

About Greenbank

Greenbank is an active and striving force for good in the local area around Liverpool. Focusing on the wellbeing of people living with physical and/or learning disabilities. Greenbank has long established roots with the charity being first established in 1983.

Greenbank has grown broader and bolder over the years with a goal of making everybody, no matter their capabilities be able to achieve a more fulfilling and rewarding life. Greenbank and Greenbank Sports Academy does this by providing a wide range of educational and recreational activities. These goals have been achieved thanks to our experience and dedicated staff which includes our fantastic volunteers.

Our Values

Inclusivity

Providing an equal opportunity for everyone

Recognising potential

Raising aspirations to improve life

Excellence

Strive for excellence in all we do

Collaboration

Open to new ideas and sharing of knowledge



The Vision of Greenbank

To inspire, transform and truly change the lives and views of those in our community.



Greenbank College

Provider of Educational Opportunities for All

Greenbank College is an institution set up to support students to achieve their potential through inclusive pathways into employment and independence. Many of our students have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or are from other disadvantaged groups.

The subjects and training on offer in 2023/2024 included:

Business and Administration, Catering and Hospitality, Customer Service, Hairdressing, Information Technology (IT), Sport and Active Leisure, Health and, Social Care, English, Maths, Foundation Learning.

In 2023/24 Greenbank College was largely funded by grants from the Educational Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). These helped to provide educational opportunities for 164 students.

Overall in 2023/24 the retention rate of students was 89.1% and the overall achievement rate was 69.2%. The retention rate, specifically of learners with learning difficulties (LLDD) was 88.9% with the achievement rate of LLDD needs students were 69.3%. The overall positive progression rate was 86.6%.



Linking Learning To Work

Greenbank College employs a student recruitment and marketing officer, whose role is to develop links with local employers, volunteer agencies, etc to offer relevant work experience for students. Making this link between classroom learning and the work place is an important element of Greenbank's work. Despite ongoing problems experienced by our business partners, placement opportunities continued to be offered, and new relationships were formed, including with volunteering agencies. These allowed Greenbank students to gain experience within the work place. Out of 164 students, **127** were able to take part in work-based activities. **94** of those were in work experience, **29** in external placements and **34** took part in internal placements.



Supported Internships

Working in partnership with Liverpool City Council, Royal Liverpool University Hospital Trust (RLUHT), the Department for Work and Pensions and Supported Employment Agency HFT, Greenbank College continued to deliver the Supported Internship Programme. Job coaches supported **12** interns, placed in RLUHT and Liverpool City Council. **57%** of those interns secured paid employment, volunteering or apprenticeship positions upon completion of the programme.



127

Students engaged in work related activities and work experiences



29

Took part in an external work placement



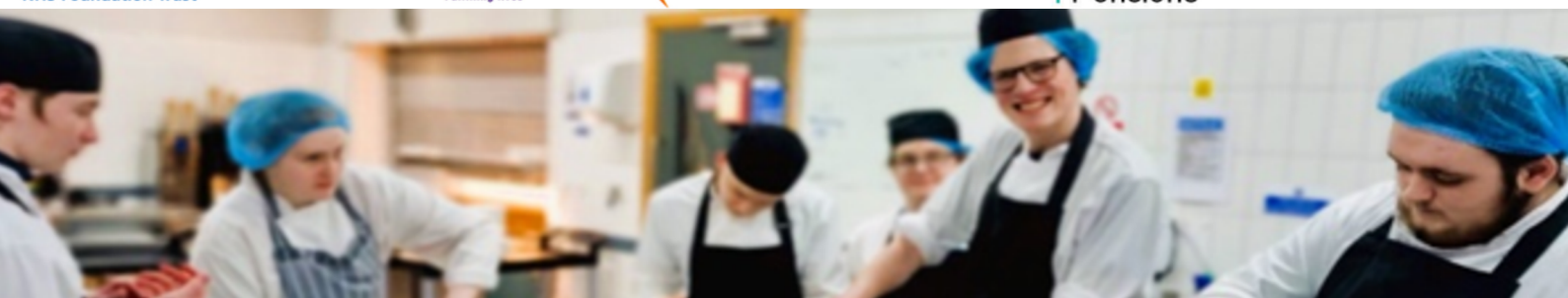
34

Took part in an internal work placement



12

Took on a supported internship



Include IT Digital Inclusion 23/24

Greenbank continued as a partner organisation in a project led by Sefton CVS and VOLA Consortium called Include-IT Mersey, delivering essential digital skills to digitally excluded residents of the city region.



