

The Alnwick Garden Trust

Social Impact Deport

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Awards and Accolades

2024

Great Place to Eat

Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Award Judges Choice Award Community Business of the year Sustainability Excellence Excellence in SME People Practices	North East Tourism Awards Regional NE RICS Awards North East Chamber Awards The Food Industry Awards HR&D Awards North East	Gold Winner Highly Commended Winner Short-listed	Accessible & Inclusive Tourism Ward Wielen
	Thad Awards North Last	Short-listed	Large Visitor
2023			Attraction of the Year
Better Health At Work	Better Health At Work	Silver	Cold
Food For Life	Soil Association	Bronze	Award Winner
2022			Experience of the Year
Large Visitor Attraction of The Year	North East Tourism Awards	Gold	of the rear
Experience of The Year	North East Tourism Awards	Gold	Gold Award Winper
Resilience and Innovation	North East Tourism Awards	Gold	Winner
Gold Accolade	VisitEngland	Gold	Resilience and Innovation Award
Previous years' awards have included	:		Gold
NewcastleGateshead Family Magazine	Best Family Day Out		Award Winner
Large Visitor Attraction of The Year	North East Tourism Awards	Silver	
Experience of the Year	North East Tourism Awards	Bronze	(B)
Loo of the Year	Loo of the Year	Platinum	VisitEngland
100 Best Gardens	Garden News	Winner	GOLD

Heritage Awards

Winner

CEON/elcome



Welcome to the 2023/24 Social Impact Report. This year's report highlights the incredible achievements and outcomes delivered by the Trust during a period of significant economic and political challenges, both locally and globally. The rising costs of energy and food have intensified the cost of living crisis, placing unprecedented pressure on personal finances.

Despite these hurdles, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly throughout the year, making a meaningful difference to the lives of those within our community. It is both heartening and deeply rewarding to see how many people have benefitted from the support we have been able to provide.

A landmark moment for the Trust this year was the opening of the Lilidorei play village in May 2023. With over 159,000 visitors by the end of March 2024, Lilidorei has had a profoundly positive impact on its visitors. Lilidorei is built on the principle that play and imagination are vital to cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development. These values are now embedded in the Trust's extended charitable objectives, underscoring our commitment to fostering educational, health, and developmental benefits. One of our proudest initiatives, 'Free Fridays,' provides free school visits during term time, ensuring that all children, regardless of background, have the opportunity to experience the joys and educational benefits of Lilidorei.

This year also saw the launch of The Apiary and Climate Action Hub in September 2023. Located in the Roots and Shoots Allotment, this new space offers visitors an engaging way to learn about bees and climate change. Our Bee Workshops provide a close-up look at hive life, while interactive displays educate on the climate crisis and its impact on global biodiversity.

We expanded our enterprise and employability programmes this year, empowering more members of our community. The Horticulture for Health programme, in particular, has made significant strides in improving the wellbeing and confidence of participants, many of whom are grappling with mental health challenges. The therapeutic sessions serve as a crucial step for individuals on their journey towards employment.

At the time of writing, I am thrilled to announce that the Trust has been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund 'Reaching Communities England.' This grant will support the delivery of our five-year "Growing Together Northumberland" project, enabling us to expand our social impact by working with economically inactive or unemployed individuals to enhance wellbeing, develop skills, and raise aspirations through a range of initiatives. I eagerly anticipate sharing the outcomes of this exciting new project in next year's report.

Thank you to the entire Alnwick Garden team for their incredible hard work over the past year. The dedication and support from both staff and volunteers have been truly invaluable. We are especially grateful for the inspirational leadership of The Duchess of Northumberland and the Trustees, whose guidance has been essential to our success.

Mark Brassell CEO The Alnwick Garden Trust

Who are The Alnwick Garden Trust & what do we do?





The Alnwick Garden is an award-winning visitor attraction in Northumberland, with the community at its heart. The 12 acres of magnificent garden are home to the world's largest Taihaku Cherry Orchard, *The Sage Wealth Management* Grand Cascade comprising of 120 water jets, the world's largest Treehouse and the deadliest Poison Garden. It is a tranquil haven for horticulturalists, families and tourists alike and welcomes over 350,000 visitors per year.

