



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day	Month	Year
01	01	2021

To

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
31	12	2021

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			

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.

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.

The execution of the Charity's objectives takes place through volunteers, whether giving time in the office to organise collections and deliveries, time to go collect and deliver furniture, time to organise and deliver Christmas hampers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Despite the continued challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we were able to achieve a very high and consistent level of operations throughout the year, culminating in another successful Christmas hamper delivery. This was due to a dedicated ops team volunteer and a small but committed van run team, both supported strongly by the Trustee team.

We continued to be guided by our 'Faith and Flow' principle, putting our focus on praying first and trusting that there will be the required matching of needs with donations. A healthy financial balance also enabled us to make new purchases of

much needed items for families to fill any gaps. We continued to build relationships across the social worker base in Haringey who remain very grateful for the service we can offer their clients.

1. A total of 19 van runs were completed – more than double achieved in 2020 (7) and higher than 2019 and 2018 totals. 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. Apart from Easter and summer break, we had at least one van run a month and usually 2-3. This was made possible by having an ops team volunteer providing ongoing day-to-day support and a significant commitment from a van team of about 7 volunteers, excluding Trustees, who were also heavily involved. We were also fortunate to have a volunteer co-ordinator on van run scheduling in the early part of 2021 which reduced the Trustee operational burden. We are hugely grateful to this team who showed enormous generosity in time-giving, flexibility and adaptability to Covid regulations.

2. Trustees and Volunteers: Our Trustee team was largely unchanged in 2021, however in November, one of the team stepped down as she moved on to a new employment role outside Haringey. We are so thankful for her support of Besom and the efforts she made to introduce Besom in Haringey to other churches in the borough and connect with the national Besom organisation. As regards volunteers, one of our van team co-ordinators moved away from the area in the summer so sadly was no longer able to be involved. For Christmas hampers, the same volunteer who has led these over the past few years took the role again. We are delighted she continues to have a commitment to this wonderful annual event.

3. Prayer: We continued to be supported by a small and dedicated 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 once again a blessing for all involved. We continued to partner with St Saviour's church in Finsbury Park. A team of 6 volunteers delivered 36 hampers to single people, single parents, as well as large families across Haringey. As before, church families were extremely generous, families and home groups preparing beautifully presented hampers full of goodies and also providing books and toys for children. This initiative is something social

workers are now very aware of and they are keen to put forward clients who they believe will particularly benefit from this festive gift.

5. Van: We are very grateful that our van was fully operational over the year. Regular van runs and our committed team at the garage helped ensure we did not have any issues. We also maintained very low levels of items stored in the van to reduce risks of water leak damage. The van continued to be parked at the Salvation Army in Wood Green, whose generosity in this regard is greatly valued.

6. Finances: Our funds remained in a healthy state which enabled us to cover operational costs (including the new ULEZ charge for the van) and fill priority gaps between donations and needs. Priorities remained items for children and, in particular, beds and bedding. We collected, delivered and built these via the van runs to maintain personal connections with the families receiving items.

We remain completely dependent on volunteer time-givers and furniture 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

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.

objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information

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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

18 September 2019



BESOM IN HARINGEY		1156081		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1 Jan 2021	To	31 Dec 2021	

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 £
A1 Receipts					
REGULAR MONTHLY DONATIONS	2,200	-	-	2,200	1,820
ONE OFF DONATIONS	200	-	-	200	
ADJUSTMENT		-	-		7
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,400	-	-	2,400	1,827
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,400	-	-	2,400	1,827
A3 Payments					
RENTAL OF STORAGE	-	-	-	-	
VAN EXPENSE, MOT, TAX, FUEL, INS ETC	652	-	-	652	46
PURCHASE OF GOODS FOR BENEFICIARIES	2,000	-	-	2,000	
NEWSLETTER	-	-	-	-	-
REPLACEMENT KEYS	-	-	-	-	-
LIABILITY INSURANCE	63	-	-	63	65
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,715	-	-	2,715	111
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,715	-	-	2,715	111
Net of receipts/(payments)	315	-	-	315	1,716
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,856	-	-	7,856	6,140
Cash funds this year end	7,541	-	-	7,541	7,856

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 £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT	7,541	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,541	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Guy T Carter	5 Oct 2022	