

BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1085125

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [03688395](#)

Registered 2001-02-21

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

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE BENN WARD AND ITS IMMEDIATE LOCALITY BY THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN CONDITION OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS, IN PARTICULAR THE YOUNG, THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, ADVICE, TRAINING AND SUPPORT. TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTS OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.(B) TO RELIEVE POOR PERSONS RESIDING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION FOR THEM OF ADVICE AND SERVICES IN LEGAL, HOUSING, FINANCIAL AND RELATED MATTERS WHICH WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE AVAILABLE TO THEM THROUGH LACK OF MEANS

Activities: The Benn Partnership Centre's mission is to educate and enable the community in Rugby by providing a multi-cultural environment where people can meet, learn, participate and develop together. Towards this end, the Centre hosts various activities around accredited and non-accredited learning, nursery, after-school club and holiday clubs for children and helps build capacity of various clubs.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BENN WARD AND ITS IMMEDIATE LOCALITY
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£155,728	£142,955	-	-
2024-03-31	£98,283	£121,393	-	-
2023-03-31	£118,992	£108,633	-	-
2022-03-31	£139,547	£110,018	-	-
2021-03-31	£163,870	£110,018	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jaswinder Kaer Sanghera		2015-02-20
Joyce Woodings		2011-12-30
KULDIP SINGH RANU		2013-01-13
Richard Harrington		2024-06-14
SONIA JOHNS		2013-01-13
Simon George Clifford Towers		2019-11-30

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Accounts

**Benn Partnership Centre
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

**BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)**

**Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail

Registered Company Number: 03688395

Registered Charity Number: 1085125

Registered Address: Railway Terrace
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 3HR

Trustees/Directors: Simon Towers FCA – Chair
Sonia Johns
Deborah Wilkinson
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
David Steadman – resigned 14 January 2025
Richard Harrington - appointed 27 June 2024

Company Secretary: Deborah Wilkinson

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Volunteers:

Shreya Loman	Siobhan Morrow
Wyatt Mainwaring	Ian Sydenham
Anna Frankis	Pam Harris
Aishwarya Magesh	Tina Davies
Susan Barton	Chris Carson
Sophie Pulley	Colin Coleman
Margaret Evans	Val MaKenzie
Alvaro and Maria Almeida	Lucy Melvin
Bhanu Patel	Dale Winton
Liselle McKenzie	Carlton Baker
Praful Solanki	Carol Fletcher
Jaswinder Sangheera	Charlotte Griffin
Balbir Ranu	Lesley Wheeler
Kuldip Ranu	Jemma Davoudin
Michael Stone	Dana Stewart
Simon Dowling	Ramesh Srivastava
Jane Larder	Sue Barton
Pam Singh	Aissatou Bogoum
Angela Keane	Charmaine Mill
Paul McAnespie	Christina Hanko
Sam Haynes	Tabitha Abioye
Liz Haynes	Mercia Oliveira
Fiona Lewis	Ed Kenny
Marisa Preuss	Peter Lymer
Sam Woodfield	Phil Bates
Megan Catlin	Amnpreet Mann
Nick Long	Narinder Anand
Suji Kalai Radha	Jessica Malara
Riley Higgs	David Atichoje
	Kriszta Karolyi

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail (continued)

Employees:

Vivien Kajaro – Centre Manager
Rob Higgs – Deputy Manager / Administrator
Robi Jugganadum – Services Support Officer
Susan Hamill – Community Connector
Aissatou Bogoum - Custodian
Michael Stone – Gardener

Bankers:

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15 Church Street
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Independent examiner:

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Trustees Annual Report including Directors' Report Year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Trustees of the charity

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Simon Towers - Chair
Sonia Johns
Debbie Wilkinson – Company Secretary
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
David Steadman – resigned 14 January 2025
Richard Harrington - appointed 27 June 2024

Objectives

The charitable objects of the Benn Partnership Centre are

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Benn Ward and its immediate locality by the relief of persons in the condition of need, hardship and distress, in particular the young, the elderly and the disabled, by providing or assisting in the provision of education, advice, training and support. To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or leisure time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To relieve poor persons residing in the area of benefit by providing and assisting in the provision for them of advice and services in legal, housing, financial and related matters which would not otherwise be available to them through lack of means.

Mission statement

To educate and enable the community by providing a multi-cultural environment where people can meet, learn, participate and develop together.

Values

To welcome all; to respect all; to help all; to empower all.

Principal Activities

We run a thriving community Centre in the Benn Ward in the Centre of Rugby. We provide space for activities that support the wellbeing of the community and for community groups and other charities and social enterprises.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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What has been happening at the Community Centre in the Financial Year 2024/2025

This financial year, we have seen a steady rise in the Centre's footfall. However third sector organisations are hiring the rooms more than private sector organisations. This means that we have had less income come in compared to last year.

We have continued with English classes. Our ESOL classes are run by paid tutors. The ESOL classes are running 3 days each week which includes 2 mornings, and an afternoon session on Wednesday. The classes are offered to those who want to learn or improve their English. The classes are charged and very affordable although we would like to offer free sessions should the funding become available.

The Centre operates as a Warm Hub and we now have a Meet and Eat community café which is open free every Friday. People in the community come together and share a warm meal which is prepared by our English students. This helps the students practice their English skills and integrate in the community. We also on occasions have other community support groups who join us to educate people on various topics such as energy saving, healthy living, stopping smoking and money management etc.

We have a walking group that was set up to encourage people to venture out, do some exercise and come out after being isolated during the lockdown. The group has continued to be a success as more people look for activities to do during the day.

We now have a music group for adults that runs every Friday for an hour and is a chance for the community to learn how to play a music instrument. This session is run by a qualified music teacher, who saw the need for a social activity especially for the elderly and those with learning disabilities. However, anyone is welcome. They have performed at Christmas fairs and raised money for St Cross.

The work club runs 3 days a week. We have been lucky to have volunteers and staff who are supporting clients with all areas of IT support. We have continued to run the work club with the help of volunteers (mostly partners of expatriates who have recently moved from abroad to work for various large organisations within Warwickshire). The volunteers run the over 55s computer classes every Friday afternoon. We are delighted to have a group of committed individuals, every week as our clients really appreciate their support.

As the Government continues to move clients to universal credits the work club has continued to support those who need to set up their accounts, search for jobs. We support the clients who need help with completing applications online for various things e.g. Housing benefit, PIP, EU settlement, residence permits, jobs, CVs, school places to name but a few.

We have continued to work with We are Digital to assist community members who find filling in forms a challenge especially due to language barriers, to apply for EU settlement status. This scheme has been a success and we have supported many people get their eVisas to settle in the UK.

We continue to work with local supermarkets to give out food that would have gone to waste. We now have a community fridge and can take chilled food, which is appreciated by the community. This is done through the fare share/food diverse scheme and members of our communities appreciate the food provided. We are grateful to ALDI, LIDL and especially TESCO, who donate food and other items to the Centre and have worked with us on various events. They have been a lifeline to the community.

The Centre has opened its doors to community organisations who are newly setting up but cannot afford the hire rates. As Monday and Friday are our quietest days, we decided to offer the empty rooms to small groups. We have welcomed 3 support groups one of which empowers young single mothers to get out and socialise. This has worked really well as we have also managed to have a few of these women volunteer with us on reception

We received some funding from WRCC for warm hubs. The funds were used for cooking classes run by a volunteer. We run 2 rounds of cooking sessions, one dedicated to families cooking together and have been attended very well. We have been lucky to work with Cadent who donated air fryers for the participants.

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As it has always been a tradition for the Centre to prepare a Christmas meal for those members of the community who could not afford or who are lonely on Christmas day. We served up to 80 meals to the elderly, homeless, young people living on their own and those who were working on Christmas day and could not prepare a special meal on the day.

Jobs22 have renewed their contract in the Oasis community room where they will have their offices for the next 3 years. Jobs22 have also continued to book our rooms for various courses to help their clients back into paid work.

This year we received a generous donation from the Post Code lottery, which we used to replace our partition doors, install folding sound proof partition doors, replace our projectors and buy new computers for the computer room and all the other rooms we hire out to the community.

We also received free laptops from CEMEX, which have replaced the old ones we had for over 6 years, funding towards the Christmas event and a donation towards the cost of the new member of staff who is the Community connector.

Other activities that took place include:

Arts and Crafts group run by Rugby Library and museum – Express Art Group. this group meets every Thursday morning and has had a very good turnout. The activities suit every adult of all abilities.

Shaw Trust is another organisation that has been with us for a while. Shaw Trust also support special needs people back into work and help them gain skills to find work. They hire a room 3 days each week.

Adult Community Learning (ACL) have also been a major partner of Benn Partnership Centre. ACL run English, maths, yoga, patchwork, quilting and sewing courses at our Centre. There has been a small intake in maths classes hence forcing the course to be stopped.

Love Heart Community CIC: is a new charity organisation that has started feeding the community and they meet at the centre every other week. This has brought more people out on weekends to enjoy a social and wellbeing session as well as have a meal together.

Everyone Health stop smoking services, run some sessions, which were funded by NHS. Although this service attracted some community members, the intake remained very low and was stopped after a few weeks.

The Centre has continued to support refugees and asylum seekers. We are working in collaboration with SERCO, Migrant Help UK and the local authorities to support asylum seekers who are temporarily housed in hotels and HMOs round Rugby.

Dunchurch Hotel refugee women's group; Run by the help of Catherine and Barnardo's team, to give the women a place to cook dishes from their homeland, practice their English and share their recipes with the community. The group was funded by the local council and support by local supermarkets who donated food items for the cooking sessions.

As part of us bring the community together, we had a World Food Day event. This was organised by the Centre managers, to encourage the different nations that use our Centre to make a dish from their country, bring it to the Centre and share with the community. We gave a £20.00 voucher to each participant to cover the cost of ingredients. The event was very well attended, we had dishes from 10 different countries and we are very appreciative to WRCC and TESCO for their continued support.

The Arts Club is weekly on Thursday. This club is open to the community, mostly to those who feel isolated, have mental health issues or have a learning disability. The club is supported by Rugby Art Gallery and Museum and the activities vary each week.

The OCD group has continued to grow. They have now secured funding to continue the support group for another two years. This will enable the group to run once a week at the Centre.

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Warwickshire Pride have continued their Saturday morning sessions, and now have 2 groups: young people under 17 years and an adult group. The groups have grown and are very well attended and this kind of support is much needed in the community.

Groups using our facilities

Over the year, we have hosted various community groups and organisations. These groups have hired our rooms and continue to support us one way or another. The following groups that have supported Benn Partnership Centre.

Adult Community Learning (ACL)
Rugby Borough Council (RBC)
Arts Uplift- Rugby Arts gallery and museum- Inside Stories, song writing workshops
Warwickshire prevent- part of Rugby Borough Council
Arewa Bakes and Treats
Combs Tutors Ltd
Individual Support Solutions
PET XI Multiply course
Valley House
West Midlands NHS Trauma Vanguard Project
Different Futures by Claire Cooke
Feel Good League by Jen Elliot
Heart and Soul Community Training Centre
Entrust Care Partnership
RAGM (Memories from home) organised by Rugby Museum
SSWA Yoga group
Rugby Community Aspiring group
Private English class ltd
Karmel Hungarian Church
Warwickshire Early Years
Sikh Temple Punjabi class
Sahil Project
Tamil Teaching School
Shaw Trust
Life style clinics with Rugby NHS
NHS Cov & Wars Occupational Therapy
TTS Dance group
Turning Point
Victim Support
CDA Employability workshops
Workpays for skills training back into work
Skills people group
WCC Foster Training
WISE Ability
Sikh Social Welfare Association (SSWA) - Gardening group
Saturday art with Aishwarya
Rugby Muslim Centre
Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar
Warwickshire Employment Support Team

Volunteers

This year we have had many volunteers who have supported us on various occasions.

We have the Meet and Community Café running every Friday. We have 14 people who have supported us one way or the other, spare time and prepare the meals. The volunteers are from all walks of life including 4 with learning disabilities, are from different backgrounds and have gladly shared their recipes and cuisines with the rest of the community.

