



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 To 31st August 2025

Charity name: BENTSWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Charity registration number: 1167891

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of the Bentswood Ward in Haywards Heath and surrounding areas in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	As per the report below, the BCP supported activities to support the local community. In particular activities to support families with SEND and supporting the national Silver Sunday program for older people.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The guidance was circulated in 2023 to all Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	As a rule we are not a grant-making organisation but we have procedures for residents to follow if they wish support the community with a new project
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The work of our volunteers is priceless! We have a number of them, some of them parents but not all, who support the leaders in our SEND activities
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	This proved to be a busier year and saw an increase in the range of activities run to support families dealing with the challenges of SEND. A major change affecting us was the engagement by Clarion Futures of Community People to run the building and bookings at #38. This meant we went from being a partner to more of a tenant, but still enjoyed the full support of Clarion Futures and looked forward to working with Community People as they settled into the community. Back to the SEND projects, this year saw the inauguration of the SEND Reading Club in partnership with West Sussex Libraries and later in the year an Arts, Crafts & Drama Group. Again, much credit to Ruth de Mierre (Trustee) for organising, and also to John Sabin & Joyce Sharma for their attendance and support at many of these sessions. These were to provide support to the children, parents and carers who were heavily affected by SEND. They were funded by HSF5 monies via West Sussex County Council and Clarion Futures. They were immensely popular and made some remarkably positive changes to some of the young people and earned the immense gratitude of parents. We also held a Silver Sunday event in October for older residents that featured a talk and slide show of historic photographs of Bentswood. Also a Xmas party was held, primarily to celebrate and thank our volunteers and session leaders. Our particular thanks go to Clarion Futures and the session leaders and volunteers that are supporting the SEND activities. Finally, a number of changes in our Trustees; • Our Finance Officer, Zoltan Demjan, moved away from the area towards the end of the year and so stood down as a Trustee. He goes with our gratitude and the trustees will be seeking a replacement. • Founding Trustee Nicky Dodds, who has shown so much support for Bentswood for 15 years or more stood down as her Clarion responsibilities grew to pretty much the whole of the South. She will be hugely missed • Also, we sadly lost long-standing trustee Bryan Fairhall (dec.) during this year • But also welcomed new Trustee, former town mayor – John Sabin.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We are in a good financial position but still await for clarification from the Post Code Lottery and Awards for All concerning the status of the grants that they awarded and which we are holding
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We keep fixed outgoings to an absolute minimum and therefore have virtually no formal need for reserves. However, bearing in mind the comment above, we try to hold sufficient funds to ensure key projects like youth support can be maintained during the year
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See CC16a
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grant applications and reserves
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	At present we can foresee none. We have minimal fixed costs and no long-standing financial commitments and are supported by a good number of Trustees
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		n/a
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Prospective Trustees apply, completing a form, and are decided upon by the Trustees. There is an Annual Meeting for all members where these are validated and the Officers elected

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bentswood Community Partnership
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1167891
Charity's principal address	38 Bentswood Crescent Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 3QR

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	Stephen Hillier	Chairperson		
2	Joyce Sharma	Secretary		
3	Zoltan Demjan	Financial Officer	Resigned as of 9/4/25	
4	Barbara Lank			
5	John Sabin		Adopted as of 25/1/25	
6	Nicky Dodds (representing Clarion Futures)		Resigned as of 25/1/25	
7	Alan Jenkins			
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

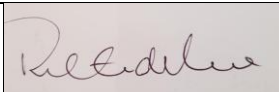
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Stephen R Hillier	Ruth de Mierre
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Trustee

Date 30/06/26



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Charity Name
BENTSWOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

No (if any)
1167891

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st September '24	To	Period end date 31st August 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 £
A1 Receipts					
General Admin Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Wellbeing	-	3,500	-	3,500	11,500
Older Wellbeing	-	275	-	275	-
Community Events	-	-	-	-	190
Community Hub	-	2,365	-	2,365	33,750
Community Café	-	-	-	-	16
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	6,140	-	6,140	45,456
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	6,140	-	6,140	45,456
A3 Payments					
General Admin Costs	60	-	-	60	77
Youth Wellbeing	-	4,004	-	4,004	3,042
Older Wellbeing	-	328	-	328	35
Community Events	-	-	-	-	623
Community Hub	-	18,358	-	18,358	30,859
Community Café	-	84	-	84	41
Volunteers	-	115	-	115	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60	22,888	-	22,949	34,677
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60	22,888	-	22,949	34,677
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 60	- 16,748	-	- 16,809	10,779
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,533	68,577	-	70,110	-
Cash funds this year end	1,473	51,828	-	53,301	70,110

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	Cash at Bank	1,473	51,828	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,473	51,828	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	
		Stephen R Hillier	07/07/2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bentswood Community Partnership

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167891

Set out on pages

Receipt & payments accounts (CC-16A) on pages 1&2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

**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").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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.

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.

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

Signed:

Joshua Hardy

Date:

07/07/2026

Name:

Joshua Hardy

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

Chartered accountant

Address:

C/O Bentswood Community Partnership

C/O Warden Park Primary Academy, New England Road, Haywards Heath

West Sussex, RH16 3JS

Section B

Disclosure

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.

N/A
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