

# THE BESOM IN CAMBERLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1160548

## Details

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Other names	CAMBERLEY BESOM
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-02-18
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN CAMBERLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY THE PROVISION OF GOODS, IN PARTICULAR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND FOOD, TO PERSONS IN NEED.

**Activities:** The relief of poverty and financial hardship in Camberley and the surrounding area by the provision of goods, in particular household items and food, to persons in need. The BESOM in Camberley helps people to make a difference. It provides a bridge between those who want to give money, time, skills or things and those who are in need.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Surrey

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£110,762	£124,859	-	-
2024-03-31	£129,270	£133,076	-	-
2023-03-31	£114,839	£110,691	-	-
2022-03-31	£48,887	£39,117	-	-
2021-03-31	£61,336	£25,014	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Gregory Reeve</b>	Chair	2022-10-12
Karen Mary Kendall		2021-10-13
Katharine Bateman		2022-10-12
Margaret Cox		2022-07-13
Neil Lyddiatt		2021-10-20
Penelope Dinning		2024-07-10
SUSAN ELIZABETH RACKHAM		2014-10-24

**THE BESOM IN CAMBERLEY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1160548

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# Accounts

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# The Besom in Camberley Trustees Annual Report

**APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025**

This year again we have been so blessed by support from people giving time, money and skills. We have had continued stability. Demand for our food referrals has reduced a little this year (96%\*\*) although over the past 3 years is up by 35% and we have been able to fulfil all referrals that meet our criteria.

We have tightened the criteria a little this year, to encourage referrers not to use us as a quick easy option to solve a client's issue, as we know that we are only a sticking plaster. We encourage them to consider more how they are supporting the client with the underlying cause of the financial poverty and also so we can focus on those most vulnerable, that do not have transport, have additional physical and/or mental health challenges, and those who have children, \*\*this may have resulted in the 4% decrease from last year.

**Core Team and Trustees:** We had good continuity of Trustees, with Pen Dinning joining us during the year. Jane Bocutt formally retired as Referral Admin but we were able to recruit Andrew Pepper as a second Referral Admin to support Karen in this daily task. We have also added to our number of Shift Leads whilst one of our Shift Leads has been on long-term leave for medical reasons.

**Funding:** We are so thankful that once again all our financial needs have been met, although income was significantly less than the previous year. Funds from our Supporter Churches have decreased a little but contributions via the "Give as you Live" App have been amazing. At Christmas the 41-Club supported us again out of their Christmas collection & we received a generous grant from the Frimley Fuel Allotments. We are thankful to all who give in this way and value their support. We did however see our closing balance a bit depleted compared to last year, due mainly to increasing costs. See the Year End Accounts for more details.

**Other Giving:** The generosity of people and organisations still continues to be overwhelming at times, without them we could not fulfil the demand. Although the overall value of food donations has also dropped this year from last year, we estimate the value of donated food to be £61,000.

In addition to the annual Harvest collection, which brought in collections from 17 churches and 19 schools we introduced a Lent challenge and although in theory this should not have resulted in donations until the new financial year, parcels started dropping in even before Lent had finished. We also had an amazing donation of £1000 of food and cleaning materials from Amazon Fresh.

**Christmas 2024:** We were able to pack and send out over an incredible 165 hampers to local families and individuals. We are thankful for so many Christmas donations and to Nicky Lynch who ran the hamper packing project again. We are deeply grateful for her time and energy to do this. We again worked closely with the Rotary to reduce duplication of recipients. Once again we are so grateful to Camberley Baptist Church & especially to the Revds. Richard & Fran Bellingham, who only recently arrived in Camberley (Nov 24) & who generously allowed us use of the church sanctuary and other rooms throughout November & December even though it meant their Sunday services were surrounded by our stock!

**Talks, Visits and Events:** We decided not to hold an open day in this year, instead inviting new referrers that wanted to come and visit on a one-to-one basis and we gave various talks to schools and clubs.

**Time-givers:** We have seen a number of new time-givers join us as packers and drivers, although sadly also lost a few. A number of asylum seekers who are staying in "Lakeside Hotel" have come and gone, once they have been given leave to remain and have moved away or found work. All our wonderful, dedicated Time-givers, whether Shift Leads, drivers, packers, shelf-fillers,

admins, shoppers, and the huge number of other jobs, are as ever, invaluable. The Supporter Church Reps also play a vital role in keeping their church updated and the collection boxes emptied, as well as generally promoting the work of Besom. All our Time-givers, who bring with them a wealth of experience and skills, have risen to the considerable challenges of the past year. Thank you!

**Collection Points:** Our church collection points continue to provide a regular supply of food donations along with the permanent front-of-store collection box at Waitrose Bagshot, the Sainsbury's Store on Heatherside, Tesco Meadows and the Co-op in Lightwater. This year we added to that The Co-op in the Frimley Road (Near A30) and Places Leisure Camberley.

**Referrals:** In the year up to March 31st 2025 we delivered 1,463 food parcels (that's over 10,740 days of food & 32,220 meals) this was slightly less than the previous year (by 4%).

Whilst many food parcels were for single people (152 households); others for families with up to 13 in the household for between 1 and 12 weeks. We have also had a number of requests to extend the service for more than 12 weeks and this we review on a case-by-case basis.