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We have 8 volunteers registered to support and help the refugees and asylum seekers with ESOL classes. The volunteers were committed and showed up each week to help the clients feel at home. In addition, the volunteers have now set up extra classes in different church halls to support the growing numbers of non-English speakers in the community, who could benefit from free English classes.

We had six volunteers for our gardens. Our gardening volunteers turned up each week and work so hard to make the Centre look bright and clean. Each year we have won an award for their efforts and we cannot thank them enough. In addition, the Centre is now offering work placements to students from the local college. We also hired a gardener who brought the gardens back to life.

During the year, we had 12 volunteers to help us at the reception/front of house. Most of these volunteers have come to us through local agencies but majority are people we have supported in the past. These volunteers join to gain confidence to improve their communication skills whilst interacting to members of the public. And with the help of our staff, the results have been positive. Their confidence has grown and many have moved on to find paid work.

On Christmas day and those who helped with preparations before the day, we had 18 volunteers. This year we had the main hall setup and an extra room as the numbers were nearly 100. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to serve meals, cleared up after the event, offered lifts to the guests to the centre and dropped them off, they also delivered meals to those who could leave their homes for whatever reasons.

To honour our volunteers, the Centre hosted and invited all our volunteers to join us for an afternoon tea. We invited the Mayor, delegates from Rugby Borough Council, our Trustees, our local MP and a few of our sponsors. The occasion was well attended and we hope to follow this tradition every year to show appreciation to our wonderful volunteers

Financial review (including reserves policy)

The result for the year showed a deficit for the year before transfers of £13,025 (2024 deficit £19,355) on Unrestricted Funds and a surplus for the year before transfers of £25,798 (2024 deficit – £3,755) on Restricted Funds.

The Trustees regularly consider the risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that processes exist and are regularly monitored which identify such risks and the means of managing them.

The Trustees also regularly review the level of reserves in the light of the expected levels of revenue and are satisfied that their current levels are sufficient in the event of trading difficulties. Funds of £30,000 have been allocated to a designated Business Continuity reserve. The whole of the Charity's Operations are continually monitored to identify risks and to ensure the comprehensive Risk Assessment which has been completed in accordance with the Charity Commission recommendations, meets the Charity's requirements.

Structure, governance and management

The Board of Trustees take responsibility for the overall governance of the Charity, its activities and the strategy and financial planning, fundraising, investment, risk management and overall performance. The Trustees are committed to raising public and professional awareness of the charity's aims in order to promote its goals and mission. The Trustees meet monthly each year and converse by email and telephone between board meetings.

The Centre Manager is responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity and reports to the board of Trustees. No Trustee received remuneration for their Trustee work during the year. Trustees may claim out of pocket expenses for activities related to fulfilling their role and responsibilities. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed within the statement of accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairperson and, in accordance with the Charity's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Under the memorandum and articles, the Trustees on behalf of the charity have the power to invest monies of the Company which are not immediately required for its own purposes.

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Recruitment of Directors/Trustees is carried out when necessary to maintain a diverse and skilled board of Trustees to oversee the charity business. New Directors/ Trustees are firstly interviewed by the chairperson and another board member. They are then inducted by attending one or two board meetings for assessment and approval of other board members and provided with links to the following documentation:

- The Charity Commission Trustee Handbook
- The Charity Commission - What You Need To Know Booklet

The charity structure is as follows:

- The Chairperson
- The Deputy Chairperson; The Treasurer
- The Board of Directors/Trustees
- 5 Employees: The Centre Manager, Deputy Manager/Administrator; Services Support Officer, Custodian and Casual Custodian
- The Volunteers

The Trustees recognise the continued work of its dedicated team of voluntary helpers and extend its sincere appreciation to all its many supporters. It is not possible to place a value on the many hours of service so freely given.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

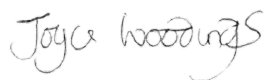
The trustees (who are also directors of Benn Partnership Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Name, Joyce Woodings

Trustee

15 December 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Directors of Benn Partnership Centre For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Benn Partnership Centre (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Date: 15 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Activities for generating funds	2	77,426	-	-	77,426	77,387
Investment Income	3	1,526	-	-	1,526	1,237
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Voluntary income	4	8,010	-	68,766	76,776	19,659
Total Incoming Resources		<u>86,962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,766</u>	<u>155,728</u>	<u>98,283</u>
Resources Expended						
Cost of generating funds:						
Charitable Activities	5	99,987	-	42,968	142,955	121,393
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>99,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,968</u>	<u>142,955</u>	<u>121,393</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing resources for the year)		(13,025)	-	25,798	12,773	(23,110)
Transfers		4,752		(4,752)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(8,273)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,046</u>	<u>12,773</u>	<u>(23,110)</u>
Total funds bought forward		31,815	30,000	28,145	89,961	113,073
Funds Carried Forward		<u>23,541</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>49,191</u>	<u>102,734</u>	<u>89,963</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	7		3,209		4,011
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	4,681		5,849	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	111,693		82,289	
		<u>116,374</u>		<u>88,138</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Amounts due within 1 year	10	(16,849)		(2,186)	
Net Current Assets			99,525		85,952
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>102,732</u>		<u>89,963</u>
Net Assets			<u>102,732</u>		<u>89,963</u>
Financed by:					
Restricted Funds	11		49,191		28,148
Designated Funds	12		30,000		30,000
Unrestricted Funds	13		23,541		31,816
			<u>102,732</u>		<u>89,963</u>

Exemption from audit

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the trustees/directors on 15 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Simon Towers
Treasurer

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Benn Partnership Centre is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on pages 1 & 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are set out in the Trustees report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and Update Bulletin 2 published on 5 October 2018), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

**BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity may receive government grants. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding money on deposit. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Centre equipment	5 years
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(f) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(g) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(h) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(i) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

(j) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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2. Incoming Resources from Activities for Generating Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	71,472	-	71,472	71,327
Cybercafe	-	-	-	134
ESOL	2,111	-	2,111	3,485
Other activities	2,347	-	2,347	2,066
We are digital	1,496	-	1,496	375
	-	-	-	-
	<u>77,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,426</u>	<u>77,387</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	1,526	-	1,526	1,237
	<u>1,526</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>1,237</u>

4. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Corporation	8,000	-	-	8,000	7,500
Post Code Community Fund Grant	-	-	25,000	25,000	-
Warwickshire Impact Grant : OCD Support	-	-	1,760	1,760	-
Donation Ann Pearse for Dunchurch Park ESOL lessons	-	-	27	27	-
HEC Foundation - Grant for Benn Ward Fun Day 2024	-	-	4,837	4,837	-
Rugby Benevolent Fund	-	-	19,000	19,000	-
Christmas Day Fund	-	-	1,568	1,568	1,056
SE Asian Network Micro Grant (RBC)	-	-	1,270	1,270	473
Love Hearts Micro Grant (RBC)	-	-	300	300	-
WCC Connecting Communities - Cooking From Scratch	-	-	-	-	1,000
WCC Councillors - Community Cafe Grant	-	-	350	350	350
Severn Trent Grant for BPC Garden	-	-	-	-	6,476
WRCC Grant for Meet & Eat Friday Cafe	-	-	-	-	495
Rugby Community Aspiring Club - WCCL Grant	-	-	1,603	1,603	2,150
RBC Grant - Main Hall Partition	-	-	13,051	13,051	-
Donations	10	-	-	10	159
	<u>8,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,766</u>	<u>76,776</u>	<u>19,659</u>

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5. Cost of Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	62,202	-	2,460	64,662	58,468
ESOL tutor	2,488	-	-	2,488	3,930
Rent and room hire	6,000	-	911	6,911	8,096
Rates & water	1,062	-	-	1,062	923
Light & heat	6,161	-	-	6,161	7,886
Repairs & maintenance	4,149	-	810	4,959	12,605
Bank Charges	96	-	-	96	93
Printing, postage & stationery	1,421	-	3,365	4,786	1,653
Safety inspections	908	-	-	908	599
Insurance	3,210	-	-	3,210	3,847
Communication	821	-	-	821	873
Licence fees	169	-	-	169	164
Professional fees	2,265	-	-	2,265	2,295
Sundries and event costs	1,018	-	5,878	6,896	1,500
Cleaning & Hygiene	3,557	-	-	3,557	10,269
Catering	659	-	-	659	962
The Oasis charges	1,875	-	-	1,875	1,814
Christmas Dinner and other food costs	-	-	3,631	3,631	4,029
Travel costs	-	-	-	-	496
Computer costs	1,124	-	-	1,124	-
Partitioning	-	-	25,913	25,913	-
Depreciation	802	-	-	802	891
Grant Funding returned	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>99,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,968</u>	<u>142,955</u>	<u>121,393</u>

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6. Staff Costs and Emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,923	57,690
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	739	778
	<u>64,662</u>	<u>58,468</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Number of administrative staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

7. Fixed Assets

Cost

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance brought forward	5,930	5,444
Additions in year	-	486
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>5,930</u>	<u>5,930</u>

Depreciation

Balance brought forward	1,919	1,028
Charge for year	802	891
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>2,721</u>	<u>1,919</u>

Net Book value 31 March 2025

	<u>3,209</u>	<u>4,011</u>
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8. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,999	4,167
Prepayments	1,682	1,682
	<u>4,681</u>	<u>5,849</u>

9. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank and Cash Balances	111,693	82,289
	<u>111,693</u>	<u>82,289</u>

10. Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	14,660	1,185
Taxation & Social Security	1,359	281
Commercial card	666	578
Pensions	164	142
Accruals	-	-
	<u>16,849</u>	<u>2,186</u>

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11. Restricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Post Code Community Fund Grant	-	25,000	(13,671)	-	11,329
Think Active Tackling Inequalities Grant	1,420	-	(500)	-	920
Donation from Ann Pearse for Dunchurch Park ESOL	-	27	-	-	27
Warwickshire Impact Grant : OCD Support	345	1,760	-	-	2,105
ESOL for Syrian Families	(459)	-	-	-	(459)
Christmas Day Fund	3,418	1,568	(1,893)	-	3,093
Rugby Benevolent Fund	13,616	19,000	-	(3,500)	29,116
Buddy Club	1,254	-	-	(1,252)	2
Restricted - RBC Grant - Main Hall Partition	-	13,051	(13,051)	-	-
SE Asian Network Micro Grant (RBC)	-	1,270	(612)	-	658
New Cross Fire	337	-	-	-	337
WCC ESOL Grant	80	-	(66)	-	14
WCC Warm Hubs	(1)	-	-	1	(1)
WCC Connecting Communities - Cooking From Scratch	1,000	-	(69)	-	931
WCC Councillors - Community Cafe Grant	2	350	(344)	-	8
Severn Trent Grant for BPC Garden	6,476	-	(5,825)	-	651
WRCC Grant for Meet & Eat Friday Cafe	6	-	(396)	853	463
Rugby Community Aspiring Club - WCCL Grant	654	1,603	(2,257)	-	-
HEC Foundation - Grant for Benn Ward Fun Day 2024	-	4,837	(3,984)	(853)	-
Love Hearts Micro Grant (RBC)	-	300	(300)	-	-
	<u>28,148</u>	<u>68,766</u>	<u>(42,968)</u>	<u>(4,751)</u>	<u>49,191</u>

12. Designated Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Business Continuity	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>

A sum has been set aside by the Directors to cover the winding up costs of the charity.

13. Unrestricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	31,816	86,962	(99,987)	4,752	23,542
	<u>31,816</u>	<u>86,962</u>	<u>(99,987)</u>	<u>4,752</u>	<u>23,542</u>

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14. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	3,208			3,208
Debtors	4,681			4,681
Cash at bank and in hand	32,501	30,000	49,192	111,693
Current liabilities	(16,849)			(16,849)
Total Funds	<u>23,541</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>49,192</u>	<u>102,732</u>

15. Benefits in kind

There are no benefits in kind for the year.

