

Barnet Community Projects

Registered Charity No. 1139376

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Registered Office : Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley Drive, BARNET, Herts. EN5 2JN

Charity Name

The full name of the charity is Barnet Community Projects, but it is also referred to by its working name of BCP.

Registered & Operating Addresses

Both the registered & operating addresses of the charity are now c/o the Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley Drive, BARNET, Herts. EN5 2UN.

Bankers and Examining Accountants

BCP currently banks with TSB plc, PO Box 373, LEEDS LS14 9GQ. Its annual accounts are independently examined by Newman Morris, Wellington House, 273-275 High Street, LONDON COLNEY, Herts. AL2 1HA.

Trustees

The following individuals have served as Trustees during the period covered by this report :

Michael Benaim	Chair
Stephen Pegum	Treasurer
Ken Morton	Secretary
Steve Bull	
Emma Not	Appointed 5 th May 2020

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its Constitution as adopted on 25th September 2010, and as amended on 11th December 2010.

Charitable Objects for Public Benefit

The main charitable objects of BCP are :

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the London Borough of Barnet as the Trustees see fit, in particular but not exclusively by the following means :

- a) To promote the efficiency & effectiveness of charities and the effective application & use of resources by non-charitable bodies for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively by providing or assisting in the set-up of community projects, supporting their administration and providing support services to them and by facilitating partnership and co-operation in the voluntary sector;
- b) The promotion of the voluntary sector for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by the following means :
 - i) Identifying need in the voluntary sector & establishing projects or policies to address them;
 - ii) Liaising between charities, voluntary organisations, the local authority and other groups or organisations on relevant issues that affect members of the community;

Charitable Objects for Public Benefit (continued)

- c) To promote community capacity building for the public benefit, in particular but not limited to young people;
- d) The relief of unemployment for the public benefit;
- e) The advancement of education for the public benefit, including the provision of training, information & advice and promoting opportunities for members of the community to develop new skills & knowledge;
- f) To further for the benefit of members of the community without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions by associating together members of the community, local authorities, voluntary & other organisations in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life of community members.

Where in the views of the Trustees it is expedient in the interests of the charity, the Trustees may support & encourage overseas partnership projects which are youth- and community -focused, in such countries of the world as they see fit.

Services, projects and achievements during the year

Introduction

As noted in the previous year's accounts for 2019-20, in the year ended 31st March 2021 BCP has continued to focus on its core areas of delivery, namely local food distribution, a Lunch Club for younger children, healthy activities for local young people and a money advice & debt counselling service for local residents.

Coronavirus pandemic

Unsurprisingly, the biggest difficulty faced by BCP during the year under review was the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The first full lockdown in England came into effect on 23rd March 2020, which was just before our previous year-end. Immediately prior that date, we had already decided as a precaution to suspend all activities at the Rainbow Centre, with the exception of our food delivery scheme. Further details of the impact of the pandemic on individual projects are set out below.

Dollis Valley Angels emergency food deliveries

This scheme was in previous years called the Felix Project but we made a change to the name during 2020, in recognition of the fact that food supplies were now being sourced from other providers as well as from Felix. We also switched to providing weekly deliveries rather than fortnightly, as before, reflecting the increased demand for this service. Fortunately this service was exempt from the lockdown restrictions imposed by the Government, so we were able to continue providing it throughout the year.

At the beginning of this year, we were providing some 35 food parcels per week, containing enough food for two days for each family. This equated to between 130 & 150 meals per week in total. By the end of the year, the numbers of individuals being served had increased to some 50 per week. Additionally during the winter months and using funding provided by Barnet Council, we purchased gift cards from a local supermarket which were given out to local residents to assist with their energy bills.

Services, projects and achievements during the year (continued)

Lunch Club

Although this activity was suspended during the May half term, as noted above, when some of the lockdown restrictions were eased in the summer, we were able to run Lunch Club on three days per week for five weeks, thanks to additional funding from Young Barnet Foundation (YBF). Initially this was run on the King George V playing fields making use of the open space, basketball goals and exercise machines, as initial numbers were lower than usual. After that first week, we then returned to the Rainbow Centre, using our own basketball court for physical activities (tennis, hockey, football etc.) and running a food or craft activity each day on the grassy area, with a separate games or puzzle table. Lunch bags were given out to all children at the end of the session to take home. On one Friday, a family fun day was organised with activities inside and outside plus a barbeque for all. We also visited the GROW project at The Totteridge Academy for a tour and agreed to run a joint art-based project, which should give us the basis for some murals to decorate the new building when we move. The final day was a trip to Legoland which was enjoyed by all.