In summary Besom has helped 395 individual households with food this year which represents approximately 973 separate individuals (573 Adults & 400 Children).

219 of the households were new to us this year!

The highest number of referrals were for people living in St. Michaels & Old Dean Wards, with Town &

Watchetts close behind. Then Bagshot, Frimley Green, Frimley and Mytchett & Deepcut Wards. Less frequently in, Lightwater, Parkside, Chobham & Windlesham and even St Paul's ward.

We also delivered 240 x 24hr bags, mostly to Citizen's Advice (although a few to local churches). 39 complete Household packs, 16 microwaves, 15 miscellaneous Non-food packs, 10 New mum packs and 12 Deichmann Shoe vouchers.

We continue to point both referrers and recipients towards Frontline Debt Advice, The Hope Hub and Citizens Advice, when appropriate.

**Referrers:** Citizen's Advice Surrey Heath (CASH) continue to be our biggest referrer for food parcels this year (36%) with Surrey Heath Borough's various departments coming next (12%).

**Food Hygiene:** We continue to maintain the highest level of food hygiene; our Level 5 rating was renewed in January 25.

### **And Finally:**

As predicted last year the needs continue with the ever-rising cost of living. This is having a devastating impact on those least able to manage. However, we continue to look to the future with confidence. Working in partnership with local churches and agencies to meet some of the need and to alleviate poverty where we are able, acting as a vital bridge between those who have and those in need.

*For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36(NIV)*

Registered charity no: 1160548 (England and Wales)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
The Besom in Camberley

No (if any)  
1160548

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### 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>					
Church donations	7,854	-	-	7,854	9,350
Individual donations	11,188	-	-	11,188	15,517
Other donations	4,557	1,375	-	5,932	9,404
Windlesham Golf Club donation	-	-	-	-	20,600
SHBC grant	-	4,000	-	4,000	750
Surrey County Council grant	-	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Co-op Local Community Fund grant	-	-	-	-	2,327
Frimley Fuel Allotment grant	-	12,000	-	12,000	-
Gift Aid refunds	3,081	24	-	3,105	1,412
Interest received	1,683	-	-	1,683	610
Value of donated goods	61,000	-	-	61,000	65,300
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>89,363</b>	<b>21,399</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,762</b>	<b>129,270</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>89,363</b>	<b>21,399</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,762</b>	<b>129,270</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Outlay for packs	26,722	20,670	-	47,392	52,392
Office expenses	2,809	-	-	2,809	2,370
Rent	13,200	-	-	13,200	12,000
Office & warehouse equipment	-	-	-	-	142
Donation platform fees	12	-	-	12	467
Miscellaneous	446	-	-	446	405
Value of donated goods	61,000	-	-	61,000	65,300
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>104,189</b>	<b>20,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,859</b>	<b>133,076</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>104,189</b>	<b>20,670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,859</b>	<b>133,076</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 14,826</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 14,097</b>	<b>- 3,806</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>- 919</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>79,312</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,992</b>	<b>83,798</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>65,405</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,895</b>	<b>79,992</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>	NatWest	12,634	490	-
	Charity Bank	51,943	-	-
	Donated gift cards	-	-	-
	Pre-paid debit card	828	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>65,405</b>	<b>490</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<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>	Shelving	Restricted	647	-
	Fridge/Freezer 1	Unrestricted	369	-
	Trolleys	Unrestricted	840	-
	Desk	Restricted	300	-
	Printer	Unrestricted	257	-
	Fridge/Freezer 2	Unrestricted	280	-
	Shelving	Unrestricted	230	-
	Fridge 3	Restricted	189	-
	Shelving	Restricted	198	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KATY BATEMAN GREGORY REEVE	8/10/25 8-10-25



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name  
The Besom in Camberley

**On accounts for the year ended**

31st March 2025	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1160548
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**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Marian Rudall*

Date: 16/10/25

Name: Marian Rudall

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

Address: 108 Prospect Road  
Farnborough  
GU14 8NS

**THE BESOM IN CAMBERLEY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1160548

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# Accounts

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## The Besom in Camberley Trustees Annual Report

**APRIL 2023 - MARCH 2024**

This year has felt remarkable in the sense we have been so blessed by support from people giving time, money and skills. We have had a great sense of stability. Demand for our service has steadily grown and yet we have been able to fulfil all referrals that meet our criteria.

**Core Team and Trustees:** We had good continuity of Trustees giving us the opportunity to complete a review of our Policies and a thorough Risk analysis. For various reasons we have had a number of Shift leads unavailable for periods of time but others have admirably stepped up to fill the gaps.

**Funding:** We are so thankful that once again all our financial needs have been met. Funds from our Supporter Churches have increased a little but contributions via the "Give as you Live" App have been amazing. The Windlesham Golf Club captain supported us from Oct 22 - Oct 23 and made a notable large donation of over £20k. At Christmas the 41-Club supported us again out of their Christmas Collection. We are thankful to all who give in this way and value their support. It is very reassuring to yet again have a healthy credit balance to face next year's challenges. See the Year End Accounts for more details.

