

**GREENSPACE INFORMATION FOR GREATER LONDON CIC
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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 2021

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.



Date 29/9/2021

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Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021

Registered number: 08345552

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	3	3,798	6,172
		3,798	6,172
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	112,374	81,087
Cash at bank and in hand		243,154	260,879
		355,528	341,966
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	(126,957)	(88,187)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		228,571	253,779
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		232,369	259,951
NET ASSETS		232,369	259,951
Income and Expenditure Account		232,369	259,951
MEMBERS' FUNDS		232,369	259,951

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Balance Sheet (continued)
As at 31 March 2021

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- 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 29/09/2021

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 2021

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:

	2021	2020
Office and administration	12	11
	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>

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3. Tangible Assets

**Computer
Equipment
£**

Cost

As at 1 April 2020

17,047

As at 31 March 2021

17,047

Depreciation

As at 1 April 2020

10,875

Provided during the period

2,374

As at 31 March 2021

13,249

Net Book Value

As at 31 March 2021

3,798

As at 1 April 2020

6,172

4. Debtors

2021

2020

£

£

Due within one year

Trade debtors

77,128

53,023

Prepayments and accrued income

24,814

23,944

Other debtors

312

-

Corporation tax recoverable assets

2,485

2,458

Deferred tax current asset

7,635

1,662

112,374

81,087

5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

2021

2020

£

£

Trade creditors

17,281

22,017

Other taxes and social security

10,298

9,480

VAT

12,514

15,701

Other creditors

35

230

Accruals and deferred income

86,829

40,759

126,957

88,187

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2021

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.

CIC 34**Community Interest Company Report**

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**Company Name in
full**

Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC

Company Number

8345552

Year Ending

31st March 2021

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.

£73,954

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

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

Signed

ABRindal

Date

29/09/2021

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

The accounts and CIC34 **cannot** be filed online

(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 2020 to 31st March 2021

During the reporting period, GiGL provided full or part-time employment for 13 members of staff (10.9 FTE). We invested profit into additional staff to focus on our work with London's planning authorities and the improvement of our core datasets, including designated sites and open space to provide more reliable services to our stakeholders.

We continued to encourage our staff to participate in national initiatives that relate to their roles, particularly where they are run by other non-profits. We were involved in work on behalf of the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres (CIC); the National Forum for Biological Recording (charity) and the National Biodiversity Network Trust (charity). We are also involved in the Recorder 6 Steering Group which continues to explore options for the replacement of our sector's principal database for managing species data.

The team are also involved in London-focused partnerships and groups. We help to organise and run the regular meetings of the London Boroughs Biodiversity Forum and attend meetings of a range of London-focused partnerships and groups to represent London's data and information requirements and to provide advice. During 2020/21 we have been involved in meetings that range from the (new) London Beaver Group run by The Beaver Trust and Citizen Zoo, through to the London Green Infrastructure Partnership which is run by the Greater London Authority

Due to the pandemic, the staff team worked from home for the duration of the financial year, so our focus for volunteering shifted entirely online, mainly through our Zooniverse project, a collaboration with London Natural History Society to transcribe their historic bird records for the London area. Whilst it has been running since 2018, the project really took off during the first lockdown, and by May 2020 nearly 2000 volunteers were involved around the world.

Between the 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021 4 Board Meetings were held via Microsoft Teams (BM029 to BM032). The main agenda items included the viability of the business during the pandemic, recruitment of new board members including a new treasurer, and the KPIs related to our business plan.

Despite our initial concerns that the pandemic would lead to a decrease in demand for our services, we actually increased the total number of service level agreements and client reports delivered. Two SLA partners discontinued their agreements, but 4 more London Boroughs signed up, bringing the total number up to 35 SLAs. We have started to monitor the uptake of our services by categorising them as 'data as a service', 'information as a service' and 'answers as a service'. 'Data as a service' accounted for 62% of the team's time, 'information as a service' represented 15% of time spent, and 'answers as a service' 23%. The intention is to demonstrate to our stakeholders and potential stakeholders that they don't have to be able to wrangle data themselves to get information and answers out of them because our team has the requisite skills and expertise to do it on their behalf.

We also had a record year for our pay-as-you-use client service, delivering over 1000 data search reports to developers and environmental consultants for the first time since the service started in 2001.

We delivered free services in keeping with our CIC commitments to a range of individuals and organisations including the Metropolitan Police Wildlife Crime Unit, 30 students and researchers, and various local groups. We completed our data mobilisation project on behalf

of Orpington Field Club, which resulted in over 62,000 records representing 5,577 different species.

We uploaded over 500,000 species records from 411 surveys and continued the process of updating various site-based datasets including Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, and open space. We also created and published open data relating to London's street trees and our 'sites to visit' dataset, which was released under a different working title due to it being considered inappropriate to encourage Londoners to explore London's green spaces during the initial stages of the pandemic. This dataset was subsequently used in research relating to COVID-19.

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

GiGL's Advisory Panel made up of representatives from our key stakeholder groups met 3 times during the financial year to discuss and provide input to various aspects of the business including our internal business plan, key projects such as ecological network mapping and our preliminary work on London's ancient woodland inventory. We also conducted a survey of GAP members to better understand how the pandemic was affecting their work, and to offer the opportunity to shape the agendas of subsequent meetings based on topics of interest relevant to our focus. Public participation, regional and national policy and related initiatives all featured.

We held a training event as part of our 'Biodiversity Evidence – Better Outcomes from Planning' (BE-BOP) project, which was funded by the Greater London Authority. 44 people attended the event representing 23 of London's local planning authorities, Transport for London and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. The training sessions were recorded and uploaded to YouTube for future reference.

We published two full newsletters during the reporting period, and now have 1164 subscribers. We also published our first public-facing annual report, covering the 2019/20 financial year.

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

- Increased the number of followers on Twitter from 3071 to 3267
- Increased the number of page likes on Facebook from 377 to 430
- Increased the number of company page followers on LinkedIn from 208 to 242.