in the current funding environment.

Our work

For the third year, we have been consistently open for volunteer gardening 4 days a week, each day with a different focus and with a different community gardener leading the day.

Our staff team (comprising a manager, three community gardeners and an administrator—all of whom work part-time) remained stable throughout the year. This stability contributed to each of the gardening days becoming busier, with many more volunteers attending them on a regular basis. These volunteer gardeners are our main beneficiaries and also contributors to all that we achieve, coming together to support and learn from each other and enjoy making a beautiful open-access garden for the wider community to use as a community resource.

The wildflower meadow in our nature reserve was extensively worked on throughout the year to alter its fertility and balance of plants to encourage growth of a diverse range of native wild flowers. The more formal Morris Family Garden and raised beds were kept well-maintained and planted up with bulbs and bee-friendly perennial flowering plants to provide a good display of flowers throughout the year and support diversity. We also replanted several beds of the Noel-Baker Peace Garden which we look after on behalf of Islington Council as part of a decade-long project to restore this important historical garden.

Land in our plant nursery was returned to us after being taken over for several years by the local council, to enable construction of new social housing on an adjacent plot. This space was brought back into use to increase the area devoted to growing vegetables, and for a new polytunnel. This new covered space enabled us to grow-on plants raised from seed and cuttings for use in the gardens and to raise money through plant sales.

This year saw an increase in the number of volunteers with high levels of support needs attending the 'Cook and Grow' project on Tuesday. This meant that in March we decided to redeploy our outreach worker to assist the community gardener running the 'Cook and Grow' project. Despite this, we were still able to welcome and support other groups to visit and make use of our garden.

A group of students with special educational needs and disabilities from Leyton College visited nine times over 2-3 months to gain gardening work experience. Bright Start Islington (North) ran weekly "Stay and Play" sessions in our family garden throughout the year for parents with preschool children. St Mungo's charity arranged for participants in their Putting Down Roots scheme to visit Sunnyside to introduce them to an alternative gardening scheme they could join once their own scheme ended. We also were able to host a corporate volunteering day for—DCC Smart—they gardened with us as part of a team-building day and gave a donation.

There were many celebrations and gatherings in the gardens, including:

- Local nursery schools used the garden to hold graduation events for children moving on to primary school.
- In July we celebrated both the Peace Garden's 39th birthday and Sunnyside Community Garden's 46th birthday when we were given a £500 gift card from Glenman, the contractor for the Council's social housing development being built on land adjacent to our plant nursery.
- Proxevita, a band from a community garden in North Carolina USA gave a concert for local residents and volunteers on a gloriously hot summer day.
- Less formally, many local people used the gardens to hold birthday parties, family picnics and barbecues.

For the local community we ran 11 Sunday Socials with a plant sale, a cake stalls, occasional children's events and a seasonal activity. An Easter egg hunt, a "Sunflower Growing Kit" give-away in the summer and a wreath-making class were particularly popular and attended by many people from our surrounding housing estates.

Volunteers

Volunteers form the core of the warm and supportive community at Sunnyside. They work together with the community gardeners on the shared goal of making a beautiful back garden and nature space for everyone who lives in Hillrise. This year we increased our average number of volunteers per day by 24% to 10.6 volunteers per day.

