



Federation of
City Farms
& Community
Gardens

The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens exists to support and represent community-led groups that are working to regenerate local green space through farming and gardening



1972 The UK's first city farm opens its gates in Kentish Town, London.

1976 The first city farm outside of London opens in Windmill Hill, Bristol.



1980 The National Federation of City Farms is launched in London with Michael Palin. There are 13 city farms and hundreds of community gardens.

1989 The Queen visits our major exhibit at the Festival of Food and Farming in Hyde Park.

1990 Official launch of The European Federation of City Farms takes place, of which FCFCG is a founder member.



1995 David Bellamy opens our custom-built headquarters in Bristol, an all-timber Walter Segal-style building with a grass roof and adjoining community garden.



Celebrating 25 years of supporting city farms and community gardens

2005



1999 Our name is changed to the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens to more accurately reflect our membership.

2001 The Foot and Mouth crisis forces city farms to close their gates for six months.
↑ HRH The Prince of Wales becomes our Patron.

2005 FCFCG's 25th Birthday



There are: • 59 city farms • an estimated 1,000 community gardens • 75 school farms • over 200 groups starting up a new city farm or community garden • increasing numbers of community-managed allotments www.farmgarden.org.uk

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Reports

Report from the Chair and Director

Open green spaces are, and always will be, a valuable part of the environment we live in. Volunteers and staff are working every day on community gardens, city farms, school farms and allotments across the UK to regenerate and improve their communities. We are proud to say that in 2005 the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens is celebrating twenty-five years of supporting this wonderful network of people and places.

As well as our 25th anniversary, we will also be celebrating a membership that continues to grow at 20% each year, increasing recognition by central and local government, the consolidation of our work in England, our continued and developing work in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and our long-term connections with Europe.

Our members have a tremendous impact on their local communities and their achievements deserve to be recognised. Despite often being under-resourced, they make a real difference to those who use them, including groups that might otherwise miss out on



Clare Sutton with Jeremy Iles

mainstream services such as refugees, socially excluded people, people with mental health problems, older people, people with learning difficulties and members of deprived communities.

Thanks go out to all FCFCG staff, volunteers and Board members, past and present, for the work that has brought us here and that will take us into the future - developing and improving the services we offer.

Clare Sutton, Chair and Jeremy Iles, Director

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The FCFCG Board of Directors are elected representatives from member organisations.

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Key points from our year

Whilst the Federation looks ahead to its 25th Anniversary

it is no surprise that city farms have existed for longer - the first were established over 30 years ago. Earlier this year we completed a study of the UK's existing city farms and looked at the potential for new ones. The study highlighted that there are at least 20 groups wishing to set up city farms, that the potential demand for them is much greater and that many new community gardens are starting up each year. Both city farms and community gardens deliver a wide range of social and community benefits and we will be pressing hard to ensure that they have adequate support and resources in coming years.

An innovative addition for 2005 to our **membership support services** will identify and promote examples of good practice. Guides will host visits, seminars and events on aspects of city farming and community gardening that they excel at, using their sites as real, practical examples of what can work. The programme will compliment our existing Fieldworker Programme and help build capacity within our membership.



Charles Clarke visits a school farm

There are a total of 75 **school farms** in the UK, offering children and young people access to growing and animal-rearing opportunities and linking in to the National Curriculum across a range of subjects. FCFCG has established a dedicated School Farms Network to support their important work, with aid from the Department for Education and Skills. Two meetings took place in 2004 and further meetings are planned for the coming year. A leaflet setting out how school farms can enhance education will soon be produced, with a range of website resources and support tools to follow.

Our series of **maps of city farms and community gardens** includes new editions for Birmingham and North East England, with further maps for Scotland, North West England

and the Bristol area planned for the coming year. The maps not only promote community groups to the general public and local authorities but also stimulate contact between the groups themselves, helping to develop stronger local networks.

Open Gardens, Open Gates,

our support scheme for members' events, ran throughout summer 2004. The scheme helps our members welcome visitors and raise funds for their sites by offering publicity materials and resources. We were very sad to hear of the death of John Peel, who was to judge this year's photograph competition with Bob Flowerdew. The winning photograph is shown below.



Oatthall Community College Farm, W. Sussex

Those working on community gardens in **Scotland** had an opportunity to share experiences and future expectations at the Space To

Key points from our year



Grow Conference, held in Stirling in April 2004 in partnership with the Scottish Community Diet Project and Greenspace Scotland. With more people wanting to attend than places available, it clearly demonstrated the need for support for community gardens in the country. FCFCG is currently seeking funding to deliver a wide-ranging programme that will include networking events, field visits and the development of a starter pack for community gardens in Scotland, supported by the Gardens for Life Forum.

The Northern Ireland

Environment Link is working on FCFCG's behalf to complete a survey of community-managed farms and gardens across the province. The groups identified will be invited to attend a series of networking events in 2005 that will address how best the Federation can support their work.

In **Wales** the process of fundraising for a dedicated fieldworker network is now underway, and we hope to take our plans for this forward during early 2005.

Our Youth Development Programme

has continued to deliver excellent work over the past year, including a very successful weekend camp at Lambourne End in Essex. The young people who attended had the chance to plan their input to the City Harvest Festival at Capel Manor College in Middlesex, where young city farmers show farm animals in a range of competitions each September. Other developments include the launch of an internet group and our first dedicated newsletter for young people.

