Registered Charity Number : 1188016

Company Registration Number: CE020741

SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

05 APRIL 2026

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Legal And Administrative Information
For The Year Ended 05 April 2026

Trustees	Madeline Hall – Resigned 15/11/2025 Simon Fussell – Resigned 15/11/2025 Pete Brown Carole Garner Derek Bodey Cath Birchall Zoe Chaplin Luke Wilkinson Caitlin Bisknell – Appointed 20/08/2025
Charity Number:	1188016
Company Number:	CE020741
Registered Office:	Serpentine Community Garden Burlington Rd Buxton Derbyshire SK17 9AR
Independent Examiners:	ABS Accountancy Ltd Certified Public Accountants Suite 1 Harewood Business Centre 2 Fairfield Road Buxton Derbyshire SK17 7DW

Serpentine Community Gardens
Trustees' Report
For The Year Ended 05 April 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 05 April 2026.

Trustees' report and financial statements

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 year ended 05 April 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

- Madeline Hall
- Simon Fussell
- Pete Brown
- Carole Garner
- Derek Bodey
- Cath Birchall
- Zoe Chaplin
- Luke Wilkinson
- Caitlin Bisknell

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also the directors of Charity for Serpentine Community Gardens for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 14th August 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

C Birchall

Trustee

Serpentine Community Gardens
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For The Year Ended 05 April 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 12 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Serpentine Community Gardens, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). 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 needed.

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

Independent examiners statement

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 the seeking of 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 statement below.

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1) accounting records were not kept in respect of Serpentine Community Gardens as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or
2) to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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14th August 2026

Serpentine Community Gardens
Statement Of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 05 April 2026

Activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	4,511.55	18,030.10	22,541.65	103,736.85
Total		**4,511.55**	**18,030.10**	**22,541.65**	**103,736.85**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	321.70	-	321.70	363.94
Charitable activities	4	13,014.20	25,125.57	38,139.76	49,175.29
Other	6	10,225.27	-	10,225.27	8,710.69
Total		**23,561.17**	**25,125.57**	**48,686.74**	**58,249.92**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(19,049.62)**	**(7,095.47)**	**(26,145.09)**	**45,486.93**
Net movement in funds		**(19,049.62)**	**(7,095.47)**	**(26,145.09)**	**45,486.93**
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		23,587.06	36,009.87	59,596.93	14,110.00
Total funds carried forward		**4,537.44**	**28,914.40**	**33,451.84**	**59,596.93**

Serpentine Community Gardens
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended 05 April 2026

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Total Funds 2026 £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fixed assets			
Heritage assets	7	13,483.75	19,262.50
Total fixed assets		**13,483.75**	**19,262.50**
Current assets			
Debtors	8	261.13	-
Cash at bank and in hand	8	19,730.81	40,334.43
Total current assets		19,991.94	40,334.43
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	23.85	-
Total net assets or liabilities		**33,451.84**	**59,596.93**
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	10	4,537.44	23,587.06
Restricted income funds	10	28,914.40	36,009.87
Endowment funds	10	-	-
Total funds		**33,451.84**	**59,596.93**

For the year ended 05 April 2026 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustee acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 14th August 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

C Bushell

Trustee 14/08/2026

Serpentine Community Gardens
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 05 April 2026

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

2. Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Donation and gifts	2,871.55	-	2,871.55	1,807.99
Gift Aid	261.00	-	261.00	618.36
Grants	900.00	18,030.10	18,930.10	101,072.00
Membership, subscriptions & sponsorships	399.00	-	399.00	231.00
Other	80.00	-	80.00	7.50
Total	**4,511.55**	**18,030.10**	**22,541.65**	**103,736.85**

4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Projects	-	19,054.86	19,054.86	4,059.18
Charity management & administration	9,535.01	-	9,535.01	3,299.92
Gardeniser costs	-	6,070.71	6,070.71	27,075.88
Legal/professional fees	1,824.56	-	1,824.56	11,541.12
Horticultural Supplies	564.92	-	564.92	2,067.25
Support Costs	-	-	-	1,131.94
	11,924.49	**25,125.57**	**38,139.76**	**49,175.29**