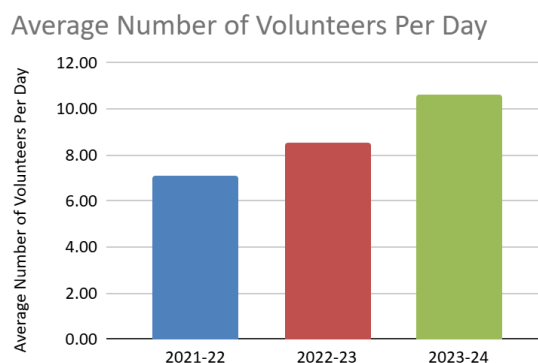
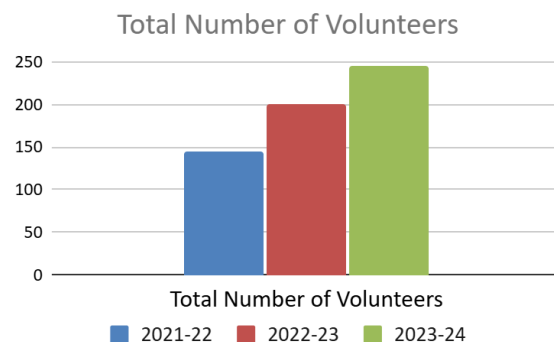
- We increased the number of days we were open for volunteer gardening from 182 to 188
- We increased the number of volunteer days (the total number of days all the volunteers put together volunteer for Sunnyside) from 1558 to 1992
- Lastly the total number of people who came to the garden to volunteer increased from 177 last year to 246 this year.

We are inclusive of people with many types of differences. We have people from different social and ethnic backgrounds, different amounts of financial wealth and a wide spectrum of mental, physical and emotional health.

Sunnyside embodies an asset-based approach, focusing on people's strengths and talents rather than on what they can't do. We have many great gardeners, litter pickers, DIY

enthusiasts, nature lovers, kimchi makers, bakers, first aiders, composters and people who are good at sitting down and chatting with someone who needs a friendly face and welcome. Our volunteers get to know their neighbours and make firm friendships at Sunnyside. Volunteers take time to welcome and talk with the many visitors to the garden (and their pets) to make Hillrise a greener and friendlier place.

We are reaching the maximum number of volunteers we currently have capacity for. Comparing this financial year to the previous three years clearly shows that our volunteer numbers have increased year on year. The number of volunteers who volunteer with us and the number of days they come has also increased, as well as the average number of volunteers who come each day.



Community building

At Sunnyside we focus on community building. We create opportunities for people to socialise and feel a sense of ownership of the gardens. As well as special events and community meetings, our days are structured to support these aims. We always start the

day with a group meeting, where the community gardener and volunteers together plan the day's work, taking account of individuals strengths and preferences.

We also sit down together for a free healthy lunch cooked each day by a volunteer. It's a great opportunity for newcomers to get to know their fellow volunteers and become part of our community. For many the Sunnyside lunch is the favourite part of the day and it is a way that we can show our appreciation to all the volunteers who come to garden. Many of the ingredients for our lunches are sourced from our plant nursery or from a weekly donation from a local VegBox scheme, or from local shops.

To show our thanks to all our volunteers and give people the chance to meet and get to know others who volunteer on days they may not attend we have two volunteer parties a year. The Summer Party where we have an evening picnic in the garden and the Winter Party where we hire an event space in a local pub. Both events are well attended and hugely enjoyed and help us build our strong, caring community.

“We all come here to heal”

In Spring 2023 Simon Kuper from the Financial Times visited Sunnyside to research an article on the value of community gardens and the challenges many face to obtain the funding necessary to operate.

His article was published in the FT Weekend in May 2023. Heading the article with a quote from one of our volunteers “we all come here to heal” he stated that “Community gardens can help with conditions from obesity to loneliness”, and he made a strong case for the need to protect and fund community gardens: “British local councils rarely give grants to community gardens anymore. Worse, authorities will always be tempted to replace these places with homes or roads, which can show a financial return - as if somewhere like Sunnyside were a luxury rather than one of the last vestiges of community that many people have”.

Looking ahead

The stability and extra resources provided by the National Lottery grant, allowed us to better develop how we plan our activities and how we evaluate the impact of our work. At Sunnyside key decisions are often now made at large meetings, involving not only the trustees and staff but also the volunteers and regular visitors and users of the gardens. We promote inclusive and sociable meetings where everyone can input, and all ideas are respected. We work to come to decisions primarily with a consensus decision making process.