In October, we ran four days of activities, two of which involved working with GROW on our joint art project. Because of ongoing restrictions, we were unable to run a Christmas activity but all children were given a present thanks to YBF's collection. Unfortunately, the February 2021 half term week also had to be cancelled because of the continuing lockdown.

Junior Leaders / Youth work

Regrettably this project was severely impacted by all the Covid restrictions; apart from assisting at Lunch Club, little progress was made during the year under review.

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)

As we were unable to hold these classes at the Centre, the instructor Ibush Kabashi instead provided a series of online training sessions via Zoom. These proved to be very popular. In September, once some restrictions had been lifted, he started back providing live sessions, with strict Covid protocols in place and numbers limited to around 20 children per week. Then by February 2021 Ibush had to revert to providing his classes online, on two separate week nights.

Thursday Takeaway cooking sessions

These classes were provided by a North London-based social enterprise called Bread n Butter, whose main aim is to teach the basic life skills of cooking and a sustainable, healthy independent living. Again lockdown restrictions prevented these sessions taking place until mid-September, at which time only one family could be included due to Covid protocols. Before the number of attendees could safely be increased, the re-imposition of lockdown in early 2021 meant these sessions again had to be suspended.

Services, projects and achievements during the year (continued)

Rainbow Money Advice (RMA)

Unlike many of the other BCP projects that were suspended due to the imposition of a national lockdown in March 2020, RMA was able to continue providing its services by going online, using both video conferencing and telephone conversations. This service is run by an experienced money advisor Stuart Goodman, who during the year under review became a fully-qualified member of the Institute of Money Advisers. This service is provided to clients totally free of charge and is both confidential and non-judgmental. It provides exceptional quality support to some of the most vulnerable residents in the local community.

During 2020/21, a total of 121 client interviews were held, bringing the overall total number of interviews to March 2021 up to 820. A further 23 new clients were taken on during the financial year. Referrals to RMA came from a number of sources, including the Barnet Wellbeing Hub and Barnet Federated GPs, amongst others. Stuart was supported by a second volunteer money advisor (whom he trained for this role) and an admin. assistant.

RMA is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and is affiliated to Community Money Advice (CMA). Additionally it maintains informal links with other local & national organisations, including CommUNITY Barnet, 4 in 10 (a London Child Poverty umbrella group), the Institute of Money Advisers and the National Association of Welfare Rights Advisers.

Barnet Rail Pastors (BRP)

This is the only BCP project not run from the Rainbow Centre, as noted in previous annual reports. Instead it takes place on parts of both the Thameslink and Great Northern rail networks, in conjunction with both local station staff and British Transport Police (BTP).

The principal aim of BRP is to act as a friendly and listening presence for people using the rail network, especially at times when those passengers might be feeling vulnerable or be at risk in some way. Where necessary, more serious interventions have been made when circumstances required it.

After lockdown restrictions were eased in mid-2020, a pilot patrol was organised at Stevenage station in October. This was the team's first attempt at a socially-distanced patrol during the ongoing pandemic, and was timed to coincide with a mental health awareness project organised by the Samaritans. Further patrols took place in November (one) and December (three), before sadly a new lockdown in January 2021 prevented any further patrols for the rest of the financial year.

Despite the complications caused by the pandemic, three volunteers were able to complete their training, initially face-to-face and then via online sessions. BCP's Trustees are most grateful for the support of the Ascension Trust, who co-ordinate rail pastor schemes on a national basis.

Sports programme

Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, we were sadly unable to deliver American football training sessions at the Totteridge Academy (TTA) as previously. Instead, weekly video conferencing sessions were held to discuss actual NFL games and possible plays.

Our plans to hold a range of weekly sports & physical activities for less active local residents (or those with certain health conditions) were severely curtailed. We sincerely hope that these can begin at some time in the new financial year.

