

# Sustainable Cottenham

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Charity Number 1188763

## Treasurer's report for Annual General Meeting 15 May 2025

For period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank Catherine Burch for being Treasurer for the last few years. She stood down earlier in 2025 and therefore I have prepared these accounts.

We ran more events last year and these either incurred expenses or generated income – in some cases both. Therefore the accounts for 2024 involve more transactions in and out compared with the previous year.

The Cottenham Connected project continues to be on hold in the absence of a volunteer to organise it and in the meantime, we retain the unspent £445.37 in a reserved fund in case the project is rekindled.

The funds for the Eco Eats project have continued to be used, mainly for grants for community groups such as the Community Allotment's community orchard. We decided to move the income generated in earlier years from recipe book sales (£269.10) to Unrestricted Funds. They will continue to generate low levels of income for us in future years, as well as being useful publicity.

The charity's annual running costs remain approximately £400, now comfortably covered by recent grants received. I am pleased to say that the charity is now on a much firmer financial footing.

*Accounts summary for Sustainable Cottenham CIO 1/01/2024 – 31/12/2024. (See full accounts for more details).*

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted: Cottenham Connected	Restricted: Eco Eats	Total funds	Last year
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	2,371.88	-	-	2,371.88	160.00
Sales (recipe books)	29.61	-	-	29.61	65.00
Donations	101.10	-	-	101.10	-
Sub-total	2,502.59	-	-	2,502.59	225.00
<b>Payments</b>					
Running costs	406.89	-	-	406.89	393.03
Publicity materials, events	139.60	-	125.09	264.69	-
Grants for trees, mulch etc	87.00	-	299.30	386.30	-
Sub-total	633.49	-	424.39	1,057.98	393.03
Net of receipts	1,869.10	-	-424.39	1,444.61	-168.03
<b>Net cash funds for year</b>					
Transfer between funds	269.10	-	-269.10	-	-
Cash funds from last year	433.93	445.37	1,412.56	2,291.86	2,459.89
<b>Cash funds at year end</b>	<b>2,572.13</b>	<b>445.37</b>	<b>719.07</b>	<b>3,736.57</b>	<b>2,291.86</b>

### *Receipts*

The main source of income in 2024 was the very welcome grant from the Co-op Local Connection Fund (£1,875) which has provided financial security for the charity in the short to medium term. Other sources include grant-funding from Cottenham Parish Council (£160) plus donations from the Swish event (£101) and sales from the recipe book (£30). There was also a payment of £87 from Employee Volunteering for mulch applied to the hedge at the Old Rec.

### *Payments*

The out-goings were costs associated with running the charity: insurance (£157) hall hire for litter picks (£82), website hosting (£94) and Fen Edge Community Association membership. We have also purchased a Sum Up terminal for £59 and a display board (£194) – the cost of the latter was split between Eco Eats and Unrestricted funds. In addition to the payment for mulch at the Old Rec, we were delighted to be able to help Cottenham Community Allotment establish a community orchard (grant for £299 from Eco Eats funds).

### *Net funds*

There was a balance of £3,736.57 in net funds at year-end on 31 December 2024. Of this, £445.37 is held for Cottenham Connected Sunday Socials and £719.07 allocated to Eco Eats. The intention is for the Eco Eats restricted funds to continue to be spent on community initiatives in 2025. The £2,572.02 of unallocated funds is available for the general running of the charity (insurance, website, litter pick costs etc) as well as nature recovery projects and activities around the village. We have already made a start with the planting of an alder tree on Pond Farm green space at the top of Broad Lane.

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