The Alnwick Garden Trust became a registered charity in 2003 delivering support and meeting the needs of our local community and beyond.			
Improve physical and mental wellbeing	Reduce social isolation	Help people learn new skills	Increase life expectancy and quality of life for our ageing population
Move people into employment	Educate on how to live healthy lifestyles	Prevent drug related harm	Educate and address the climate emergency

Our Social Purpose

The Alnwick Garden Trust is a hard-working community charity that seeks to support those in our region who need it most. Overseeing a range of charitable programmes, its primary objectives are to improve the wellbeing, educate and empower our most vulnerable community members.



×	Wellbeing
ELDERBERRIES	Purpose : To address the impact of loneliness and isolation for people aged 55 and over living in Northumberland. The programme aims to support people to age well in our community using NHS England guidance - 5 steps to mental wellbeing, through connecting people, encouraging daily activity, learning new skills, sharing with others, and being mindful.
YOUNG GARDENERS	Purpose : To provide an inclusive learning experience for young people with additional support needs and their families, using horticulture to improve confidence, communication and social skills.
COMMUNITY FRIDGE	Purpose : To reduce food wastage whilst providing a positive social space for local visitors and the community to learn more about food, sustainable eating, growing your own and eating on a budget.
	Education
CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME	Purpose: To develop climate and ecological emergency themes into our education and community engagement programmes, linked to the curriculum, wellbeing and practical action. Educate and inspire business leaders to understand the climate crisis and how they can become change makers.
DRUGS EDUCATION	Purpose: To prevent harmful drug use, allowing young people to make informed choices and consider safer options.
ROOTS AND SHOOTS	Purpose: To reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity through learning about healthy eating and the importance of physical activity.
LILIDOREI EDUCATION PROGRAMME	Purpose: To promote the importance of imagination and play for children and help them to improve their cognitive, physical, social and emotional wellbeing.
*	Empowerment

SEEDS FOR SUCCESS	Purpose : To provide a platform for people to develop the practical business skills required to start up their own businesses. Support with initiatives to allow beneficiaries to earn an income.
HORTICULTURE FOR HEALTH	Purpose : To improve confidence, wellbeing and sense of purpose through therapeutic horticulture, helping those who need it to move a step closer towards employment.
GROW INTO WORK	Purpose: To provide opportunities through work placements and tailored programmes, building skills and confidence to become work ready.

Economic Impact

Beyond the direct impact of our community programmes, The Alnwick Garden Trust contributes significantly from an economic and social perspective to the wider region. Based on research conducted independently and extrapolated to 23 years, it is estimated that The Garden has contributed over **£362 million** to the local economy over the last 23 years, of which **£176 million** was spent with local suppliers. Annually there are **160** full-time equivalent employees, whilst The Trust's economic activity has supported **3,391** jobs regionally since opening.



1,246 indirect jobs.



Key Highlights 2023/2024

THE ALNWICK

GARDEN

442 individuals reached through our Elderberries

programmes.

600 hours' work experience through

our Grow Into Work programme.

8 families supported by our Young Gardeners programme.

639kg

of food saved <u>from waste</u> by our

Community Fridge,

with 181

attendances.

48 individuals

6,222

our Elderberries

programmes

available 6 days

a week.

supported through our Employability programmes.

159 pupils engaged in

our Roots & Shoots programme from 8 different schools.

1,350

beneficiaries attended our Community Evening to enjoy our Winter Light Trail. 8,056

hours' delivery of our Elderberries programmes.

1,488

hours' delivery of our Employability programmes.

201

3,708

attendances at

the Elderberries Drop-In.

200+

attendees at our

Careers Fair with

18 local businesses

attending.

pupils engaged in Bee Workshops, plus 187 pupils involved in outreach sessions.

705

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young people engaged in our outreach Drugs Education programme.

3,122

school children benefitted from our Free Fridays educational offer at Lilidorei.