- Following six years funded by the European Social Fund and National Lottery Community Fund, since 2023 it has been funded by the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), set to run until March 2025. The project is aimed at increasing digital skills, confidence and connectivity of disadvantaged, digitally excluded residents of the Liverpool City Region.
- Following the successful conclusion of the ESF phase of the project in March 2023, through which we supported we supported 97 digitally excluded, and mostly disabled people, between April 2023 and July 2024, the project has supported a further 41 people to develop basic IT skills.
- The vast majority of learners have been Liverpool and Wirral residents (our primary target areas), with 49% aged 50+ and 44% having a disability, learning difficulty, or long-term health condition. 80% of learners went on to complete their programme of study, with 7 progressing to further education/ training and 6 moving from economic inactivity to active job-search.
- Greenbank has been working with new and existing partners including Onward Housing, Kensington Community Centre, Wirral Mencap and, more recently, Wirral Change to ensure the new project reaches those who need it most.

Sports Hall and Gym Activities

Gym/ Power Sport Memberships

Between 1st August 2023 and 31st July 2024, the gym was open 342 days and recorded **7704** check-ins. It has an average of **151** active gym members per month. Power Sport memberships reached a core of **18** annual membership plans. A total number of unique gym memberships is **385**.

The sports hall generated £184,735 during the 2023-24 reporting year, as recorded by Pitch booking. During the 2023-24 reporting year, the sports hall had 2803 unique events, ranging from casual football to regional, national and international major events.

Highlights Include:

- IBTF National and World Baton Twirling Championship Training venue
- Boccia England National League home venue for Greenbank Giants Boccia Club
- British Baton Twirling Championships
- Boccia England
- Back Flash Promotion Boxing
- Solo Star Dance Championships
- Liverpool Futsal Club Women's League Venue
- Liverpool Handball International Event
- Liverpool Roller Birds
- GB Power Hockey Association British Power Hockey League Finals
- Panathlon Schools Event Programme - 21 Unique Events
- LSSP Schools event - Netball, Sports Hall Athletics and Inclusion Game
- The Abby Lee Dance Masterclass
- Merseyside Sport School Games
- WKSA Kuk Sool Won UK Tournament and Masters Exhibition
- Liverpool Futsal Club - NFS Tier 2 North Home venue
- Merseyside Open Fencing Tournament



7704

Number of reported gym check-ins



151

Number of Active Gym Memberships



18

Number of Annual Power Sport Memberships

During the year, Greenbank Sports Academy was used by a number of elite athletes including:

- Abdi Jama - GB Wheelchair Basketball
- Marus Harrison - England Powerchair Football
- James Dixon - England Deaf Cricket
- Sam Kolek - Polish Wheelchair Racer
- Isaac Towers, Nathan Maguire, Hannah Cockcroft, Sammi Kinghorn - British Athletic Wheelchair Racers

The Inclusive Sport and Leisure Services Provided at Greenbank

Greenbank's inclusive sport and leisure services are delivered through Greenbank Sports Academy. Greenbank Sports Academy is funded through contract delivery, charitable support and trading activities including the hire of sports hall facilities for local community use and gym services offered on a membership basis.

Development and Recovery

The academy has found that despite the cost-of-living crisis, there has been an increase in demand for vacant sports hall slots, these have been especially noticeably from our established sports clubs, who have remained loyal to Greenbank.

workforce related issues have also been a factor with many staff in low wage or casual positions leaving for positions in other sectors, and this has been an industry wide issue. Funding through charitable organisations has been noticeably tougher during the 2023/24 period, nevertheless planning has continued to attract grants and unrestricted fundraising income. Developments in the academy have also continued to be a priority with the modernization of the facility being a high. This includes planning for an upgrade of the current lighting system which will help to attract more high-profile sporting groups to the centre.