**Other Giving:** The generosity of people and organisations still continues to be overwhelming at times, without them we could not fulfil the demand. Although the overall value of food donations has dropped this year from last year, we estimate the value of donated food to be around £65,300.

**Christmas 2024:** We were able to pack and send out over an incredible 190 hampers to local families and individuals. This year Nicky Lynch took over the running of the Hamper packing from Jane Bocutt, both of whom we are deeply grateful for their time and energy to do this. We again worked closely with the Rotary and the council to reduce duplication of recipients and were able to help Rotary by providing the contents for 13 of

their hampers. Once again we are so grateful to the Revd Richard Lane and Camberley Baptist Church who generously allowed us use of the church sanctuary and other rooms throughout December even though it meant their Sunday services were surrounded by our stock!

**Talks, Visits and Events:** We held an open day in June this year and gave various talks to schools and clubs.

**Time-givers:** We have seen many new time-givers join us as packers and drivers – so much so that we have had to close the door again on applications. More asylum seekers who are staying in "Lakeside Hotel" have joined us whilst other have left once they have been given leave to remain and have moved away or found work. All our wonderful, dedicated Time-givers, whether Shift Leads, drivers, packers, shelf-fillers, admins, shoppers, and the huge number of other jobs, are as ever, invaluable. The Supporter Church Reps also play a vital role in keeping their church updated and the collection boxes emptied, as well as generally promoting the work of Besom. All our Time-givers, who bring with them a wealth of experience and skills, have risen to the considerable challenges of the past year. Thank you!

**Collection Points:** Our Church Collection Points continue to provide a regular supply of food donations along with the permanent front-of-store collection box at Waitrose Bagshot, the Sainsbury's Store on Heatherside, Tesco Meadows and the Co-op in Lightwater. We stopped collecting Surplus from Aldi in College Town as effort outweighed the benefit but we still tried out surplus from the new Store in Blackwater Retail Park Farnborough which opened in November 23. Although initially the surplus contained a lot of fresh fruit and veg (more than we could fit in a car on one occasion) and after Shrove Tuesday there were 2 pallets of eggs, the store sorted out its stock control and the usable supply reduced so we also cancelled these collections as the work involved outweighed the benefits.

**Referrals:** In the year up to March 31st 2024 we made over 1,541 food deliveries. Overall a 20% increase on the previous year. Equating to over 11,256 days of food and over 33,768 meals. This year 236 new households were added to our list.

Whilst many food parcels were for single people; others for families with up to 6 children for periods of between 1 and 12 weeks. We have also had an increasing number of requests to extend the service for more than 12 weeks and this we review on a case-by-case basis.

In summary Besom has helped 387 households with food this year which represents approximately 945 separate individuals (557 Adults & 388 Children). Most of the referrals continue to be for people living in Town, St. Michaels & Old Dean Wards with good numbers in Bagshot & Watchetts Wards. Frimley, Frimley Green and Mytchett/Deepcut and on occasions in the remaining 5 wards.

We also gave out 296 x 24 hour bags, mostly to Citizen's Advice (although a few to local churches). 52 complete household packs, 24 microwaves, 15 miscellaneous non-food packs, 16 New mum packs and 24 Deichmann Vouchers.

We continue to point both referrers and recipients towards Frontline Debt Advice, The Hope Hub and CASH, when appropriate, with whom we have a close working relationship.

**Referrers:** Citizen's Advice Surrey Heath (CASH) continue to be our biggest referrers this year with Surrey Heath Borough Housing Team coming next.

**Food Hygiene:** We continue to maintain the highest level of food hygiene.

### **And Finally:**

As predicted last year the needs continue to grow with the ever-rising cost of living. This is having a devastating impact on those least able to manage. However, we continue to look to the future with confidence. Working in partnership with local churches and agencies to meet some of the need and to alleviate poverty where we are able, acting as a vital bridge between those who have and those in need.

*For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36(NIV)*

Registered charity no: 1160548 (England and Wales)

## **Financial Report for Year Ending 31/03/24**

The financial year started with £83,798 across all reserves and ended with £79,992, a net deficit of £3,806. During the year our general reserves increased by £9,062 to £79,312. The balance of restricted funds decreased to £680.

This year the estimated value of donated goods decreased by £1,300 to £65,300. Financial donations from churches increased to £9,350. Individual donations increased by £5,798 to £15,517, much of which was given via the "Give as you Live" button on our website. Windlesham Golf Club nominated Besom as their Captain's charity and raised £20,600. Other donors included the 41 Club, Mytchett Ministries and the John Ackroyd Trust. Grants for food were received from Surrey County Council and the Co-op Local Community Fund, totalling £6,427 and Surrey Heath Borough Council donated £750 for Christmas hampers.

A total of £52,392 was spent on items for packs this year, an increase of £26,006 from last year, of which £20,835 came from restricted funds. This increase reflects the additional number of referrals and the increased cost of goods. Rent increased by £2,400 on last year, as we started paying for an additional room, that was previously free of charge. Office expenses decreased by £710 from the previous year to £2,370. After updating most of the office and warehouse equipment last year, this expense decreased by £2,552 to £142.

Thank you to all the churches, individuals and other organisations who support us; either by donating goods or money. Your generosity enables us to continue to meet the increasing need within our community.