Services, projects and achievements during the year (continued)

Rainbow Centre bookings

Again these were mostly curtailed during 2020/21, but in September the Muslim prayer group was able to start up again, with smaller numbers allowed to participate. The art classes run by Barnet Southgate College also recommenced at that time. Sadly the Frontline Church did not return to the Centre due to the pandemic.

Fundraising and going concern basis

Somewhat against the grain of the wider charity sector, BCP actually generated more income in 2020/21 than in the previous financial year – an overall increase of some 18%. Combined with a 1% fall in total expenditure year-on-year, this resulted in a healthy surplus of some £12K, compared to a small deficit in the previous year. Part of the explanation for the reduced level of spending is of course the fact so many of our services & projects were curtailed by the various lockdowns experienced during the year.

The Trustees are pleased to be able to report that the level of fundraising in 2021-22 to date has been even higher than the year under review.

The Trustees wish to offer their heartfelt thanks to the following organisations for their generous support of BCP during the period of this report :

Garfield Weston	London Community Response Fund
The Hadley Trust	Jesus Hospital Charity
Tesco plc	Young Barnet Foundation
Govia Thameslink Railway	The Mayor's Fund for London
Sport England	London Community Foundation
Barnet U3A	Postcode Neighbourhood Trust
Barnet Council	Co-op Space to Connect

Additionally, BCP acknowledges the following organisations who either supported BCP or who worked in partnership with BCP during the last year :

Art Against Knives	The Felix Project
Barnet Southgate College	Rainbow Centre Users Group
Community Money Advice	MMA (North London)
Totteridge Academy	London Youth
FareShare London	South London Renegades
Street Games	Young Barnet Foundation
Sport England	Darul Noor Islamic Centre
Trussell Trust	Christmas on Jesus

BCP volunteers

Finally, the Trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of BCP and whose time is of course given freely. Without their hard work & dedication, many of the activities detailed above simply would not be able to take place.

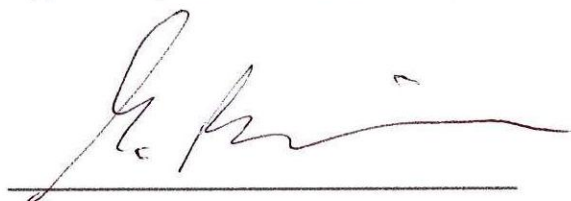
Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the related Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to :

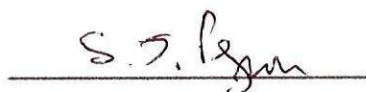
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the Trustees on 27th September 2021 and signed on their behalf by :



Chair



Treasurer

Barnet Community Projects
Registered Charity No. 1139376
Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31st March 2021.

		General Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTALS THIS YEAR	Year ended 31.03.20
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Grants received	1	5,299	86,925	0	92,224	77,036
Donations received	1	2,031	2,028	0	4,059	4,319
Other income	1 & 2	0	258	0	258	400
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£ 7,330	£ 89,211	£ 0	£ 96,541	£ 81,755
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Direct labour costs (including social security costs)	3	1,752	58,088	0	59,840	55,778
Other direct expenditure	4	1,978	20,134	0	22,112	28,300
Insurance premiums paid		1,129	0	0	1,129	1,215
Rent and rates	8	1,000	0	0	1,000	0
		5,859	78,222	0	84,081	85,293
<i>Indirect Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Depreciation of fixed assets	5	295	0	0	295	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 6,154	£ 78,222	£ 0	£ 84,376	£ 85,293
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR						
		£ 1,176	£ 10,989	£ 0	£ 12,165	£ (3,538)

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains & losses for the year. All Incoming Resources and Resources Expended derive from continuing activities. The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of the Accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

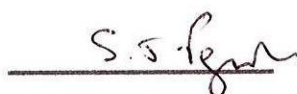
	Notes	31.03.21		31.03.20	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Historic Cost		12,755		12,755	
Additions in year		1,470		0	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	5	(9,892)		(9,597)	
			4,333		3,158
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank (current account)		59,940		38,986	
Debtors & accrued revenue		8,442		2,974	
Prepayments (re insurance premiums)		0		849	
		68,382		42,809	
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES - Amounts falling due within one year					
Deferred Income	6	(2,422)		(1,615)	
		(36,726)		(22,950)	
			(39,148)		(24,565)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			29,234		18,244
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£ 33,567		£ 21,402	
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds					
	7				
Balance as at 1st April 2020		(28,823)		(24,841)	
Net Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 st March 2021		1,176		(3,982)	
Balance as at 31 st March 2021			(27,647)		(28,823)
Restricted Funds					
	7				
Balance as at 1st April 2020		50,225		49,781	
Net Outgoing Resources for the year ended 31 st March 2021		10,989		444	
Balance as at 31 st March 2021			61,214		50,225
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 33,567		£ 21,402	

