

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1180842

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-11-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1.TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC HIGH STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURE, CONSERVATION, PLANNING, DESIGN, AND USE OF BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN AND/OR AFFECTING BELSIZE WARD, ITS ADJACENT AREAS AND ITS HISTORICAL ENVIRONS AND TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN THAT AREA;2.TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT HIGH STANDARDS IN URBAN PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT INCLUDING IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF AIR QUALITY IN BELSIZE WARD ITS ADJACENT AREAS AND ITS HISTORICAL ENVIRONS;3.TO FOSTER INTEREST AMONGST THE PUBLIC IN BELSIZE WARD, ITS ADJACENT AREAS AND ITS HISTORICAL ENVIRONS AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, INCLUDING NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE, OF THE AREA BY ORGANISING LECTURES, VISITS AND OTHER EVENTS.

Activities: The Belsize Society is an amenity society covering Belsize ward, its adjacent areas and historic environs. The Society has over 500 members. It does not make profits and is non-political. It became a charitable incorporated organisation in 2018, but has been a feature of the Belsize area since the 1970s.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Camden

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,029	£5,807	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,900	£5,666	-	-
2022-12-31	£6,656	£7,540	-	-
2021-12-31	£5,702	£5,446	-	-
2020-12-31	£7,498	£5,015	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr ALAN SELWYN	Chair	2025-03-09
ANNE FRANCES STEVENS		2018-11-26
David Thomas		2023-12-12
PRABHAT VAZE		2018-11-26
Sanya Polescuk		2026-02-10

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2024 To 31 December 2024

Charity name: The Belsize Society

Charity registration number: 1180842

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote high standards of architecture, conservation, planning, design and use of buildings in Belsize and to promote the protection and improvement of historic or public interest; To promote high standards in urban planning, infrastructure and transport, the maintenance and improvement of streets and public places, and the protection of the environment in Belsize; To foster interest amongst the public in Belsize and more generally in the history of the area.
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	The Society's activities allow Society members to contribute views on local public services, and allow the Society to co-ordinate views on local planning applications and as appropriate make representations to the local authority. They allow the Society to participate in projects designed to improve local environmental conditions. The Society provides information about local issues and activities through quarterly newsletters, two noticeboards and a website. As the accounts show, a large proportion of our annual expenditure goes towards printing/maintenance in these areas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to this guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.38	The Society is not a grant-giving charity but, as an activity ancillary to its charitable

Policy on grant making		purposes, it has been the charity's practice from time to time to make donations that are in accordance with the Society's general aims. Full details of the Society's Donations Policy can be found on its website www.belsize.org.uk
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Society has no employees, therefore almost all activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis. Specifically, the Society publishes a quarterly newsletter which volunteers from the membership help to distribute. The Society's educational events (for example guided historical walks) are led by volunteers.
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	The Society enlisted our former chair for two historic walks this year. In May, we were taken around our area on the theme of Belsize House and other Local Country Mansions, looking at the story of the Belsize estate before the 1850s. Our September walk covered the Victorians who shaped Belsize. We were also able to host events jointly with the Friends of the Belsize Community Library, with a talk by Martin Sheppard on the War in Belsize Park. The event was very well attended, with the library full as Martin presented a picture of a wartime London. Other library events held jointly with the Friends were Averil Nottage's illustrated talk about the development of the Chalcots/Eton College Estate and Lester Hillman's talk about local weather events over the last centuries. December saw us host the Society carol singing which raised over £350 for the Royal Free Hospital Maggie's Centre. It again featured the Primrose Hill Community Choir. The summer party benefitted from a sunny day and was well attended. This year, the Society was able to present a commemorative award to David Percy, sponsored with the Belsize

