

**Barnet Community Projects**

**Registered Charity No. 1139376**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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

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**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	

**Governing Document**

The charity is governed by its Constitution as adopted on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010, and as amended on 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Projects, services and achievements during the year**

**Introduction**

In the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 BCP continued to focus on its core areas of delivery, namely a local food distribution network, a Lunch Club for younger children in the school holidays, healthy activities for local young people (including mixed martial arts training and a weekly youth club) and a money advice & debt counselling service for Barnet borough residents.

**Easing of coronavirus pandemic restrictions**

With the Government ending all pandemic restrictions in mid-May 2021, BCP was able for the first time in well over two years to fully operate all of its main services & projects, as noted above. The financial implications of this increased level of activities are noted in greater detail later on in this report.

**Dollis Valley Angels foodbank**

Despite all of the former pandemic restrictions, BCP was able to provide this important weekly service throughout the whole of 2021-22. The level of demand continued to grow during the year, as local families increasingly felt the adverse impact of certain aspects of the wider UK economy. In the year in review we gave out food bags to some 60 local families each week, which amounted to around 180 children and adults in total. During the year we started building up a store of tinned & dried goods, which were used to supplement the weekly bags on those occasions when the food deliveries from the Felix Project were somewhat reduced. Our dedicated team of foodbank volunteers was led by Sarah Snell with able support each week from her team of local ladies. In addition to the Felix deliveries, we also got food donations from the Barnet Food hub (on Mondays) and a local couple brought in fresh fruit & vegetables every Wednesday. They are adamant that they do not require any public recognition but we are nonetheless most grateful for their kindness.

**Projects, services and achievements during the year (continued)**

**Lunch Club**

We continued to operate Lunch Club with minor changes to comply with the then current Covid advice. In April we ran two five-day weeks for Easter but with only one creative/food activity held outside and lots of outside sports activities. The first Friday was spent at the park doing team sports and the second at GROW's agroecological farm at The Totteridge Academy. Children were given a two-course lunch to take home.

The summer half-term had a slow start as the nail bar Dollis Dolls had organised a trip and this took many of our children away. We were able to run two indoor activities, well-spaced, and also the usual outdoor activities. Lunch was eaten at the Centre with lower numbers round each table. On the Friday we took a picnic with us on our visit to GROW; we are working on extending our work with GROW. During the summer holidays we ran four days a week for four weeks; we introduced a second earlier session each day, from 9.30am to 11.30am, focussing on skills in football, hockey and basketball. This was followed by our normal mixed sport activities, plus a creative and a food activity each day. The sports sessions were facilitated by volunteers from the American Football team, the South London Renegades, which our Director Steve Verrall helps to run. Lunches were eaten at the Centre. We had outings to Jump-In (trampolining) in Borehamwood, Walton-on-the Naze with a BBQ lunch on the beach, and Go-Ape at Alexandra Park.

For the October half-term, Lunch Club operated for five days with the Friday being a trip to the Pumpkin Patch in Arkley to see pumpkins growing, carve pumpkins and, after a picnic lunch, ice cream, which is made at the farm. Usual activities took place on the other days and lunches were eaten at the Centre. In December we organised two days for the children, taking them bowling with lunch on one day and then we had a party at the Centre with lots of party games, take-away pizzas and presents kindly donated by Young Barnet Foundation (YBF). 2022 started for Lunch Club in February with four days of activities and lunches.

We continue to operate Lunch Club with financial support from the Mayor's Kitchen Social and YBF for which we are very grateful. We also have to thank our volunteers, especially the Renegades who run our sport activity sessions and have offered peer mentoring to some of the children who attend Lunch Club.

**Rainbow Money Advice (RMA)**

As noted in last year's report, throughout the pandemic period KMA was able to continue providing its services by going wholly online, using both video conferencing and telephone conversations. This service continued to be provided online during 2021/22, with only very occasional face-to-face interviews. RMA is run by an experienced money advisor Stuart Goodman, who is now a fully-qualified member of the Institute of Money Advisers. He was ably supported in this important work by Fanta Sheriff. 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 2021/22, a total of 121 client interviews were held, bringing the overall total number of interviews to March 2022 up to 941. A further 16 new clients were taken on during the financial year, bringing the total cumulative number of new clients up to 197. New clients mainly heard about our service from family & friends. Referrals to RMA also came from the Barnet Wellbeing Hub and other local agencies.

**Projects, services and achievements during the year (continued)**

**Rainbow Money Advice (RMA) (continued)**

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)**

As noted in previous reports, this is the only BCP project not run directly from the Rainbow Centre. Instead it takes place on parts of both the Thameslink (TL) and Great Northern (GN) rail networks. The BRP team is co-ordinated by Paul Lewis and currently comprises 12 volunteers in total. They work in close co-operation with both local station staffs 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. During 2021/22, they conducted 36 patrols in total, with 3 patrols per month – 1 during the mornings and 2 during the evenings. Two monthly patrols are made on the GN route and 1 monthly on the TL route. Close attention is given to the daily disruption reports issued by BTP – these show that disruptions occur more frequently at GN stations (especially Stevenage) rather than at TL ones.

BCP's Trustees are most grateful for the financial support provided to the BRP project by Govia Thameslink Railway, without whose support we would be unable to provide this vital service. We also wish to acknowledge the helpful support of the Ascension Trust, who co-ordinate rail pastor schemes on a national basis.