Governance Costs

Analysis	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
	£	£
General Overheads/Utilities	267.09	784.00
Insurance	376.32	369.00
Accountants fees	768.00	768.00
	1,411.41	**1,495.88**

5. Other Expenditure

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
	£	£	£	£
Equipment Hire	3,024.00	-	3,024	340.00
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	60.00
Depreciation	5,778.75	-	5,778.75	6,887.50
Other Expenditure	1,422.52	-	1,422.52	1,423.19
	10,225.27	**-**	**10,225.27**	**8,710.69**

6. Heritage Assets

	Fixtures £	
Cost or Valuation		
At 06 April 2025		28,250.00
Additions	-	
Disposals	-	
Revaluations	-	
Transfers	-	
At 05 April 2026		**28,250.00**
Depreciation & impairments		
At 06 April 2025		8,987.50
Charge for year		5,778.75
Disposals		-
Revaluations		-
Transfers		-
At 05 April 2026		**14,766.25**
Net book value		
At 06 April 2025		19,262.50
At 05 April 2026		**13,483.75**

7. Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	19,730.81	40,284.30
Petty Cash	-	50.13
Debtors due within 1 year	261.13	
	19,991.94	**40,334.43**

8. Creditors: Amounts due within 1 Year

	Total funds 2026	Total funds 2025
	£	£
Trade Creditors	23.85	-
	23.85	**-**

9. Fund Movements

Fund Movements	Balances B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Balances C/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	23,587.06	4,511.55	23,561.17	4,537.44
Restricted Funds	36,009.87	18,030.10	25,125.57	28,914.40
	59,596.93	**22,541.65**	**48,686.74**	**33,451.84**

Serpentine Community Garden – annual report: April 2025 to March 2026

Serpentine Community Garden Society CIO, Burlington Road, Buxton, SK17 9AR

Registered Charity number - 1188016

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

- Pete Brown
- Carole Garner
- Cath Birchall
- Luke Wilkinson
- Caitlin Bisknell

In addition the following Trustees served during the year but resigned before the financial statements were signed.

- Simon Fussell
- Madeline Hall
- Derek Bodey
- Zoe Chaplin

Solicitors: Lovedays Solicitors trading as Brooke-Taylors Solicitors 4 The Quadrant, Buxton, SK17 6AW.

Bank: Cooperative Bank

The year has been one of change and consolidation, as the charity looks towards the future and to widen its scope and membership. A number of long-standing Trustees relinquished their role and new Trustees successfully recruited.

Trustees remain committed to finding a way to bring the stone buildings back into use, either by demolishing replacing or by a partial refurbishment. Discussions are ongoing about the future of the buildings, but Trustees are clear that any works should be scheduled for the late autumn and winter to minimise the impact during the growing season.

During the year we have hosted a number of events, showcasing the garden to members of the public in a bid to bring in new members and to share our story and work with the wider Buxton community.

Nature Tots Forest School and Forest School Home Education Group continue to have great fun at the garden. They have constructed a Willow Tent and cleared a woodland area to make a fence as well as many other interesting, educational tasks.

Throughout the year monthly newsletters were emailed to all members and posted on the Society's website: https://www.serpentinecommunitygarden.org/

Grants

A bid to the Community Climate Change Grant from HPBC was successful and led to the creation of a Pollinator bed to attract various pollinators such as Bees, Hoverflies, Butterflies & Moths.

The bid for Growing Well 2 was successful, we are looking to roll plans forward into 2027.

Events during the year:

- Buxton Spring Fair
- Buxton Garden Trail
- Buxton Fringe event: The Fuschia's bright
- Visit to RHS Bridgewater
- Apple Day – 16 visitors and 16 volunteers
- Buxton Green Assembly
- Winter Gathering
- Seedy Saturday – 77 visitors

Finally, the annual report would not be complete without thanking all Trustees for their help and support during the year – along with members and volunteers.

Particular thanks to Carole Garner as she steps away from her Trustee role, she has been a great help and support to me in my first year.

And, of course, to Dawn Parrish, who keeps all Trustees on their toes and without whom there would be no monthly updates.