During the year we engaged external evaluators “Shephard and Moyes” to help Sunnyside improve our evaluation and better describe the benefits of our work. In June they ran a half-day open meeting with a cross-section of our volunteers exploring what their goals were for Sunnyside and how best to measure our impact. Together we came up with a plan of how to gather evidence and Shephard and Moyes, using the volunteer’s input, devised visitor and volunteer surveys which we launched in December. Over winter our volunteers and visitors filled in these paper or online surveys, often working in pairs to make the process more sociable and to support those who have challenges with literacy, English or IT. We completed this first large survey in the Spring and will receive the final evaluators report in early 2025. The findings will inform our future development plans and provide us with solid evidenced-based data that can be used in future funding bids.

The other major area that we made progress, was on developing our plans for a new volunteer building. Since 2013 (when our original building was burnt down in an arson attack) we have been based in an old, dilapidated construction site cabin. With the growth in our activities and volunteer numbers, this is now totally inadequate for our needs. A local architect, Cooke Fawcett, has worked with us to design a new building. This involved extensive consultation with volunteers to ensure the building will be fit-for-purpose. In April we launched a fundraising appeal for this with 30 people from the local community including our local MP, councillors and council officers. As well as a GoFundMe page, several volunteers have held their own fundraising initiatives, including yoga classes in the garden, sponsored runs, an open mic music event and a sponsored litter pick.

The three-year National Lottery “Community Hub” grant will come to an end in August 2024. Therefore, we have started applying for grants so that we can continue with the work of the last three years.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Financial review

Income for the year was £98,581 (2023: £93,873), of which £73,332 (2023: £76,491) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £97,010 (2023: £77,585). The reserves at the end of the accounting period were general funds £44,435 (2023: £47,372) and restricted reserves £49,488 (2023: £44,980).

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:

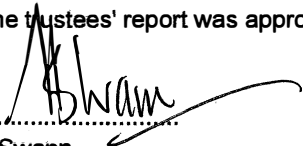
H Wedmore	(Resigned 15 May 2023)
C Bourke	(Resigned 24 May 2024)
M Bourke	
J Crisp	
Z Gani	
J Pearson	
B Pavitt	(Resigned 24 May 2024)
A Swann	
A Weir	

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.



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A Swann
Trustee

Date: 20/12/24

SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS

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 2024.

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
- 3 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
- 4 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.



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Dated: 20 December 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	20,382	5,710	26,092	13,032	1,000	14,032
Charitable activities	4	3,959	67,622	71,581	2,858	75,491	78,349
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	1,411	-	1,411
Investments	6	-	-	-	81	-	81
Other income	7	908	-	908	-	-	-
Total income		<u>25,249</u>	<u>73,332</u>	<u>98,581</u>	<u>17,382</u>	<u>76,491</u>	<u>93,873</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	8	28,046	68,964	97,010	13,135	64,450	77,585
Total expenditure		<u>28,046</u>	<u>68,964</u>	<u>97,010</u>	<u>13,135</u>	<u>64,450</u>	<u>77,585</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(2,797)</u>	<u>4,368</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>4,247</u>	<u>12,041</u>	<u>16,288</u>
Transfers between funds		(140)	140	-	16,131	(16,131)	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(2,937)</u>	<u>4,508</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>20,378</u>	<u>(4,090)</u>	<u>16,288</u>
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>47,372</u>	<u>44,980</u>	<u>92,352</u>	<u>26,994</u>	<u>49,070</u>	<u>76,064</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>44,435</u></u>	<u><u>49,488</u></u>	<u><u>93,923</u></u>	<u><u>47,372</u></u>	<u><u>44,980</u></u>	<u><u>92,352</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		97,338		93,682	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(3,415)</u>		<u>(1,330)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>93,923</u>		<u>92,352</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	15		49,488		44,980
Unrestricted funds	16		<u>44,435</u>		<u>47,372</u>
			<u>93,923</u>		<u>92,352</u>

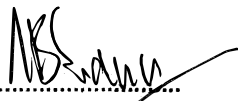
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 20/12/24



A Swann
Trustee

Company registration number 04394724 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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 £.