**Mixed martial arts (MMA) training**

Based solely on the numbers of people attending each week, Sensei Ibush's MMA training is by far the most popular activity at the Rainbow Centre. Each week his free sessions for children can attract over 60 kids, all of whom clearly enjoy the sense of discipline engendered by this type of training. The adult classes have lower numbers of weekly attendees, but are still very popular.

In early 2022, Ibush started providing self defence classes for women on Saturday afternoons, with between 4 and 6 women attending each week.

**Other services**

These included :

- a weekly toddler group attended by between 12 & 14 children and parents
- a weekly youth group for some 12 to 17 young people. Activities have included sports, pool and table tennis. There were also discussions with the young people around drugs, employment, school exclusion and cyber-bullying
- weekly online counselling sessions for a small number of people.

**Projects, services and achievements during the year.(continued)**

**Rainbow Centre bookings**

Sadly the level of bookings at the Centre have yet to recover to their pre-pandemic levels. The three main bookings throughout the year were MMA (as noted above), a Muslim prayer group session every Friday and a weekly nail bar run by Dollis Dolls (part of the Art Against Knives charity).

**Going concern basis**

The Trustees are of the firm opinion that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and that is appropriate to prepare the attached financial statements on the going concern basis.

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

Govia Thameslink Railway	Postcode Neighbourhood Trust
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	Co-op Space to Connect
Young Barnet Foundation	London Community Foundation
CommUNITY Barnet	The Mayor's Fund for London
Mercers Company	John Lyon's Charity
London Youth	Co-op Local Neighbourhood Fund
Hammerson (Brent Cross) Ltd.	

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
Ascension Trust	British Transport Police

**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 :

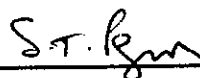
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and 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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and signed on their behalf by :**



**Secretary**



**Treasurer**

Barnet Community Projects  
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Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

	Notes	General Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTALS THIS YEAR £	Year ended 31.03.21 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
					112,006	92,224
Grants received	1	5,531	106,475	0		
Donations received	1	50	100	0	150	4,059
Other Income	1 & 2	0	0	0	0	258
		<u>£ 5,581</u>	<u>£ 106,575</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 112,156</u>	<u>£ 96,541</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Direct labour costs (including social security costs)	3	13,273	56,382	0	69,655	59,840
Other direct expenditure	4	2,634	27,407	0	30,041	22,112
Insurance premiums paid		0	1,235	0	1,235	1,129
Rent and rates		0	4,250	0	4,250	1,000
		<u>15,907</u>	<u>89,274</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>105,181</u>	<u>84,081</u>
<i>Indirect Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Depreciation of fixed assets	5	1,476	0	0	1,476	295
		<u>£ 17,383</u>	<u>£ 89,274</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 106,657</u>	<u>84,376</u>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<b>NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>						
		<u>£ (11,802)</u>	<u>£ 17,301</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 5,499</u>	<u>£ 12,165</u>

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

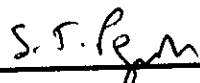
	Notes	31.03.22 £	£	31.03.21 £	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Historic Cost		14,225		12,755	
Additions in year		3,105		1,470	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	5	<u>(11,368)</u>	5,962	<u>(9,892)</u>	4,333
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank (current account)		59,566		59,940	
Debtors & accrued revenue		48		8,442	
Prepayments (re Insurance premiums)		<u>82</u>		<u>0</u>	
		59,696		68,382	
<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> - Amounts falling due within one year		(6,782)		(2,422)	
Deferred Income	6	<u>(19,810)</u>	(26,592)	<u>(36,726)</u>	(39,148)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			33,104		29,234
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>£ 39,066</b>		<b>£ 33,567</b>	
<b>FUNDS</b>					
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
	7				
Balance as at 1st April 2021		(27,647)		(28,823)	
Net Outgoing Resources for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022		<u>(11,802)</u>		<u>1,176</u>	
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022			(39,449)		(27,647)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
	7				
Balance as at 1st April 2021		61,214		50,225	
Net Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021		<u>17,301</u>		<u>10,989</u>	
Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022			78,515		61,214
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>£ 39,066</b>		<b>£ 33,567</b>	

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

Approved by the Trustees on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and signed on their behalf by :



Secretary



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 2021-22 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, the easing of restrictions relating to Covid-19 in May 2021 meant that most of BCP's operations have resumed and our financial situation was only marginally affected. The Trustees have assessed 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

There was no Other Income received in 2021-22 (2020-21 : £258)

## 3. Staff Costs & Trustees' Remuneration

No employee received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000 (2020-21 : 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 & cleaning materials	1,922	0	1,922
Professional fees & accountancy costs	1,631	1,400	231
Catering costs	5,245	0	5,245
Barnet Raili Pastors	6,102	0	6,102
Printing, postage, stationery & telephone	1,016	181	835
Repairs & maintenance	570	0	570
Training costs	514	0	514
Office expenses (incl. IT costs)	574	208	366
Travel costs	2,404	67	2,337
Publicity & advertising	1,128	68	1,060
Publications & journals	445	425	20
Memberships	1,127	131	996
All other costs (total)	7,363	154	7,209
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 30,041</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>27,407</b>

## 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 2021-22 that relate instead to 2022-23. 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 his 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 payments were made to the Rainbow Centre Users Group towards the rent for operating in their premises :

	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
Rainbow Centre Users Group	<b>£4,250</b>	<b>£1,000</b>

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

I report on the accounts of Barnet Community Projects for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name :

CHRISTOPHER MORRIS

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*CC Morris*

Relevant professional qualification or body :

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30TH JANUARY 2023.