

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

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

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 £ |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 89,363 | 21,399 | - | 110,762 | 129,270 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 89,363 | 21,399 | - | 110,762 | 129,270 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| 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 |
| Sub total | 104,189 | 20,670 | - | 124,859 | 133,076 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 104,189 | 20,670 | - | 124,859 | 133,076 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 14,826 | 729 | - | - 14,097 | - 3,806 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | 919 | - 919 | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 79,312 | 680 | - | 79,992 | 83,798 |
| Cash funds this year end | 65,405 | 490 | - | 65,895 | 79,992 |

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 | 12,634 | 490 | - |
| | Charity Bank | 51,943 | - | - |
| | Donated gift cards | - | - | - |
| | Pre-paid debit card | 828 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 65,405 | 490 | - |
| (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

KATY BATEMAN
GREGORY REEVE

Date of approval

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

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 31/03/2025.

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:

M. Rudall

Date:

16/10/25

Name:

Marian Rudall

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

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