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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155534

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 29 JANUARY 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014
FOR
THE GREEN BACKYARD**

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FOR THE PERIOD 29 JANUARY 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 29 January 2014 to 30 September 2014. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 30 September 2014

Trustees

Rich Hill Chair
Alun Williams Secretary
Karen Lawrence Treasurer
Mandy Jones HR
Matt Robinson Volunteer Co-ordinator
Stuart Middleton Media
Lucia Serluca Councillor
Renny Antonelli Co-founder
Jasmine Bennet
Vanessa Pool
Luke Payn
Jay Gearing

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Charity Name and Status

The charity is called The Green Backyard and is governed by a Constitution which became effective from incorporation as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 29 January 2014. The Green Backyard is registered as charity number 1155534.

Objects and Activities

The charitable purposes of the CIO are:

1. To develop the capacity and skills of members of socially or economically disadvantaged communities within the community of interest in such ways that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society, including by:
 - a. equipping people with skills and competencies which they would not otherwise have;
 - b. realising existing skills and developing potential;
 - c. promoting people's self-confidence; and
 - d. encouraging people to get involved in their community and wider society.
2. To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:
 - a. the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
 - b. the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.
 - c. the advancement of education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

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Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

The Green Backyard is a vibrant community growing project in the heart of Peterborough, which was established in 2009 and is run entirely by volunteers. From this urban space we have transformed a once derelict former allotment site into a beautiful and productive community garden that is open to everyone. We are passionate about sustainability and work to raise awareness of environmental issues by involving the community in informative, practical demonstrations and workshops. We work with many different individuals and groups, as well as various schools, businesses and other organisations from across Peterborough and beyond.

Charity governance

Trustees are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting, which is open to all members. During the period covered by this report, trustees are meeting fortnightly to help tackle the challenges of overseeing a young charity, and are responsible for all operating decisions.

Nominations for additional trustees may be made before the Annual General Meeting, for consideration at that meeting.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The activities described in this report have been undertaken for the public benefit and in pursuit of the charity's objects.

Reserves

The CIO does not currently have a formal reserves policy. This will be agreed by the board of trustees during 2014/15.

Election of first trustees

The first trustees of the CIO were elected at a Springtime AGM held at the Belsize Community Centre, just a short walk from The Green Backyard, resulting in the creation of a talented and motivated board of twelve. The trustees were drawn from the local community and regular volunteer base, and share a wealth of professional experience across a broad set of disciplines.

Volunteering to be healthy and learn new skills

Throughout the year The Green Backyard provided a constant stream of opportunities for volunteers to stay busy, contribute to the local community, and learn new skills. In the winter months our volunteers focused on activities like working hard to keep the site tidy; preparing soil for the growing season ahead; building of raised beds; planting of fruit trees in the urban orchard; designing and erecting new signage. In the Spring and Summer months, attention turned more to the day to day horticultural tasks of digging over beds, weeding, and nurturing plants to help produce another bountiful harvest, that included a whole variety of fruit and vegetables.

The Green Backyard events calendar allowed teams of volunteers to actively participate in the organisation, promotion, and running of events, where skills as diverse as stakeholder management, and helping to prepare and serve healthy food, could be learned and practiced.

Our volunteers come from a wide variety of backgrounds and have a broad set of needs. All find a friendly welcome at The Green Backyard and a space in which to learn, grow, and recover.

We believe passionately in the benefits to health and mental wellbeing to be gained through volunteering and interacting with the land and community.

Ethically sourced and built food shop

On 2 May 2014, Backyard Foods opened for trade, selling ethically produced foods and domestic goods. The shop, situated just inside the main entrance to The Green Backyard, is built into an upcycled shipping container using predominantly recycled materials. It is proving a great success in providing service to the local community, drawing new visitors to The Green Backyard, offering new volunteer and training opportunities, and generating additional income for the charity.

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Raising Awareness: awards and positive media coverage

The Green Backyard team has worked hard to raise the profile of the charity, bringing it to the attention of new audiences through local, national, and social media. Alongside prominent articles in local newspapers, magazines, and radio broadcasts, two achievements are of particular note:

" Co-founders Renny and Sophie Antonelli were listed in the Independent on Sunday's Happy List 2014, recognising those who give back to their communities.

" Sophie Antonelli, and garden designer Jeni Cairns were presented a Gold Medal and Best in Show Summer Garden award at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show, and featured on national television (BBC One Gardeners World). The Green Backyard inspired garden was sculpted using recycled materials, and planted with mix of edible and drought tolerant plants. It also acted as a performance space for Peterborough based performance artists, highlighting an important aspect of The Green Backyard in supporting the arts and encouraging creativity. Following the flower show, the garden was deconstructed, transported back to Peterborough, and rebuilt on the premises of local arts organisation Metal where the public can still enjoy it.

