

City Road Gardens Association

Trustees Annual Report
October 2025
SCO48865



Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Trustee committee members are appointed at the Annual General Meeting which takes place in October. Should any committee members resign during the year members can be co-opted by the committee members elected, to ensure the management continues to function and run until the next AGM and the election of a new committee.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To provide recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended, by providing affordable allotment spaces and opportunities for people to keep physically and socially active.

To advance environmental protection or improvement by encouraging a variety of people to use the allotments for cultivation of fruit and vegetables and by helping to raise awareness of issues such as food waste, reducing food miles, increasing composting and issues surrounding the protection of the environment.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Provide allotments as an economical and sustainable way of producing locally grown food.
- Excess produce is freely shared with the local community.
- Ensure that the allotment site conserves, protects, and promotes the biodiversity of the city to help contribute to an overall healthy living environment.
- Actively promotes the protection of local wildlife.
- Promotes mental + physical wellbeing through socialising with others, being outside, exercise, and improving a skill.
- Supports and promotes effective recycling and composting activities.
- Maintain and build upon contacts with other Community groups for mutual benefit.
- Is working to provide allotment space to local charity organizations that work with vulnerable or disadvantaged people to promote mental wellbeing and encourage skill development

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

A local charity that supports the wellbeing of people with mental health problems is now regularly using the community plot allocated to them. The group is supported by the CRGA committee and have access to funds which were given to CRGA to develop the site for community groups.

- St Joseph's school visit the CRGA site each week during term time. They access the Wildlife Garden, which is a small quiet garden on the site, developed to provide an environment to support many types of wildlife. The children who visit have special needs and benefit from having managed outdoor experiences which may not be available to them in the community. The children are accompanied by their teacher and take part in a variety of practical activities involved in growing and caring for plants. They also take part in and sensory activities including tasting different foods grown in the garden and other plots on the site, and handling flowers and plants with different textures and scents. A member of CRGA supports each session by working with the teacher, guiding the choice of activities and preparing the materials.
- Excess produce which members have grown on the site is offered to the community for free. Produce is placed in a deposit box positioned at the gate and accessible to people passing the site. Anyone from the local community can take this food for their own use. A range of produce is on offer including, potatoes, plums, apples, kale, and rhubarb. This year approx. 20kgs of apples were left in the basket and 15 kgs of plums. This provision is often an opportunity for plot members to interact with the community about the produce and the site
- On 3/4th^{of} May the site had a Rhubarb Giveaway where members gave their excess rhubarb to be given to the community. This year members generously donated 120 kg of Rhubarb for the giveaway. The Rhubarb was bagged and provided free of charge to many members of the community (including a community cook) at the site gate along with a crumble recipe.



- Our annual Open Day was held on Saturday August 4th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The event was very successful with 184 visitors enjoying a lovely day out at the site.

The event included a wide variety of stalls provided by members, including wine tasting, an art sale, plant sales and crafts for children. The Association provided a produce table selling fruit and vegetables donated by plot holders. The organisation Froglife, who work to educate the public on supporting Frog habitats in gardens and allotments, provided tables with information, education and activities for visitors. Refreshments were provided at the café and BBQ and visitors were able to take part in a tombola, site walk, and children's Letter hunt.

Local businesses kindly donated prizes for the raffle. These businesses included Tesco, Asda, McIntyres Hairdressing, Hawkhill Tavern, and the Invergowrie Inn. Many prizes were generously donated by members themselves.





- On 18 August 2025 CRGA was featured in a local news segment highlighting the impact of our allotments on community wellbeing and sustainability.
- CRGA also took part in the Dundee Doors Open Day on 27th and 28th September. The site was opened between 11 and 3pm each day and visitors were invited to follow a site walk around the plots and talk to members working there. Refreshments were provided along with a produce and plant stall. There was a wine tasting stall and art sale in the Hut. as well as a tombola. A letter hunt was provided for children.
Over 84 visitors came to the site and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time talking to members and seeing the site.





- This year has seen a bumper crop of fruit produced on site. CRGA has taken the opportunity to raise funds by collecting some excess fruit from plot holders and taking it to be pressed locally. £62.50 has so far been collected for CRGA funds from apples gathered in this way.
- The Association continues to liaise with local businesses and associates who provide free woodchip and manure for the benefit of members.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

There are two accounts operated by the Association, one for general finance, and one, ring fenced, used solely for projects, such as the development of a community plot.

Details of any deficit

No deficit for 2024-2025

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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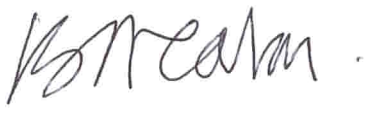

Other optional information

The allotment had a very active year. The focus this year has been to ensure that projects started in previous years are continued and developed, including the Wildlife Garden and Community Plot, both of which require liaison and support. This work means that these groups continue to benefit from being outdoors and interacting with nature.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lynne Nealon	EDWARD CLEARY
Position (e.g. Chair)	chair.	TREASURER
Date	5/11/25	5/11/25