



Annual Report

2022

Walnut Tree Walk, Kennington, SE11 6DN

Charity number: 1064070

Report to the Trustees

For the Year Ended 31 August 2022

Achievements and Performance

Following the 'covid years', Roots and Shoots has received a substantial increase in applications for our Study Programme for SEN students, and we are now able to support up to 45 young people. This year we over-performed our government funded contract through student attendance and achievement, with student attendance averaging 93%. This big achievement shows the dedication and hard work of both staff and students, and it means that we can make an even bigger difference in our students' lives. Due to our over-achievement, we received additional income from the ESFA which has enabled us to make new improvements to our educational facilities.

Current ongoing projects include securing core funding for an extension to our oak Apple Barn which will be transformed into a gardening classroom for our students by the end of summer 2023, and will also entail the surrounding training area to be improved for use.

In the current year, the Trustees have specifically considered, in addition to other direct and indirect risks, IT security, the impact of the operations and financial reporting systems and the safeguards in place. This year we have further updated and developed our internal IT systems and internal data management to better support our educational activities, as well as updated our data protection policies and procedures, and hired a new Administrator to support the education and admin teams to support these endeavours. Our new website is also due to go 'live' by the end of Spring 2023, which will enable our charity to show both past and present achievements, and to enable even better communication with prospective students and our community.

Work placements on both our Study Programme and Pre-Supported Internship Programme have been successful with our students, who now have a much wider range of work experience tasters with supportive local employers, organised by our Careers team. Working with employers in the local community gives our students the opportunity to implement the skills they have learnt at Roots and Shoots, and apply them to real situations. This gives our students an improved understanding of the 'world of work', further enhancing their confidence and self assurance and leading to new job opportunities.

Our charity continues to provide a School Links service for groups from six local special schools, who come to our site for bespoke environmental and educational activities for their curriculum enrichment on a weekly basis.

We have further improved the meeting room facilities on site for the benefit of our venue hire clients from charities and 'not for profit' organisations. All income from this activity contributes towards ongoing site maintenance and the smooth running of the organisation.

Post-covid we have begun to reconnect with our local community with a very successful large environmental event 'Roots and Shoots Goes Wild!' with over 500 local visitors. Together with our volunteers we have continued to develop and replant our Wild Garden and other garden areas to improve biodiversity which also benefits our local area. This coming year we will begin collaborative projects including 'The Butterfly Conservation Trust', 'Bug Life' as well as the Horniman Museum to demonstrate how local communities can positively support the environment. Plans for the Future

This coming year we will begin collaborative projects with the Butterfly Conservation Trust to raise awareness and how local communities can support butterfly and moth populations in the local area.

Linda Phillips MBE AoH, Director of Roots and Shoots



Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	-	1,007,716	1,007,716	870,025
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	6	-	2,218	2,218	676
Other trading activities	4	89,184	152,669	241,853	112,166
Investment income	5	30	104	134	13
Total		<u>89,214</u>	<u>1,162,707</u>	<u>1,251,921</u>	<u>982,880</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Hall hire	7	-	-	-	415
Charitable activities		3,243	1,089,066	1,092,309	927,838
Other		-	32,760	32,760	32,760
Total		<u>3,243</u>	<u>1,121,826</u>	<u>1,125,069</u>	<u>961,013</u>
NET INCOME		85,971	40,881	126,852	21,867
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		205,341	997,611	1,202,952	1,181,085
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>291,312</u>	<u>1,038,492</u>	<u>1,329,804</u>	<u>1,202,952</u>

Balance Sheet

31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	-	855,286	855,286	862,102
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	-	33,770	33,770	65,215
Cash at bank		291,312	170,141	461,453	308,630
		<u>291,312</u>	<u>203,911</u>	<u>495,223</u>	<u>373,845</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	-	(20,705)	(20,705)	(32,995)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>291,312</u>	<u>183,206</u>	<u>474,518</u>	<u>340,850</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>291,312</u>	<u>1,038,492</u>	<u>1,329,804</u>	<u>1,202,952</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>291,312</u>	<u>1,038,492</u>	<u>1,329,804</u>	<u>1,202,952</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				291,312	205,341
Restricted funds				1,038,492	997,611
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,329,804</u>	<u>1,202,952</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on the 23rd February 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



V A Stapleton - Chair of Trustees