74

young people engaged in our outreach career support sessions in schools.



Elderberries programmes were on offer 6 days a week.

Elderberries

Elderberries is the longest running and most established programme at The Alnwick Garden. The programme works with people aged over 55 to combat isolation, provide stimulating and mind provoking activities, as well as increase physical exercise and promote mental wellbeing. The Trust ensures that every activity and group follow at least one of the NHS 5 Steps to Wellbeing, which are:

- K Connect with other people
- 🗶 Be physically active
- 🗶 Learn new skills
- 🗶 Give to others
- 🗶 Mindfulness



442 beneficiaries were reached through our Elderberries programmes in 2023/24, with a total of **8,056 hours'** worth of activities. The Elderberries activities are delivered all year round and run 6 days a week.



Elderberries - Gentlemen's Garden

A weekly gardening session that allows the gentlemen to socialise, connect with others, share traditional skills and learn new ones, all whilst benefitting from the positive impact gardening has on mood and wellbeing. Throughout the growing season the gentlemen work on their own allotment plots growing their own produce, not only keeping them physically active but also allowing them to eat healthily. Through the winter months the sessions continue indoors where the group make crafts, welcome guest speakers and enjoy trips out. **12 gentlemen** engaged in Gentlemen's Garden in 2023/24 with **420 attendances**.

Elderberries - Yoga and Pilates

Weekly sessions to improve strength, flexibility and wellbeing. For our Elderberries, this means being involved in physical activity, mindfulness and connecting with others. **264 individuals** took part in these sessions over the year.





facl Our Elderberries programmes had 6,222 attendances.

Elderberries - Tea'n'Tech

A weekly tech session for our over 55s to bring in their gadgets - whether a laptop, mobile phone or tablet - to receive support and advice on how to use it. The sessions aim to help our Elderberries adapt to a digital world and learn new skills to help them with things such as online shopping, online banking and using the NHS app. Technology also allows people to connect with others through communication methods such as emails and social networking sites, helping to reduce loneliness and isolation. **74 Elderberries** attended these sessions in 2023/24 with **319 attendances**.



Elderberries - Blooming Well

Twice weekly initiative to support over 55s who have early onset dementia, and their carers. The sessions offer a range of activities from arts and crafts to therapeutic horticulture as well as allowing those who attend to connect with others to reduce social isolation. **30 people** benefitted from these groups in 2023/24 with **714 attendances**.

"It is a lifeline for mum, and also respite for me! Mum doesn't remember she has been afterwards, but when she comes along to the group she remembers everyone and feels very safe. The love and attention from the staff and volunteers, makes her feel safe and everyone genuinely cares about each other."

Anne – daughter of Dorothy who attends Elderberries



<image>

'Blooming Well'.

"We love coming here, always things to do and we love the group of people, if it wasn't for the helpers and the way they are with us all, we wouldn't come. Everyone works as a team."

Tony and Maggie - Elderberries



Elderberries -Walking Group

A weekly walking session encouraging Elderberries to be physically active and gain health benefits through exercise. **60 individuals** attended the walking group in 2023/24 with **1,056 attendances**. Participants noted an improvement in their wellbeing, both physically and mentally, and enjoyed connecting with others and making friendships along the way. Fact

Drop-In had 3,708 attendances over the year.



Elderberries -Drop-In Centre

The Drop-In opens every Thursday, Friday and Sunday for those over the age of 55. The Drop-In is volunteer-led and provides a welcoming space for Elderberries to connect with others, reducing social isolation and nurturing friendships. There were **3,708 attendances** in 2023/24.

Elderberries - Ukulele for fun

A 12 week course for beginners where Elderberries are able to learn a new skill, make new friends and connect with others. Evidence shows that learning to play a musical instrument improves memory, attention and concentration as well as promoting wellbeing. **41 individuals** attended.



Elderberries - Tunes on Tuesday

An initiative promoting wellbeing through singing which helps to lower stress, enhance memory and improve mental health. The singing group runs monthly and is open to all regardless of singing ability. **38 individuals** attended Tunes on Tuesday throughout the year.