16. Directors' remuneration, benefits and expenses

No Directors received any remuneration benefits or expenses during the year (2024 nil).

17. Independent examination and accountancy services

	2025 £	2024 £
The cost of the examination and accountancy services for the year	<u>1,236</u>	<u>1,236</u>

18. Annual commitments under operating leases

The company has no commitments under operating leases.

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Accounts

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**BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)**

**Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail

Registered Company Number: 03688395

Registered Charity Number: 1085125

Registered Address: Railway Terrace
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 3HR

Trustees/Directors: Simon Towers FCA – Chair
Sonia Johns
Deborah Wilkinson
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
David Steadman

Company Secretary: Deborah Wilkinson

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Volunteers:

Sarah Hammond	Siobhan Morrow
Shreya Loman	Ian Sydenham
Wyatt Mainwaring	Pam Harris
Aissatou Bogoum	Tina Davies
Anna Frankis	Colin Coleman
Gabrielle Walder	Beverley Thomas
Shirley Von Wagner	Veronica Carvell
Aishwarya Magesh	Carla Cornway
Jamie Rous	Jackie Hesketh
Lucy Horner	Jim Hesketh
Riley Higgs	Ann Pearce
Susan Barton	Peter Lymer
Sophie Pulley	Azhar Malakzi
Margaret Evans	Marcia Oliveria
Alvaro and Maria Almeida	Buse Bircicek
Bhanu Patel	Tabitha Abioye
Liselle McKenzie	Charmaine Mill
Andrew Chapman	Janiana Curtinove
Xinxin Zheng	Emilly Wallace
Praful Solanki	Lakshimi Kakarla
Jaswinder Sangheera	Val MaKenzie
Balbir Ranu	Lucy Melvin
Kuldip Ranu	Dale Winton
Andrew Chapman	Carlton Baker
Michael Stone	Alex Ward
Simon Dowling	Skyler Preuss
Jane Larder	Jenna Jeffs
Pam Singh	Carol Fletcher
Angela Keane	Shurky Adan
Paul McAnespie	Charlotte Griffin
Sam Haynes	Lesley Wheeler
Liz Haynes	Jemma Davoudin
Fiona Lewis	George Westbury
Marisa Preuss	Jane Larder
Sam Woodfield	Dana Stewart
Megan Catlin	Ramesh Srivastava
Gloria Onwuneme	

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail (continued)

Employees: Vivien Kajaro – Centre Manager
Rob Higgs – Deputy Manager / Administrator
Robi Jugganadum – Services Support Officer
Hardai Ramlal - Custodian
Michael Stone – Gardener

Bankers: HSBC Bank Plc
15 Church Street
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Independent examiner: Mark Palmer
BSc, BFP, F.C.A.
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Trustees Annual Report including Directors' Report Year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Trustees of the charity

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Simon Towers - Chair
Sonia Johns
Debbie Wilkinson – Company Secretary
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
David Steadman

Objectives

The charitable objects of the Benn Partnership Centre are

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Benn Ward and its immediate locality by the relief of persons in the condition of need, hardship and distress, in particular the young, the elderly and the disabled, by providing or assisting in the provision of education, advice, training and support. To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or leisure time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To relieve poor persons residing in the area of benefit by providing and assisting in the provision for them of advice and services in legal, housing, financial and related matters which would not otherwise be available to them through lack of means.

Mission statement

To educate and enable the community by providing a multi-cultural environment where people can meet, learn, participate and develop together.

Values

To welcome all; to respect all; to help all; to empower all.

Principal Activities

We run a thriving community Centre in the Benn Ward in the Centre of Rugby. We provide space for activities that support the wellbeing of the community and for community groups and other charities and social enterprises.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

What has been going on at the Centre?

This financial year, we have seen a steady rise in the Centre's footfall. Organisations that hired our premises three years ago are using the Centre more now than last year. We continue to hire out our rooms to various organisations, especially community organisations.

Jobs22 have renewed their contract in the Oasis community room where they will have their offices for the next 3 years. Jobs22 have also continued to book our rooms for various courses to help their clients back into paid work.

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We have continued with English classes. Our ESOL classes are run by paid tutors. The ESOL classes are running 3 days each week which includes 2 mornings, and an afternoon session on Wednesday. The classes have had fewer students attending, which means that we have operated at a loss. This has been mainly due to free classes which are offered by church groups and have been very popular within the community.

Individual Support Services (ISS) this is an organisation that supports people with learning disabilities. ISS hires one of our rooms 4 days a week and are funded by RBC. Their contract ended in July 2024 as they lost the contract to run the services.

Shaw Trust is another organisation that has been with us for a while. Shaw Trust also support special needs people back into work and help them gain skills to find work. They hire a room 3 days each week.

Adult Community Learning (ACL) have also been a major partner of Benn Partnership Centre. ACL run English, maths, yoga and sewing courses at our Centre. However most courses are now going to be run online.

Turning point: This is a new organisation that has joined us after ISS's contract expired, Turning Point support young people with autism and learning disabilities. They support them in finding volunteer jobs and meaningful training to combat isolation.

We have continued to run the work club with the help of volunteers which includes an A' level student who runs the over 55's computer classes every Friday afternoon. We are delighted to have this young man every week as the students really enjoy their class.

As the government continues to move clients to universal credits the work club has continued to support those who need to set up their accounts, search for jobs. We support the clients who need help with completing applications online for various things e.g. Housing benefit, PIP, EU settlement, residence permits, jobs, CVs, school places to name but a few.

The work club runs 3 days a week. We have been lucky to have volunteers and staff who are supporting clients with all areas of IT support.

Other activities that took place include:

Arts and Crafts group run by Rugby Library and museum - this group meets every Thursday morning and has had a very good turn out. The activities suit every adult of all abilities.

We have a walking group that was set up to encourage people to venture out, do some exercise and come out after being isolated during the lockdown. The group has continued to be a success as more people look for activities to do during the day.

Thai Tamil classes for children resumed. The classes are run in the evening, one day a week. As well as community dance practice.

Victim support booked a few sessions for their clients while their organisation was looking for permanent premises for their charity.

Numidia Education & Training Ltd (Training for 19-24 yr old young adults (NEETS) joined us. They hire a community room one day a week and this contract has been ongoing.

The Arts Club is weekly on Thursday. This club is open to the community, mostly to those who feel isolated, have mental health issues or have a learning disability. The club is supported by Rugby Art Gallery and Museum and the activities vary each week.

The OCD group has continued to grow. They have now secured funding to continue the support group for another two years. This will enable the group to run once a week at the Centre.

Warwickshire Pride have continued their Saturday morning sessions, and now have 2 groups: young people under 17 years and an adult group. The groups have grown are very well attended and this kind of support is much needed in the community.

The Centre has continued to support refugees and asylum seekers. We are working in collaboration with SERCO, Migrant Help UK and the local authorities to support asylum seekers who are temporarily housed in hotels round Rugby.

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As part of our bring the community together, we had a World Food day event. This was organised by the Centre managers, to encourage the different nations that use our Centre to make a dish from their country, bring it to the Centre and share with the community. We gave a £20.00 voucher to each participant to cover the cost of ingredients. The event was very well attended, we had dishes from 12 different countries and we are very appreciative to WRCC for their continued support.

We continue to work with local supermarkets to give out food that would have gone to waste. We now have a community fridge and can take chilled food, which is appreciated by the community. This is done through the fareshare/foodiverse scheme and members of our communities appreciate the food provided.

The Centre operates as a warm hub and we now have a meet and eat community café which is open free every Friday. People in the community come together and share a warm meal which is prepared by our English students. This helps the students practice their English skills and integrate in the community.

The Centre has opened its doors to community organisations who are newly setting up but cannot afford the hire rates. As Monday and Friday are our quietest days, we decided to offer the empty rooms to small groups. We have welcomed 3 support groups one of which empowers young single mothers to get out and socialise. This has worked really well as we have also managed to have a few of these women volunteer with us on reception

We received some funding from WRCC for warm hubs. The funds were used for cooking classes run by a volunteer. We run 2 rounds of cooking sessions and have been attended very well. We have been lucky to work with Cadent who donated air fryers for the participants.

To honour our volunteers, the Centre hosted and invited all our volunteers to join us for an afternoon tea. We invited the Mayor, the local MP and a few of our sponsors. The occasion was well attended and we hope to follow this tradition every year to show appreciation to our wonderful volunteers.

As it has always been a tradition for the Centre to prepare a Christmas meal for those members of the community who could not afford or who are lonely on Christmas day. We served up to 80 meals to the elderly, homeless, young people living on their own and those who were working on Christmas day and could not prepare a special meal on the day.

Groups using our facilities

Over the year, we have hosted various community groups and organisations. These groups have hired our rooms and continue to support us one way or another. The following groups that have supported Benn Partnership Centre.

Adult community learning (ACL) - patchwork
Rugby borough council (RBC)
Arts Uplift- Rugby Arts gallery and museum
Warwickshire prevent- part of Rugby Borough Council
Beyond session 8
Individual Support Solutions
PET XI Multiply course
Valley House
Heart and Soul Community Training Centre
Entrust Care Partnership
RAGM (Memories from home) organised by Rugby Museum
SSWA Yoga group
Rugby community aspiring group
Private English class ltd
Tealeaf tales - Tap-dance lessons
Karmel Hungarian Church
Warwickshire Early Years
Tamil Teaching School
Life style clinics with Rugby NHS
CDA Employability workshops
Workpays for skills training back into work
Skills people group
WCC Foster Training
WISE Ability
Sikh Social Welfare Association (SSWA) - Gardening group
Saturday art with Aishwarya

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Rugby Moslem Centre
Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar
Warwickshire Employment Support Team

Volunteers –

This year we have had many volunteers who have supported us on various occasions.

We have the Meet and Community Café running every Friday. We have 14 ladies who spare time to prepare the meal. These ladies are from different backgrounds and have gladly shared their recipes and cuisines with the rest of the community.

We have 12 volunteers registered to support and help the refugees and asylum seekers with ESOL classes. The volunteers were committed and showed up each week to help the clients feel at home. In addition, the volunteers have now set up extra classes in different church halls to support the growing numbers of non-English speakers in the community, who could benefit from free English classes.

We had eight volunteers for our gardens. Our gardening volunteers have turn up each week and work so hard to make the centre look bright and clean. Each year we have won an award for their efforts and we cannot thank them enough. In addition, the centre is now offering work placements to students from the local college.

During the year, we had 8 volunteers to help us at the reception/front of house. Most of these volunteers have come to us through local agencies but majority are people we have supported in the past. These volunteers join to gain confidence to improve their communication skills whilst interacting to members of the public. And with the help of our staff, the results have been positive. Their confidence has grown and many have moved on to find paid work.

On Christmas day and those who helped with preparations before the day, we had 29 volunteers. This year we had the main hall setup and an extra room as the numbers were nearly 100. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to serve meals, cleared up after the event, offered lifts to the guests to the centre and dropped them off, they also delivered meals to those who could leave their homes for whatever reasons.

Financial review (including reserves policy)

The result for the year showed a deficit for the year before transfers of £19,355 (2023 surplus £4,835) on Unrestricted Funds and a deficit for the year before transfers of £3,755 (2023 surplus – £5,524) on Restricted Funds.

The Trustees regularly consider the risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that processes exist and are regularly monitored which identify such risks and the means of managing them.

The Trustees also regularly review the level of reserves in the light of the expected levels of revenue and are satisfied that their current levels are sufficient in the event of trading difficulties. Funds of £30,000 have been allocated to a designated Business Continuity reserve. The whole of the Charity's Operations are continually monitored to identify risks and to ensure the comprehensive Risk Assessment which has been completed in accordance with the Charity Commission recommendations, meets the Charity's requirements.

Structure, governance and management

The Board of Trustees take responsibility for the overall governance of the Charity, its activities and the strategy and financial planning, fundraising, investment, risk management and overall performance. The Trustees are committed to raising public and professional awareness of the charity's aims in order to promote its goals and mission. The Trustees meet monthly each year and converse by email and telephone between board meetings.

