

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155534**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016  
FOR  
THE GREEN BACKYARD**

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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 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

#### **Trustees**

Rich Hill     Chair  
Alun Williams     Secretary  
Peter Slinger Treasurer (from November)

Jay Gearing  
Mandy Jones  
Karen Lawrence (resigned 8 October 2015)  
Stuart Middleton  
Luke Payn  
Vanessa Pool  
Matt Robinson  
Lucia Serluca (resigned 8 October 2015)

Paul Hetherington (elected 8 October 2015)  
Mark Richards (elected 8 October 2015)  
Peter Slinger (elected 8 October 2015)

#### **Bankers**

CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

#### **Website**

[www.thegreenbackyard.com](http://www.thegreenbackyard.com)

#### **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;
  - 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 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 did not have a formal reserves policy in place for the period in question, but at the year end sufficient funds were available to continue operations for a minimum of six months.

#### **Period of report**

The report covers the charity's accounting year from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

#### **Volunteering to be healthy and learn new skills**

On our four open days every week, The Green Backyard provides a constant stream of opportunities for volunteers to stay busy, contribute to the local community, and learn new skills, forming the heart of our charitable activity. All find a friendly welcome 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 local community, and we continually strive to improve the life chances of the socially and/or economically disadvantaged and to promote sustainable lifestyles.

In addition to our on site activities, volunteers raised much needed funds for us to continue our work. In June 2015 a team of Green Backyard supporters raised over £1500 by completing the "Three Peaks Challenge".

#### **Education**

At The Green Backyard we are very fortunate to have a unique, creative working environment which can be utilised in a range of ways.

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The initial focus during this period was continuing to deliver the 2014-15 educational programme outlined in our £17,500 Community Learning Trust contract with Peterborough City College. The programme covered a wide range of courses from garden design to storytelling, and was aimed at supporting disadvantaged adults aged 19+. The purposes of Community Learning funding are to:

- maximise access to community learning for adults, bringing new opportunities and improving lives, whatever people's circumstances

- promote social renewal by bringing local communities together to experience the joy of learning and the pride that comes with achievement

- maximise the impact of community learning on the social and economic well-being of individuals, families and communities.

The 2014-15 CLT program went well with 90% of students rating the courses as excellent. As well as allowing learners to work with a diversity of materials and subject matter in innovative ways, the programme enabled the charity to experiment further with eco-building techniques, to attract and retain volunteers, and work with highly creative teachers.

As the year ended the charity was preparing to deliver a second round of CLT courses and had recruited a coordinator who was in the process of creating a diverse and creative course programme. It is anticipated that the charity will continue to learn from the experience of the CLT programme and use this experience to progress to more advanced courses, and attract more learners from disadvantaged communities.

#### Other Events

We continued to hold regular community celebrations at The Green Backyard, which attracted people in large numbers, raising awareness of our charitable purpose, and bringing-in welcome funds. Our Christmas Fair, for example, saw a range of local artisans offering handmade products from a range of traditional crafts, whilst people gathered alongside in festive goodwill to enjoy the hot food and carol singing.

For several years the Green Backyard has been the venue for the Overground Arts Jam. This event did not take place in 2015, so we organised our own event to celebrate the city's creative talent: "Hive" saw many visual artists creating work "live" at The Green Backyard, and also featured poets and musicians, as well as a host of activities including everything from open-air philosophy to a keenly contested tug of war.

Other events included the ever-popular Pitch-In picnic in June, and, in its second year, September's International Picnic. The 2015 International Picnic raised awareness of the plight of refugees; the Green Backyard having acted as an important local donation point for essential supplies for refugees during the summer months. In the late autumn several hundred pounds were raised at a Ceilidh. This was another event organised "in house" this year, in previous years it was organised by Peterborough in Transition.

Our volunteers are at the heart of running our events, ensuring that control is in the hands of people who matter and supporting a process for long-term engagement across communities. This leads to local people creating the events they want, and having the opportunity to learn new skills in fields like Marketing, PR, project planning and implementation, so empowering them to reach their potential.

#### Partnerships

The Green Backyard continued to punch above its weight in the cultural life of the city. For example, many Green Backyard volunteers and trustees were involved with Metal's award winning "Harvest" event, which as well as being both a wonderful community celebration and superb cultural event, encouraged people to ponder issues connected with our food supply, including its sustainability and environmental impact. Green Backyard volunteers continued to provide a café at the lunchtime talks and concerts organised by the St John's CIC, raising many hundreds of pounds for the charity in the process. The Green Backyard also supplied several of the speakers at these talks. Meanwhile many locally based charities and voluntary groups continued to use The Green Backyard as a venue for their activities, in most cases also enhancing the ways in which the charity is able to deliver its charitable objectives.

In October, after a keenly contested online vote, The Green Backyard was awarded £12,500 of funding by the M&S Energy Fund to enable the purchase of more solar panels. Once installed it is hoped the new panels will make it easier to keep the batteries used to power the hub charged up, allowing us to run more events in the evening and during the darker months.

