

Charity Registration No. SC046962 (Scotland)

ABUNDANT BORDERS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

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Mr B McAllister
Mrs J Gray

Charity number (Scotland)

SC046962

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2018.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to promote the advancement of education by training people to produce food in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. In addition our activities can reasonably be expected to also promote the relief of poverty, specifically food poverty, through the development of skills, including but not restricted to, food growing, preservation and cooking. Environmental protection and improvement by, for example, teaching the benefits of wildlife to food production and by creating healthy soil ecosystems. The charity promotes the use of land for recreational purposes by, for example, the creation of community gardens and other growing spaces.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

In the sixteen months since Abundant Borders was founded, achievements and performance were as follows:

- Successfully completed its first project, funded by the Scottish Government, to teach people how to grow their own food and how to cook healthy, nutritious and affordable meals based on locally grown and locally sourced produce.
- The project was based on land leased from Berwickshire Housing Association, land which now forms Ayton Community Garden. The project is managed by Abundant Borders with a team of local volunteers drawn from the community.
- A project to build raised beds at a sheltered housing complex was completed. The raised beds provide salads and herbs for residents and outdoor space has been transformed into a bright space for residents to enjoy.
- A partnership has been developed with Berwickshire Action for Voluntary Service to transform a space at the back of the charity shop in Eyemouth. The garden will be a leisure space for the volunteers and be accessible to local people to share herbs which will be grown. Over time the expectation is to develop the service further to include tool share and access to gardening and cookery books.
- The charity has been working with the Salvation Army in Hawick, with funding from Awards for All and Postcode Lottery Trust, to develop the garden at the back of the Community Store as a food forest. The garden is being used as a training area to teach people how to grow food. The aim is to use the produce from the garden in the food parcels, which are distributed from the shop.
- A partnership has been created, bringing together agencies and third sector organisations, to develop a Good Food Hub for Berwickshire.

Financial review

During the period the charity recorded a £30,573 surplus on the restricted fund.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. At the year end, the charity had no unrestricted funds and is therefore making efforts to put unrestricted funds in place.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Risk review

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

The charity intends to continue its charitable activities in order to achieve its aims and objectives.

Public benefit

In considering the operations, achievements, performance and finances of the charity, the trustees are satisfied that public benefit has been provided in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and guidance provided by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is unincorporated, registered with OSCR, charity No. SC046962.

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Allen

Mr B McAllister

Mrs J Gray

Suitably qualified trustees are recruited from the local network of organisations, agencies and third sector groups to meet the skills and experience needs of the board, with the support of the local TSI. New trustees are approved by members at the next available meeting.

New trustees are briefed on their obligations under charity law and provided with a copy of the constitution, strategic plan and financial statements as part of an induction process.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in Scotland 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 of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- 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 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 sufficient 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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr S Allen

Dated: 19 June 2018

Mr B McAllister

Dated: 15 June 2018

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ABUNDANT BORDERS

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investments (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Roseanne Bennett FCA

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Dated: 21 June 2018

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2018
<u>Income from:</u>				
Donations and legacies	3	1,989	54,036	56,025
		_____	_____	_____
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Charitable activities	4	1,989	23,463	25,452
		_____	_____	_____
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		-	30,573	30,573
Fund balances at 30 November 2016		-	-	-
		_____	_____	_____
Fund balances at 31 March 2018		-	30,573	30,573
		=====	=====	=====

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

	Notes	2018 £	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8		7,467
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		24,255	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,149)	
Net current assets			<u>23,106</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>30,573</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds			30,573
Unrestricted funds			-
			<u>30,573</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 19 June 2018

Mr S Allen
Trustee

Mr B McAllister
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Abundant Borders is an unincorporated charity, regulated by the OSCR. The charity's registered address is 1 Berrybank Farm Cottage, Reston, Eyemouth, TD14 5LU.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from government and other grants, whether capital grants or revenue grants, are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Costs are allocated to appropriate headings, based on the activities to which they are attributable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	15% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% Reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Items are capitalised at cost, where the purchase price exceeds £100.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2018
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	387	-	387
Government grants	1,602	54,036	55,638
	<u>1,989</u>	<u>54,036</u>	<u>56,025</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

4 Charitable activities

	2018 £
Depreciation and impairment	1,981
Cooking equipment	885
Gardening supplies and equipment	6,595
Training costs	10,980
Insurance	2,270
Travel expenses	597
Postage, stationery and advertising	1,620
Bank charges	164
	<u>25,092</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	360
	<u><u>25,452</u></u>

5 Support costs

	Governance costs £	2018 £	Basis of allocation
Accountancy	360	360	Governance
	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the accountants of £360 for accountancy fees.

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the period.

7 Employees

There were no employees during the period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Motor vehicles equipment		Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
Additions	6,249	3,200	9,449
At 31 March 2018	6,249	3,200	9,449
Depreciation and impairment			
Depreciation charged in the period	1,116	866	1,982
At 31 March 2018	1,116	866	1,982
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2018	5,133	2,334	7,467

9 Financial instruments

	2018 £
Carrying amount of financial liabilities	
Measured at amortised cost	1,149

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £
Other creditors	789
Accruals and deferred income	360
	1,149

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2018 are represented by:	
Tangible assets	7,467
Current assets/(liabilities)	23,106
	30,573

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	£	Period to 31 March 2018 £
Donations and grants		
Donations and gifts - unrestricted	387	
Government grant income - unrestricted	1,602	
Government grant income - restricted	54,036	
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Total incoming resources		56,025
<u>Resources expended</u>		
Charitable activities		
Gardening supplies and equipment - unrestricted	263	
Insurance - unrestricted	1,180	
Postage, stationery and advertising - unrestricted	22	
Bank charges - unrestricted	164	
Depreciation - restricted	1,981	
Cooking equipment - restricted	885	
Gardening supplies and equipment - restricted	6,332	
Training costs - restricted	10,980	
Insurance - restricted	1,090	
Travel expenses - restricted	597	
Postage, stationery and advertising - restricted	1,598	
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		(25,092)
Governance costs		
Accountancy		(360)
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Surplus for the period		30,573
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