Our Elderberries programmes worked with 442 individuals.

Elderberries - Footcare

Footcare sessions are available to our Elderberries to help them avoid foot ailments and problems. There were **100 attendances** at footcare sessions in 2023/24.

Elderberries - Outreach Christmas Parties

Acknowledging that not everyone can access The Alnwick Garden to attend activities and parties, we decided to offer some joy to Elderberries across the county who were experiencing social isolation. Two parties were held, one in Widdrington and one in Corsenside in December 2023, with musical entertainment and refreshments which catered for **80 individuals**.



"With grateful thanks for the hugely appreciated outreach party to the Corsenside and nearby over-55s, bringing wholly unexpected delight that will be cherished by all who enjoyed the whole event."

Elderberries -Afternoon Tea Parties

300 Elderberries attended the ticketed parties for afternoons of entertainment, singing and dancing. Afternoon Tea was provided alongside live music and performances from singers, a ukulele band and school choirs.



Elderberries -Wellbeing Talks

Monthly talks and presentations from services and professionals offering advice and information on topics such as health and wellbeing, fraud and scams and energy efficiency. There were **116 attendances** in 2023/24.





8 families supported by our Young Gardeners programme.

Young Gardeners

Young Gardeners is a horticulture programme supporting young people with additional needs and their families. The programme allows our young gardeners to learn new skills, as well as building friendships and relationships with others. 8 families engaged with the 2023/24 programme and the following outcomes achieved:

- Increased time spent outdoors together as a family.
- Increased their knowledge around healthy eating.
- Learnt new skills that can be transferred to gardening projects at home.

Community Fridge

A community fridge is a space that brings people together to share food, meet up, learn new skills and prevent fresh food from going to waste.

The fridge is open to all to share or take food, including surplus from supermarkets, local food businesses, producers, households and gardens. The Fridge is open on a weekly basis and has helped to save **639kg** of food going to waste in 2023/24.



48 individuals supported through our employability programmes.

We are really proud to continue with our mission to support people into work, creating jobs and enterprise opportunities to contribute to the wellbeing of our communities and economic growth. Through the expansion of our employability initiatives we have provided supportive opportunities to those who face challenges in accessing employment, helping to build confidence and skills, provide experience for work readiness, and help beneficiaries on their journey to meaningful employment.

\star Grow Into Work

Our Grow Into Work initiative is an employment support programme aiming to help people in Northumberland to gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to secure sustainable employment. A mix of work experience and classroom-based sessions where beneficiaries develop CV writing skills, application form completion, and interview and presentation skills. Support is offered and can continue once beneficiaries have completed the programme for up to six months after completion. 76% of those who engaged with the programme moved into employment, into further training, or volunteering.





After a major health issue, Graham joined the Grow into Work programme in 2024 with the visitor services team. Having impressed the department manager, Graham was recruited and is really enjoying his time at The Garden.



Paul had not worked for a while but joined Grow into Work with the gardening team. Having worked in grounds maintenance and forestry in the past, he completed the 4 weeks' work experience and applied for a vacancy within the department. Paul performed well at interview and secured a full-time position.

★ Seeds for Success

Seeds for Success provides workshops offering in depth support on the basics of starting a small business. Opportunities to link with The Alnwick Garden platform to initially promote their businesses are also offered as part of the programme.



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Horticulture for Health

A programme aimed to support those out of work, helping them move a step closer on their journey to employment. The six-week programme encourages beneficiaries to engage in therapeutic horticulture to improve confidence, wellbeing and sense of purpose.

✗ Jobs and Careers Fair

A Jobs and Careers Fair was held to engage potential employees with a range of local companies and organisations. 200 jobseekers attended the event.

\star Young People Careers Support

74 young people engaged in outreach sessions in schools to raise their aspirations and increase their knowledge of the skills needed for future career pathways.

Ready to Work

An employability course providing information, advice and guidance for those looking for work. Attendees also completed either a Level 2 in Food Hygiene or a certificate in Fire Safety and Prevention.