The Centre Manager is responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity and reports to the board of Trustees. No Trustee received remuneration for their Trustee work during the year. Trustees may claim out of pocket expenses for activities related to fulfilling their role and responsibilities. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed within the statement of accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairperson and, in accordance with the Charity's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Under the memorandum and articles, the Trustees on behalf of the charity have the power to invest monies of the Company which are not immediately required for its own purposes.

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Recruitment of Directors/Trustees is carried out when necessary to maintain a diverse and skilled board of Trustees to oversee the charity business. New Directors/ Trustees are firstly interviewed by the chairperson and another board member. They are then inducted by attending one or two board meetings for assessment and approval of other board members and provided with links to the following documentation:

- The Charity Commission Trustee Handbook
- The Charity Commission - What You Need To Know Booklet

The charity structure is as follows:

- The Chairperson
- The Deputy Chairperson; The Treasurer
- The Board of Directors/Trustees
- 5 Employees: The Centre Manager, Deputy Manager/Administrator; Services Support Officer, Custodian and Casual Custodian
- The Volunteers

The Trustees recognise the continued work of its dedicated team of voluntary helpers and extend its sincere appreciation to all its many supporters. It is not possible to place a value on the many hours of service so freely given.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

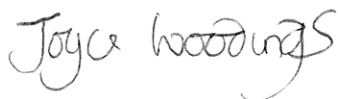
The trustees (who are also directors of Benn Partnership Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Name, Joyce Woodings Trustee

2nd December 2024

BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Directors of Benn Partnership Centre For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Benn Partnership Centre (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Mr M W Palmer
BSc, BFP, F.C.A.
Cottons Accountants LLP
Chestnut Field House
Chestnut Field
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 2PD

Date:

Benn Partnership Centre

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Activities for generating funds	2	77,387	-	-	77,387	74,540
Investment Income	3	1,237	-	-	1,237	382
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Voluntary income	4	7,659	-	12,000	19,659	44,070
Total Incoming Resources		<u>86,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>98,283</u>	<u>118,992</u>
Resources Expended						
Cost of generating funds:						
Charitable Activities	5	105,638	-	15,755	121,393	108,633
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>105,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,755</u>	<u>121,393</u>	<u>108,633</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing resources for the year)		(19,355)	-	(3,755)	(23,110)	10,359
Transfers		6,286		(6,286)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(13,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,041)</u>	<u>(23,110)</u>	<u>10,359</u>
Total funds brought forward		44,885	30,000	38,188	113,073	102,714
Funds Carried Forward		<u>31,816</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>28,147</u>	<u>89,963</u>	<u>113,073</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	7		4,011		4,416
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	5,849		3,298	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	82,289		107,643	
		<u>88,138</u>		<u>110,941</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Amounts due within 1 year	10	(2,186)		(2,283)	
Net Current Assets			85,952		108,658
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>89,963</u>		<u>113,074</u>
Net Assets			<u>89,963</u>		<u>113,074</u>
Financed by:					
Restricted Funds	11		28,148		38,189
Designated Funds	12		30,000		30,000
Unrestricted Funds	13		31,816		44,885
			<u>89,963</u>		<u>113,074</u>

Exemption from audit

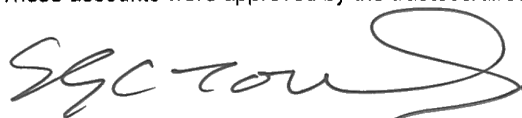
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the trustees/directors on 2nd December 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Simon Towers
Treasurer

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Benn Partnership Centre is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on pages 1 & 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are set out in the Trustees report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and Update Bulletin 2 published on 5 October 2018), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity may receive government grants. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding money on deposit. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Centre equipment	5 years
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(f) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(g) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(h) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(i) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

(j) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

2. Incoming Resources from Activities for Generating Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	71,327	-	71,327	67,539
Cybercafe	134	-	134	1,900
ESOL	3,485	-	3,485	3,763
Other activities	2,066	-	2,066	1,113
Grant administration	-	-	-	-
We are digital	375	-	375	225
	-	-	-	-
	<u>77,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,387</u>	<u>74,540</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	1,237	-	1,237	382
	<u>1,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,237</u>	<u>382</u>

4. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Corporation	7,500	-	-	7,500	7,500
COVID 19 BAME project	-	-	-	-	30,000
Warwickshire Impact Grant : OCD Support	-	-	-	-	1,000
Hope 4 Donation for Food Projects	-	-	-	-	1,000
Mitigating Covid effects for Marginalised Groups	-	-	-	-	1,400
New Cross Fire	-	-	-	-	1,456
Christmas Day Fund	-	-	1,056	1,056	824
WCC ESOL Grant	-	-	473	473	300
WCC Slow Cookers Grant	-	-	-	-	500
WCC Connecting Communities - Cooking From Scratch	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
WCC Councillors - Community Cafe Grant	-	-	350	350	-
Severn Trent Grant for BPC Garden	-	-	6,476	6,476	-
WRCC Grant for Meet & Eat Friday Cafe	-	-	495	495	-
Rugby Community Aspiring Club - WCCL Grant	-	-	2,150	2,150	-
Donations	159	-	-	159	90
	<u>7,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>19,659</u>	<u>44,070</u>

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5. Cost of Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	49,216	-	9,252	58,468	70,638
ESOL tutor	3,930	-	-	3,930	3,105
Rent and room hire	6,000	-	2,096	8,096	5,634
Rates & water	923	-	-	923	648
Light & heat	7,886	-	-	7,886	3,078
Repairs & maintenance	12,605	-	-	12,605	2,315
Bank Charges	93	-	-	93	94
Printing, postage & stationery	1,207	-	446	1,653	1,162
Safety inspections	599	-	-	599	681
Insurance	3,847	-	-	3,847	3,051
Communication	822	-	51	873	784
Licence fees	164	-	-	164	164
Professional fees	2,295	-	-	2,295	2,362
Sundries	1,382	-	118	1,500	2,864
Cleaning & Hygiene	10,269	-	-	10,269	6,682
COVID costs	-	-	-	-	-
IT	962	-	-	962	383
The Oasis charges	1,814	-	-	1,814	1,549
Christmas Dinner and other food costs	733	-	3,296	4,029	1,774
Travel costs	-	-	496	496	637
Bad Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	891	-	-	891	1,028
Grant Funding returned	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>105,638</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,755</u>	<u>121,393</u>	<u>108,633</u>

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6. Staff Costs and Emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	57,690	68,964
Social security costs	-	683
Pension costs	778	991
	<u>58,468</u>	<u>70,638</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No	No
Number of administrative staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

7. Fixed Assets

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost		
Balance brought forward	5,444	-
Additions in year	486	5,444
Balance at 31 March 2024	<u>5,930</u>	<u>5,444</u>
Depreciation		
Balance brought forward	1,028	-
Charge for year	891	1,028
Balance at 31 March 2024	<u>1,919</u>	<u>1,028</u>
Net Book value 31 March 2024	<u>4,011</u>	<u>4,416</u>

8. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,167	1,616
Prepayments	1,682	1,682
	<u>5,849</u>	<u>3,298</u>

9. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank and Cash Balances	82,289	107,643
	<u>82,289</u>	<u>107,643</u>

10. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	1,185	1,067
Taxation & Social Security	281	503
Commercial card	578	513
Pensions	142	200
Accruals	-	-
	<u>2,186</u>	<u>2,283</u>

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

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11. Restricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
COVID 19 BAME project	15,360	-	(9,476)	(5,884)	-
Think Active Tackling Inequalities Grant	1,538	-	(118)	-	1,420
National Lottery Community Fund grant	-	-	-	-	-
Warwickshire Impact Grant : OCD Support	379	-	(34)	-	345
ESOL for Syrian Families	(459)	-	-	-	(459)
Christmas Day Fund	3,373	1,056	(1,011)	-	3,418
Rugby Benevolent Fund	13,885	-	(269)	-	13,616
Buddy Club	1,254	-	-	-	1,254
Hope 4 Donation for Food Projects	740	-	(600)	(141)	-
Mitigating Covid effects for Marginalised Groups	711	-	(450)	(261)	-
New Cross Fire	889	-	(552)	-	337
WCC ESOL Grant	19	473	(412)	-	80
WCC Warm Hubs	500	-	(501)	-	(1)
WCC Connecting Communities - Cooking From Scratch	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
WCC Councillors - Community Cafe Grant	-	350	(348)	-	2
Severn Trent Grant for BPC Garden	-	6,476	-	-	6,476
WRCC Grant for Meet & Eat Friday Cafe	-	495	(489)	-	6
Rugby Community Aspiring Club - WCCL Grant	-	2,150	(1,496)	-	654
	<u>38,189</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>(15,756)</u>	<u>(6,286)</u>	<u>28,148</u>

12. Designated Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Business Continuity	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>

A sum has been set aside by the Directors to cover the winding up costs of the charity.

13. Unrestricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	44,885	86,284	(105,639)	6,286	31,816
	<u>44,885</u>	<u>86,284</u>	<u>(105,639)</u>	<u>6,286</u>	<u>31,816</u>

BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1085125

Accounts

**Benn Partnership Centre
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

**BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)**

**Financial Statements
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Charity Reference and Administrative detail

Registered Company Number: 03688395

Registered Charity Number: 1085125

Registered Address: Railway Terrace
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 3HR

Trustees/Directors: Sonia Johns - Chairperson
Deborah Wilkinson
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
Simon Towers FCA – Treasurer
David Steadman

Company Secretary: Deborah Wilkinson

Volunteers:

Sarah Hammond	Andrew Chapman
Anna Frankis	Xinxin Zheng
Gabrielle Walder	Praful Solanki
Shirley Von Wagner	Jaswinder Sangheera
Finn Hartwell	Balbir Ranu
Taylor Phillips	Kuldip Ranu
Aishwarya Magesh	Micheal Stone
Lucy Horner	Shiobhan Morrow
Sky Winter	Ian Sydenham
Jamie Rous	Pam Harris
Susan Barton	Veronica Carvell
Sophie Pulley	Chris Sarson
Margaret Evans	Carla Cornway
Alvaro and Maria Almeida	Jackie Hesketh
Bhanu Patel	Ann Pearce

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail (continued)

Employees:

Vivien Kajaro – Centre Manager
Rob Higgs – Deputy Manager / Administrator

Robi Jugganadum – Services Support Officer
Hardai Ramlal - Custodian
Michael Stone – Gardener

Bankers:

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BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE

Trustees Annual Report including Directors' Report Year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Trustees of the charity

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Sonia Johns - Chairperson
Debbie Wilkinson – Company Secretary
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
Simon Towers – Treasurer
David Steadman

Objectives

The charitable objects of the Benn Partnership centre are

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Benn Ward and its immediate locality by the relief of persons in the condition of need, hardship and distress, in particular the young, the elderly and the disabled, by providing or assisting in the provision of education, advice, training and support. To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or leisure time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To relieve poor persons residing in the area of benefit by providing and assisting in the provision for them of advice and services in legal, housing, financial and related matters which would not otherwise be available to them through lack of means.

Mission statement

To educate and enable the community by providing a multi-cultural environment where people can meet, learn, participate and develop together.

Values

To welcome all; to respect all; to help all; to empower all.

Principal Activities

We run a thriving community centre in the Benn Ward in the centre of Rugby. We provide space for activities that support the wellbeing of the community and for community groups and other charities and social enterprises.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE

What has been going on at the centre?

This financial year, we have seen a few groups return to the centre, following a difficult time. We continue to use an electronic sign-in system for all visitors, and the numbers of visitors have significantly picked up.

April saw a rise in numbers of people coming back to the Centre and joining the work club, mostly clients needing support with completing applications online for various things eg. Housing benefit, Universal Credit, EU settlement, residence permits, jobs, CVs, school places to name but a few. The work club that supports clients runs 3 days a week. We have been lucky to have volunteers and staff who are supporting clients with all areas of IT support.

We run ESOL classes with paid tutors. The ESOL classes are running 3 days each week with an afternoon session on Wednesday.