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name  
The Besom in Camberley

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1160548
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** *Marian Rudall*

**Date:** 9/10/24

**Name:** Marian Rudall

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

*DipChA*

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No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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### 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>					
Church donations	9,350	-	-	9,350	9,022
Individual donations	15,352	165	-	15,517	9,719
Other donations	8,679	725	-	9,404	6,538
Windlesham Golf Club donation	20,600	-	-	20,600	-
SHBC grant	-	750	-	750	10,233
Surrey County Council grant	-	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Co-op Local Community Fund grant	-	2,327	-	2,327	-
Frimley Fuel Allotment grant	-	-	-	-	5,000
Community Foundation for Surrey grant	-	-	-	-	2,000
Gift Aid refunds	1,412	-	-	1,412	1,322
Interest received	610	-	-	610	405
Value of donated goods	65,300	-	-	65,300	66,600
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>121,303</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,270</b>	<b>114,839</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>121,303</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,270</b>	<b>114,839</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Outlay for packs	31,557	20,835	-	52,392	26,386
Office expenses	2,370	-	-	2,370	3,080
Rent	12,000	-	-	12,000	9,600
Office & warehouse equipment	142	-	-	142	2,694
Donation platform fees	467	-	-	467	113
Besom payment for services	-	-	-	-	1,350
Miscellaneous	405	-	-	405	868
Value of donated goods	65,300	-	-	65,300	66,600
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>112,241</b>	<b>20,835</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,076</b>	<b>110,691</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>112,241</b>	<b>20,835</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,076</b>	<b>110,691</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,062</b>	<b>- 12,868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,806</b>	<b>4,148</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>70,250</b>	<b>13,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,798</b>	<b>79,650</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>79,312</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,992</b>	<b>83,798</b>





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
The Besom in Camberley

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *M Rudall*

Date: 21/10/24

Name: Marian Rudall

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

*BIPCHA*

Address: 108 Prospect Road

Farnborough

GU14 8NS

**THE BESOM IN CAMBERLEY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1160548

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# Accounts

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# Trustees Annual Report

APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023

Our year began thankfully, clear of COVID restrictions, highlights for the year have to be an incredible Harvest which resulted in us having to buy some trolley cages to help store the boxes of tins of beans, tomatoes, soup, tuna & packets of pasta which were still overflowing at the end of the financial year... Also a refitted office with new furniture, computer and the initiation of a bespoke referral management system.

**Core Team and Trustees:** We have seen a lot of change this year, the Core team and Trustees are back to face-to-face meetings. Three new trustees came on Board as we said goodbye to four of the founding trustees, a change of Project Lead, as Grace Bates stepped down after fourteen years and Neil Lyddiatt stepped up as Chairman releasing Karen Kendall to take over from Grace. Discussions moving on to more strategic change as the demand for our service continues to grow and we have to consider how we keep up with the demand plus improvements to our policies and the associated processes.

**Funding:** We are so thankful that once again all our financial needs have been met! Fewer funds were received from our Supporter Churches, however we have been given more grants to help us keep food stocks up. At Christmas the 41-Club gave 50% of their Christmas Collection & Myclett Ministries have also been very generous with unrestricted funding which helps us with household stock and general running cost. We are thankful to all who give in this way and value their support. It is very reassuring to yet again have healthy credit balance to face next year's challenges. See the Year End Accounts for more details.

**Other Giving:** The generosity of people and organisations still continues to be overwhelming at times, without them we could not fulfil the demand.

It is hard to calculate the value of food and other donations, however we estimate the value of donated food to be around £66,600.

**Christmas 2022:** We were able to again pack and send out over an incredible 150 hampers to local families and individuals. We again worked closely with the Rotary and the council to reduce duplication of recipients and were able to supply the Rotary with a lot of tinned items. In addition, generous Christmas food packs were prepared in the last week before Christmas for those new referrals received at that time. Once again we are so grateful to the Revd Richard Hammond Camberley Baptist Church who generously allowed us use of the church sanctuary and other rooms throughout December even though it meant their Sunday services were surrounded by our stock!

**Talks, Visits and Events:** We held an open day in June this year and gave various talks to schools Clubs & Beaver Groups and in January '23 our Project Lead had the opportunity to Preach at one of our supporter churches.

**Time-givers:** We had an influx of new Time-givers in the Autumn including 2 couples of asylum seekers who are staying in "Lakeside Hotel" & who we hope we have blessed as much as they have blessed us. All our wonderful, dedicated Time-givers, whether Shift Leads, drivers, packers, shelf-fillers, admins, shoppers, and the huge number of other jobs, are as ever, invaluable. The Supporter Church Reps also play a vital role in keeping their church updated and the collection boxes emptied, as well as generally promoting the work of Besom. All our Time-givers, who bring with them a wealth of experience and skills, have risen to the considerable challenges of the past year. Thank you!

**Collection Points:** Our Church Collection Points continue to provide a regular supply of food donations along with the permanent front-of-store collection box at Waitrose Bagshot, the Sainsbury's Store on Heatherside, and the Co-op in Lightwater. Additionally, this year we began collecting Surplus from Aldi in College Town which also allows us to take from the customer donation box.