Continued focus on Tackling Inequalities with focus on Disability and Health Conditions

Partnerships have been sustained and developed within the year. These include: Aigburth Community Cycle Club; Women on Bikes, PSS Liverpool, Neurotherapy Centre, Walton Centre, Brio Leisure, The Brain Charity, Merseyside Sport, Options for Supported Living, Mencap Liverpool, Greenbank Giants Boccia Club, Greenbank power Football Club, Panathlon, Liverpool Handball Club and Liverpool Roller Birds.

The Sports Academy offers a weekly sports and physical activity programme in partnership with a range of clubs and organisations. Sessions offered in this reporting year included: Boccia, Ambulant, Football, Table-Tennis, Cycling including adapted cycles, Power Football, Power Hockey and Rebound Therapy.

Access to Exercise and Wellbeing Programme

The project supports people with neurological conditions to identify what they want to achieve and then through a blend of wellbeing, counselling, exercise and physiotherapy, enables them to manage their condition successfully.

The Neuro Therapy Centre located on the outskirts of Chester leads the project alongside Brio Leisure, Greenbank Sports Academy and the Brain Charity. The Walton Centre is a key partner along with Sheffield Hallam University who are evaluating the projects impact.

To date, the project has successfully recruited 85 participants to the evaluation and has attracted over 250 new members. Of these, 58 have completed their 3-month follow-up assessments and 21 have gone on to complete their 6-month follow up.

Interim Evaluation Report Findings:

By the 3 Month Follow up, the mean general health score had improved slightly to 3.2, with 70% of participants reporting that their health had either improved or stayed the same over the past year.

Neuro Star - The area identified as needing the most support was 'Activities of Daily Living', which had a lower mean score of 2.8. By the 3 month follow up, Neuro Star scores showed a positive trend, with the mean domain scores improving to 3.3.

The participants Interview and focus group have identified:

- Exercise as a tool for managing chronic conditions
- Challenges and limitations of physical therapy
- Value of supportive rehabilitation environments
- Emotional and psychological benefits of exercise
- Requests for more therapy options

Auditors Statement

We have examined the summary financial information for the year ended 31st July 2024, which forms part of the summarised annual review.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditor

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised annual review in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial information within the summarised annual review with the full annual accounts and the Trustees' Report. We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual review and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial information. The other information comprises the Chief Executive's Review and Chairman's Review. Our report on the company's full annual accounts describes the basis of our opinion on those accounts and on the Trustees' Report.

Trustee's Statement

The auditor has issued unqualified reports on the full annual accounts and on the consistency of the Trustees' Report with those accounts. Their report on the full annual accounts contained no statement under Sections 498(2)(a) or (b) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

For further information, the full accounts, the Independent Auditor's report on those accounts and the Report of the Trustees should be consulted. Copies can be received from the registered office at Greenbank College, Greenbank Lane, Liverpool, L17 1AG.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary financial information is consistent with the full annual accounts and the Trustees' Report of The Greenbank Project for the year ended 31st July 2024.

Financial Review

The main funding sources for the charity are currently grants/contracts with the Education Skills Funding Agency. We also receive funding from relevant local authorities for high needs learners who have an Education, Health and Care Plan and are aged 16 to 25.

The charity recorded a net deficit of £335,414 (2023: £96,994) for the financial year ending 31 July 2024. At the year end, net assets stood at £4,808,400 (2023: £5,143,814) of which £65,069 (2023 : £30,000) was held in restricted funds and £4,743,331 (2023: £5,113,814) in unrestricted funds. Currently the cash assets of the charity are held in three bank accounts (current accounts held with the Co-operative and Barclays Bank, and a savings account held with the Charitable Aid Foundation (CAF)).