Lauren and Carole both completed the Ready to Work programme that took place over October-December 2023. Both were interviewed to join the visitor services team and were successful in gaining employment at The Alnwick Garden.

\star Takeover Day

Pupils from St Michael's school in Alnwick attended a 'Takeover Day' where they experienced the jobs available at The Alnwick Garden ranging from visitor operations, Poison Garden guides and even being CEO for the day!

"Thank you so much for allowing our children to 'Take Over' the Alnwick Garden for the day. The children had a fantastic experience, through understanding the world of work through the job adverts, applications, interviews and the day itself. Please thank your amazing - and very accommodating team, who made the day very worthwhile."

Gavin Johnson Headteacher St Michael's School.







Our Careers Fair welcomed over 200 attendees with 18 local businesses in attendance.



Climate Crisis Education

The Alnwick Garden Trust is committed to tackling the climate crisis through carefully determining our own carbon footprint and establishing a plan to become carbon neutral. We aim to become an industry leader in educating other organisations on how they can also become carbon neutral.

Situated within our Roots and Shoots Allotments, is The Apiary and Climate Action Hub. This resource allows us to engage with others in innovative ways, to inform about the Climate Crisis and the impact upon the planet's biodiversity. Through education and sharing of knowledge, we aim to empower others to make the changes needed to live in a more sustainable way.

The Apiary: 201 pupils engaged in interactive workshops that focused upon the decline of our bee population and the climate crisis, teaching them how to take action to address the issues facing us all. Our outreach sessions into schools reached a further **187 pupils** during British Science Week.



201 pupil engaged in bee workshops. A further 187 pupils engaged in outreach sessions.











159 pupils engaged in the Roots and Shoots programme.

Roots and Shoots

The Roots and Shoots programme supports schools across Northumberland to tackle childhood obesity and promote healthy living in children and young people. Successful school applications are selected from areas with higher levels of obesity and deprivation. Throughout the growing season schools are allocated their own plot where they prepare the soil, plant produce and harvest the vegetables. The practical sessions are coupled with classroom education around healthy eating, living well and the importance of exercise. An outreach session at the school is also offered with family invited to attend. The children and their families can then take this learning home and help transform their own garden and prepare healthy meals with the produce they have grown.

159 primary school children from **8 different schools** engaged in Roots and Shoots during the 2023/24 growing season.





Drugs Education Programme

The programme consists of innovative and engaging workshops to educate young people around the dangers of substance use using a harm reduction approach.

We aim to give young people the confidence to make informed and positive choices around lifestyle choices, prevent early onset of substance use, and reduce the risk of drug related harm. The project although physically separate and mainly outreach, is an expansion of our Poison Garden.

The Poison Garden informs our visitors of the risks of substance use, using the analogy of plant toxicity, in the unique surrounding of poisonous plants. Being able to reference to The Poison Garden, not only provides an understanding of the origins of some drugs but is an effective way to break down barriers and encourage interaction.



705 young people

705 young people engaged with the drugs education project. They increased their knowledge of the health risks associated with drug and alcohol use, explored reasons why young people may use substances, discussed alternative choices, and considered other harms including social impacts and the law.

79,631 visitors

There were 79,631 visitors to The Poison Garden, all receiving information about the drug plants within.

Outreach Drugs Education

"Lisa's drug and alcohol awareness workshops have been invaluable in supplementing the delivery of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) in school. They offer a unique perspective that enhances the educational experience. Lisa creates an environment where students can openly discuss their thoughts, concerns, and questions about drugs and alcohol with their peers. 705 young people engaged in our Outreach Drugs Education sessions.

The workshops provide a practical and real-world context to the theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom. Students can see how the information they learn in PSHCE applies to their lives and the choices they make. The workshops involve interactive activities, discussions, and scenarios, which engage our students. The feedback from the Student Voice panel confirms that students retain this information and can apply it in various situations.