**Referrals:** In the year up to March 31st 2023 we made over 1,297 food deliveries. The last Quarter was up by 30% on the previous year. Overall a 10% increase on the previous year. Equating to over 9,258 days of food and over 27,774 meals. This year 225 new households were added to our list.

Whilst many food parcels were for single people; others for couples with up to 6 children for periods of between 11 and 12 weeks. This is in addition to all the non-food referrals we receive for household items. We have also had an increasing number of requests to extend the service for more than 12 weeks and this we review on a case-by-case basis. In summary Besom is helped 1310 households with food this year which represents approximately 700 separate individuals (431 Adults & 294 Children). Most of the referrals continue to be for people living in Town, St. Michaels, Old Dean and

Watchetts Wards with good numbers in Bagshot and Frimley, Frimley Green and Lightwater and on occasions but increasing in the remaining 5 wards. We continue to point both referrers and recipients towards Frontline Debt Advice, The Hope Hub and CASH, when appropriate, with whom we have a close working relationship.

**Referrers:** Citizen's Advice Surrey Heath (CASH) continue to be our biggest referrers this year with Mental Health Teams coming next.

**Food Hygiene:** We continue to maintain the highest level of food hygiene and 3 more individuals have taken the level 2 Food Hygiene course.

### **And Finally:**

As predicted last year the needs continue to grow with the ever-rising cost of living and especially increases expected in utility bills. This is having a devastating impact on those least able to manage. However, we continue to look to the future with confidence. Working in partnership with local churches and agencies to meet some of the need and to alleviate poverty where we are able; acting as a vital bridge between those who have and those in need.

*For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me; I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me: Matthew 25:35-36(NIV)*

Registered charity no: 1160548 (England and Wales)



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period: from	01/04/2022	To:	31/03/2023
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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>					
Churches	6,927	2,701	-	9,628	9,846
Individual donations	9,054	665	-	9,719	11,441
Gift Aid	959	367	-	1,322	1,273
Interest	405	-	-	405	198
SHBC	-	10,233	-	10,233	18,000
Frimley Fuel Allotment grant	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Community Foundation for Surrey grant	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Surrey County Council grant	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Other grant	-	-	-	-	700
Other donations	6,933	5	-	6,538	9,429
Value of donated goods	66,600	-	-	66,600	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>95,468</b>	<b>19,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,839</b>	<b>48,887</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>95,468</b>	<b>19,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,839</b>	<b>48,887</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Outlay for packs	5,639	20,747	-	26,386	23,173
Insurance	744	-	-	744	610
Office expenses	2,060	276	-	2,336	1,730
Rent	9,600	-	-	9,600	9,600
Miscellaneous	696	252	-	868	357
Besom payment for services	1,350	-	-	1,350	3,000
Donation platform fees	113	-	-	113	-
Office & warehouse equipment	1,822	872	-	2,694	-
Shelving	-	-	-	-	647
Value of donated goods	66,600	-	-	66,600	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>88,544</b>	<b>22,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,691</b>	<b>39,117</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>88,544</b>	<b>22,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,691</b>	<b>39,117</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,924</b>	<b>- 2,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,148</b>	<b>9,770</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>- 1,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>62,322</b>	<b>17,328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,650</b>	<b>69,880</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>70,250</b>	<b>13,548</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,798</b>	<b>79,650</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>	NAB West	19,327	13,548	-
	Shawbrook Bank	50,923	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>70,250</b>	<b>13,548</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Shelving	Restricted	647	-
	Fridge/Freezer 1	Unrestricted	369	-
	Trolleys	Unrestricted	840	-
	Desk	Restricted	300	-
	Printer	Unrestricted	257	-
	Fridge/Freezer 2	Unrestricted	280	-
	Shelving	Unrestricted	230	-
	Fridge 3	Restricted	189	-
	Shelving	Restricted	198	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees.

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NEIL LYOD WATT	11/10/23
	KATHERINE BATEHAM	11/10/23



<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	The BESOM in Camberley		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 March 2023	<b>Charity no: (if any):</b>	1160548
<b>Set out on pages</b>	3 and 4		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023:


**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act:

**Independent  
examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 11/8/10/2023

**Name:** Marian Rudall

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

**Address:** 108 Prospect Road  
 Farnborough  
 GU14 8NS

**THE BESOM IN CAMBERLEY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1160548

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# Accounts

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# Trustees Annual Report

APRIL 2021 - MARCH 2022

Our year began still with various COVID restrictions in place and with aims to protect our teams by keeping out visitors and observing the latest Government guidance wherever possible. The New Time-givers we had gathered from "Surrey Heath Prepared" proved to be tremendous assets as some of our older time-givers & Trustees encountered some really challenging health issues.

**Core Team and Trustees:** The Core team and Trustees got back to more regular meetings. Each meeting began with a Bible Reading and a time of prayer. Discussions focussed around, safeguarding and improvement in operational processes.

**Funding:** We are so thankful that once again all our financial needs have been met. Funds were received as usual from our Supporter Churches, although they were still unable to give as generously as in previous years, however, more donations were received from individuals, and a grant from SHBC to keep food stocks up, plus at Christmas the 41-Club gave their entire Christmas Collection to us. We are thankful to all who give in this way and value their support. It very reassuring to yet again have healthy credit balance to face next year's challenges See the Year End Accounts for more details.