Such attention helps The Green Backyard promote its core purposes and communicate the many benefits of the community garden.

Education

School groups, including those with special education needs, continue to be frequent visitors to The Green Backyard. The children are able to take advantage of an alternative classroom setting and participate in a variety of learning experiences including how to grow plants, learning where their food comes from, and enjoying traditional crafts like willow-weaving and clay modeling.

The period of this report also saw a growing number of adult learners visiting The Green Backyard to participate in a variety of classes based on traditional crafts and food. Part of the reason for this success has been a growing relationship with Greeniversity, the national skills sharing network.

Events

We have witnessed an impressive calendar of events at The Green Backyard, attracting people in large numbers and raising welcome funds. These included the very successful May Day Celebration, and the hosting of a Big Lunch Extras event in partnership with The Eden Project, Cornwall. Two other events of note were our International Bring-and-Share Picnic, celebrating the culture and diversity of Peterborough, and The Big Worm Dig run in conjunction with Riverford Organic, which saw over 100 children take part in an earthworm survey, alongside activities such as pond dipping and learning traditional woodcrafts.

Exciting things to look forward to

The board of trustees are proactively seeking funds to further the charitable objects of the CIO, and the period of this report has seen two major success:

" Awarded £17,500 by City College Peterborough to run a series of education classes for the Community Learning Trust.

" Awarded a £40,000 grant from People's Health Trust to create and run a community cafe at The Green Backyard. The funds cover employment costs for the 2 year term of the grant. The aim of the project is to increase the social health and cohesion within the local community, and provide a series of workshops and events promoting a make-do-and-mend culture. The project is due to begin Spring 2015.

Each year, The Green Backyard goes from strength to strength, and the trustees and volunteers of The Green Backyard are excited by the opportunities to make a contribution to society, and look forward to the work ahead.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 August 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Alun Williams - Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE GREEN BACKYARD**

I report on the accounts for the period 29 January 2014 to 30 September 2014 set out on pages six to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

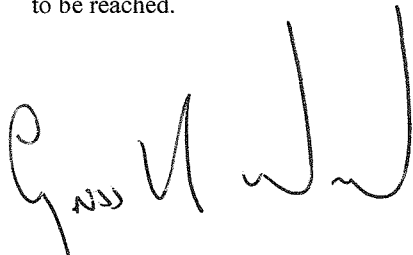
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) 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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3 August 2015

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 29 JANUARY 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income		16,666
Activities for generating funds	2	5,317
Investment income	3	<u>26</u>
Total incoming resources		22,009
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating funds		
Costs of generating voluntary income		2,943
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		5,289
Governance costs		<u>828</u>
Total resources expended		9,060
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		12,949
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>12,949</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

	Notes	£	Unrestricted fund £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank			13,777
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5		(828)
			<hr/>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>12,949</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<hr/> 12,949
NET ASSETS			<u>12,949</u>
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted funds			<u>12,949</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>12,949</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 30 September 2014.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2014 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 3 August 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 29 JANUARY 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	£
Fundraising events	2,772
Shop income	<u>2,545</u>
	<u>5,317</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	£
Rents received	24
Deposit account interest	<u>2</u>
	<u>26</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 30 September 2014.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 30 September 2014.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE PERIOD 29 JANUARY 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Other creditors	£ <u>828</u>
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 30/9/14 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	12,949	12,949
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,949</u>	<u>12,949</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,009	(9,060)	12,949
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>22,009</u>	<u>(9,060)</u>	<u>12,949</u>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 29 JANUARY 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

	£
INCOMING RESOURCES	
Voluntary income	
Donations	1,867
Grants	<u>14,799</u>
	16,666
Activities for generating funds	
Fundraising events	2,772
Shop income	<u>2,545</u>
	5,317
Investment income	
Rents received	24
Deposit account interest	<u>2</u>
	<u>26</u>
Total incoming resources	22,009
RESOURCES EXPENDED	
Costs of generating voluntary income	
Insurance	513
Rent	1,604
Waste disposal	252
Postage and stationery	20
Advertising	113
Travel & subsistence	<u>441</u>
	2,943
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	
Purchases	3,965
Events	<u>1,324</u>
	5,289
Governance costs	
Accountancy	<u>828</u>
Total resources expended	9,060
Net income	<u><u>12,949</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements