

BENTLEY BEGINNINGS

England & Wales · Charity number 1081484

Details

Other names BENTLEY FAMILY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2000-07-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENTLEY, INCLUDING THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, THE PROMOTION OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND THE PROMOTION OF ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE WHICH WILL DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE INHABITANTS OF BENTLEY IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY

Activities: Children's Activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BENTLEY
- Walsall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£29,230	£25,316	-	-
2024-04-30	£19,442	£23,006	-	-
2023-04-30	£31,553	£24,378	-	-
2022-04-30	£34,151	£31,717	-	-
2021-04-30	£19,388	£17,252	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PHILIP BRIAN JAMES POWELL	Chair	
Anita Nickless		2019-04-20
JAMIE ERIC CLAY		2015-02-09
ROSALYN ANN HINTON		2012-02-11

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Accounts

BENTLEY BEGINNINGS

Charity No 1081484

Accounts for the year ended 30th April 2025

INCOME

Fees	80.00
Grants/Fundraising	29,150.00

£29,230.00

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	6,250.00
Room Hire	3,660.00
Childrens Activities	2,500.00
Coach Hire	4,890.00
Post/Phone	120.00
Equipment	188.99
Entrance Fees	5,211.95
Catering	680.22
Travel	704.85
Repairs/Maintenance	1,020.00
Bank Charges	88.32
Misc	2.60

£25,316.93

Excess Income/Expenditure

£3,913.07

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 2025

Excess Income/Expenditure	£3,913.07
Balance B/F	£10,150.19
TOTAL	<u>£14,063.26</u>

Restricted Funds	£9,575.00
Unrestricted Funds	£4,488.26

Represented By	
HSBC Bank	£13,875.14
Cash in Hand	£188.12
TOTAL	<u>14,063.26</u>

Prepared By



R Hinton
Treasurer/Secretary

Approved By



P B J Powell
Chair



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BENTLEY BEGINNINGS

On accounts for the year ended

30th APRIL 2025

Charity no (if any)

1081484

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Independent examiner's statement

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

M. Lee

Date:

23-5-2025

Name:

Margaret Ruth Lee

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

The Church on the Corner - Walsall
Treasurer

Address:

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WALSALL
WS5 3HL

BENTLEY BEGINNINGS FAMILY CENTRE

(Charity No 1081484)

REPORT BY THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL 2025.

Again, on behalf of the Trustees i would like to thank the members of the committee, staff and the volunteers who have again worked so hard during the past twelve months. In the view of the Trustees the accounts give a true and fair view of the Charity's achievements over the past 12 months.

We have been able to maintain our weekly outreach and in the past 12 months we have made visits in August with two coaches to the seaside in Barry Island, in October a visit to Drayton Manor Theme park for the day and then their fireworks display in the evening and of course our Christmas activities with a large party with Santa's Grotto and presents for the children. Our annual visit to the pantomime went ahead in January 2024 we are now busy making arrangements for this years' activities. The Parents and Toddler groups have continued with new group meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays and our school holiday activities and our regular holiday outings for the children will be continuing over the next 12 months

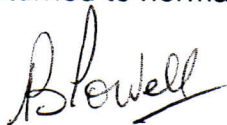
We are still meeting in the community centre complex in South Bentley and we thank them again for the use of their facility.

Our partnership links with other service providers in the area are now continuing on a regular basis and we are especially pleased with the links with the local Schools, Churches and Bentley West Children's Centre. These links continue to be of great benefit to all of us as we seek to work together for the benefit of the disadvantaged children in our socially deprived community.

We are continuing with our fundraising efforts for our on-going activities and have received further grants in the past 12 months which has enabled us to continue with our outreach into the local community. Our thanks go to the Trusts both large and small who have supported us, Saintbury, Dumbreck, C Richards, Murtagh, Charles Lewis, Leigh, Measures, Gowling, Grimmitt, Fitton, Gallaher, W A Cadbury, W E Dunn, Harramead, Souter, Cole, Casey, R&D Turner, Tufton, Patrick, Ratcliffe, Dorcas, Paget and Seccombe, and those who do not wish to be mentioned.

Over the next 12 months we will be pursuing funding from existing and other sources to help us increase our activities to help us provide activities for the children from our socially deprived area

Finally I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me over the past 12 months and I look forward to building on our successes in the future now things have returned to normal.



PBJ Powell (Chair)
6th May 2025

BENTLEY BEGINNINGS

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Accounts

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Charity No 1081484

Accounts for the year ended 30th April 2023

INCOME

Fees	648.00
Grants/Fundraising	30,905.00

£31,553.00

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	9,090.00
Publicity	208.80
Room Hire	3,672.00
Childrens Activities	5,637.27
Coach Hire	1,185.60
Post	409.39
Equipment	1,855.00
Catering	940.56
Telephone	20.00
V.E.	877.48
Training	380.00
Bank Charges	101.43
	£24,377.53

Excess Income/Expenditure £7,175.47

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 2023

Excess Income/Expenditure	£7,175.47
Balance B/F	£6,556.18
	<u>£13,731.65</u>

TOTAL

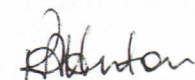
Restricted Funds £7,875.00
Unrestricted Funds £5,856.65

Represented By
HSBC Bank £13,713.76
Cash in Hand £17.89

TOTAL

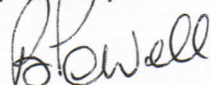
13,731.65

Prepared By



R Hinton
Treasurer/Secretary

Approved By



11.5.23

P B J Powell
Chair

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Notes to The Accounts May 2022– April 2023

Restricted Funds £7875.00
Unrestricted Funds £5856.65

Payments to Trustees NIL

Accruals Nil

ANNUAL MONITORING RETURN

Not required (less than 11 full time employees)



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Bentley Beginnings

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30th April 2023

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Signed:

M. Lea

Date:

11-5-23

Name:

Margaret Ruth Lea

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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We have been able to maintain our weekly outreach and in the past 12 months we have made visits to Dudley Zoo at the end of July and in August two coaches to the seaside in Llandudno, for many of the children their first "holiday" since the pandemic. In October a visit to Drayton Manor Theme park for the day and then their fireworks display in the evening and of course our Christmas activities with a large party with Santa's Grotto and presents for the children. Our annual visit to the pantomime went ahead in January 2023 for the first time since 2019 and we are now busy making arrangements for this year's activities.

The Parents and Toddler groups have continued with a new group meeting on Fridays and our school holiday activities and our regular holiday outings for the children will be continuing over the next 12 months. Our annual visit to the pantomime went ahead for the first time since 2019 with three coaches making the visit on the 12th January 2023.

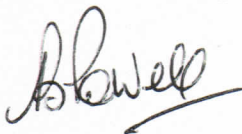
We are still meeting in the community centre complex in South Bentley and we thank them again for the use of their facility.

Our partnership links with other service providers in the area are now continuing on a regular basis and we are especially pleased with the links with the local Schools, Churches and Bentley West Children's Centre. These links continue to be of great benefit to all of us as we seek to work together for the benefit of the deprived children in our socially deprived community.

We are continuing with our fundraising efforts for our on-going activities and have received further grants in the past 12 months which has enabled us to continue with our outreach into the local community. Our thanks go to the Trusts both large and small who have supported us, Grantham Yorke, Trumark, Hargrave, Charles Lewis, Leigh, Archer, Gowling, Grimmitt, Gallaher, W E Dunn, Tresanton, Edgar Lawley, Souter, Murtagh, Fitton, R&D Turner, L C Johnson, Tufton, Patrick, Measures, Ratcliffe, Dorcas, and Seccombe.

Over the next 12 months we will be pursuing funding from existing and other sources to help us increase our activities to help us to make up for the lost years.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me over the past 12 months and I look forward to building on our successes in the future now things have returned to normal.



PBJ Powell (Chair)
15th May 2023.

BENTLEY BEGINNINGS

England & Wales - Charity number 1081484

Accounts

BENTLEY BEGINNINGS

Charity No 1081484

Accounts for the year ended 30th April 2022

INCOME

Fees	301.00
Grants/Fundraising	33,850.00
Interest	0.08

£34,151.08

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	10,040.00
Stationery	241.91
Room Hire	3,984.00
Childrens Activities	9,869.38
Coach Hire	3,420.00
Post	189.88
Equipment	1,911.73
Catering	1,804.92
Telephone	20.00
V.E.	193.88
Bank Charges	42.20

£31,717.90

Excess Income/Expenditure £2,433.18

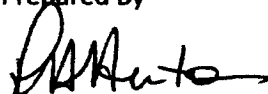
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 2022

Excess Income/Expenditure	£2,433.18
Balance B/F	£6,227.26
TOTAL	<u>£8,660.44</u>

Restricted Funds £4,875.00
Unrestricted Funds £3,785.44

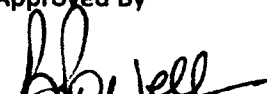
Represented By	
HSBC Bank	£8,589.36
Cash in Hand	£71.08
TOTAL	<u>8,660.44</u>

Prepared By



R Hinton
Treasurer/Secretary

Approved By



P B J Powell
Chair

10.5.22

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The Parents and Toddler groups have continued with a new group meeting on Fridays for deaf children and our school holiday activities and regular outings for the children are commencing again in the summer. We are still meeting in the community centre complex in South Bentley and we thank them again for the use of their facility..

Our Christmas activities were able to take place and a visit to the pantomime went ahead in January 2022 for the first time since 2019 although 6 families had to cancel due to a member of their family testing positive but the theatre have given us credit to be used for next 'year's show.

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Over the next 12 months we will be pursuing funding from existing and other sources to help us increase our activities and in some way help us to make up for the lost years.

We have been experiencing difficult times in the past few 2 years but we had been able to keep in touch with our families on a regular basis and in partnership with another local Charity have been able to arrange food parcels and other help for those in need

Finally i would like to thank everyone for the support they have given me over the past 12 months and I look forward to building on our successes in the future now things are returning to normal.



PBJ Powell (Chair)
10th May 2022.

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Notes to The Accounts May 2021– April 2022

Restricted Funds £4875.00

Unrestricted Funds £3785.44

Payments to Trustees NIL

Accruals Nil

ANNUAL MONITORING RETURN

Not required (less than 11 full time employees)



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Signed:

M. Lea

Date:

7.5.22

Name:

MARGARET RUTH LEA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

THE CHURCH ON THE CORNER - WALSALL
TREASURER

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