**Other Giving:** The generosity of people and organisations still continues to be overwhelming at times, without them we could not fund this work.

**Christmas 2021:** We were able to again pack and send out over an incredible 150 hampers to local families and individuals. We worked more closely with the Rotary and the council to reduce duplication of recipients and were able to supply the Rotary with some surplus items. In addition, generous Christmas food packs were prepared in the last week before Christmas for those new referrals received at that time. Once again we are so grateful to the Revd

Richard Lane and Camberley Baptist Church who generously allowed us use of the church sanctuary and other rooms throughout December even though it meant their Sunday services were surrounded by our stock!

**Talks, Visits and Events:** We were still unable to hold an open day this year although one is planned for in 2022. Talks and events still restricted because of Covid.

**Time-givers:** Our wonderful, dedicated Time-givers, whether drivers, packers, shelf-fillers, admin, shoppers, and the huge number of other jobs, are as ever, invaluable. The Supporter Church Reps also play a vital role in keeping their church updated and the collection point box emptied, as well as generally promoting the work of Besom. All our Time-givers, who bring with them a wealth of experience and skills, have risen to the considerable challenges of the past year. Thank you!

**Collection Points:** Most of our Church Collection Points closed have re-opened and we continue to be grateful for the permanent front-of-store collection box at Waitrose Bagshot, the Sainsbury's Store on Heatherside, and the Co-op in Lightwater.

**Referrals:** In the year up to March 31st 2022 we made over 1,170 food deliveries. Some food parcels were for single persons; others for couples with up to 6 children for periods of between one-week and 12 weeks & this is in addition to all the non-food referrals we receive for household items. In summary Besom is currently helping well over 200 households annually which represents approximately 500 separate individuals. Food remains the biggest request from referrers by far. Most of the referrals continue to be for people living in the Town, St. Michaels, Old Dean and

Watchetts Wards with good numbers in Bagshot and Frimley, Frimley Green and Lightwater and on occasions but increasing in the remaining 5 wards. We continue to point both referrers and recipients towards Frontline Debt Advice, The Hope Hub and CASH, when appropriate, with whom we have a close working relationship.

**Referrers:** Citizen's Advice Surrey Heath (CASH) and Churches, were our biggest referrers this year with Mental Health Teams and also the local housing association Accent coming in close behind. Hart Foodbank, Schools, Surrey Children's Services, Surrey Heath Family Support and SHBC on behalf of refugees (in August 2021 5 Refugee families from Afghanistan arrived along with a number of families of "Afghan Officers in training" at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst).

**New developments:** we have begun to deliver more fresh food in our packs including Ham, Beef Mince, Sausages, Chicken, Eggs, Spread and Fruit & Vegetables. This has meant we are stepping up our health and hygiene procedures, all Shift leaders have achieved, their Food Hygiene Certificates Level 2 & we have now got Level "5" for our Food standards Agency Hygiene Rating.

**And Finally:**

The needs will continue to grow with the ever-rising cost of living and especially increases expected in utility bills. All will have a devastating impact on those least able to manage. However, we continue to look to the future with confidence. Working in partnership with local churches and agencies to meet some of the need and to alleviate poverty where we are able, acting as a vital bridge between those who have and those in need.

*For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ,I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*  
Matthew 25:35-36(NIV)

Registered charity no: 1160548 (England and Wales)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Besom in Camberley	No (if any) 1160548
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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### 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>					
Churches	6,655	3,191	-	9,846	4,395
Individual donations	6,395	5,046	-	11,441	13,015
Gift Aid	1,273	-	-	1,273	890
Interest	198	-	-	198	189
SHBC	-	16,000	-	16,000	10,000
Government grant	-	-	-	-	29,000
Other grant	-	700	-	700	-
Other donations	8,929	500	-	9,429	3,847
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>23,450</b>	<b>25,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,887</b>	<b>61,336</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>23,450</b>	<b>25,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,887</b>	<b>61,336</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Outlay for packs	15,766	7,407	-	23,173	12,860
Insurance	610	-	-	610	411
Office expenses	1,675	55	-	1,730	1,531
Rent	9,600	-	-	9,600	9,600
Fridge/freezer	-	-	-	-	369
Miscellaneous	357	-	-	357	243
Besom network donation	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Shelving	-	647	-	647	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31,008</b>	<b>8,109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,117</b>	<b>25,014</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>31,008</b>	<b>8,109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,117</b>	<b>25,014</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 7,558</b>	<b>17,328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,770</b>	<b>36,322</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>69,880</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,880</b>	<b>33,558</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>62,322</b>	<b>17,328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,650</b>	<b>69,880</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>	NatWest	11,804	17,328	-
	Shawbrook Bank	50,518	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>62,322</b>	<b>17,328</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<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>	Shelving	Restricted	647	-
	Fridge/Freezer	Unrestricted	369	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KAREN KENDALL	12/10/22
	NEIL DAVID LIDDIATT	12/10/22



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

THE BESOM IN CAMBERLEY

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1160548

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2022**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