Lisa has tailored the workshops in Year 7 and Year 9 to focus on prevention strategies, empowering students to make healthy choices and resist peer pressure. Providing information on the consequences of substance abuse helps students understand the potential risks involved. Integrating drug and alcohol awareness workshops into the PSHCE curriculum ensures that the information is presented in a coordinated and comprehensive manner. This integration helps reinforce key concepts and ensures that students receive a holistic education on health and wellbeing.

This education opportunity provided by The Alnwick Garden, not only enriches the learning experience, but also fosters a sense of community responsibility in addressing substance abuse issues."

Feedback from the Duchess' High School









"Thank you very much for having us visit Lilidorei. Everyone had a brilliant day and thoroughly enjoyed it. Please pass on our thanks to all of the staff, who were absolutely brilliant. Everything was so well organised and we were very well looked after from the moment we stepped off the bus until the minute we left. The fact that Lilidorei is free for local school children on a Friday allowed us to bring children on this trip and eased financial pressures."

"I visited Lilidorei today with one of our reception classes. What a magical experience not only for the children but the staff too. We were so well looked after by the staff."

Feedback from our Free Fridays school visits.

Fact

3,122 school children from Northumberland benefitted from Free Fridays at Lilidorei.

Free Fridays at Lilidorei

Free Fridays is an initiative offering Northumberland primary school aged children a visit to Lilidorei for free during term time with their schools. Schools are given the opportunity to access and utilise educational resources that are linked to the National Curriculum.

By providing free access, we aim to reach children who may not be able to visit outside of school.

The concept of Lilidorei is to promote the importance of imagination and play for children and help them to improve their cognitive, physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

Our first Free Friday took place in June 2023 and **3,122 children** visited up until 31st March 2024.



The Climate Emergency

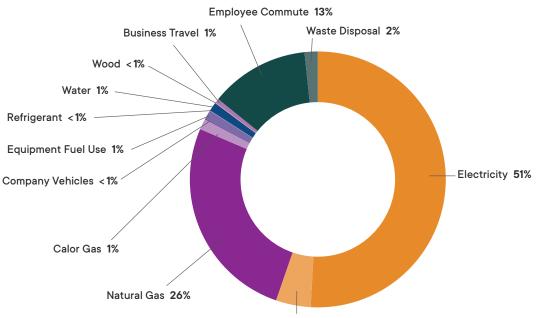


Our commitment to addressing the Climate Emergency

With the current climate emergency across the globe, The Alnwick Garden Trust has made the commitment to reducing its impact on the environment. We have reviewed all areas of the business and are putting into place policies, procedures and actions that will initially reduce our effect on climate change by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions (primarily carbon dioxide and their atmospheric equivalents) with our targeted goal of generating zero emissions. We hope to move forward to become a carbon sink and then, ultimately, we aim to teach others about our journey to net zero allowing us to help, assist and support other establishments to do the same.

Carbon Footprint Analysis

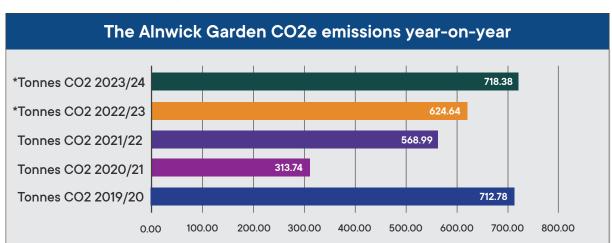
Reporting Scope	Emission Factor	Tonnes CO2e 2023/24
2	Electricity	365.59
3	Electricity Transmission & Distribution	31.64
1	Natural Gas	187.73
1	Calor Gas	9.78
1	Company Vehicles	0.72
1	Equipment Fuel Use	8.16
1	Refrigerant	0.26
N/A	Water	8.07
N/A	Wood	0.48
3	Business Travel	3.92
3	Employee Commute	90.06
3	Waste Disposal	11.97
	TOTAL	718.38



Electricity Transmission & Distribution 4%



To achieve our climate action goals, we have made an accurate measure of our carbon emissions, known as our carbon footprint benchmark. This annual report will now evaluate the emissions we have made during the last 12 months and show our year-on-year progress towards net zero in 2030.



