

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017
FOR
THE GREEN BACKYARD**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

Chair:

Rich Hill (until 31st Jan 2017)
Paul Hetherington (from 31st Jan 2017)

Secretary:

Alun Williams

Treasurer:

Peter Slinger (until 18th June 2016),
Paul Hetherington (6th July 2016-31st Jan 2017)
Hazel Perry (from 31st Jan 2017)

Vice Chair:

Alun Williams (5th Nov 2016 - 31st Jan 2017)
Sophie Antonelli (from 15th March 2017)

Trustees:

Sophie Antonelli (elected 21st Jan 2017)
Jay Gearing (retired and re-elected 21st Jan 2017)
Paul Hetherington
Rich Hill (retired and re-elected 21st Jan 2017)
Mandy Jones
Stuart Middleton
Luke Payn (retired 21st Jan 2017)
Hazel Perry (elected 21st Jan 2017)
Vanessa Pool
Mark Richards
Matt Robinson (resigned 4th August 2016)
Peter Slinger
Alun Williams

Bankers

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Website

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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 30 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;
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- 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.

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 met monthly to help tackle the challenges of overseeing a young charity, and were 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 charity adopted the following reserves policy during the year: to hold an unrestricted reserve equal to a minimum of three months of average expenditure, less expenditure on restricted projects for which funding is already held in the restricted reserve. It is the charity's intention to cap the unrestricted reserve at six months total expenditure.

Period of report

The report covers the charity's accounting year from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

Chair's Report (Paul Hetherington)

The year was another year of struggle to retain our right to remain on the piece of land that makes us The Green Backyard. A fight which thankfully, in principle at least, was resolved just before the year end, with our landlords Peterborough City Council announcing that we were going to have a lease, and recognising the huge positive social and environmental impact The Green Backyard has on the city. Negotiations on a lease then began in earnest, though their conclusion is a tale for next year's report.

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The year saw some changes in the board membership with Matt Robinson retiring from the board in August 2016, and then Luke Payn bowing out at our January AGM. At that AGM two new members were welcomed onto the board: Hazel Perry and Sophie Antonelli (one of our founders). Sophie had herself taken some time out earlier in the year. There was some change over amongst the officers too, with Chair changing from Rich Hill to Paul Hetherington in February 2017, a new post of Vice Chair created and filled by Sophie Antonelli from March 2017, and the role of treasurer changing from Peter Slinger to Paul Hetherington in July 2016 and then to Hazel Perry in February 2017. We are thankful to all of these current and former trustees and officers for the time, energy and dedication they have contributed to The Green Backyard.

The year also saw a challenge in terms of site management: changes in circumstance meant that a number of our long-term volunteer site managers could not continue in this role, and so in order to maintain our opening hours and core services we took the decision to pay contractors for their time, also deciding to ensure we always have two site managers present on any one day to avoid any lone working or related health and safety issues. A huge thank you to all those who have assisted in ensuring the site has remained open throughout this period.

This year as well as the usual array of events saw The Green Backyard play host to the Smugglers Festival, an afternoon and evening of great bands and entertainment– a real cultural coup for Peterborough to host a leg of this national tour. We are indebted to Metal and several funders for enabling this event.

The year also saw the completion of The Green Backyard's new business plan, a key plank in ensuring success with the lease negotiations and a huge achievement for a volunteer led organisation. During the year we invested the M&S solar energy grant into an array of solar panels and batteries that can be used on site or at external events. It was also a year when volunteers came together to resurrect the onsite shop selling healthy foods at affordable prices to local people. The Green Backyard completed a very successful CLT Programme for City College that reached numbers well in excess of target, earning us a small bonus to invest in better on site facilities.

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

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Independent examiner

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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.

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

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Trustee

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

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 set out on pages five to eleven.

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 year (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.

Gross Klein Wood
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Date:

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	Not es	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Year Ended 31/3/17 Total funds £	Year Ended 31/3/16 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		20,419	29,980	50,399	57,304
Activities for generating funds	2	350	-	350	7,516
Investment income	3	-	-	-	40
Total incoming resources		20,769	29,980	50,749	64,860
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,377	-	1,377	1,653
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		10,629	38,824	49,453	13,359
Governance costs		5,679	-	5,679	6,184
Other resources expended		<u>11,415</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>12,460</u>	<u>1,648</u>
Total resources expended		29,100	39,869	68,969	22,844
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		(8,331)	(9,889)	(18,220)	42,016
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		5,447	58,834	64,281	22,265
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(2,884)</u>	<u>48,945</u>	<u>46,061</u>	<u>64,281</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE GREEN BACKYARD**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2017**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	31.3.17 Total funds	31.3.16 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		30,074	11,057	41,131	65,601
Debtors	6	6,250	-	6,250	-
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,320)	-	(1,320)	(1,320)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>35,004</u>	<u>11,057</u>	<u>46,061</u>	<u>64,281</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>35,004</u>	<u>11,057</u>	<u>46,061</u>	<u>64,281</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>35,004</u>	<u>11,057</u>	<u>46,061</u>	<u>64,281</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7			35,004	5,447
Restricted funds				<u>11,057</u>	<u>58,834</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>46,061</u>	<u>64,281</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
AT 31 MARCH 2017**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 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 January 2015).

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

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Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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

	Year Ended 31/3/17	Year Ended 31/3/16
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	3,917
Shop income	<u>350</u>	<u>3,599</u>
	<u>350</u>	<u>7,516</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended 31/3/17	Year Ended 31/3/16
	£	£
Rents received	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the period ended 31 March 2016.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2017 nor for the period ended 31 March 2016.

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,320</u>

6. DEBTORS

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£	£
Prepayments	1,500	-
Stocks	<u>4,750</u>	<u>-</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/16	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/17
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,447	(8,331)	(2,884)
Restricted funds			
Paypal	11,007	(11,007)	-
Grants & Contracts	47,827	1,118	48,945
	<u>64,281</u>	<u>(18,220)</u>	<u>46,061</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,769	(29,100)	(8,331)
Restricted funds			
Paypal	-	(11,007)	(11,007)
Grants & Contracts	29,980	(39,869)	(9,889)
	<u>50,749</u>	<u>(79,976)</u>	<u>(29,227)</u>

THE GREEN BACKYARD**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	Year Ended 31/3/17 £	Year Ended 31/3/16 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	11,919	9,477
Small cash donations	8,500	-
Grants & Contracts	<u>29,980</u>	<u>47,827</u>
	50,399	57,304
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events	-	3,917
Shop income	<u>350</u>	<u>3,599</u>
	350	7,516
Investment income		
Rents received	<u>-</u>	<u>40</u>
Total incoming resources	50,749	64,860
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating voluntary income		
Insurance	443	591
Rent and utilities	<u>934</u>	<u>1,062</u>
	1,377	1,653
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
Purchases and direct costs	43,966	5,169
Teaching costs	9,812	3,980
Events	318	2,554
Travel & subsistence	61	156
Donations	46	1,500
Closing stock	<u>(4,750)</u>	<u>-</u>
	49,453	13,359
Governance costs		
Accountancy	528	1,320
Subscriptions	220	-
Site management	2,774	-
Legal & professional fees	1,912	4,864
Training	<u>245</u>	<u>-</u>
	5,679	6,184
Support costs		

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

	Year Ended 31/3/17 £	Year Ended 31/3/16 £
Management		
Postage and stationery	1,934	1,521
Management costs	10,500	-
Finance		
Bank charges	<u>26</u>	<u>127</u>
Total resources expended	68,969	22,844
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Net income	<u>(18,220)</u>	<u>42,016</u>

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