		<p>Conservation Area Advisory Committee, to mark his contribution to local history. This was at the launch of his new book about Belsize homes,</p> <p>The planning team has continued to look at applications commenting on around 18 this year, raising objections for 12. This year has also seen a new developer for 100 Avenue Road revising the plans for the scheme. The Society has been considering the changes, ahead of the formal application.</p> <p>There have been 239 tree applications reviewed, of which comments were made on 25.</p> <p>The Society participated in various other local meetings and saw some success as, with other resident bodies, we convinced the Council to maintain parking scratchcards for the time being, alongside the digital short-term parking permits, so that residents without access to IT were not excluded. The Society helped with the organising of a Camden Council sustainability team's Strategy Room, bringing together some members for a Citizen's Jury as the Council developed its strategy. The Society has also publicised initiatives to retrofit older properties.</p> <p>The quarterly newsletters continued to be produced, with the 2024 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust accompanying the May newsletter. The website is publishing newsletter articles and other notices online. Many members have switched to receiving the Newsletter online only, saving printing costs and delivery. Also, a project to renew the website has been initiated to allow for online payment and a members' area. This is being paralleled by the Society setting up social media sites and developing a policy for this. Throughout the year, our noticeboards have publicised non-commercial local events, services, and notices of interest.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income for the period: £5,029 Expenditure for the period: £5,807 Total cash assets (including reserves): £14,803 The Society has no non-cash assets.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Society holds cash reserves for use in the event of its future involvement in initiatives involving financial outlay which could not be covered by the Society's annual income through membership fees.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14,803
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	N/A

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	<p>The Society derives its annual income from membership fees (currently £10 a year though we are progressing a decision to raise fees to £20) and occasional unsolicited donations. All fees are paid by members resident locally. There is no requirement to live locally to be a member of the Society – anyone with an interest in the area is welcome. Also, there is no requirement to be a member to attend the majority of our events, such as historic walks. During 2024, 25 new member households joined the Society. At the end of the period the total paying membership was 473, with a further 11 complimentary members.</p> <p>Membership fees support the costs of producing material reporting on the Society's activities (such as quarterly newsletters) and advertising events (e.g. posters), as well as the maintenance of noticeboards and a website. Since becoming a charity in November 2018 the Society has not engaged in any fundraising exercise.</p> <p>During 2024 the Society received no income from contracts or grant programmes from central government or a local authority.</p> <p>The Society did not operate or spend money outside England and Wales.</p> <p>The Society does not engage in trading activities and so has no trading subsidiaries. The Society has no employees and all Trustee and Committee</p>
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		posts are honorary so no salaries, benefits or honoraria are paid.
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	The Society relies on its volunteers, several of whom have been in position for many years and/or are advancing in years. The Society is actively seeking new volunteers, to avoid the need to curtail activities in the future.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	Five trustees were in place during 2024. At the AGM, the trustees and committee were proposed to the 60 attendees and, as there were no objections to the nominations, passed without a vote. To date trustees have been selected from past or present Committee members. Nominations to join the Committee are solicited in the pre-AGM papers.

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	Trustees are made aware of the Charity Commission's requirements on, and guidance for, trustees. One trustee (responsible for governance matters) is available to be consulted by others, and by members, who have questions or concerns about propriety. The constitution states that each new trustee must receive, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' annual report and statement of accounts
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The day-to-day business of the Society is taken forward by a committee which includes most Trustees plus some other members appointed at the AGM. The Trustees meet alone (i.e. separately from the committee) when necessary to consider trustee-specific matters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Belsize Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1180842
Charity's principal address	Flat 1 20 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5TH

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	Prabhat Vaze	Chair		
2	Anne Stevens	Membership		
3	Michael Jampel	Governance		
4	Barbara Abraham	Trees		
5	David Thomas	Climate change & retrofitting		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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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N/A		

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


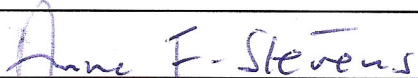
Other optional information

N/A

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)	Prabhat Vaze	Anne Stevens
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Membership Secretary
Date	30 October 2025	

The Belsize Society
ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2024	2023	2022
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£4,534.09	£5,456.00	£5,160.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£0.00	£15.00	£30.00
INTEREST	£470.89	£328.85	£111.35
GIFT AID	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
NOTICEBOARDS	£0.00	£0.00	£1,275.00
DONATIONS (from members)	£25.00	£0.00	£80.00
OTHER (filming)	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£5,029.98	£5,899.85	£6,656.35

EXPENDITURE

PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£19.24	£39.36	£0.00
STATIONERY	£64.72	£99.58	£131.97
PRINTING	£1,362.58	£1,640.00	£1,660.04
PHOTOCOPIES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
POSTAGE	£59.50	£183.78	£227.24
GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£440.00	£661.00	£643.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£10.00
WEBSITE	£3,158.20	£362.44	£95.40
DONATIONS (see below *)	£200.00	£1,450.00	£2,330.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£68.18	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£242.00	£242.00	£231.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£193.18	£410.28	£2,062.13
STORAGE & REMOVAL	£0.00	£413.43	£0.00
OTHER (Carols Leader's Fee/Bank	£0.00	£164.00	£150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£5,807.60	£5,665.87	£7,540.78