Support

Greenbank is fortunate in having an experienced, knowledgeable and loyal workforce (both paid and voluntary) with a passion for meeting the needs of the people that it serves. Thank you to our funders, patrons, students and participants for their support in 2023/24.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees annually review Greenbank's reserves policy. This states that unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be enough to cover three to six months core operational costs. The trustees are aware that the current level of reserves is below this target amount and are looking at ways to increase this but do not feel this impacts on the day-to-day activities of the charity.

Going concern partially in response to rising costs and in anticipation of reduced funding, The Greenbank Project has taken steps to actively monitor future expenditure, including the following:

- Implementing more rigorous controls on internal spending by way of a semi-automated purchase order control system, which ties in with budget checks.
- Revised budgets per department that ensure sustainability of the entity with department heads responsible for keeping to budget.
- Outsourced finance function including new monitoring software and forecast with near real time comparison to actuals.
- Outsourced virtual financial officer reporting to both CEO and board.

These steps and the revised forecast will allow the Greenbank Project to actively monitor and control costs to meet shortfalls in funding as well as manage its day-to-day operations.

THE GREENBANK PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		4,962,623		5,142,132
Current assets					
Debtors	13	102,585		87,451	
Cash at bank and in hand		75,384		242,550	
		<u>177,969</u>		<u>330,001</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(187,630)</u>		<u>(161,047)</u>	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			<u>(9,661)</u>		<u>168,954</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			4,952,962		5,311,086
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		<u>(144,562)</u>		<u>(167,272)</u>
Net assets			<u>4,808,400</u>		<u>5,143,814</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	18		65,069		30,000
Unrestricted funds	19		4,743,331		5,113,814
			<u>4,808,400</u>		<u>5,143,814</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25 February 2025



Dr A Irving (Chair)
Trustee

Company registration number 01696490 (England and Wales)

Accounts Summary

THE GREENBANK PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	3,913	1,186	5,099	426	-	426
Charitable activities	4	280,897	2,074,796	2,355,693	310,788	2,005,747	2,316,535
Interest received	5	102	-	102	43	-	43
Total income		<u>284,912</u>	<u>2,075,982</u>	<u>2,360,894</u>	<u>311,257</u>	<u>2,005,747</u>	<u>2,317,004</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	655,395	2,040,913	2,696,308	438,251	1,975,747	2,413,998
Total expenditure		<u>655,395</u>	<u>2,040,913</u>	<u>2,696,308</u>	<u>438,251</u>	<u>1,975,747</u>	<u>2,413,998</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(370,483)	35,069	(335,414)	(126,994)	30,000	(96,994)
Fund balances at 1 August 2023		<u>5,113,814</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>5,143,814</u>	<u>5,240,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,240,808</u>
Fund balances at 31 July 2024		<u><u>4,743,331</u></u>	<u><u>65,069</u></u>	<u><u>4,808,400</u></u>	<u><u>5,113,814</u></u>	<u><u>30,000</u></u>	<u><u>5,143,814</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Thank you

We are grateful to the many stakeholders who make our work possible and would like to thank everyone who enabled us to provide our services during 2023/24. This includes staff, volunteers, students, organisations who offer work placements and our customers.

Greenbank's work would not be possible without the support of grant funding agencies, contract providers and the generosity of charitable trusts, companies and individuals.

Contractor Providers

Department for Work and Pensions

Education and Skills Funding Agency

European Social Fund (ESF)

Liverpool City Council

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Liverpool John Moores University

Wirral Borough Council

National Lottery Community Fund

City of Liverpool College

Halton Borough Council

Sefton Council

St Helens Borough Council

Charitable Support

This is not an exhaustive list

Big Lottery Fund

Community Foundation for Merseyside

D M Thomas Foundation

Steve Morgan Foundation

The Edward Gosling Foundation

Merseyside Sports Federation

Halton Short Breaks

Postcode Community Trust

Panathlon Foundation

Football Foundation

Liverpool City Council (Community Resource Grant)

Sport England Community Emergency Fund

Peter Harrison Foundation

Eleanor Ratbone Trust (Children's Rest School of Recovery)

Partnerships

- Career Connect
- Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
- VOLA Digital Inclusion