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 or grantors 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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.

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.

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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.

1.7 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.

1.8 Retirement benefits

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	15,182	5,710	20,892	13,032	1,000	14,032
Donated goods and services	5,200	-	5,200	-	-	-
	<u>20,382</u>	<u>5,710</u>	<u>26,092</u>	<u>13,032</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>14,032</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Charitable activities						
Sale of goods	3,959	-	3,959	2,858	-	2,858
Performance related grants	-	67,622	67,622	-	75,491	75,491
	<u>3,959</u>	<u>67,622</u>	<u>71,581</u>	<u>2,858</u>	<u>75,491</u>	<u>78,349</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	-	1,411
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,411</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	-	81

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	908	-

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	55,417	46,858
Charitable Projects	10,514	11,543
	<u>65,931</u>	<u>58,401</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Support	29,614	17,860
Governance	1,465	1,324
	<u>97,010</u>	<u>77,585</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	28,046	13,135
Restricted funds	68,964	64,450
	<u>97,010</u>	<u>77,585</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	3,822	-
General support costs	9,439	10,780
Light and heat	964	634
Subcontractors	11,320	4,773
Printing, postage and stationery	956	1,673
National Lottery Evaluation	1,913	-
Christmas bonus honorarium	700	-
Charity birthday celebration (gift in kind)	500	-
Governance costs	1,465	1,324
	<u>31,079</u>	<u>19,184</u>
	<u>31,079</u>	<u>19,184</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>31,079</u>	<u>19,184</u>

10 Trustees

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

11 Employees

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

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	3	2
	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Employment costs		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	50,525	46,289
Social security costs	6,877	-
Other pension costs	1,837	569
	<u>59,239</u>	<u>46,858</u>
	<u>59,239</u>	<u>46,858</u>

The charity employs 3 part-time staff comprised of one manager and two gardeners.

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

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11 Employees (Continued)

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	31,137	-

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,415	1,330

14 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

	2024 £	2023 £
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,837	569

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	30,066	69,447	(55,337)	-	44,176	61,507	(65,150)	-	40,533
Lady Goulds Trust	2,077	-	-	(2,077)	-	-	-	-	-
Morris Charitable Trust	4,916	-	-	(4,916)	-	-	-	-	-
Nationwide Foundation	521	-	-	(521)	-	-	-	-	-
Postcode Lottery Funding	4,034	-	-	(4,034)	-	-	-	-	-
Elthorne Pride	50	-	-	(50)	-	-	-	-	-
Coop Grant	1,943	-	(1,975)	32	-	1,115	-	-	1,115
Support	1,611	-	-	(1,611)	-	-	-	-	-
Kickstart Scheme	3,852	1,044	(1,942)	(2,954)	-	-	-	-	-
Cripplegate Foundation 2022	-	5,000	(4,196)	-	804	-	(944)	140	-
Cripplegate Foundation 2023	-	-	-	-	-	5,121	(2,870)	-	2,251
LB Islington - New gates	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building fund	-	-	-	-	-	5,589	-	-	5,589
	<u>49,070</u>	<u>76,491</u>	<u>(64,450)</u>	<u>(16,131)</u>	<u>44,980</u>	<u>73,332</u>	<u>(68,964)</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>49,488</u>

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15 Restricted funds

(Continued)

National Lottery: to support volunteer gardeners.

New Building: donations for costs towards the new building.

Cripple Gate Foundation: a grant towards Tuesday supported Gardening.

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	47,372	25,249	(28,046)	(140)	44,435
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	26,994	17,382	(13,135)	16,131	47,372
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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	44,696	49,227	93,923
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	44,696	49,227	93,923
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Per balance sheet	44,435	49,488	93,923
Balance to allocate	(261)	261	-

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2023:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	47,372	44,980	92,352
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	47,372	44,980	92,352
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).