*M Rudall*

**Date:**

12/10/2022

**Name:**

MARIA RUDALL

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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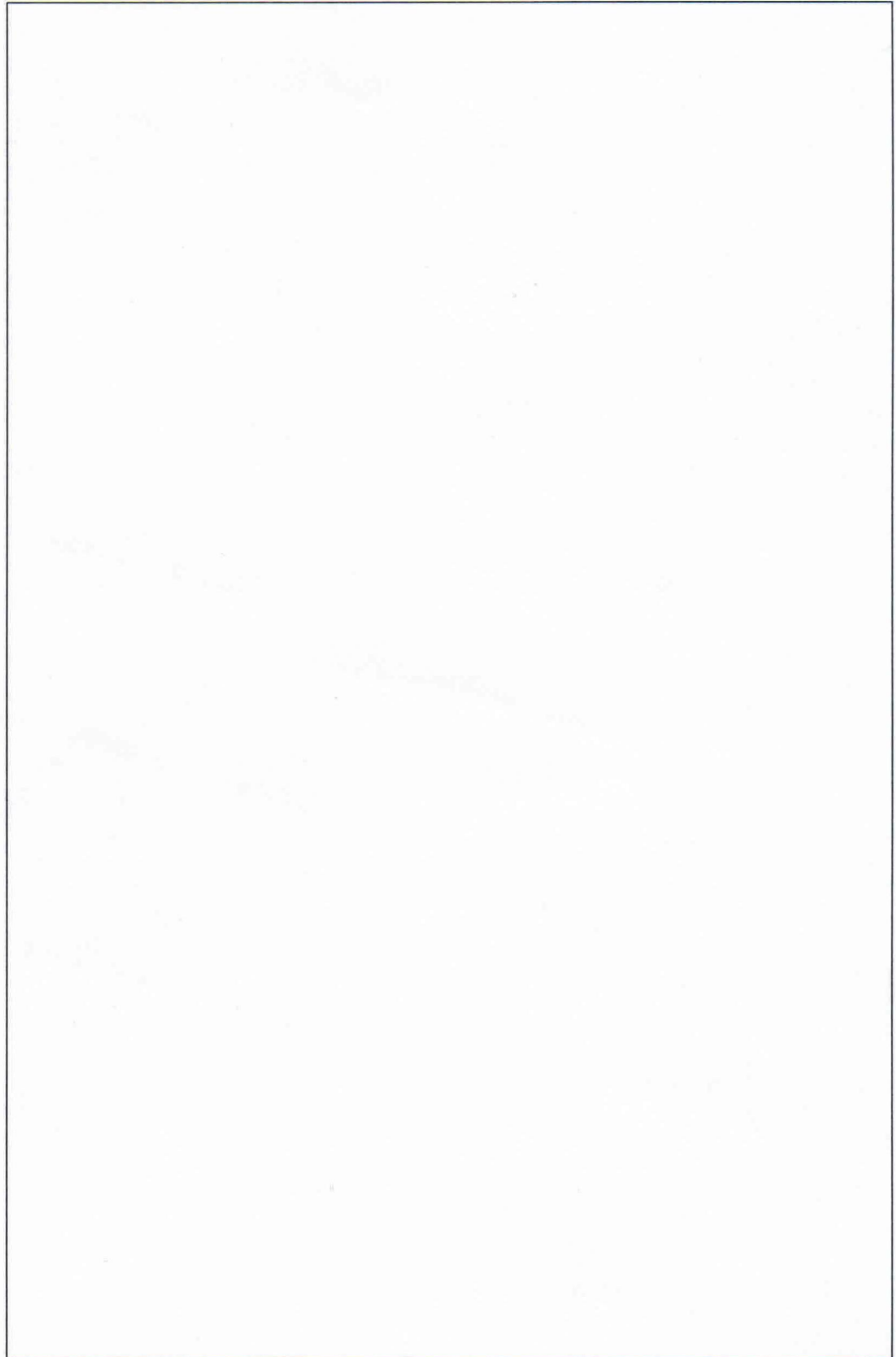
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**



**THE BESOM IN CAMBERLEY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1160548

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# Accounts

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# Trustees Annual Report

APRIL 2020 - MARCH 2021

Our year began as the last one ended - in Lockdown! On the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, with the Warehouse emptied of food, toiletries, and cleaning items, we closed our doors due to the nationwide Lockdown not knowing when, or if, we would be back. Although we were classed as an essential service, due to most time-givers being over 70 years and ordered to stay at home, we could not continue.

**What happened next!** Surrey Heath Prepared did! Working in partnership with Surrey Heath Borough Council and High Cross Church, all our food stocks and other stock went to the SHP headquarters at High Cross, along with some of our younger time-givers. Between them, they kept the Besom food referrals going out to those most in need, alongside government parcels and self-referrals. We are so grateful and owe them a huge debt.

After the first Lockdown ended the team at SHP helped moved us back to the Warehouse along with a generous amount of stock, advice, and practical support on Covid-safe working practices from Mike Thomason and Greg Scott, plus some of the experienced SHP volunteers joined the Besom Team. This, combined with a SHBC grant, meant we were able to reopen our doors in July 2021. Thanks to the measures put in place we were able to work through the subsequent lockdowns.