The Allotments Regeneration Initiative

has continued to support regeneration, promote good management practice and raise the profile of allotments. The Flagship Grant Scheme awarded grants totalling £260,000 in 2004 and the 'Beers and Buses' scheme continues to grant travel bursaries for groups visiting sites that demonstrate good practice. Work is now underway developing the Mentor Network, a team of voluntary experts who

will provide support and advice to allotments across the country. See www.farmgarden.org.uk/ari for further information.

The Access To Farms

partnership promotes and facilitates quality educational visits to farms. 2004 saw the launch of the Countryside Educational Visits Accreditation Scheme (CEVAS). Aiming to further raise standards, this DfES-endorsed scheme will offer training courses for farmers working with schools, assess the range and quality of the farms themselves and promote accredited farms via the Access To Farms website. FCFCG will co-ordinate, monitor and manage the finances of the programme on behalf of the partnership. See www.farmsforteachers.org.uk for further information.



Financial summary April 2003 - March 2004

The accounts set out below are a summary of our 2004 Financial Statements. A copy of the full accounts is available on request from our Head Office.

Our **core income** of £650,958 represents an increase of £139,221 on that for the previous financial year. An additional £21,129 of funds

managed by FCFCG on behalf of the London Environmental Education Forum (LEEF) gives a total income for the year of £672,087.

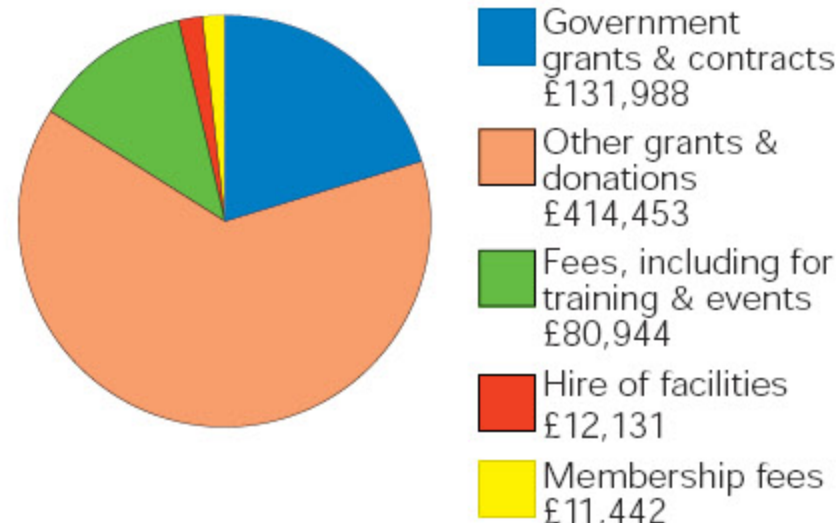
Our **core expenditure** of £522,987 and additional expenditure of £21,029 of managed funds gives a total expenditure of £544,016. Of the

surplus, £69,214 is restricted for use in the next financial year and £58,857 is unrestricted and has been added to our free reserves, which now stand at £78,371. We have been working hard to increase our financial reserves in line with Charity Commission policy and are now getting near to our target level.

Income

Core Income

£ 650,958



Managed funds income - LEEF

£ 21,129

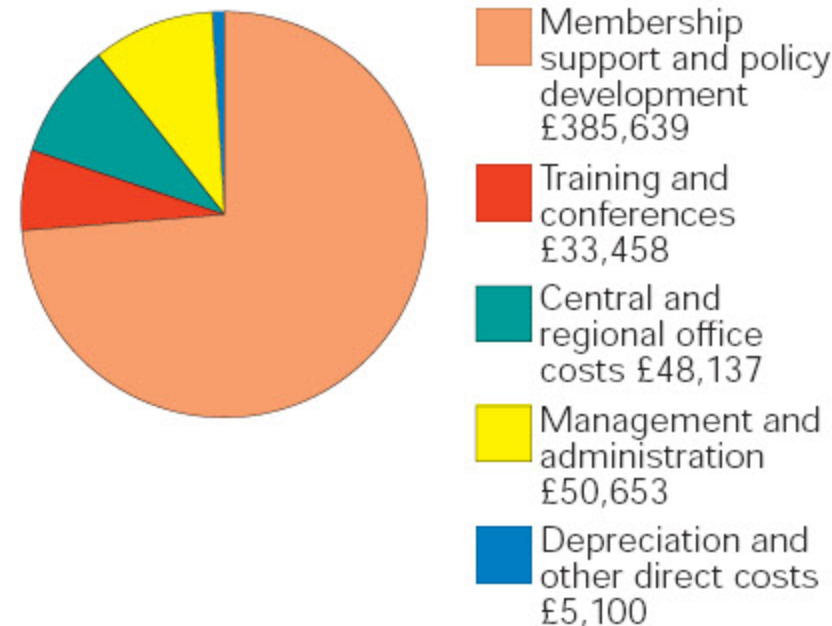
Total income

£ 672,087

Expenditure

Core Expenditure

£ 522,987



Managed funds expenditure - LEEF

£ 21,029

Total expenditure

£ 544,016

Funds committed to 2004/05 £ 69,214
Transfer to reserves £ 58,857



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