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-£777.62	£233.98	-£884.43
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BALANCE SHEET AT:	31/12/2023	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
BANK BALANCES	£14,803.68	£15,626.30	£15,520.77
LESS UNPAID DONATIONS	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£14,803.68	£15,626.30	£15,320.77

REPRESENTED BY:			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£15,554.75	£15,320.77	£16,445.20
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-£777.62	£233.98	-£884.43

SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£14,777.13	£15,554.75	£15,560.77
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*** Donations Made in 2024**

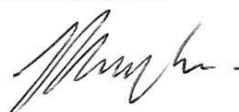
Belsize Village lights	£200.00
Total	£200.00

Prabhat Vaze
Chair



Date 9 February 2025

Justin Barrington
Independent Examiner



Date

7-2-25

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Other		

Achievements and Performance

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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>Very sadly Neil Harris, our Treasurer, Trustee and Committee member passed away suddenly in March. The Society celebrated his considerable contribution and helped in various arrangements after his passing. The Committee and Trustees worked hard to fill the gap for Society business and transfer the responsibilities Neil held.</p> <p>We welcomed Peter Wallace as a new Committee member in May.</p> <p>The Society held a wide range of activities in 2023.</p> <p>We held a historic walk, open to non-members, that took us through the Eton College Estates in the Belsize area.</p> <p>We were also pleased to host events jointly with the Belsize Community Library, with a talk about the local, listed, Goldfinger House. In December the Society hosted carol singing in Belsize Terrace, joined by Primrose Hill Community Choir, and raised a considerable sum for the Marie Curie Hospice.</p> <p>The planning team has continued to look at applications for planning permission made to the Council in the Belsize area, commenting on around 10 this year in support of local planning policy and guidance.</p>

		<p>We have continued to monitor local tree applications, looking at 243 applications and commenting on 16. The Society was pleased to have three trees planted under the Queen's Green Canopy initiative in the Belsize area. The Society has commented in consultations, such as by the Council about understanding and experience at community level as plans are made to prepare for climate change. We also publicised initiatives to retrofit older properties, including events allowing residents to see premises that have progressed retrofits. The Committee have also engaged with local councillors, both through meetings and as individual Society initiatives have progressed. There was an informal meeting with councillors from local wards in November to discuss matters of interest and concern locally.</p> <p>Throughout the year, our noticeboards have publicised non-commercial local events, services and notices of interest. The Society's financial position has remained healthy. Like last year, we have made donations to bodies supporting the community.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income for the period: £5,899 Expenditure for the period: £5,666 Total cash assets (including reserves): £15,626 The Society has no non-cash assets.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Society holds cash reserves for use in the event of its future involvement in initiatives involving financial outlay which could not be covered by the Society's annual income through membership fees.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,626
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	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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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	The Society relies on its volunteers, several of whom have been in position for many years and/or are advancing in years. The Society is actively seeking new volunteers, to avoid the need to curtail activities in the future.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	Five trustees were in place until Neil Harris passed away in March 2023. Committee member David Thomas was appointed as a new trustee in December 2023. At the AGM, the trustees and committee were proposed to the 60 attendees and, as there were no objections to the nominations, passed without a vote. To date trustees have been selected from past or present Committee members. Nominations to join the Committee are solicited in the pre-AGM papers.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The day-to-day business of the Society is taken forward by a committee which includes most Trustees plus some other members appointed at the AGM. The Trustees meet alone (i.e. separately from the committee) when necessary to consider trustee-specific matters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Belsize Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1180842

Charity's principal address	Flat 1 20 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5TH

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	Prabhat Vaze	Chair		
2	Anne Stevens	Membership Sec		
3	Neil Harris (dec'd 15.03.23)	Treasurer	01.01.23-15.03.23	
4	Michael Jampel	Governance		
5	Barbara Abraham	Trees & Acting Treasurer		
6	David Thomas	Climate change & retro-fitting	Appointed 12.12.23	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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
N/A		

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

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)	Prabhat Vaze	Barbara A Abraham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee/Acting Treasurer for 2023
Date	18 August 2024	

