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**GREENSPACE INFORMATION FOR GREATER LONDON CIC
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022**

Report to the directors on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC for the year ended 31 March 2022

To assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, I have prepared for your approval the accounts of Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/en/member/professional-standards/rules-standards/acca-rulebook.html>.

This report is made to the directors of Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 04 October 2020. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the directors of Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC, as a body, in this report in accordance with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at http://www.accaglobal.com/content/dam/ACCA_Global/Technical/fact/technical-factsheet-163.pdf. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC and its directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC. You consider that Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed



Date 15/11/2022

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Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2022

Registered number: 08345552

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	3		1,669		3,798
			<u>1,669</u>		<u>3,798</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	131,454		112,374	
Cash at bank and in hand		252,395		243,154	
		<u>383,849</u>		<u>355,528</u>	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	(163,541)		(126,957)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			220,308		228,571
			<u>220,308</u>		<u>228,571</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			221,977		232,369
			<u>221,977</u>		<u>232,369</u>
NET ASSETS			221,977		232,369
			<u>221,977</u>		<u>232,369</u>
Income and Expenditure Account			221,977		232,369
			<u>221,977</u>		<u>232,369</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			221,977		232,369
			<u>221,977</u>		<u>232,369</u>

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Balance Sheet (continued)
As at 31 March 2022

For the year ending 31 March 2022 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 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act 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 company has taken advantage of section 444(1) of the Companies Act 2006 and opted not to deliver to the registrar a copy of the company's Income and Expenditure Account.

On behalf of the board



Ms A Rudd

Director

Date

15/11/2022

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of services supplied by the company, net of Value Added Tax.

1.3. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Computer Equipment	20% Straight line
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1.4. Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable surplus for the year. Taxable surplus differs from surplus as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other year and items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on timing differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable surplus. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable timing differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable surplus will be available against which those deductible timing differences can be utilised. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable surplus will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax liabilities are presented within provisions for liabilities and deferred tax assets within debtors. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and asset reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Current or deferred tax for the year is recognised in surplus or deficit, except when they related to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

2. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Office and administration	13	12
	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>

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For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

3. Tangible Assets

	Computer Equipment £
Cost	
As at 1 April 2021	17,047
As at 31 March 2022	17,047
Depreciation	
As at 1 April 2021	13,249
Provided during the period	2,129
As at 31 March 2022	15,378
Net Book Value	
As at 31 March 2022	1,669
As at 1 April 2021	3,798

4. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	120,157	77,128
Prepayments and accrued income	1,648	24,814
Other debtors	27	312
Corporation tax recoverable assets	-	2,485
Deferred tax current asset	9,622	7,635
	131,454	112,374

5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	21,985	17,281
Other taxes and social security	8,561	10,298
VAT	32,882	12,514
Other creditors	44	35
Accruals and deferred income	100,069	86,829
	163,541	126,957

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

6. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

7. General Information

Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 08345552. The registered office is 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

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Community Interest Company Report

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**Company Name in
full**

Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC

Company Number

8345552

Year Ending

31/03/22

(The date format is required in full)

Please ensure the company name is consistent with the company name entered on the accounts.

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

(N.B. A Filing Fee of £15 is payable on this document. Please enclose a cheque or postal order payable to Companies House)

PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

A separate continuation sheet is provided

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

A separate continuation sheet is provided

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, "There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed" (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that "no remuneration was received" below.

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PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that "no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made" below.

NA


(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 5 – SIGNATORY (Please note this must be a live signature)

(DD/MM/YY)

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed



Date

31/10/22

Please note that it is a legal requirement for the date format to be provided in full throughout the CIC34 report.

Applications will be rejected if this information is incorrect.

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/Secretary

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Tel	
DX Number	DX Exchange

When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England and Wales: Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland: Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139
Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh or LP – 4 Edinburgh 2

For companies registered in Northern Ireland: Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38
Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

(N.B. Please enclose a cheque for £15 payable to Companies House)

PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

Reporting period 12 months – 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

At the start of the reporting period, GiGL provided full or part-time employment for eleven employees (10.3fte), and end the year with 15 employees (13.9fte). We invested profit into our data stewardship work, creating employment opportunities for 4 new staff in the process. The new employees are focusing on project delivery (ancient woodland) and improving core datasets including habitats and species. We estimate that the team spent approximately 3000 days on data stewardship, including establishing new data sharing agreements, bringing in new data, improving them through quality control processes, and updating the systems we use to securely store them. We have also brought in an additional employee to focus on service delivery to our partners.