Carbon Footprint Analysis Year-on-year

*Addition of Lilidorei infrastructure.



The net overall CO2 emissions for which The Alnwick Garden must now reduce is calculated as follows:

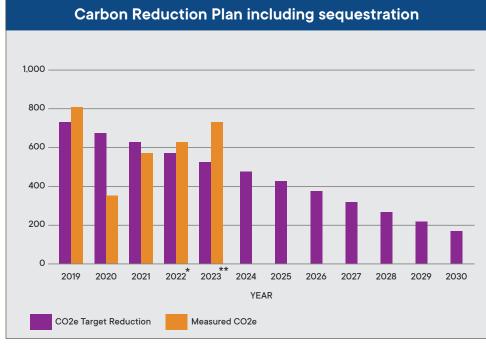


Carbon Reduction Plan

The Alnwick Garden Trust is committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2030.

Some initiatives were introduced and scrutinised during 2023/24 to reduce our carbon footprint including:





Carbon Reduction Plan

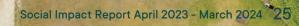


Planned and measured decrease in carbon emissions.



Sequestration projects to increase CO2 uptake through natural process.

*Addition of Lilidorei infrastructure. **First full year of Lilidorei infrastructure.



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Supporting the Wider Community

The Alnwick Garden always strives to support beyond its existing charitable programmes and reaches out to a wide range of other initiatives in the community.

We provided over **£12,000** worth of tickets to other community groups and charities to assist them with their own fundraising activities, and support their own beneficiary outcomes through free access to The Garden.





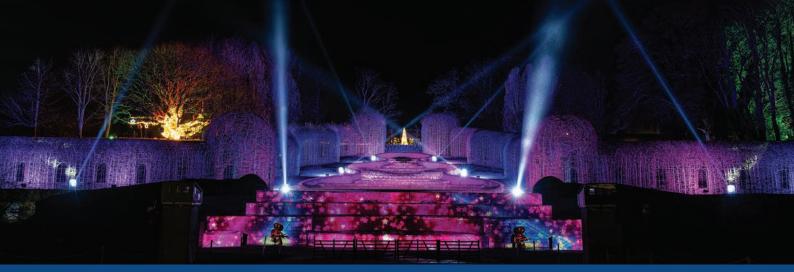


Free and discounted tickets were distributed to people with caring responsibilities including young carers, families suffering from bereavement, families accessing foodbanks, refugees and asylum seekers, community youth groups and looked-after young people.



"It was an amazing experience and we were so grateful to have been allowed to attend. As a family there have been some struggles with relationships, and we have spent a lot of time at home throughout the holidays. This has been a valuable experience and a brilliant way for our family to bond."

Feedback received from beneficiaries.



We opened our doors to **1,350 beneficiaries** who attended our Winter Light Trail "Community Evening". The groups who benefitted from free access included carers and young carers, foster carers and looked-after children, local community, youth groups and schools.



For the second year we

supported a group of

Ukrainian Refugees to

use The Alnwick Garden

to celebrate "Maslyana"

a traditional Ukrainian

event to celebrate the

end of winter.



We continued to work with The Prince's Trust, providing community projects for young people participating in their employability programme.





We are an active part of Alnwick Community Action Group which consists of representatives from Alnwick Town Council, Northumbria Police, Ignite, Gallery Youth, Community@ NE66, Northumberland County Council (Family Hubs), Primary Mental Health Team, Mind and Sole, Northumberland Adolescent Services (SORTED) and the Duchess' High School.

The initial focus of the group is to improve access to the provision of awareness and education for young people and their families to improve health and wellbeing and prevent harms caused by the use of substances. The group aims to consult with young people and their families living in Alnwick and / or within the catchment area of the Duchess' High School to identify strengths and needs within this community and collaborate on a community response.

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Thank Youl

The Alnwick Garden Trust receives phenomenal support from a team of volunteers, without whom we could not deliver such a wide range of programmes. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment over 2023/24 and for over 9,263 hours of volunteering time. We would also like to thank our supporters who have donated, and our funders and sponsors:

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