**Core Team and Trustees:** The Core team and Trustees met less often than usual over the 12 months but were able to keep in touch through email and phone for any urgent matters. Each meeting began with a Bible Reading and a time of prayer. Discussions included Lockdown, Covid-1, finance, and an overhaul of safeguarding policy.

**Funding:** We are so thankful that once again all our financial needs have been met. Funds were received as usual from our Supporter Churches, although they were unable to give as generously as previous years, however, more donations were received from individuals, and a huge grant from SHBC to keep

food stocks up. We are thankful to all who give in this way and value their support. It very reassuring to yet again have healthy credit balance to face next year's challenges See the Year End Accounts for more details.

**Other Giving:** The generosity of people and organisations continue to be overwhelming at times, without them we could not fund this work.

**Christmas 2020:** We were able to pack and send out an incredible 149 hampers, up 50% on 2019 to local families and individuals. In addition, generous Christmas food packs were prepared in the last week before Christmas for those new referrals received at that time. We were so grateful to the Revd Richard Lane and Camberley Baptist Church, who gave us exclusive use of the hall and other spaces for most of December, thus allowing us to pack in a Covid-safe way.

**Talks, Visits and Events:** Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our usual Open days, give talks or attend any events.

**Time-givers:** Our wonderful, dedicated Time-givers, whether drivers, packers, shelf-fillers, admin, shoppers, and the huge number of other jobs, are as ever, invaluable. The Supporter Church Reps also play a vital role in keeping their church updated and the collection point box emptied, as well as generally promoting the work of Besom. All our Time-givers, who bring with them a wealth of experience and skills, have risen to the considerable challenges of the past year. Thank you!

**Collection Points:** Most of our Church Collection Points closed for several months and we were grateful for the permanent front-of-store collection box at Waitrose Bagshot, the Sainsbury's Store on Heatherside, and the Co-op in Lightwater.

**Referrals:** The number of referrals for July 20 to March 21 were:  
Total referrals 792  
Of which Adults 1278 and Children 854  
which does not include 149 Christmas Hampers and CASH 24 hours emergency bags.

Food remains the biggest request from referrers by far, although there was a substantial decrease in the number of the household packs this year so could concentrate on providing Food parcels.

Most of the referrals continue to be for people living in the Town, St. Michaels, Old Dean and Watchetts Wards with good numbers in Bagshot and Frimley; Frimley Green and Lightwater have increased and there is a sprinkling in the remaining 5 wards.

We continue to point both referrers and recipients towards Frontline Debt Advice and CASH, when appropriate, with whom we have a close working relationship.

*For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ,I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36(NIV)*

Registered charity no: 1160548 (England and Wales)

**Referrers:** Citizen's Advice Surrey Heath (CASH) and Frontline Debt Advice, are still the biggest referrer, also the local housing associations- Accent and Riverside. Barnardo's, Surrey Heath Housing Needs and Family Support, the NHS Mental Health team, are all regular referrers-

**And Finally:**

The needs will continue to grow with the end of the Furlough Scheme, the reduction in Universal Credit, the upcoming rise in NI and the ever-rising cost of living. All will have a devastating impact on those least able to manage. However, we look to the future with confidence. We will continue to work in partnership with local churches and agencies to meet some of the need and to alleviate poverty where we are able, acting as a vital bridge between those who have and those in need.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Besom in Camberley**

No (if any)  
1160548

**Receipts and payments accounts**

CC16a

For the period from **01/04/2020** To **31/03/2021**

**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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Churches	4,395	-	-	4,395	12,541
Individual donations	13,015	-	-	13,015	4,310
Gift Aid	890	-	-	890	1,132
Interest	189	-	-	189	66
SHBC	10,000	-	-	10,000	5,000
Government Grant	29,000	-	-	29,000	-
Other donations	3,847	-	-	3,847	2,800
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>61,336</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,336</b>	<b>25,849</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>61,336</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,336</b>	<b>25,849</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Outlay for packs	10,078	2,782	-	12,860	5,249
Insurance	411	-	-	411	397
Office expenses	1,531	-	-	1,531	1,487
Rent	9,600	-	-	9,600	9,600
Fridge/freezer	369	-	-	369	-
Miscellaneous	243	-	-	243	100
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>22,232</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,014</b>	<b>16,833</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>22,232</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,014</b>	<b>16,833</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>39,104</b>	<b>2,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,322</b>	<b>9,016</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,776	2,782	-	33,558	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>69,880</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,880</b>	<b>9,016</b>

Endowment funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Details
-	-	69,880	<b>Total cash funds</b>
-	-	50,320	Shawbrook/CAF Bank
-	-	19,560	NatWest
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
Endowment funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Details
-	-	-	B1 Cash funds
-	-	-	B2 Other monetary assets
-	-	-	B3 Investment assets
-	-	-	B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use
-	-	-	B5 Liabilities

Date of approval **22/10/21**  
 Print Name **PATRICIA CATHERINE ELLIS**  
 Signature **P. E. Ellis**  
 Date of approval **22/10/21**  
 Print Name **GRAE SARAH BATES**  
 Signature **GRAE SARAH BATES**

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

BESOM in Camberley

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1160548

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2021**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

14/06/2021

Name:

Karen Mary Kendall

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**