The Belsize Society
ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2023	2022	2021
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£5,456.00	£5,160.00	£5,200.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£15.00	£30.00	£5.00
INTEREST	£328.85	£111.35	£47.94
GIFT AID	£0.00	£0.00	£354.29
NOTICEBOARDS	£0.00	£1,275.00	£0.00
DONATIONS (from members)	£0.00	£80.00	£95.00
OTHER (filming)	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£5,899.85	£6,656.35	£5,702.23
EXPENDITURE			
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£39.36	£0.00	£190.08
STATIONERY	£99.58	£131.97	£88.19
PRINTING	£1,640.00	£1,660.04	£1,356.09
PHOTOCOPIES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
POSTAGE	£183.78	£227.24	£488.94
GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£661.00	£643.00	£284.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£10.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£362.44	£95.40	£110.40
DONATIONS (see below *)	£1,450.00	£2,330.00	£2,100.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£242.00	£231.00	£231.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£410.28	£2,062.13	£111.84
STORAGE & REMOVAL (Account Records & NH Books)	£413.43	£0.00	£0.00
OTHER (Carols Leader's Fee/Bank charges)	£164.00	£150.00	£485.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£5,665.87	£7,540.78	£5,445.54
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£233.98	-£884.43	£256.69
BALANCE SHEET AT:	31/12/2023	31/12/2022	31/12/2021
BANK BALANCES	£15,626.30	£15,520.77	£16,445.20
LESS UNPAID DONATIONS	£0.00	£200.00	£0.00
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£15,626.30	£15,320.77	£16,445.20
REPRESENTED BY:			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£15,320.77	£16,445.20	£16,188.51
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£233.98	-£884.43	£256.69
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£15,554.75	£15,560.77	£16,445.20

* Donations Made in 2023

NW3CLT	£250.00
Belsize Village lights	£200.00
Camden Age UK	£250.00
C4WS Homeless Project	£250.00
BCL	£500.00
Total	£1,450.00

Evangelia Papadopoulou
Treasurer



Date 5/21/2024

Justin Barrington
Independent Examiner



Date 5-2-24.

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1180842

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2022 To 31 December 2022

Charity name: The Belsize Society

Charity registration number: 1180842

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote high standards of architecture, conservation, planning, design and use of buildings in Belsize and to promote the protection and improvement of historic or public interest; To promote high standards in urban planning, infrastructure and transport, the maintenance and improvement of streets and public places, and the protection of the environment in Belsize; To foster interest amongst the public in Belsize and more generally in the history of the area.
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	The Society's activities allow Society members to contribute views on ways that local public services might be improved, and allow the Society to co-ordinate views on local planning applications and as appropriate make representations to the local authority. They allow the Society to participate in projects designed to improve local environmental conditions. The Society provides information about local issues and activities through quarterly newsletters, two noticeboards and a website. As the accounts show, a large proportion of our annual expenditure goes towards printing/maintenance in these areas.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to this guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.38	The Society is not a grant-giving charity but, as an activity ancillary to its charitable purposes, it

Policy on grant making		has been the charity's practice from time to time to make donations that are in accordance with the Society's general aims. Full details of the Society's Donations Policy can be found on its website www.belsize.org.uk
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Society has no employees, therefore almost all activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis. Specifically, the Society publishes a quarterly newsletter which volunteers from the membership help to distribute. The Society's educational events (for example guided historical walks) are led by volunteers.
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	<p>After two years of disruption, the Society's activities returned to pre-pandemic normality in 2022.</p> <p>In May, before the local council elections, the Society held a local election hustling at which candidates from the main parties were asked about a range of topics, including housing in the area, encouraging local shops and large developments. The summer party benefitted from a sunny day and it was wonderful to be able to come together after a few years when the event was not possible.</p> <p>We were able to conduct a historic walk, led by our former chair, that covered the artists, spies and refugees that lived in Belsize, with wonderful insight about the community in Belsize in the first half of the 20th century. In December the Society hosted carol singing, joined by Primrose Hill Community Choir, which raised a considerable sum for the Marie Curie Hospice.</p> <p>The planning team have continued to look at applications for planning permission made to the Council in the Belsize area, reviewing around 100 and commenting on 15. The Society has also participated with other resident bodies in commenting on plans at the O2 Centre, and supporting Camden's work looking at</p>

		<p>strengthening enforcement.</p> <p>We have continued to monitor local tree applications, looking at 194 applications and commenting on 31. The Society was successful in an application for Community Infrastructure Levy funding for planting trees in the area to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>The Society has commented on two consultations, first on the Camden Local Plan and secondly on the Council’s Climate Change Action Plan. The Committee have also engaged with local councillors, both through meetings and as individual Society initiatives have progressed.</p> <p>There was an informal meeting with councillors from local wards in November to discuss matters of interest and concern.</p> <p>The quarterly newsletters continued to be produced, with the 2022 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust accompanying the May newsletter. The website is keeping a fresh look, but we had to pause discussions with a developer about an upgrade for the website’s structure.</p> <p>Throughout the year, our noticeboards have publicised non-commercial local events, services and notices of interest. The year has also seen some repairs to the boards.</p> <p>During the year, 33 new member households joined the Society. The total paying membership was 542, with a further 12 complimentary members.</p> <p>The Society welcomed a new committee member with a particular interest in building and climate change matters.</p> <p>The Society’s financial position has remained healthy. Like last year, we have continued to make donations to bodies supporting the community in the stressed current conditions.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income for the period: £6,656 (inc £1,275 CIL contribution to noticeboards' refurbishment) Expenditure for the period: £7,540 (inc approx. £2,000 total expenditure on noticeboards) Total cash assets (including reserves): £15,320 The Society has no non-cash assets.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Society holds cash reserves for use in the event of its future involvement in initiatives involving financial outlay which could not be covered by the Society's annual income through membership fees (about £5,000)
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,560
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	N/A

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	<p>The Society derives its annual income from membership fees (currently £10 a year) and occasional unsolicited donations. All fees are paid by members resident locally, except for one member resident in the Republic of Ireland and one resident in Norway. There is no requirement to live locally to be a member of the Society – anyone with an interest in the area is welcome. Also, there is no requirement to be a member to attend the majority of our events, such as historic walks. During 2022, 33 new member households joined the Society. At the end of the period the total paying membership was 542, with a further 12 complimentary members. Membership fees support the costs of producing material reporting on the Society's activities (such as quarterly newsletters) and advertising events (e.g. posters), as well as the maintenance of noticeboards and a website.</p> <p>Since becoming a charity in November 2018 the Society has not engaged in any fundraising exercise.</p> <p>During 2022 the Society received no income from contracts or grant programmes from central government or a local authority. The Society did not operate or spend money outside England and Wales.</p> <p>The Society does not engage in trading activities and so has no trading subsidiaries.</p> <p>The Society has no employees and all Trustee and Committee posts are honorary so no</p>
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		salaries, benefits or honoraria are paid.
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	The Society relies on its volunteers, several of whom have been in position for many years and/or are advancing in years. The Society is actively seeking new volunteers, to avoid the need to curtail activities in the future.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	Five trustees were in place during 2022. The constitution sets out that a third of the trustees should resign ahead of each AGM, but they can be re-elected. At the 2022 AGM two trustees stood for re-election and were duly re-elected. To date trustees have been selected from past or present Committee members. Nominations to join the Committee from those who wish to stand are solicited in the pre-AGM papers.

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	Trustees are made aware of the Charity Commission's requirements on, and guidance for, trustees. One trustee (responsible for governance matters) is available to be consulted by others, and by members, who have questions or concerns about propriety. The constitution states that each new trustee must receive, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' annual report and statement of accounts
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The day-to-day business of the Society is taken forward by a committee which includes most Trustees plus some other members appointed at the AGM. The Trustees meet alone (i.e. separately from the committee) when necessary to consider trustee-specific matters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Belsize Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1180842
Charity's principal address	Flat 1 20 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5TH

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	Prabhat Vaze	Chair		
2	Anne Stevens	Membership Sec		
3	Neil Harris (dec'd 15.03.23)	Treasurer		
4	Michael Jampel	Governance		
5	Barbara Abraham	Trees		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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
N/A		

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

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)	Prabhat Vaze	Barbara Abraham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Acting Treasurer
Date	10 October 2023	

