



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day	Month	Year
01	01	2023

To

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
31	12	2023

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	GUY CARTER			
2	CATHERINE MERCER		From 10 April 2024	
3	PAUL MERCER		From 10 April 2024	

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](http://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 fulfill 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 fulfills 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**

By the end of August 2022, the charity only had one remaining trustee and was therefore not making any material decisions whilst new trustees were found.

Going into 2023, the charity was still operating and executing the operational requirements of the charity commission, whilst exploring options to rebuild our volunteer base and recruit new trustees.

In April 2023, we were delighted that Paul and Cath Mercer, both long term supporters of Besom, decided to become Trustees and help to rebuild our operations.

From that point onwards, we were able to gradually gain momentum to start operating van runs and serving those around us in the community, rebuild our operations, start supporting families in our borough and seek out some more volunteers for our work.

#### 1. Van Runs

We completed 3 deliveries to families at the end of 2023, helping 7 families and collecting items from 6 generous donors from the area. After a difficult year, it was wonderful to be able to help these families right before Christmas.

#### 2. Trustees and Volunteers

Our trustee team recovered to 3 people and we are still looking to add 1 or 2 more, ideally from other churches in the borough. After a careful start, we also found about half a dozen volunteers for our van team schedule, including several new people.

#### 3. Prayer

All aspects of our Besom's work continue to be supported by a small but committed prayer team that regularly prays for our work, in particular how we can meet specific needs. Time and again, we are amazed as to how, once we have prayed, someone steps forward and offers us an item that we need, as well as how logistical obstacles are overcome following prayer.

#### 4. Christmas Hampers

Our hampers project is one of our highlights and was a priority for us even with limited capacity this year. With the support of many people who support this initiative year on year we were again able to create a wide range of beautiful hampers for individuals and families, working with social workers to identify those who would most benefit from them. We were able to deliver 32 hampers to families before Christmas.

#### 5. Van

We continue to be thankful for our friends at the Salvation Army in Wood Green who provide free secure parking for us. The van, after many months not being used, had several major issues to be fixed before we could restart our deliveries. The possible offer of storage from Haringey Council did not happen, therefore we often need to store items in the van for short periods of time, which means using ZipVan isn't possible until we have a storage location, so we decided to get the van repaired. It is clear that we will need to replace it at some point or use ZipVan if we can find a solution for the need for temporary storage..

#### 6. Finances

When Besom stopped working in late 2022, we informed our financial supporters and many of them paused their contributions. We still have ongoing costs, mainly related to the van (tax, ULEZ) and insurance, but our financial position remains sound. As we gain more momentum it is

likely we'll need to raise money for a replacement van at some point.

## 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

**Full name(s)** GUY CARTER

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

**Date** 2 October 2023



BESOM IN HARINGEY		1156081		CC16a
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	1 Jan 2023	To	31 Dec 2023	

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
REGULAR MONTHLY DONATIONS	300	-	-	300	2,200
ONE OFF DONATIONS	370	-	-	370	200
ADJUSTMENT	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
RENTAL OF STORAGE	-	-	-	-	-
VAN EXPENSE, MOT, TAX, FUEL, INS ETC	915	-	-	915	652
PURCHASE OF GOODS FOR BENEFICIARIES	287	-	-	287	2,000
LIABILITY INSURANCE	63	-	-	63	-
DONATIONS	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	63
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>2,715</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>2,715</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,595</b>	<b>- 315</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>7,856</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,832</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,832</b>	<b>7,541</b>

### 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	5,832	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,832</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Guy T Carter	16 Aug 2023