Warwickshire Pride have continued their Saturday morning sessions, and now have 2 groups: young people under 17 years and an adult group. The group has grown, is very well attended and provides much needed support in the community.

Jobs22 are now in the Oasis community room where they will have their offices for the next 3 years. Jobs22 have also continued to book our rooms for various courses to help their clients back into paid work.

Prospects Services, part of Shaw Trust resumed their room hire in the small office. They hire the room 3 days each week.

Specsavers (audiology Department) had their audiology department in one of our rooms, which they hired until September 2022 and now have permanent premises in the town centre.

Other activities that took place include:

In May 2022, we had the main hall setup and used for local councillors elections. The Centre is one of the voting stations for the Benn ward. This time around, COVID guidelines had been relaxed, however each person still had to observe the 1-metre distance rule. However, this did not stop or hinder voters in anyway.

We have a walking group that was set up to encourage people to venture out, do some exercise and come out after being isolated during the lockdown. The group has continued to be a success as more people look for activities to do during the day.

Thai Tamil classes for children resumed. The classes are run in the evening, one day a week.

Victim support booked a few sessions for their clients while their organisation was looking for permanent premises for their charity.

Numidia Education & Training Ltd (Training for 19-24 yr old young adults (NEETS) joined us. They hire a community room one day a week and this contract has been ongoing.

Adult community learning (ACL) resumed their English classes, however their use of the Centre has been significantly reduced. We now have them one day a week.

The OCD group has grown from strength to strength. They have now secured funding to cover the next financial year's room hire and will continue meeting once a month.

The arts club is on Thursday, one day a week. This club is open to the community, mostly to those who feel isolated, have mental health issues or have a learning disability. The club is supported by Rugby Art Gallery and Museum and the activities vary each week.

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In the New Year since January 2023, we continued to welcome more organisations and support groups back to the centre, to hire our rooms and use the centre's facilities, these include:

WISE Ability
Sikh Social Welfare Association (SSWA)
Adult community learning (ACL)
Rugby borough council (RBC)
Arts Uplift- Rugby Arts gallery and museum
Warwickshire prevent- part of Rugby Borough Council
Beyond session 8
Individual Support Solutions
Valley House
Heart and Soul Community Training Centre
Sky Yoga
RAGM (Memories from home) organised by Rugby Museum
Private English class ltd
Tealeaf tales - Tap-dance lessons
Warwickshire Early Years
First Mediate
Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar
Warwickshire Employment Support Team

Improving our facilities

In May 2022 the Centre installed new projectors to replace those we had for over 10 years. Each room we hire out has wifi and a state of the art projector.

The Centre has continued to support refugees and asylum seekers. We are working in collaboration with SERCO, Migrant Help UK and local authorities to support asylum seekers who are temporarily housed in hotels round Rugby. We have provided free English classes run by volunteers 4 days a week .Our volunteers are very dedicated and are available for other activities such as GP registrations, queries with school admissions, helping the refugees find volunteer roles in the community, taking them to clubs and community activities to help them integrate. BPC has coordinated with other community organisations to offer extra-curricular activities to the refugee families throughout their stay and for the children during the summer holiday.

We continue to work with local supermarkets to give out food that would have gone to waste. This is done through the Fareshare/Foodiverse scheme and members of our communities appreciate the food provided.

We received some funding from WCC for the cost of living crisis. The funds were used for cooking classes run by a volunteer. We ran 2 rounds of 6 weeks sessions and which were very well attended .We have been lucky to work with Sainsbury's who donated food and cooking equipment for the participants.

It has always been a tradition for the Centre to prepare a Christmas lunch for those members of the community who can not afford to cook a meal or who are lonely on Christmas day. We served up to 80 meals to the elderly, homeless, young people living on their own and those who were working on Christmas day and could not prepare a special meal on the day.

Volunteers –

This year we have many volunteers who have supported us on various occasions.

We have 18 people registered to support and help the refugees and asylum seekers with ESOL classes. The volunteers were committed and showed up each week to help the clients feel at home. In addition, the volunteers have now set up extra classes in different church halls to support the growing numbers of non-English speakers in the community, who could benefit from free English classes.

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We had eight volunteers for our gardens. Our gardening volunteers have turned up each week and work so hard to make the Centre look bright and clean. Each year we have won an award for their efforts and we cannot thank them enough. In addition, the Centre is now offering work placements to students from the local college.

During the year, we had 8 volunteers to help us at the reception/front of house. Most of these volunteers have come to us through local agencies and a majority are people we have supported in the past. These volunteers join to gain confidence to improve their communication skills whilst interacting with members of the public. And with the help of our staff, the results have been positive. Their confidence has grown and many have moved on to find paid work.

On Christmas day, we had 7 volunteers and we managed to have one seating for all the guests apart from a few who had their meals delivered. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to serve meals, offer lifts to the guests to the Centre and drop them off, they also delivered meals to those who could leave their homes for whatever reasons.

Financial review (including reserves policy)

The result for the year showed a surplus for the year before transfers of £4,835 (2022 - £876) on Unrestricted Funds and a surplus for the year before transfers of £5,524 (2022 – £8,589) on Restricted Funds.

The Trustees regularly consider the risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that processes exist and are regularly monitored which identify such risks and the means of managing them.

The Trustees also regularly review the level of reserves in the light of the expected levels of revenue and are satisfied that their current levels are sufficient in the event of trading difficulties. Funds of £30,000 have been allocated to a designated Business Continuity reserve. The whole of the Charity's Operations are continually monitored to identify risks and to ensure the comprehensive Risk Assessment which has been completed in accordance with the Charity Commission recommendations, meets the Charity's requirements.

Structure, governance and management

The Board of Trustees take responsibility for the overall governance of the Charity, its activities and the strategy and financial planning, fundraising, investment, risk management and overall performance. The Trustees are committed to raising public and professional awareness of the charity's aims in order to promote its goals and mission. The Trustees meet monthly each year and converse by email and telephone between board meetings.

The Centre Manager is responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity and reports to the board of Trustees. No Trustee received remuneration for their Trustee work during the year. Trustees may claim out of pocket expenses for activities related to fulfilling their role and responsibilities.

Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed within the statement of accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairperson and, in accordance with the Charity's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Under the memorandum and articles, the Trustees on behalf of the charity have the power to invest monies of the Company which are not immediately required for its own purposes.

Recruitment of Directors/Trustees is carried out when necessary to maintain a diverse and skilled board of Trustees to oversee the charity business. New Directors/ Trustees are firstly interviewed by the chairperson and another board member. They are then inducted by attending one or two board meetings for assessment and approval of other board members and provided with links to the following documentation:

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- The Charity Commission Trustee Handbook
- The Charity Commission - What You Need To Know Booklet

The charity structure is as follows:

- The Chairperson
- The Deputy Chairperson; The Treasurer
- The Board of Directors/Trustees
- 5 Employees: The Centre Manager, Deputy Manager/Administrator; Services Support Officer, Custodian and Casual Custodian
- The Volunteers

The Trustees recognise the continued work of its dedicated team of voluntary helpers and extend its sincere appreciation to all its many supporters. It is not possible to place a value on the many hours of service so freely given.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

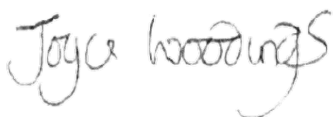
The trustees (who are also directors of Benn Partnership Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Name, Joyce Woodings Trustee

Date 4th October 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Directors of
Benn Partnership Centre
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Benn Partnership Centre (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Date: 21 December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Activities for generating funds	2	74,540	-	-	74,540	76,043
Investment Income	3	382	-	-	382	10
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Voluntary income	4	7,590	-	36,480	44,070	74,780
Total Incoming Resources		<u>82,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,480</u>	<u>118,992</u>	<u>150,833</u>
Resources Expended						
Cost of generating funds:						
Charitable Activities	5	77,677	-	30,956	108,633	141,368
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>77,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,956</u>	<u>108,633</u>	<u>141,368</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing resources for the year)						
Transfers		4,835	-	5,524	10,359	9,465
		(28,220)	30,000	(1,780)	0	-
Net movement in funds		<u>(23,385)</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>3,744</u>	<u>10,359</u>	<u>9,465</u>
Total funds brought forward		68,270	-	34,444	102,714	93,249
Funds Carried Forward		<u>44,885</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>38,188</u>	<u>113,073</u>	<u>102,714</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	7		4,416		-
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	3,298		6,299	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	107,643		107,420	
		<u>110,941</u>		<u>113,719</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Amounts due within 1 year	10	(2,283)		(11,005)	
Net Current Assets			108,658		102,714
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>113,074</u>		<u>102,714</u>
Net Assets			<u>113,074</u>		<u>102,714</u>
Financed by:					
Restricted Funds	11		38,189		34,444
Designated Funds	12		30,000		-
Unrestricted Funds	13		44,885		68,270
			<u>113,074</u>		<u>102,714</u>

Exemption from audit

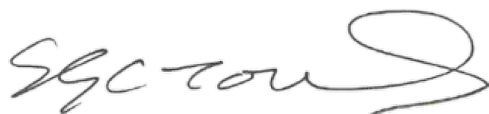
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the trustees/directors on 4th October 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Simon Towers
Treasurer

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Benn Partnership Centre is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on pages 1 & 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are set out in the Trustees report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and Update Bulletin 2 published on 5 October 2018), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity may receive government grants. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding money on deposit. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Centre equipment	5 years
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(f) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(g) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(h) Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(i) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

(j) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2023

2. Incoming Resources from Activities for Generating Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	67,539	-	67,539	52,939
Cybercafe	1,900	-	1,900	375
ESOL	3,763	-	3,763	1,904
Other activities	1,113	-	1,113	594
The Good Things Foundation: Digital Census 2021	-	-	-	1,960
We are digital	225	-	225	225
Staff secondment to Rugby Health	-	-	-	18,046
	<u>74,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,540</u>	<u>76,043</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	382	-	382	10
	<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>10</u>

4. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Corporation	7,500	-	-	7,500	7,500
RBC - Local Restrictions Support Grant	-	-	-	-	16,000
COVID 19 BAME project	-	-	30,000	30,000	41,000
Think Active Tackling Inequalities Grant	-	-	-	-	1,671
Warwickshire Impact Grant : OCD Support	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Hope 4 Donation for Food Projects	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Mitigating Covid effects for Marginalised Groups	-	-	1,400	1,400	-
New Cross Fire	-	-	1,456	1,456	-
Christmas Day Fund	-	-	824	824	3,387
WCC ESOL Grant	-	-	300	300	-
Furlough claims	-	-	-	-	2,372
ESOL for Syrian Families	-	-	-	-	2,423
WCC Slow Cookers Grant	-	-	500	500	-
Donations	90	-	-	90	427
	<u>7,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,480</u>	<u>44,070</u>	<u>74,780</u>

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5. Cost of Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	44,138	-	26,500	70,638	87,458
ESOL tutor	3,105	-	-	3,105	4,316
Rent and room hire	5,000	-	634	5,634	6,000
Rates & water	648	-	-	648	376
Light & heat	3,078	-	-	3,078	2,433
Repairs & maintenance	2,315	-	-	2,315	2,262
Bank Charges	94	-	-	94	107
Printing, postage & stationery	859	-	303	1,162	863
Safety inspections	681	-	-	681	865
Insurance	3,051	-	-	3,051	3,060
Communication	663	-	121	784	741
Licence fees	164	-	-	164	163
Professional fees	2,362	-	-	2,362	15,628
Sundries	1,877	-	987	2,864	1,923
Cleaning & Hygiene	6,682	-	-	6,682	1,953
COVID costs	-	-	-	-	4,279
IT	383	-	-	383	1,860
The Oasis charges	1,549	-	-	1,549	2,154
Christmas Dinner and other food costs	-	-	1,774	1,774	819
Travel costs	-	-	637	637	-
Bad Debt	-	-	-	-	260
Depreciation	1,028	-	-	1,028	-
Grant Funding returned	-	-	-	-	3,848
	<u>77,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,956</u>	<u>108,633</u>	<u>141,368</u>