The Belsize Society

ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2022	2021	2020
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£5,160.00	£5,200.00	£5,330.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£30.00	£5.00	£15.00
INTEREST	£111.35	£47.94	£69.79
GIFT AID	£0.00	£354.29	£357.00
NOTICEBOARDS	£1,275.00	£0.00	£0.00
DONATIONS (from members)	£80.00	£95.00	£1,459.00
OTHER	£0.00	£0.00	£266.97
TOTAL INCOME	£6,656.35	£5,702.23	£7,497.76
EXPENDITURE			
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£0.00	£190.08	£117.50
STATIONERY	£131.97	£88.19	£92.07
PRINTING	£1,660.04	£1,356.09	£1,423.96
PHOTOCOPIES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
POSTAGE	£227.24	£488.94	£21.72
GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£643.00	£284.00	£239.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£95.40	£110.40	£263.40
DONATIONS (see below *)	£2,330.00	£2,100.00	£1,900.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00
INSURANCE	£231.00	£231.00	£220.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£2,062.13	£111.84	£70.80
OTHER (Carols Leader's Fee)	£150.00	£485.00	£516.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£7,540.78	£5,445.54	£5,015.29
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	 <u>£-884.43</u>	 <u>£256.69</u>	 <u>£2,482.47</u>
BALANCE SHEET AT:	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
BANK BALANCES	£15,520.77	£16,445.20	£16,188.51
LESS UNPAID DONATIONS	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£15,320.77	£16,445.20	£16,188.51
REPRESENTED BY:			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£16,445.20	£16,188.51	£13,636.59
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-£884.43	£256.69	£2,482.47
 SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	 <u>£15,560.77</u>	 <u>£16,445.20</u>	 <u>£16,119.06</u>

*** Donations Made in 2022**

Royal Free Charity (2 Donations)	£500.00	Chalk Farm Food Bank	£250.00
The Winch	£250.00	Camden Age UK	£250.00
St Mary's Primrose Hill	£250.00	C4WS Homeless Project	£250.00
NW3CLT	£380.00	Belsize Village Lights	£200.00
		(carried over to 2023)	
		Total Donations	£2,330.00

Neil Harris
Treasurer

Neil Harris

Justin Barrington
Independent Examiner

Justin Barrington

Date

24 January 2023

Date

24 JANUARY 2023

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1180842

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1 January 2021

To Period end date 31 December 2021

Charity name: The Belsize Society

Charity registration number: 1180842

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To promote high standards of architecture, conservation, planning, design and use of buildings in Belsize and to promote the protection and improvement of historic or public interest;</p> <p>To promote high standards in urban planning, infrastructure and transport, the maintenance and improvement of streets and public places, and the protection of the environment in Belsize;</p> <p>To foster interest amongst the public in Belsize and more generally in the history of the area.</p>
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>The Society's activities allow Society members to contribute views on ways that local public services might be improved, and allow the Society to co-ordinate views on local planning applications and as appropriate make representations to the local authority. They allow the Society to participate in projects designed to improve local environmental conditions.</p> <p>The Society provides information about local issues and activities through quarterly newsletters, two noticeboards and a website. As the accounts show, a large proportion of our annual expenditure goes towards printing/maintenance in these areas.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to this guidance.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Society is not a grant-giving charity but, as an activity ancillary to its charitable purposes, it has been the charity's practice from time to time to make donations that are in accordance with the Society's general aims. Full details of the Society's Donations Policy can be found on its website www.belsize.org.uk
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Society has no employees, therefore almost all activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Society publishes a quarterly newsletter which volunteers from the membership help to distribute; - The Society's educational events (for example guided historical walks such as the one in 2021 described below) are led by volunteers
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	Para 1.20	As in 2020, 2021 was a year affected significantly by the pandemic, but the year did see most of the Society's activities continuing more normally. Some are adapting to the new ways of working: the Committee have resumed face-to-face meetings, blending with an online option. The Society was able to hold its AGM on 7 March 2021 via Zoom, with around 45 members attending.

<p>benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>The Society was able to conduct a historic walk in September 2021, led by a former Chair. In November we screened a member's illustrated production, 'The Story of Moll King's Belsize Houses', using the opportunity to celebrate a half-century of activities by the Society and its predecessor body. December saw us host a Society carol singing event which raised a considerable sum for the local Marie Curie Hospice. Some events were affected by the restrictions on social gatherings, with the Society's usual summer garden party having to be cancelled.</p> <p>Throughout the year the Society's planning team continued to look at applications for planning permission made to Camden Council in the Belsize area, reviewing about 39 and commenting on 11. The year saw our planning lead putting in considerable effort at an appeal by the developers of the site at 100 Avenue Road, Swiss Cottage. The developers were challenging the Council's refusal to reduce the obligations around the provision of affordable housing. The Society appeared as an interested party and provided a submission to the Planning Inspector. The result was very much as we had hoped, with the Inspector upholding the Council's decision.</p> <p>The Society welcomed a new committee member to monitor local tree applications, looking at 276 applications and commenting on 28. There was also a positive dialogue with Camden Council about how to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting trees in the area. We met with the Council to discuss the enforcement of its policies concerning large developments.</p> <p>The quarterly newsletters continued to be produced, with the 2021 edition of our popular Tradesmen You Can Trust pamphlet accompanying the August newsletter. Issues included articles drawn from the Society archives to celebrate 50 years of work, as the Society as it is currently constituted and as formerly Belsize Residents' Association. Hand delivery was affected by restrictions on one occasion, and the newsletter continued to be</p>
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		<p>made available online. Throughout the year our two noticeboards publicised non-commercial local events and services and notices of interest.</p> <p>The Society's financial position has remained healthy (financial review below and financial return refer). In the course of the year we again made and received a claim for Gift Aid. We also made donations to bodies supporting the community in conditions that have continued to be so difficult for so many.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income for the period: £5,702</p> <p>Expenditure for the period: £5,446</p> <p>Total cash assets (including reserves): £16,445</p>
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		The Society has no non-cash assets.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Society holds cash reserves for use in the event of its future involvement in initiatives involving financial outlay which could not be covered by the Society's annual income through membership fees (about £5,000)
Amount of reserves held at the end of the period	Para 1.22	£13,159.29
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	N/A

