



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From**

Period start date

Day	Month	Year
01	01	2020

**To**

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
31	12	2020

**Charity name**

THE BESOM IN HARINGEY

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1156081

**Charity's principal address**

ST JAMES CHURCH

ST JAMES LANE

MUSWELL HILL, LONDON

**Postcode**

**N10 3DB**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	SUSAN SOCHART			
2	HANNAH WHITEHEAD			
3	GUY CARTER			
4	RUTH GUTHRIE			
5	KEVIN ANNIES		Until 20 January 2020	

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
none	



**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B  
management****Structure, governance and****Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION Dated 19 Jan 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION WHOSE ONLY VOTING MEMBERS ARE ITS CHARITABLE TRUSTEES
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	APPOINTED BY EXISTING TRUSTEES AT MEETING

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Besom in Haringey is part of the wider Besom network of local initiatives. For more details see [www.besom.com](http://www.besom.com).

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit and are to relieve financial hardship and sickness and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind in Haringey and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Charity.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The organisation exists to provide a bridge between those who want to give time, money, skills or possessions and those in need. It is focused on doing this in the London Borough of Haringey. Those in need are frequently referred by social workers in Haringey and these needs are then matched with those willing to give.

In organising and carrying out the work of the charity the Trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees are confident that the work of the Charity fulfils these requirements.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Besom in Haringey has no policies on grant making or on programme related investment.

Much of the execution of the Charity's objectives takes place through volunteers, whether giving time in the office, time to collect and deliver furniture, time to carry out decorating projects etc.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The challenges faced in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic had a significantly detrimental impact on Besom in Haringey's scale of operation. With additional challenges of water leakage into the van interior and a limited number of active van team members, we were unable to support as many

families as we would have hoped. However, we have continued to be encouraged by God's grace in these difficult times, with a committed volunteer joining our operations team to prepare the van runs and a Christmas hampers initiative which brought joy to us, the social workers we engage with and the families who received these gifts at the end of a hard year.

1. A total of 7 van runs were completed - around half of the 2019 and 2018 totals - with 12 separate furniture collections/purchases and 13 separate deliveries to individuals or families. We were able to deliver on almost all occasions more than 1 requested item and received many messages of thanks from social workers on behalf of their clients. The significant decline in van runs was primarily due to the need to suspend operations across April-September due to Covid-19. It was also hampered in the first quarter by limited volunteer numbers. We remain hugely grateful to a small but dedicated van team who regularly commit Saturday mornings to these deliveries. Our meetings with other churches to discuss their involvement have continued, however with a greater focus on their Covid response, we are yet to see volunteers coming forward

2. Trustees and Volunteers: Our Trustee team was unchanged in 2020. On the ops side, we said goodbye to one of our volunteers early in 2020 on the birth of her baby, and another stepped back to focus on other Covid-related support activities at her church. However, when we re-started operations in September we were able to welcome a new volunteer to the team. Her ongoing, day-to-day commitment has made a difference to Trustee roles and has reduced the operational burden on some of the Trustees. As highlighted, an ongoing challenge to our operations is a limited number of active van run volunteers

3. Prayer: As we faced both ongoing and unique challenges in 2020, prayer continued to be a key focus in guiding our decisions. In February, we had a Trustee remote prayer session to pray into the challenges of limited volunteers and issues with water leaks in the van which caused damage to items. We also continue to be supported by a small group of prayer supporters who regularly met online throughout the year. The impact of Covid has reinforced that we operate through God's grace alone and it has been a period of strengthening our personal commitment to the work Besom does in a community which has been particularly hit by the pandemic

4. Christmas hampers: The Christmas hamper project was a blessing for all involved. Despite the ongoing challenges, following much prayer we went ahead - believing that, even if we were only able to show something of God's love to one

vulnerable family, then that was something. Within a couple of days of announcing the project to the church family at St James, a number of people offered to prepare hampers and we once again partnered with St Saviour's church in Finsbury Park, who were keen to contribute to both the assembly and distribution of hampers. Altogether we delivered 36 hampers to single people, single parents, as well as large families across Haringey. The Lord was good every step of the way: from being able to find recipients' homes and park easily, to gifting over 30 children's books that had been donated, to keeping everyone safe. Recipients were so pleased to receive a hamper, and as one of the social workers we liaised with commented: "Every bit of support you offer makes a difference to a client's life"

5. Van: Our van has experienced a number of issues this year alongside water leakage. We are very grateful to our garage who not only organised the MOT and service but also collected and returned the van after the work was completed. The van continues to be parked at the Salvation Army in Wood Green, whose generosity in this regard is greatly valued

6. Finances: Our funds are in a healthy state and this has enabled us to both cover the additional van costs but also fill any gaps between donations and needs. As a result, we have bought a number of new items, in particular beds, mattresses and bedding. We collect these and deliver them via the van runs so we can maintain personal connections with the families receiving items

We remain completely dependent on volunteer time-givers and furniture and financial donors to fulfill this much-needed work in Haringey.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Besom in Haringey does not have any reserves and has no policy on this topic. The bank account is kept in credit by managing expenditure.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Besom in Haringey relies on donations from individuals and churches and its activity levels are determined to a large extent by the availability of the funding and time given by volunteers.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

GUY CARTER	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TRUSTEE

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Date

29 October 2021



BESOM IN HARINGEY		1156081		CC16a
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	1 Jan 2020	To	31 Dec 2020	

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
REGULAR MONTHLY DONATIONS	1,820	-	-	1,820	3,610
ONE OFF DONATIONS	-	-	-	-	100
ADJUSTMENT	7	-	-	7	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	1,827	-	-	1,827	3,710
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,827	-	-	1,827	3,710
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
RENTAL OF STORAGE	-	-	-	-	-
VAN EXPENSE, MOT, TAX, FUEL, INS ETC	46	-	-	46	674
PURCHASE OF GOODS FOR BENEFICIARIES	-	-	-	-	663
NEWSLETTER	-	-	-	-	-
REPLACEMENT KEYS	-	-	-	-	-
LIABILITY INSURANCE	65	-	-	65	64
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	111	-	-	111	1,401
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	111	-	-	111	1,401
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	1,716	-	-	1,716	2,309
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	6,140	-	-	6,140	3,831
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	7,856	-	-	7,856	6,140

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT	7,856	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	7,856	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Guy T Carter	25 Sep 2021	