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6. Staff Costs and Emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	68,964	85,274
Social security costs	683	1,354
Pension costs	991	830
	<u>70,638</u>	<u>87,458</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No	No
Number of administrative staff	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

7. Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cost		
Additions in year	5,444	-
Balance at 31 March 2023	<u>5,444</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation		
Charge for year	1,028	-
Balance at 31 March 2023	<u>1,028</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book value 31 March 2023	<u>4,416</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,616	5,617
Prepayments	1,682	682
	<u>3,298</u>	<u>6,299</u>

9. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank and Cash Balances	107,643	107,420
	<u>107,643</u>	<u>107,420</u>

10. Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	1,580	760
Taxation & Social Security	503	836
Liability for funds held on behalf of Community Welcome	-	9,227
Pensions	200	182
Accruals	-	-
	<u>2,283</u>	<u>11,005</u>

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

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11. Restricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
COVID 19 BAME project	13,037	30,000	(27,677)	-	15,360
Think Active Tackling Inequalities Grant	1,572	-	(34)	-	1,538
National Lottery Community Fund grant	1,655	-	-	(1,655)	-
Warwickshire Impact Grant : OCD Support	-	1,000	(621)	-	379
ESOL for Syrian Families	(459)	-	-	-	(459)
Christmas Day Fund	3,365	824	(816)	-	3,373
SSWA/BPC Hope 4 Meals	10	-	-	(10)	-
Rugby Benevolent Fund	13,885	-	-	-	13,885
Buddy Club	1,254	-	-	-	1,254
Staff Training Fund	125	-	-	(125)	-
Hope 4 Donation for Food Projects	-	1,000	(270)	10	740
Mitigating Covid effects for Marginalised Groups	-	1,400	(689)	-	711
New Cross Fire	-	1,456	(567)	-	889
WCC ESOL Grant	-	300	(281)	-	19
WCC Slow Cookers Grant	-	500	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>34,444</u>	<u>36,480</u>	<u>(30,955)</u>	<u>(1,780)</u>	<u>38,189</u>

12. Designated Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Business Continuity	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>

A sum has been set aside by the Directors to cover the winding up costs of the charity.

13. Unrestricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	68,270	82,512	(77,677)	(28,220)	44,885
	<u>68,270</u>	<u>82,512</u>	<u>(77,677)</u>	<u>(28,220)</u>	<u>44,885</u>

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14. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	4,416			4,416
Debtors	3,298			3,298
Cash at bank and in hand	39,454	30,000	38,189	107,643
Current liabilities	(2,283)			(2,283)
Total Funds	44,885	30,000	38,189	113,074

15. Benefits in kind

There are no benefits in kind for the year.

16. Directors' remuneration, benefits and expenses

No Directors received any remuneration benefits or expenses during the year (2021 nil).

17. Independent examination and accountancy services

	2023 £	2022 £
The cost of the examination and accountancy services for the year	1,140	1,140

18. Annual commitments under

The company has no commitments under operating leases.

19. The COVID 19 Pandemic

The Charity has received funds from a range of bodies and organisations which enabled it to survive the pandemic.

COVID related support received during the year

	2023 £	2022 £
RBC - Local Restrictions Support Grant	-	16,000
Furlough claims	-	2,372
	-	18,372

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England & Wales - Charity number 1085125

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Financial Statements
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**BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)**

**Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail

Registered Company Number: 03688395

Registered Charity Number: 1085125

Registered Address: Railway Terrace
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 3HR

Trustees/Directors: Sonia Johns - Chairperson
Deborah Wilkinson
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
Simon Towers FCA – Treasurer
David Steadman

Company Secretary: Deborah Wilkinson

Volunteers:

Darsan Jugganadum	Magdalena Cieslar
Xinxin Zheng	Charlotte Shakespeare
Noura Alhoms	Jasmeen Kaur
Andrew Chapman	Andy Smith
Aishwarya Magesh	Fathima Sulaiman
Rana Uarhab	Vanessa Wong
Siobhan Morrow	Praful Solanki
Alvaro Almeida	Maria Almeida
Michael Stone	
Balbir Ranu	

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail (continued)

Employees: Vivien Kajaro – Centre Manager
Rob Higgs – Deputy Manager / Administrator
Gita Natarajan - Beyond Recession Manager –
resigned 30th September 2021
Robi Jugganadum – Services Support Officer
Hardai Ramlal - Custodian
Michael Stone – Gardener

Bankers: HSBC Bank Plc
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Independent examiner: Mark Palmer FCA
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Trustees Annual Report including Directors' Report Year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Trustees of the charity

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Sonia Johns - Chairperson
Debbie Wilkinson – Company Secretary
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
Simon Towers – Treasurer
David Steadman

Objectives

The charitable objects of the Benn Partnership centre are

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Benn Ward and its immediate locality by the relief of persons in the condition of need, hardship and distress, in particular the young, the elderly and the disabled, by providing or assisting in the provision of education, advice, training and support. To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or leisure time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To relieve poor persons residing in the area of benefit by providing and assisting in the provision for them of advice and services in legal, housing, financial and related matters which would not otherwise be available to them through lack of means.

Mission statement

To educate and enable the community by providing a multi-cultural environment where people can meet, learn, participate and develop together.

Values

To welcome all; to respect all; to help all; to empower all.

Principal Activities

The activities of the Centre were resumed after the COVID-19 pandemic. Some activities were restricted but for most were able to resume as normal.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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The COVID-19 Pandemic

In common with many charities, Benn Partnership Centre has been significantly affected by the pandemic and the lockdowns it has necessitated.

At the beginning of April 2021 the centre was still in lockdown and we resumed a full service on 12th April 2021. All social distance measures were in place, taking temperature and social distancing. All activities were limited to how many people could attend any sessions. We had the sign in system changed staff signing in all visitors. This changed to an electronic system called digigreet in October 2021

However during the lock down, we stayed open to allow "Friends of St Cross" part of NHS, to use the centre to supply PPE to different locations in Rugby.

We also had a group of ladies, who formed a social enterprise called "Fill the gap" .The ladies used the kitchen to cook the meals and the mainhall to store the food. They provided meals to families who were in hardship, could not afford to feed their children, and would normally have a free school meal. But due to schools being closed, fill the gap provided meals to families.

Gita Natarajan organised and ran a scheme where women and men in the Benn ward made washable facemasks. The facemasks were made from recycled materials like bedsheets then distributed to members of the community.

ESOL classes for the Syrian refugees continued online until end of school term 2021.This was never easy for the parents who had to try to study while at the same time looking after their children at home. However, the tutors worked out a way of running the classes smoothly.

We employed contractor cleaners to do a deep clean every week at the centre. These cleaners have continued to clean the centre once a week, to ensure that all high traffic areas are deep cleaned.

In April 2021 the centre resumed services to the community to include:

The work club that supports clients find jobs, complete application forms, CVs and their universal claims. We had fewer computers due to social distancing. The number of people who attended were fewer than before covid, as most clients were either still in lockdown or on furlough.

ESOL classes run by our paid tutors.

Kick boxing classes by Temple martial arts had their exercise sessions in the Oasis . Classes were for the children as adult activities were still limited. As the group grew bigger, we could not accommodate them in the Oasis community hall. Therefore, by Christmas the group had to find bigger premises.

Ankura School of Dance also returned to the centre.

Warwickshire Pride started their meeting sessions every Saturday morning for 2 hours each week. The group has grown and the support was much needed in the community.

Jobs22 moved to the Oasis community room where they will have their offices for the next 3 years. Jobs22 have also continued to book our rooms for various courses to help their clients back into paid work.

Prospects Services, part of Shaw Trust resumed their room hire in the small office .They hire the room 3 days each week.

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Other activities that took place include:

Beyond Brexit continued during lock down for EU registration and even got busier when the Centre opened as the cut-off date for registering was in June 2021. Our staff and volunteers had to learn the EU requirements in order to assist our clients. Even after the closing date, we have continued to support our clients to complete their resettlement forms.

In May 2021, we had the mainhall setup and used for local councillors elections. The Centre is one of the voting stations for the Benn ward. This time round, we had to adhere to very strict covid guidelines, which meant that each person coming in had to go through the covid procedures. However, this did not stop or hinder voters in anyway.

The 2021 census also took place in March and April 2021 and we had two of our volunteers and a member of staff on site who came in during the lockdown to assist members of the public to register.

The Centre became part of the covid 19 team giving out information on vaccines and free test kits to the community. Vaccination registration point for residents of Benn Ward took place in May 2021 to July 2021. We also worked with WCC to give out covid test kits to members of the community, which meant opening the centre at least 3 evenings a week to allow those who cannot get a kit during the day maybe due to work commitments. The extra hours were shared between the staff members to cover and were paid for their time. We continued to work with the council until all covid restrictions were lifted.

The Centre contracted a bookkeeper in July 2021 to oversee the financial day-to-day activities of the Centre

We started a walking group to encourage people to venture out, do some exercise and give them confidence to come out after being isolated during the lockdown. The group has continued to be a success.

From September 2021

Thai Tamil classes for children resumed. The classes are run in the evening, one day a week.

Victim support booked a few sessions for their clients while their organisation was looking for permanent premises for their charity.

Numidia Education & Training Ltd (Training for 19-24 yr old young adults (NEETS) joined us. They hire a community room one day a week and this contract is ongoing.

Adult community learning (ACL) resumed the english and maths classes, which had moved online due to covid.

One of our long-standing volunteers set up a support group to help those with OCD. Currently there is nowhere to go for support within Rugby. The group meets in the evenings at the centre, one day each month.

We have continued running an arts club one day a week. This club is open to the community, mostly to those who feel isolated, have mental health issues or have a learning disability. The club is supported by Rugby Art Gallery and Museum and the activities vary each week.

In the New Year Jan 2022, we continued to welcome more organisations and support groups back to the centre, to hire our rooms and use the centre's facilities, these include:

WISE Ability
Specsavers (audiology Department)
Sikh Social Welfare Association (SSWA)
Adult community learning (ACL)
Rugby borough council (RBC)
Innovating minds- Prospects psychotherapy

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Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) Rugby for their volunteers training sessions
Meridian health and social care
Arts Uplift- Rugby Arts gallery and museum
Victim Support
Negrills
Warwickshire prevent- part of Rugby Borough Council
Beyond session 8
Individual Support Solutions
Valley House
Private English class ltd
Tealeaf tales - Tap-dance lessons
Warwickshire Early Years
First Mediate

For the period we were closed.

During the period the centre was closed, activities continued online. For example, our volunteers who checked on them at their homes and English classes continued over zoom gave support to Syrian families.

Facemasks were made by volunteers a scheme that was run by St Cross and Gita
Fill the gap provided meals to low income families.

The Deputy Manager continued to provide one to one support online to all clients who would normally come to the centre for assistance in completing forms or accessing information from mainly government portals. The biggest number of people who needed help were the European citizens who had to register in order to gain settled status. Majority of these clients could not read and understand the information asked on the forms.

In August 2021, funding was approved by WCC to help small communities and charity organisations get back on their feet after the aftermath of covid 19. (Mitigating Impacts of Covid on BAME Communities). A new member of staff joined BPC for the role of a community connector. The role is two years and the community connector was to reach out to communities throughout Warwickshire.

The Centre has continued to support refugees from Syria who we have supported for the last three years. In addition we are working in collaboration with SERCO, Migrant Help UK and the local authorities to support asylum seekers who are temporarily housed in hotels round Rugby. We have provided free English classes run by volunteers 3 days a week .Our volunteers are very dedicated and are available for other activities such as GP registrations, queries with school admissions, helping the refugees find volunteer roles in the community, taking them to clubs and community activities to help them integrate. BPC has coordinated with other community organisations to offer extra-curricular activities to the refugee families throughout their stay and for the children during the summer holiday.

We continue to work with local supermarkets to give out food that would have gone to waste. This is done through the fareshare/foodiverse scheme and members of our communities appreciate the food provided.