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	<p>The Society derives its annual income from membership fees (currently £10 a year) and the occasional unsolicited donation. All fees are paid by members resident locally, apart from one paid by a member resident in the Republic of Ireland. There is no requirement to live locally to be a member of the Society – anyone with an interest in the area is welcome. Also, there is no requirement to be a member to attend our events, such as the historic walks. During 2021, 44 new member households joined the Society. At the end of the period the total paying membership was 543, with a further 21 complimentary members.</p> <p>Membership fees support the costs of producing material reporting on the Society's activities (such as quarterly newsletters) and advertising events (e.g. posters), as well as the maintenance of noticeboards and a website.</p> <p>In 2021 the Society made its second claim to HMRC in respect of its entitlement under the current Gift Aid arrangements (financial return refers).</p> <p>Since becoming a charity in November 2018 the Society has not engaged in any fundraising exercise.</p> <p>During the period in question the Society has received no income from contracts or grant</p>
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		<p>programmes from central government or a local authority.</p> <p>During this period the Society did not operate or spend money outside England and Wales.</p> <p>The Society does not engage in trading activities and so has no trading subsidiaries.</p> <p>All Trustee and Committee posts are honorary. The Society has no employees and so no salaries, benefits or honoraria are paid.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A. The Society has no investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document <i>(trust deed, royal charter)</i>	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? <i>(e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)</i>	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	Para 1.25	Four trustees were in place during this reporting period, and an additional trustee was appointed on 12 May 2021. The constitution sets out that the founding (establishment of the CIO) trustees had to

to appoint one or more trustees		resign and stand for re-election at the Society's first AGM (as occurred in March 2020; all four were reappointed). In the future, the constitution sets out that a third of the trustees should resign ahead of each AGM. They can be re-elected but nominations from those who wish to stand will also be solicited in the pre-AGM papers.
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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	Trustees are made aware of the Charity Commission's requirements on, and guidance for, trustees. One trustee (responsible for governance matters) is available to be consulted by others, and by members, who have questions or concerns about propriety.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The day-to-day business of the Society is taken forward by a committee which includes all the Trustees plus some other members appointed at the AGM. The Trustees meet alone (i.e. separately from the committee) when necessary to consider trustee-specific matters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Belsize Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1180842
Charity's principal address	Flat 1 20 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5TH TH

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	Prabhat Vaze	Chair	N/A	N/A
2	Anne Stevens	Membership Secretary	N/A	N/A
3	Neil Harris	Treasurer	N/A	N/A
4	Michael Jampel	Governance	N/A	N/A
5	Barbara Abraham	Trees	12.05.2021 onwards	N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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
N/A		
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
N/A		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


Other optional information

N/A

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)	NEIL HARRIS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	3/10/2022	