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#### Challenges

As the year began, the six month moratorium period ensured by The Green Backyard's status as an Asset of Community Value had just ended, and a decision on the future of the site was awaited from Peterborough City Council, following its decision to put it up for sale at the end of 2014. It soon became apparent that there would be no quick decision on the site's long term future, but a more hopeful period began with negotiations between the charity and the council over a proposed memorandum of understanding. As part of this process, the council asked The Green Backyard to create a five year business plan detailing its plans for the site. The trustees formed a Business Development Committee to oversee the creation of this plan, and work on it continued throughout the year. As the year ended a final version was being worked on, following favourable feedback on the initial draft from the city council. Although the long term future of the site remains in doubt, the trustees are becoming increasingly optimistic that negotiations to secure the charity's tenure on the site will eventually reach a successful outcome.

Another challenge facing the charity at the end of the year was continuing to keep the site open for four days per week: after more than seven years as site manager for most of our open days co-founder Renny Antonelli was beginning a well-deserved sabbatical, and a four-month trial was beginning of a new site management regime. Writing this several months after the year end, we now know that further changes lay ahead, but that will be a story for next year's report.

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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## 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 21 January 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

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

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 set out on pages six to ten.

### **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.

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Date: 21 January 2017

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

				Year Ended 31/3/16 Total funds	Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/15 Total funds
	Not es	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income		9,477	47,827	57,304	23,015
Activities for generating funds	2	7,516	-	7,516	2,741
Investment income	3	40	-	40	48
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		17,033	47,827	64,860	25,804
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,653	-	1,653	1,382
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		13,359	-	13,359	9,598
<b>Governance costs</b>		6,184	-	6,184	5,508
<b>Other resources expended</b>		1,648	-	1,648	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		22,844	-	22,844	16,488
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		(5,811)	47,827	42,016	9,316
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		11,258	11,007	22,265	12,949
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>5,447</u>	<u>58,834</u>	<u>64,281</u>	<u>22,265</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



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**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 MARCH 2016**

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	Not es	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.16 Total funds £	31.3.15 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		6,767	58,834	65,601	23,921
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,320)	-	(1,320)	(1,656)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>5,447</u>	<u>58,834</u>	<u>64,281</u>	<u>22,265</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		5,447	58,834	64,281	22,265
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>5,447</u></u>	<u><u>58,834</u></u>	<u><u>64,281</u></u>	<u><u>22,265</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	6				
Unrestricted funds				5,447	11,258
Restricted funds				<u>58,834</u>	<u>11,007</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>64,281</u></u>	<u><u>22,265</u></u>

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### BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED AT 31 MARCH 2016

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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2016.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 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 21 January 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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## THE GREEN BACKYARD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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#### 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 31/3/16 £	Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/15 £
Fundraising events	3,917	945
Shop income	<u>3,599</u>	<u>1,796</u>
	<u>7,516</u>	<u>2,741</u>

#### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended 31/3/16 £	Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/15 £
Rents received	<u>40</u>	<u>48</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

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#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2016 nor for the period ended 31 March 2015.

##### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2016 nor for the period ended 31 March 2015.

#### 5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.16	31.3.15
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,656</u>

#### 6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/15	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/16
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,258	(5,811)	5,447
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Paypal	11,007	-	11,007
Grants & Contracts	-	47,827	47,827
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>22,265</u>	<u>42,016</u>	<u>64,281</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	17,033	(22,844)	5,811
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Paypal	-	-	-
Grants & Contracts	47,827	-	47,827
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,860</u>	<u>(22,844)</u>	<u>42,016</u>

**THE GREEN BACKYARD****DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	Year Ended 31/3/16 £	Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/15 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	9,477	7,008
Grants & Contracts	47,827	5,000
Paypal account	<u>-</u>	<u>11,007</u>
	57,304	23,015
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Fundraising events	3,917	945
Shop income	<u>3,599</u>	<u>1,796</u>
	7,516	2,741
<b>Investment income</b>		
Rents received	<u>40</u>	<u>48</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	64,860	25,804
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>		
Insurance	591	-
Rent	1,062	530
Advertising	<u>-</u>	<u>852</u>
	1,653	1,382
<b>Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs</b>		
Purchases	5,169	3,551
Teaching costs	3,980	5,150
Events	2,554	897
Travel & subsistence	156	-
Donations	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>
	13,359	9,598
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	1,320	828
Subscriptions	-	90
Legal & professional fees	4,864	4,530
Training	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>
	6,184	5,508
<b>Support costs</b>		

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**THE GREEN BACKYARD****DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	Year Ended 31/3/16 £	Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/15 £
<b>Management</b>		
Postage and stationery	1,521	-
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	<u>127</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	22,844	16,488
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<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>42,016</u></u>	<u><u>9,316</u></u>

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