

# 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 others 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

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 **31/03/2024**.

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

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

### 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 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	NatWest	16,949	680	-
	Charity Bank	61,260	-	-
	Donated gift cards	180	-	-
	Pre-paid debit card	923	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>79,312</b>	<b>680</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 £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	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)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
N. D. Liddiatt	N. D. LIDDIATT	09/10/2024
K.C. BATEMAN	K.C. BATEMAN	9/10/24



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