

**BLUE BOX BELPER**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR**

**31 MARCH 2023**

**Charity Number 1178483**

# **BLUE BOX BELPER**

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**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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## **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

### **The board of trustees**

Thomas Wyke (Chair)  
Sarah Thackeray (Treasurer)  
John Nelson  
Eleanor Wyke  
Cllr Mary Dwyer  
David McAra  
Daniel Dreese (Appointed 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

### **Registered office**

85 Mill Lane  
Belper  
Derbyshire  
DE56 1LH

### **Independent examiners**

Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Babington Lodge  
128 Green Lane  
Derby  
DE1 1RY

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To further or benefit the residents of Parks Estate (Belper) and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.
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	<p>Blue Box Belper supports residents of the Parks Estate and surrounding area to improve the quality of their lives.</p> <p>Our current priority is working towards rebuilding a new Community Centre, and so far, we have secured just over £164,000 (of which £21,250 has already been spent on pre-construction costs) for the new building, through a range of fundraising.</p> <p>Whilst much of our focus has been on the construction project, Blue Box Belper has also been developing and delivering a range of community activities and initiatives, to increase community engagement ahead of the new Community Centre.</p> <p>Indeed, over the last year's we have:</p> <p>➔ Continued to support a successful detached</p>

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		<p>youth provision (currently funded by the Town Council), by securing funding to offer complimentary activities to further include holiday activities, one-to-one mentoring and additional targeted group work, all of which have gone well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➔ Cuppa Cake Chat, has increased from a monthly to fortnightly coffee morning.</li><li>➔ Our weekly Chair-o-bics session I now fully attended week on week.</li><li>➔ Our monthly Craft Group has continued to grow and attendees have now been involved in the traditional activities of Well-dressing and the Woollen Woods locally.</li><li>➔ Delivered a community newsletter four times during the year.</li><li>➔ Distributed Welcome Packs to welcome residents new to the Parks Estate.</li><li>➔ Supported fundraising activity within the local community.</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>We are enormously pleased and proud that our community initiatives and associated activities are continuing to improve the quality of life of residents in several ways. For example, previously isolated residents are engaging with our activities, people are volunteering to help support our activities, and young people are engaging with our provision. This all builds a far greater sense of community cohesion and is decreasing anti-social behaviour too.</p> <p>In addition, through our ongoing consultation and through listening during our current community activities, we continue to better understand the needs of residents.</p> <p>Ultimately, it is through the new Community Centre that we will be able to achieve the greatest public benefit, and so we continue to work hard towards delivering that aim.</p>

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### Additional information

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	In the last year, Blue Box Belper has received the support of 25 volunteers that have helped in a variety of ways. This includes, but is not limited to: being trustees, sub-group members, running/coordinating community activities, designing and delivering quarterly newsletters, and organising fundraising activity.

### 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	<p>Our achievements during the last 12 months have been to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Continue to offer a wide range of community activities in the limited spaces we have available to us. Further to this, we have seen more people engage in those community activities.</li><li>2. Continue to develop our media and communications sub group, still regularly producing a quarterly newsletter, as well as improving our website and social media communications.</li><li>3. Continue to maintain some momentum with fundraising for the construction project, as well as maintain the funds required to continue our community activities too.</li><li>4. Support fundraising activity within the local community, including a very successful Fell Race, as well as stalls at events and a summer raffle.</li><li>5. Securing a tender for the construction project, from 3 local contractors, with an agreed preferred contractor.</li><li>6. Re-submitting our planning permission request.</li><li>7. Progressing our large fundraising bid to the Lottery, ahead of a final submission.</li></ol>

### Additional information

Achievements against		<p>As it stands success is measured in several ways through several key themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Ongoing development of the charity, in terms</li></ol>
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objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>of growing our internal capacity and systems as a charity, for example producing audited accounts and growing the trusteeship.</p> <p>2) Progress with the Construction Project is measured through key landmarks being reached, e.g. completion of surveys and design plans.</p> <p>3) Success of fundraising is measured by income secured to meet identified needs. It has been another challenging year to fundraise due to the ongoing impact of the pandemic on community fundraising and availability of appropriate grant funds.</p> <p>4) Success of community activities is based on numbers attending, but also qualitative feedback. We have certainly continued to have a positive impact despite the pandemic, and having to ease back into some sort of normality with our activities and events.</p> <p>5) Effectiveness of our website and social media platforms is measured by numbers engaging. For example, we currently have over 650 likes and nearly 750 followers on our Facebook page, which represents a 7% increase during the year.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We have so far secured just over £164,000 towards the construction project, of which around £21,250 has already been spent on pre-construction costs). The total has included a further £79,750 being secured during the last financial year. We also secured £5,177.47 of grants towards delivering specific community activities.</p> <p>We submitted our last stage funding application to the Lottery at the end of September, which is for the construction project. We are now working on putting into place all of the final requirements, most notably new planning permission and a finalised lease agreement with Amber Valley Borough Council.</p>

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### Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Blue Box Belper is in a good financial position to continue to deliver its ongoing community activities. We are also continuing to work towards the fundraising target for the construction project most notably the work towards the Lottery funding application.</p> <p>The trustees have designated funds in the account (as of 31 March 2023) towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ £56,485 for the construction project.</li><li>➤ £1,209 for the youth provision.</li><li>➤ £591 for community activities, which includes the running costs for Chair-obics (£110), Cuppa Cake Chat (£404), and Craft Group (£77).</li><li>➤ £650 for ongoing annual running costs.</li><li>➤ £3,500 as reserves.</li></ul> <p>There is also £56,000 (Derbyshire County Council), £15,000 (Bernard Sunley Foundation), £15,000 (Garfield Weston Foundation), £375 (Tesco Community Grant) pledged towards the construction project, which is waiting to be transferred, on successful securing of the remaining funds required.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>As advised by the Charity Commission, Blue Box Belper reserves policy seeks to provide sufficient monies to enable the organisation to properly finance its own termination. The Board has agreed to provide (wherever possible) an amount which equates to three months' running costs.</p> <p>However, following a recent Board meeting we are now looking to steadily increase our reserves, to reflect both our increased activity, and the need to have a healthier reserves ready for the running of a community centre.</p>



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		<p>At 31 March 2023 the charity has unrestricted reserves of £3,500, which is a £1,500 increase on last year's budget.</p> <p>Our agreed intention, once the new community centre is in place, is that our reserves will be at a level needed to run the new community centre for one year.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,500
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	There is no uncertainty about the charity continuing.

#### Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>In this last financial year, Blue Box Belper has secured funds into its account totalling £21,962, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- £2,054 from Belper Town Council.</li><li>- £1,125 from Tesco Community Grants.</li><li>- £1,198 from local organisations and groups.</li><li>- £13,568 from community fundraising and individual donations.</li><li>- £4,017 from Hope for Belper for youth activities.</li></ul>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The trustees believe the main risks for the charity, alongside our measures to mitigate any impact, are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Failure to secure the funds for the construction project.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The main risk here is the reliance on securing the Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund. Without this application being successful we are very unlikely to be able to complete the construction project, and would need to pivot towards a new approach.</li></ul></li><li>2) Failure to secure the funds to continue our charitable activities.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The trustees continue to look ahead to ensure</li></ul></li></ol>

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		<p>that the funds required to maintain our current provisions are in place. So far securing funds to support our ongoing community activities has been possible.</p> <p>3) Economic uncertainty and rising costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The price of construction materials have increased significantly and this will have an impact on the final cost of the construction project. We will need to secure an updated cost from the preferred contractor, once the new planning permission is secured.</li> </ul>
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### Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:

Type of governing document	Para 1.25	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 22 May 2018
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	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	<p>Every appointed trustee is appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity's trustees.</p> <p>Efforts are made to recruit trustees who meet the skill requirement. The overall composition of the trustee body aims to be as representative of the community as is possible.</p> <p>Belper Town Council elects a councillor to be a trustee to act as the key point of contact between us and Belper Town Council.</p>

### Additional information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Policies are made available for viewing, including the Trustee Code of Conduct document. All new trustees are given a full update on the charity's activities and plans. Indeed, we have recently reviewed and updated all of our policies.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Blue Box Belper operates with trustees that manage the charity, supporting 4 main volunteer-run, task-focussed sub-groups:</p> <p>a) Construction Project;</p> <p>b) Funding and Grant Applications;</p>

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		<p>c) Community Activities and Fundraising; d) Media, Communication and Marketing.</p> <p>As the charity develops we may seek to increase the number of trustees, and the nature of the sub-groups will adapt for the needs of the charity's activities and initiatives, e.g. from a construction project sub-group to a Community Centre Management sub-group.</p> <p>Annual priorities and roles are set at our AGM against the charity's mission and objectives.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>Upon securing the necessary funds for the construction project, Blue Box Belper will enter into a 30-year lease agreement with Amber Valley Borough Council, for the land on which the new Blue Box Community Centre will be built. Blue Box Belper will also enter an agreement with Belper Town Council for them to become the successor to the lease and the building, should the charity prove to be financially unsustainable.</p>

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Blue Box Belper
Other name the charity uses	Blue Box Community Organisation
Registered charity number	1178483
Charity's principal address	85 Mill Lane, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1LH

### 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	Thomas Wyke	Chairperson		
2	Sarah Thackeray	Treasurer		
3	John Nelson	N/A		
4	Eleanor Wyke	N/A		
5	Cllr Mary Dwyer	N/A		Belper Town Council
6	David McAra	N/A		

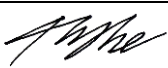

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7	Daniel Dreese	N/A	09/01/2023	
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**Declarations**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Thomas Wyke	Sarah Thackeray
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chairperson	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	31/07/2023	

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blue Box Belper**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 12 to 15.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Newey ACMA  
Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Babington Lodge  
128 Grteen Lane  
Derby

Date

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2022					2023
Total		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
£		Fund	Fund	Fund	£
£		£	£	£	£
<b>35584</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64730</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64730</b>
	<b>Receipts</b>				
31522	Grants	note 1 0	7496	0	7496
7251	Fundraising	3122	0	0	3122
500	Donations	11287	0	0	11287
0	Sundry	250	0	0	250
<b>39273</b>		<b>14660</b>	<b>7496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22156</b>
	<b>Payments</b>				
80	Room hire	953	0	0	953
324	Insurance	361	0	0	361
2922	Printing, stationery and website	1294	0	0	1294
230	Fees	408	0	0	408
2531	Sports, Youth and other activity	3901	0	0	3901
0	Outings, refreshments and transport	283	0	0	283
0	Training	0	0	0	0
4012	Building costs	17252	0	0	17252
28	Sundry	0	0	0	0
<b>10127</b>		<b>24451</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24451</b>
<b>29146</b>	<b>Net Movement of Funds</b>	<b>-9792</b>	<b>7496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2295</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>9792</b>	<b>-9792</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>64730</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62435</b>

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

2022		2023
£		£
0	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	0
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	<b>Monetary assets</b>	
64569	Bank balance	62435
161	Cash	0
<u>64730</u>		<u>62435</u>
0	Less liabilities	0
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
<u><u>64730</u></u>	<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>62435</u></u>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

#### Note 1

##### Grants

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Derbyshire County Council	0	0	0	0	2748
Hope for Belper	0	4017	0	4017	1213
Belper Town Council	0	2054	0	2054	20000
Open Gate	0	0	0	0	6500
Fleet Arts	0	300	0	300	300
Lubrizol	0	0	0	0	500
Active Derbyshire	0	0	0	0	260
Tesco Community Grants	0	1125	0	1125	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>7496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7496</b>	<b>31522</b>

#### Note 2

##### Designated Funds

Description	Source	£
Chair - obics Room hire	Derbyshire County Council/Get Active Derbyshire	110
Craft Group - room hire	Fleet Arts	77
Cuppa Cake Chat - room hire	Hope for Belper	404
Youth Project	Hope for Belper	1209
Running costs -auditing and insurance	Fundraising	650
Construction Project	Community fundraising and charitable grants	56485
Reserves	Fundraising	3500
<b>Total in account</b>		<b>62435</b>

##### Amounts pledged to the charity

	£
Derbyshire County Council	56000
Bernard Sunley Foundation	15000
Garfield Weston Foundation	15000
Tesco Community Grant	375
	<b>86375</b>



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## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

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#### **Note 3**

Breakdown of income through grants or donations by organisations in 2022/23

<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Purpose of funds</b>
£2,053.90	Belper Town Council	Construction Project
£1,125	Tesco Community Grants	Construction Project
£300.00	Fleet Arts	Craft Group
£897.93	Local organisations	Construction Project
£4,017.28	Hope for Belper	Youth Activities (£3639.78) Cuppa Cake Chat (£377.50)