



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day	Month	Year
01	01	2022

To

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
31	12	2022

Charity name

THE BESOM IN HARINGEY

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1156081

Charity's principal address

44 GROSVENOR ROAD

MUSWELL HILL

LONDON

Postcode

N10 2DP

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		1 Jan – 31 Aug 2022	
2	GUY CARTER			
3	RUTH GUTHRIE		1 Jan – 4 July 2022	

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 Structure, governance and management

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

The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit and are to relieve

charity set out in its governing document

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 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in 2022, we were still able to successfully complete several van runs and another Christmas hamper project.

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. *Van runs:* A total of 4 van runs were completed. These were made possible by having one of our Trustees monitor and link up offers with needs, and a small but committed van team collect and deliver furniture as/when this was feasible. We are hugely grateful to these individuals who enabled us to continue to function during such challenging circumstances caused by the Covid pandemic and its restrictions.

2. *Trustees and Volunteers:* Our Trustee team sadly 2 of our 3 trustees due to moving and ill health. We are so grateful for the time they gave Besom whilst they could and they have offered to help with a smooth transition to new trustees when they have been found. As of the end of 2022, there was still only 1 trustee, so the organisation is not operating but is maintaining the necessary Charity commission commitments. As regards volunteers, as other volunteer-dependent charities have faced, we have seen a decline in the number of people who feel that they have time to support Besom through volunteering on a regular basis. In contrast, the 2022 Christmas hamper project received as much support and enthusiasm as in previous years.

3. *Prayer:* We continued to have a small and dedicated group of prayer supporters who regularly met online throughout 2022. 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, and more recently, the cost of living crisis.

4. *Christmas hampers:* The Christmas hamper project was once again a blessing for all involved. We again partnered with St Saviour's church in Finsbury Park. As in previous years, church families and home groups were extremely generous, and prepared 40 beautifully presented hampers full of goodies. These were delivered in the week leading up to Christmas by 4 Besom's volunteers in partnership with our Local Area Coordinator from Haringey Council's Connected Communities Team. Social workers again expressed their gratitude to Besom for blessing clients who they believed would particularly benefit from this festive gift; older vulnerable people as well as single parents and larger families alike.

5. *Van:* We are very grateful that the Besom van enabled us to collect and deliver furniture when we were in a position to do so in 2022. The van continues to be parked at the Salvation Army in Wood Green, whose generosity in this regard is greatly valued. Whilst it has been necessary to store some items in the van, we have sought to keep this at a minimum because of the ongoing issues we experience with the van in terms of damp and leaks. We are encouraged therefore by the possibility of having access to dry, safe and free storage space through Haringey Council, an opportunity that has come about through partnering with our Local Area Coordinator from Haringey Council's Connected Communities Team for the Christmas hamper project.

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.

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 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) Guy Carter

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Full name(s)

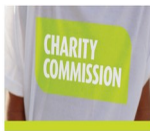
GUY CARTER

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)**

TRUSTEE

Date

2 October 2023



BESOM IN HARINGEY		1156081		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1 Jan 2022	To	31 Dec 2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
REGULAR MONTHLY DONATIONS	1,250	-	-	1,250	2,200
ONE OFF DONATIONS	190	-	-	190	200
ADJUSTMENT	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,440	-	-	1,440	2,400
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,440	-	-	1,440	2,400
A3 Payments					
RENTAL OF STORAGE	-	-	-	-	-
VAN EXPENSE, MOT, TAX, FUEL, INS ETC	472	-	-	472	652
PURCHASE OF GOODS FOR BENEFICIARIES	581	-	-	581	2,000
LIABILITY INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-
DONATIONS	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	63
Sub total	1,553	-	-	1,553	2,715
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,553	-	-	1,553	2,715
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 113	-	-	- 113	- 315
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,541	-	-	7,541	7,856
Cash funds this year end	7,428	-	-	7,428	7,541

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	7,428	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,428	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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	16 Aug 2023