



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day

01

Month

01

Year

2024

To

Period end date

Day

31

Month

12

Year

2024

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			
3	PAUL MERCER			

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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**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 <https://www.thebesomnetwork.org/>

**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 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**

The charity continued to function throughout 2024 with 3 trustees (Guy Carter, Cath Mercer & Paul Mercer) in addition to a further 14 volunteers serving those in our community by crewing Besom in Haringey's van runs and 9 individuals who make up Besom in Haringey's prayer team.

**1. Van runs**

Altogether in 2024, we completed 20 van runs, enabling us to help 25 families by collecting items from 26 generous donors in our community. In 2024 these items included 19 beds (cots/toddler/bunkbeds/single/double beds - almost all with bedding too); 8 chest of drawers; 2 wardrobes; 5 sofas/armchairs; 3 dining tables; 12 dining chairs; 5 'kitchen basics boxes' (cutlery/crockery/pots and pans). Some families Besom supported just needed a single item (eg, a bed) while other families needed pretty

much everything, often those who had been assigned unfurnished social housing.

## **2. Prayer**

All aspects of Besom in Haringey's work continue to be supported by its committed prayer team that regularly prays for our work, eg ahead of each van run and also regarding how we can meet specific needs received from social workers at Haringey Council and other charities (eg, the human rights charity The Helen Bamber Foundation, <https://www.helenbamber.org/>). We have numerous examples of 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.

## **3. Christmas Hampers**

Our Christmas hampers project continues to be one of our highlights. A number of people support this initiative year-on-year enabling us to create a range of beautiful hampers of different sizes, all full of a mix of Christmas treats and everyday essentials. These are delivered to the individuals and families we have helped throughout the year, as well as vulnerable people in our community who our local social workers feel would particularly benefit from the 'lift' receiving a hamper provides. We were able to deliver 39 hampers in the weeks leading up to Christmas 2024, including some as part of our December van runs.

## **4. Van**

We continue to be thankful for our friends at the Salvation Army in Wood Green providing free secure parking for Besom in Haringey's van. We are also thankful to St James church in Muswell Hill who now let us use some of their garage to store items that we are donated but are unable to rehome immediately. This has been particularly helpful for upholstered items which get damp/mouldy if stored in the van meaning that they then can not be rehomed with families.

## **5. Finances**

Our financial position remains sound, helped by occasional donations of varying sizes, all of which we are so grateful for. We are therefore able to cover ongoing costs, mainly related to the van, ie, tax, ULEZ, insurance, and any repairs necessary for the van to pass its annual MOT. However, we are aware that as the van ages it may not be financially sensible to pay for further repairs and so we may need to buy a new-to-us van or further explore the feasibility of using ZipVan. We are grateful to a Besom supporter who had offered to provide us with some funding for either as/when the time comes. Other costs incurred are largely for bedding for when we provide beds for families, as we seek to go 'above and beyond' by not just providing a bed but also bedding, and where a bed is for a child then a homemade teddy bear too, crocheted by another Besom supporter.

**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**

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**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** 26 October 2025



BESOM IN HARINGEY		1156081		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1 Jan 2024	To	31 Dec 2024	

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	300
ONE OFF DONATIONS	1,040	-	-	1,040	370
ADJUSTMENT	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,340	-	-	1,340	670
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,340	-	-	1,340	670
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
RENTAL OF STORAGE	-	-	-	-	-
VAN EXPENSE, MOT, TAX, FUEL, INS ETC	966	-	-	966	915
PURCHASE OF GOODS FOR BENEFICIARIES	1,136	-	-	1,136	287
LIABILITY INSURANCE	66	-	-	66	63
	-	-	-	-	1,000
Sub total	2,168	-	-	2,168	2,265
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,168	-	-	2,168	2,265
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 828	-	-	- 828	- 1,595
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,833	-	-	5,833	7,427
Cash funds this year end	5,005	-	-	5,005	5,832

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	5,005	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,005	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	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)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Guy T Carter	Guy T Carter	25 Oct 2025