As it has always been a tradition for the centre to prepare a Christmas meal for those members of the community who could not afford or who are lonely on Christmas day. We served up to 100 meals to the elderly, homeless, young people living on their own and those who were working on Christmas day and could not prepare a special meal on the day.

Volunteers –

This year we have had a few volunteers who have supported us on various occasions.

We have 30 people registered to support and help the refugees and asylum seekers with ESOL classes. The volunteers were committed and showed up each week to help the clients feel at home. In addition, the volunteers have now set up extra classes in different church halls to support the

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growing numbers of non-English speakers in the community, who could benefit from free English classes.

We had eight volunteers for our gardens. Our gardening volunteers have turn up each week and work so hard to make the Centre look bright and clean. Each year we have won an award for their efforts and we cannot thank them enough. In addition, the Centre is now offering work placements to students from the local college.

During the year, we had five volunteers to help us at the reception/front of house. Most of these volunteers have come to us through local agencies but majority are people we have supported in the past. These volunteers join to gain confidence to improve their communication skills whilst interacting to members of the public. With the help of our staff, the results have been positive. Their confidence has grown and many have moved on to find paid work.

On Christmas day, we had 20 volunteers and the turnout this year was huge. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to serve meals, offer lifts to the guests to the centre and drop them off, they also delivered meals to those who could leave their homes for whatever reasons.

Financial review (including reserves policy)

The result for the year showed a surplus for the year of £ 876 (2021 - £13,528) on Unrestricted Funds and a surplus for the year of £8,589 (2021 - £16,001) on Restricted Funds.

The Trustees regularly consider the risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that processes exist and are regularly monitored which identify such risks and the means of managing them.

The Trustees also regularly review the level of reserves in the light of the expected levels of revenue and are satisfied that their current levels are sufficient in the event of trading difficulties. The whole of the Charity's Operations are continually monitored to identify risks and to ensure the comprehensive Risk Assessment which has been completed in accordance with the Charity Commission recommendations, meets the Charity's requirements.

Structure, governance and management

The Board of Trustees take responsibility for the overall governance of the Charity, its activities and the strategy and financial planning, fundraising, investment, risk management and overall performance. The Trustees are committed to raising public and professional awareness of the charity's aims in order to promote its goals and mission. The Trustees meet monthly each year and converse by email and telephone between board meetings.

The Centre Manager is responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity and reports to the board of Trustees. No Trustee received remuneration for their Trustee work during the year. Trustees may claim out of pocket expenses for activities related to fulfilling their role and responsibilities. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed within the statement of accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairperson and, in accordance with the Charity's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Under the memorandum and articles, the Trustees on behalf of the charity have the power to invest monies of the Company which are not immediately required for its own purposes.

Recruitment of Directors/Trustees is carried out when necessary to maintain a diverse and skilled board of Trustees to oversee the charity business. New Directors/ Trustees are firstly interviewed by the chairperson and another board member. They are then inducted by attending one or two board meetings for assessment and approval of other board members and provided with links to the following documentation:

- The Charity Commission Trustee Handbook

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- The Charity Commission - What You Need To Know Booklet

The charity structure is as follows:

- The Chairperson
- The Deputy Chairperson; The Treasurer
- The Board of Directors/Trustees
- 5 Employees: The Centre Manager, Deputy Manager/Administrator; Services Support Officer, Custodian and Casual Custodian
- The Volunteers

The Trustees recognise the continued work of its dedicated team of voluntary helpers and extend its sincere appreciation to all its many supporters. It is not possible to place a value on the many hours of service so freely given.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Benn Partnership Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

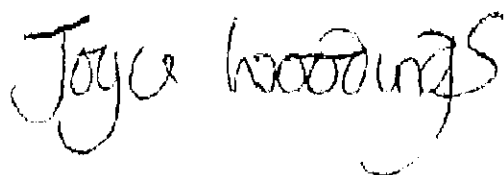
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

Name, Joyce Woodings Trustee

Date 19th August 2022



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Directors of
Benn Partnership Centre
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Benn Partnership Centre (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.


Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Mr M W Palmer
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Date: 22 December 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Activities for generating funds	2	76,043	-	-	76,043	30,573
Investment Income	3	10	-	-	10	861
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Voluntary income	4	26,299	-	48,481	74,780	108,113
Total Incoming Resources		<u>102,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>150,833</u>	<u>139,547</u>
Resources Expended						
Cost of generating funds:						
Charitable Activities	5	101,476	-	39,892	141,368	110,018
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>101,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,892</u>	<u>141,368</u>	<u>110,018</u>
Net Incoming/(outgoing resources for the year)		876	-	8,589	9,465	29,529
Transfers		4,050	-	(4,050)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>4,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,539</u>	<u>9,465</u>	<u>29,529</u>
Total funds brought forward		63,344	-	29,905	93,249	63,720
Funds Carried Forward		<u>68,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,444</u>	<u>102,714</u>	<u>93,249</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	6,299		3,326	
Cash at bank and in hand	8	107,420		98,638	
		<u>113,719</u>		<u>101,964</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Amounts due within 1 year	9	(11,005)		(8,715)	
Net Current Assets			102,714		93,249
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>102,714</u>		<u>93,249</u>
Net Assets			<u>102,714</u>		<u>93,249</u>
Financed by:					
Restricted Funds	10		34,444		29,905
Designated Funds	11		-		-
Unrestricted Funds	12		68,270		63,344
			<u>102,714</u>		<u>93,249</u>

Exemption from audit

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

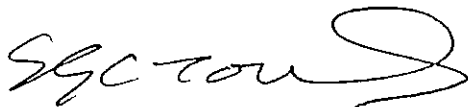
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These accounts were approved by the trustees/directors on 18th August 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Simon Towers
Treasurer



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Benn Partnership Centre is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on pages 1 & 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are set out in the Trustees report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and Update Bulletin 2 published on 5 October 2018), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity may receive government grants. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding money on deposit. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

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All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(f) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(g) Leases

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Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(h) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

(i) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(j) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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Notes to the accounts

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2. Incoming Resources from Activities for Generating Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	52,939	-	52,939	17,847
Cybercafe	375	-	375	466
ESOL	1,904	-	1,904	271
Other activities	594	-	594	217
The Good Things Foundation: Digital Census 2021	1,960	-	1,960	-
We are digital	225	-	225	1,342
Staff secondment to Rugby Health	18,046	-	18,046	10,430
	<u>76,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,043</u>	<u>30,573</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	10	-	10	861
	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>861</u>

4. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Restated Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Corporation	7,500	-	-	7,500	32,500
RBC - Local Restrictions Support Grant	16,000	-	-	16,000	22,102
COVID 19 BAME project	-	-	41,000	41,000	-
Think Active Tackling Inequalities Grant	-	-	1,671	1,671	-
CAF core funding grant	-	-	-	-	7,495
WCC Grant expenditure	-	-	-	-	2,000
National Lottery Community Fund grant	-	-	-	-	9,980
Unity into Community	-	-	-	-	3,848
Christmas Day Fund	-	-	3,387	3,387	1,521
Test and Trace	-	-	-	-	1,000
Furlough claims	2,372	-	-	2,372	15,832
ESOL for Syrian Families	-	-	2,423	2,423	4,155
Work Club	-	-	-	-	3,129
General	-	-	-	-	1,068
Donations	427	-	-	427	3,483
	<u>26,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>74,780</u>	<u>108,113</u>

The 2021 comparative figures have been restated to show the following funds separately. They were previously shown in General

	Restated 2021	2021
Christmas Day Fund	1,521	-
ESOL for Syrian Families	4,155	-
Work Club	3,129	-
General	1,068	9,873

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5. Cost of Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	66,731	-	20,727	87,458	74,924
ESOL tutor	2,250	-	2,066	4,316	6,058
Rent	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Rates & water	376	-	-	376	464
Light & heat	2,433	-	-	2,433	1,701
Repairs & maintenance	2,262	-	-	2,262	1,382
Bank Charges	107	-	-	107	364
Printing, postage & stationery	863	-	-	863	317
Safety inspections	865	-	-	865	484
Insurance	3,060	-	-	3,060	2,475
Communication	741	-	-	741	571
Licence fees	163	-	-	163	161
Professional fees	4,628	-	11,000	15,628	3,383
Sundries	491	-	1,432	1,923	173
Cleaning & Hygiene	1,953	-	-	1,953	500
COVID costs	4,279	-	-	4,279	3,535
IT	1,860	-	-	1,860	1,384
The Oasis charges	2,154	-	-	2,154	452
Christmas Dinner	-	-	819	819	2,495
Income support	-	-	-	-	3,195
Bad Debt	260	-	-	260	-
Grant Funding returned	-	-	3,848	3,848	-
	<u>101,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,892</u>	<u>141,368</u>	<u>110,018</u>

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6. Staff Costs and Emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	85,274	73,460
Social security costs	1,354	434
Pension costs	830	1,030
	<u>87,458</u>	<u>74,924</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was as follows:

	2022	2021
	No	No
Number of administrative staff	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

7. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,617	1,962
Prepayments	682	1,364
	<u>6,299</u>	<u>3,326</u>

8. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank and Cash Balances	107,420	98,638
	<u>107,420</u>	<u>98,638</u>

9. Creditors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sundry Creditors	760	6,400
Taxation & Social Security	836	1,522
Liability for funds held on behalf of Community Welcome	9,227	-
Pensions	182	343
Accruals	-	450
	<u>11,005</u>	<u>8,715</u>

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10. Restricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
COVID 19 BAME project	-	41,000	(27,963)	-	13,037
Think Active Tackling Inequalities Grant	-	1,671	(99)	-	1,572
National Lottery Community Fund grant	1,655	-	-	-	1,655
Unity into Community	3,848	-	(3,848)	-	-
ESOL for Syrian Families	(816)	2,423	(2,066)	-	(459)
Christmas Day Fund	797	3,387	(819)	-	3,365
SSWA/BPC Hope 4 Meals	10	-	-	-	10
Rugby Benevolent Fund	18,982	-	(5,097)	-	13,885
Buddy Club	1,254	-	-	-	1,254
Staff Training Fund	125	-	-	-	125
WCC&RBC Grant Funds	610	-	-	(610)	-
Work Club Account	3,440	-	-	(3,440)	-
	<u>29,905</u>	<u>48,481</u>	<u>(39,892)</u>	<u>(4,050)</u>	<u>34,444</u>

11. Designated Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Building Repairs Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

A sum has been set aside by the Directors to meet:

- a. Match Funding commitments made for building improvements.
- b. Obligations for repairs and notice period costs if the lease should ever be terminated.

12. Unrestricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General Funds	63,344	102,352	(101,476)	4,050	68,270
	<u>63,344</u>	<u>102,352</u>	<u>(101,476)</u>	<u>4,050</u>	<u>68,270</u>

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13. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Debtors	6,299			6,299
Cash at bank and in hand	72,976	-	34,444	107,420
Current liabilities	(11,005)			(11,005)
Total Funds	<u>68,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,444</u>	<u>102,714</u>

14. Benefits in kind

There are no benefits in kind for the year.

15. Directors' remuneration, benefits and expenses

No Directors received any remuneration benefits or expenses during the year (2021 nil).

16. Independent examination and accountancy services

	2022 £	2021 £
The cost of the examination and accountancy services for the year	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,140</u>

17. Annual commitments under

The company has no commitments under operating leases.

18. The COVID 19 Pandemic

The Charity has received funds from a range of bodies and organisations which have enabled it to survive the pandemic. As a result of this funding the trustees consider that the charity remains a going concern.