The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of the Accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 27th September 2021 and signed on their behalf by :



Chair



Treasurer

1. Accounting Policies

The principal Accounting Policies are summarised below :

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime (FRS 105) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the Trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. The previous policy was to recognise Grants Received in the Statement of Financial Activities as & when these were received. A change was made in the accounts for 2015-16 to recognise this income as it relates to the periods for which these grant funds are made. All income in 2020-21 that relates to the following financial year is now shown in the Balance Sheet as Deferred Income (see also Note 6). Donations Received and Other Income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, nor income and expenditure.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Going Concern Basis

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. As explained in the Trustees Annual Report, since the year-end the global pandemic and spread of Covid-19 has severely impacted many economies throughout the world. The Trustees have assessed the impact Covid-19 may have on the Charity's forecast and projections and have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approving these financial statements. The Trustees have concluded that the Charity has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and consequently it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

2. Other Income

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Other Income is analysed as follows :

Restricted

Co-op Local Communities Fund re Lunch Club

£ 258

3. Staff Costs & Trustees' Remuneration

No employee received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000 (2019-20 Nil). None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from any employment with the charity or a related entity.

4. Other Direct Expenditure

Other Direct Expenditure includes the following costs :

	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£
Cleaning materials	525	0	525
Professional fees & accountancy costs	3,623	1,197	2,426
Catering costs	4,189	0	4,189
Barnet Rail Pastors	0		
Printing, postage, stationery & telephone	731	165	566
Repairs & maintenance	0		
Training costs	1,698	0	1,698
Office expenses (incl. IT costs)	1,742	121	1,621
Travel costs	754	90	664
All other costs (total)	8,850	405	8,445
TOTAL	£ 22,112	1,978	20,134

5. Depreciation of Fixed Assets & Capitalisation Threshold

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on the historic purchase price of the charity's Fixed Assets, to write these off over their estimated useful economic lives, as follows :

IT Equipment - 2 years
 Other Assets - 5 years

Purchases greater than £500 in value are accounted for as Fixed Assets; below that threshold, any expenditure is written off in-year.

6. Deferred Income

As described in Note 1 above, a change in accounting policy was made in 2015-16 to reflect the different funding periods for BCP's Grants Received. The amount shown in the Balance Sheet as Deferred Income resembles the amount of grants actually received in 2020-21 that relate instead to 2021-22. This Deferred Income will form part of BCP's Restricted Funds in the following financial year.

7. Reserves Policy

The previous intention of the Trustees was to hold in Reserves an amount equivalent to approximately six months' worth of expenditures. Following a re-assessment of this policy, the Trustees have now given regard to the possible longer-term liabilities of BCP, especially in the unlikely event of a cessation of the charity's operations. In that regard, the only longer-term liability of BCP would be paying the salary of the Director during the contractual notice period, the Director being the only salaried employee of BCP. It is estimated that this cost would not exceed £10,000 and the Trustees are confident that BCP has sufficient free reserves in hand at the balance sheet date to cover this cost. Additionally, the Trustees are equally confident that if the accounting policies now adopted regarding Grants Received had been in place since the charity's inception, then the deficit currently showing in the Balance Sheet on Unrestricted Funds would not in fact exist.

8. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the following notional payment was made to the Rainbow Centre Users Group towards the rent for operating in their premises.

	2020/21	2019/20
Rainbow Centre Users Group	£1,000	£0

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Barnet Community Projects**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Barnet Community Projects for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

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'). The Charity Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

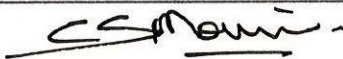
- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts 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.

Name :

CHRISTOPHER MORRIS

Signature :



Relevant professional qualification or body :

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31st JANUARY 2022.