We have continued to engage in national initiatives where our expertise is of use, or we can learn from our peers in other local environmental records centres and the National Biodiversity Network. The focus of collaboration at a national level has been on preparing to help our stakeholders deliver the new responsibilities set out in the Environment Act 2021. Work has also continued on participating in the Recorder 6 Steering Group (informal), Association of Local Environmental Records Centres (CIC) board and working groups, and National Biodiversity Network Trust (charity) board

The team continue to engage with local, regional and national partnerships and projects to advocate for the creation and use of robust data about London's natural environment. Representation during this period has included London Urban Forest Partnership, London Boroughs Biodiversity Forum which we also provide an informal secretariat role for now, and London Green Infrastructure Partnership.

We continued to work from home during the reporting period having adapted our processes and general approach to work during the previous year. Our work with volunteers remained online via the Zooniverse project, but we also began to define a more formal offer for volunteers through the creation of a part-time role for an existing employee to focus on setting all the requisite processes and policies in place.

Four Board meetings were held during the reporting period (BM033 to BM036), one in each financial quarter. Agenda items included standing items such as our financial reports, risk register and a report on progress on team KPIs, as well as new items including new projects and preparatory work for writing a new strategic plan. One board member resigned.

We saw another organisation join our partnership, increasing numbers to a total of 37 organisations with service level agreements, including 28 of the 33 local authorities.

Our business plan focus for the reporting period was on reviewing and improving our service for clients, and we delivered 1152 reports, most of which were used to inform planning applications in London. This was an increase of 112 on the previous reporting period.

We continued to provide our services free of charge to our community networks, including students and members of the public. We worked with 19 students representing 14 different universities, most of which are London-based, but also included Oxford, Cambridge and Belgium. Topics ranged from focusing on individual species through to the effects of access to nature on mental health.

We uploaded over 300,000 species records from 172 different surveys during the reporting period. The new data stewardship focused roles also enabled us to actively seek updates to key site-based datasets including non-statutory sites, and to create a new dataset to help protect sites that are of a high quality but awaiting designation. Our open datasets have been refreshed where relevant, and our Sites to Visit dataset that was created during the previous reporting period has been used to support a manifesto commitment of the Mayor of London.

We completed our 'Biodiversity Evidence – Better Outcomes From Planning project (BE-BOP), which 'aimed to understand the challenges, limitations and needs of Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in London with regards to taking account of biodiversity early on in the planning process, and to provide

resources to help them overcome some of these issues'. The work was funded via a grant from the Greater London Authority, and the final report was launched in the 2022/23 financial year.

During the reporting period, we renewed our membership of the following organisations:

- Association of Local Environmental Records Centres
- National Biodiversity Network Trust
- Social Enterprise UK

We also successfully renewed our accreditation from the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres for a further 5 years.

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

We ran another 'London Recorders Day' as a hybrid event, offering the opportunity to attend online or in person at the Natural History Museum. As in previous years, the event was organised in collaboration with the Field Studies Council and the Natural History Museum, and was well attended with a combination of approximately 80 delegates. Speakers presented a range of projects that generate and or use data about London's natural environment, including the new London Beaver Group, the importance of access to nature to our physical and mental health, and the role that species data played in saving Warren Farm from developers.

Our advisory panel met 3 times during the 2021/22 year, and agenda items included updates on various key projects we were running as well as discussions to get their feedback and ideas for our data search service and our new strategic plan.

Our business plan focus on our data search service included designing and implementing a customer feedback programme. This started with us implementing a short survey that went live in September 2021 to get feedback from the recipient of each report. They are asked about value for money, customer service, and whether the content is fit for purpose amongst other relevant factors. 5% of respondents said 'not at all well' to the 'did the report meet expectations question' 37% said 'very well' and 26% said 'extremely well'. We also planned a more detailed questionnaire ready for launch in 2022/23.

Our team continued to meet with individual partners to discuss their service requirements and hear about future plans so we can help shape how they deliver them. We also provide a regular update for London Boroughs at their Biodiversity Forum meetings to ensure they are aware of any developments relevant to them and have the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions about our plans.

We published two full newsletters during the reporting period as well as monthly articles, and now have 1189 subscribers. We also published our second public-facing annual report, covering the 2020/21 financial year.

We have continued to work on our social media presence, and we have:

- Increased the number of followers on Twitter from 3267 to 3326
- Increased the number of page likes on Facebook from 430 to 529
- Increased the number of company page followers on LinkedIn from 242 to 289