COVID related support received during the year

	2022 £	2021 £
RBC - Local Restrictions Support Grant	16,000	22,102
CAF core funding grant	-	7,495
WCC grant expenditure	-	2,000
National Lottery Community Fund grant	-	9,980
Test and Trace	-	1,000
Furlough claims	2,372	15,832
	<u>18,372</u>	<u>58,409</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1085125

Accounts

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**BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL)**

**Financial Statements
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Charity Reference and Administrative detail

Registered Company Number: 03688395

Registered Charity Number: 1085125

Registered Address: Railway Terrace
Rugby
Warwickshire
CV21 3HR

Trustees/Directors: Sonia Johns - Chairperson
Deborah Wilkinson
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
Simon Towers FCA – Treasurer
David Steadman – appointed 25 November 2020
Zoe Thompson – resigned 22 October 2020

Company Secretary: Deborah Wilkinson

Volunteers:

Darsan Robi Jugganadum	Luke Smith
Xinxin Zheng	Charlotte Shakespeare
Simon Thompson	Jasmeen Kaur
Andrew Chapman	Andy Smith
Aishwarya Magesh	Fathima Sulaiman
Brenda Hunt	Debbie Bazely
Usha Thatcher	Praful Solanki
Alvaro Almeida	Maria Almeida
Fiona Barrington-Ward	
Balbir Ranu	

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Charity Reference and Administrative detail (continued)

Employees: Vivien Kajaro – Centre Manager
Rob Higgs – Deputy Manager / Administrator
Gita Natarajan - Beyond Recession Manager –
resigned 30th September 2021
Robi Jugganadum – Services Support Officer
Hardai Ramlal - Custodian
Michael Stone – Gardener

Bankers: HSBC Bank Plc
15 Church Street
Rugby
CV21 3PN

Independent examiner: Mark Palmer FCA
BSc, BFP, F.C.A.
Cottons Accountants LLP
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BENN PARTNERSHIP CENTRE

Trustees Annual Report including Directors' Report Year ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Trustees of the charity

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Sonia Johns - Chairperson
Debbie Wilkinson – Company Secretary
Joyce Woodings
Kuldip Ranu
Jaswinder Sanghera
Simon Towers – Treasurer
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Objectives

The charitable objects of the Benn Partnership centre are

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Benn Ward and its immediate locality by the relief of persons in the condition of need, hardship and distress, in particular the young, the elderly and the disabled, by providing or assisting in the provision of education, advice, training and support. To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or leisure time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To relieve poor persons residing in the area of benefit by providing and assisting in the provision for them of advice and services in legal, housing, financial and related matters which would not otherwise be available to them through lack of means.

Mission statement

To educate and enable the community by providing a multi-cultural environment where people can meet, learn, participate and develop together.

Values

To welcome all; to respect all; to help all; to empower all.

Principal Activities

The activities of the Centre were severely curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some activities were moved online but for a majority of the period the Centre was shut or open with only limited access.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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The COVID-19 Pandemic

In common with many charities, Benn Partnership Centre has been significantly affected by the pandemic and the lockdowns it has necessitated.

Income

Prior to Covid-19 the Centre received a significant amount of income from users of its premises. This source of income has effectively dried up. Fortunately, the fact that we have significant reserves and have been able to access emergency grant funding from a variety of sources means that the Trustees expect the Charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Access to Beneficiaries

This has been severely affected by the pandemic. However, BPC has managed to continue to supply support to beneficiaries remotely.

One of our staff has been seconded to Rugby Health to manage volunteers working in the vaccination program and Trustees have also been able to offer use of the Centre for other Covid related projects.

Financial review (including reserves policy)

The result for the year showed a surplus for the year of £12,712 (2020 - deficit - £6,039) on Unrestricted Funds and a surplus for the year of £41,140 (2020 – deficit - £1,987) on Restricted Funds.

The Trustees regularly consider the risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that processes exist and are regularly monitored which identify such risks and the means of managing them.

The Trustees also regularly review the level of reserves in the light of the expected levels of revenue and are satisfied that their current levels are sufficient in the event of trading difficulties. The whole of the Charity's Operations are continually monitored to identify risks and to ensure the comprehensive Risk Assessment which has been completed in accordance with the Charity Commission recommendations, meets the Charity's requirements.

Structure, governance and management

The Board of Trustees take responsibility for the overall governance of the Charity, its activities and the strategy and financial planning, fundraising, investment, risk management and overall performance. The Trustees are committed to raising public and professional awareness of the charity's aims in order to promote its goals and mission. The Trustees meet monthly each year and converse by email and telephone between board meetings.

The Centre Manager is responsible for the day-to-day running of the charity and reports to the board of Trustees. No Trustee received remuneration for their Trustee work during the year. Trustees may claim out of pocket expenses for activities related to fulfilling their role and responsibilities. Details of Trustee expenses are disclosed within the statement of accounts. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairperson and, in accordance with the Charity's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

Under the memorandum and articles, the Trustees on behalf of the charity have the power to invest monies of the Company which are not immediately required for its own purposes.

Recruitment of Directors/Trustees is carried out when necessary to maintain a diverse and skilled board of Trustees to oversee the charity business. New Directors/ Trustees are firstly interviewed by the chairperson and another board member. They are then inducted by attending one or two board

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Directors of
Benn Partnership Centre
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Benn Partnership Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Benn Partnership Centre for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Date: 31/01/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Activities for generating funds	2	30,573	-	-	30,573	66,283
Investment Income	3	861	-	-	861	1,069
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Voluntary income	4	49,547	-	82,889	132,436	42,472
Total Incoming Resources		<u>80,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,889</u>	<u>163,870</u>	<u>109,824</u>
Resources Expended						
Cost of generating funds:						
Charitable Activities	5	67,453	-	42,565	110,018	160,873
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	450
Total Resources Expended		<u>67,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,565</u>	<u>110,018</u>	<u>161,323</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing resources for the year)		13,528	-	40,324	53,852	(51,499)
Transfers		5,075	(3,604)	(1,471)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>18,603</u>	<u>(3,604)</u>	<u>38,853</u>	<u>53,852</u>	<u>(51,499)</u>
Total funds bought forward		44,741	3,604	15,375	63,720	115,219
Funds Carried Forward		<u>63,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,228</u>	<u>117,572</u>	<u>63,720</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	3,326		28,351	
Cash at bank and in hand	8	98,638		62,174	
		<u>101,964</u>		<u>90,525</u>	
Current Liabilities					
Amounts due within 1 year	9	(8,715)		(26,805)	
Net Current Assets					
			<u>93,249</u>		<u>63,720</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities					
			<u>93,249</u>		<u>63,720</u>
Net Assets					
			<u>93,249</u>		<u>63,720</u>
Financed by:					
Restricted Funds	10		29,905		15,375
Designated Funds	11		-		3,604
Unrestricted Funds	12		63,344		44,741
			<u>93,249</u>		<u>63,720</u>

Exemption from audit

For the year ending 31st 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 of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- 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 in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small

These accounts were approved by the trustees/directors on 25 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Simon Towers
Treasurer



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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Benn Partnership Centre is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on pages 1 & 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are set out in the Trustees report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and Update Bulletin 2 published on 5 October 2018), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

The charity may receive government grants. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding money on deposit. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities; and
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(e) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(f) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

(g) Leases

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Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and the expected useful life of the asset. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

(h) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

(i) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(j) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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2. Incoming Resources from Activities for Generating Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	17,847	-	17,847	51,290
Cybercafe	466	-	466	5,740
ESOL	271	-	271	4,634
Other activities	217	-	217	2,893
We are digital	1,342	-	1,342	1,726
Staff secondment to Rugby Health	10,430	-	10,430	-
	<u>30,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,573</u>	<u>66,283</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	861	-	861	1,069
	<u>861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>1,069</u>

4. Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Public Corporation	7,500	-	25,000	32,500	36,500
RBC - Local Restrictions Support Grant	22,102	-	-	22,102	-
CAF core funding grant	-	-	7,495	7,495	-
WCC grant expenditure	-	-	2,000	2,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund grant	-	-	9,980	9,980	-
Unity into Community	-	-	3,848	3,848	-
Test and Trace	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
Furlough claims	15,832	-	-	15,832	-
General	3,759	-	33,566	37,325	5,972
Donations	354	-	-	354	-
	<u>49,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,889</u>	<u>132,436</u>	<u>42,472</u>

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5. Cost of Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	50,482	-	24,442	74,924	76,941
English My Way	-	-	-	-	3,443
ESOL tutor	1,087	-	4,971	6,058	5,910
Rent	4,000	-	2,000	6,000	5,570
Rates & water	136	-	328	464	733
Light & heat	994	-	707	1,701	2,702
Repairs & maintenance	1,382	-	-	1,382	44,112
Bank Charges	114	-	250	364	147
Printing, postage & stationery	317	-	-	317	910
Safety inspections	484	-	-	484	712
Insurance	1,699	-	776	2,475	3,263
Communication	571	-	-	571	918
Licence fees	161	-	-	161	416
Professional fees	1,978	-	1,405	3,383	3,406
Sundries	73	-	100	173	1,157
Cleaning & Hygiene	500	-	-	500	4,348
COVID costs	2,314	-	1,221	3,535	-
IT	709	-	675	1,384	1,564
Travel Costs	-	-	-	-	89
The Oasis charges	452	-	-	452	775
Christmas Dinner	-	-	2,495	2,495	849
Work Club	-	-	-	-	684
Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,341
Lunch meals	-	-	-	-	883
Income support	-	-	3,195	3,195	-
	<u>67,453</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,565</u>	<u>110,018</u>	<u>160,873</u>

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6. Staff Costs and Emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	73,460	74,620
Social security costs	435	1,134
Pension costs	1,030	1,187
	<u>74,924</u>	<u>76,941</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Number of administrative staff	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

7. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	1,962	27,724
Prepayments	1,364	627
	<u>3,326</u>	<u>28,351</u>

8. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank and Cash Balances	98,638	62,174
	<u>98,638</u>	<u>62,174</u>

9. Creditors

	2021 £	2020 £
Sundry Creditors	6,400	25,170
Taxation & Social Security	1,522	1,030
Pensions	343	155
Accruals	450	450
	<u>8,715</u>	<u>26,805</u>

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10. Restricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
CAF core funding grant	-	7,495	(7,495)	-	-
WCC grant expenditure	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund grant	-	9,980	(8,325)	-	1,655
Unity into Community	-	3,848	-	-	3,848
Test and Trace	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
ESOL for Syrian Families	-	4,155	(4,971)	-	(816)
Christmas Day Fund	1,771	1,521	(2,495)	-	797
English My Way	1,471	-	-	(1,471)	-
SSWA/BPC Hope 4 Meals	10	-	-	-	10
Rugby Benevolent Fund	9,035	25,000	(15,053)	-	18,982
Buddy Club	1,241	438	(425)	-	1,254
Staff Training Fund	125	-	-	-	125
WCC&RBC Grant Funds	610	-	-	-	610
Work Club Account	1,112	3,129	(801)	-	3,440
	<u>15,375</u>	<u>58,566</u>	<u>(42,565)</u>	<u>(1,471)</u>	<u>29,905</u>

11. Designated Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Repairs Fund	3,604	-	-	(3,604)	-
	<u>3,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,604)</u>	<u>-</u>

A sum has been set aside by the Directors to meet:

- Match Funding commitments made for building improvements.
- Obligations for repairs and notice period costs if the lease should ever be terminated.

12. Unrestricted Income Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	44,741	80,981	(67,453)	5,075	63,344
	<u>44,741</u>	<u>80,981</u>	<u>(67,453)</u>	<u>5,075</u>	<u>63,344</u>

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13. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Debtors	3,326			3,326
Cash at bank and in hand	68,733	-	29,905	98,638
Current liabilities	(8,715)			(8,715)
Total Funds	63,344	-	29,905	93,249

14. Benefits in kind

There are no benefits in kind for the year.

15. Directors' remuneration, benefits and expenses

No Directors received any remuneration benefits or expenses during the year (2020 nil).

16. Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the examination and accountancy services was £450.

17. Annual commitments under operating leases

The company has no commitments under operating leases.

18. The COVID 19 Pandemic

The Charity has received funds from a range of bodies and organisations which have enabled it to survive the pandemic. As a result of this funding the trustees consider that the charity remains a going concern.

COVID related support received during the year

	£
RBC - Local Restrictions Support Grant	22,102
CAF core funding grant	7,495
WCC grant expenditure	2,000
National Lottery Community Fund grant	9,980
Test and Trace	1,000
Furlough claims	15,832
	<u>58,409</u>