West End Growing Grounds Association Annual Report 2025-26

The Charity continues to attract applications for beds and to retain an active membership. Once again, it has achieved a satisfactory year-end financial result. Grant aid has enabled us to continue to invest in equipment and grounds maintenance. Increasingly severe and unreliable weather conditions have adversely affected some plant growth, and persistent wet ground conditions have, at times, made strimming and grass cutting challenging. Despite this. Most members have enjoyed a fruitful season.

Membership

We are sad to report the death of a long-serving Board member. Fay Potts was a founder member of WEGGA and made an important contribution to its development and success. We welcome nominations from members for those willing and able to fill the resulting Board vacancy. There are currently 27 single growers, 4 groups, each comprising 6 members, and 28 non-growing members – a total of 79 members. Two members did not renew their bed hire, and there are 2 beds currently available for new members.

Finance

A £1000 Council grant contributed to a year-end balance of more than £4,000. This helps fund our planned resurfacing of the residents' car park. A copy of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026 is attached.

Ground improvements & Maintenance

We have begun a comprehensive repair and maintenance programme of our eight-year-old raised beds and purchased a second battery-operated mower. This will reduce the time taken to maintain common grassed areas

Volunteering

Month-end Friends Days continue attract a small band of member volunteers without whom the continued use of the Growing Grounds would not be possible. Once again, the advice and practical support of the West College Scotland Horticulture Lecturer and his students' assistance have proved invaluable.

Conclusion

WEGGA's high-profile location continues to attract attention and regular enquiries for bed space. The Board will therefore continue to apply its financial and human resources to maximum effect so that members' can enjoy the best gardening experience.

John Wilby
Secretary
2nd October 2026