The Belsize Society

ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2021	2020	2019
INCOME			
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£5,200.00	£5,330.00	£5,550.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£5.00	£15.00	£5.00
INTEREST	£47.94	£69.79	£41.83
GIFT AID	£354.29	£357.00	£0.00
DONATIONS (from members)	£95.00	£1,459.00	£115.00
OTHER	£0.00	£266.97	£5.00
TOTAL INCOME	£5,702.23	£7,497.76	£5,716.83
EXPENDITURE			
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£190.08	£117.50	£33.65
STATIONERY	£88.19	£92.07	£344.00
PRINTING	£1,356.09	£1,423.96	£1,977.73
PHOTOCOPIES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
POSTAGE	£488.94	£21.72	£409.61
GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£284.00	£239.00	£239.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£110.40	£263.40	£642.40
DONATIONS (see below *)	£2,100.00	£1,900.00	£1,050.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£150.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£231.00	£220.00	£220.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£111.84	£70.80	£370.99
OTHER (see below **)	£485.00	£516.84	£360.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£5,445.54	£5,015.29	£5,847.38
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£256.69	£2,482.47	£69.45
BALANCE SHEET AT:			
BANK BALANCES	31/12/2021 £16,445.20	31/12/2020 £16,188.51	31/12/2020 £13,706.04
LESS UNPAID DONATIONS	0	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£16,445.20	£16,188.51	£13,706.04
REPRESENTED BY:			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	£13,636.59
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£256.69	£2,482.47	£69.45
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£16,445.20	£16,188.51	£13,706.04

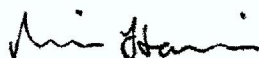
*** Donations Made in 2021**

Belsize Library	£250.00
Royal Free Charity	£400.00
The Winch	£250.00
Hive Centre	£250.00
Chalk Farm Food Bank	£250.00
Camden Age UK	£250.00
Belsize Village Lights	£200.00
C4WS Homeless Project	£250.00
Total	£2,100.00

**** Other Expenditure**

Aileen Hammond Flowers	£85.00
David Percy Event Costs	£250.00
Carols Leader Fee	£150.00
Total	£485.00

Neil Harris
Treasurer



Date

23 January 2022

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1180842

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1 January 2020

To Period end date 31 December 2020

Charity name: The Belsize Society

Charity registration number: 1180842

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To promote high standards of architecture, conservation, planning, design and use of buildings in Belsize and to promote the protection and improvement of historic or public interest;</p> <p>To promote high standards in urban planning, infrastructure and transport, the maintenance and improvement of streets and public places, and the protection of the environment in Belsize;</p> <p>To foster interest amongst the public in Belsize and more generally in the history of the area.</p>
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>The Society's activities allow Society members to contribute views on ways that local public services might be improved, and allow the Society to co-ordinate views on local planning applications and as appropriate make representations to the local authority. They allow the Society to participate in projects designed to improve local environmental conditions.</p> <p>The Society provides information about local issues and activities through quarterly newsletters, two noticeboards and a website. As the accounts show, a large proportion of our annual expenditure goes towards printing/maintenance in these areas.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have had regard to this guidance.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Society is not a grant-giving charity but, as an activity ancillary to its charitable purposes, it has been the charity's practice from time to time to make donations that are in accordance with the Society's general aims. Full details of the Society's Donations Policy can be found on its website www.belsize.org.uk
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Society has no employees, therefore almost all activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the Society publishes a quarterly newsletter which volunteers from the membership help to distribute;- The Society has undertaken a pollution-monitoring exercise (discussed below)- The Society's educational events (for example guided historical walks in the area – none during 2020 but in previous and subsequent years) are led by volunteers
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	As for so many charities, 2020 was a year dominated by the Covid-19 epidemic and this has affected the work of the Society. The Society held its AGM on 8 March 2020, just before the first lockdown, and the Committee met face-to-face the same month. Thereafter, monthly Committee meetings were held online via Zoom. The quarterly newsletters continued to be produced, but the delivery was affected by restrictions. In May 2020 the newsletter was redesigned for release through the Society's

		<p>website. It was disseminated electronically to members the Society could email. A print version of the newsletter was posted to the rest of the membership. It was also available online for non-members. The August newsletter was distributed in the usual way with volunteers hand-delivering.</p> <p>The Society received the results from a year (2019/20) of pollution monitoring in the Belsize area where Society members collected air samples from points agreed with Camden Council's environment team. The project was funded through the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy. The results showed pollution levels across collections in 10 monitoring sites with some areas above legal limits. In November 2020 the Society organised a presentation of the results for members, with the Camden pollution monitoring team responding to members' questions. This was online and successfully used a Society Zoom account.</p> <p>It was not possible to hold the full range of BelSoc events (such as walks) in the reporting year due to the restrictions on social gatherings. The Society did raise a considerable sum for the Marie Curie Hospice online however, due to the generosity of members when it became clear that the year's carol singing fund-raising event would have to be cancelled.</p> <p>In 2020 the Society's planning team continued to look at applications for planning permission made to the Council in the Belsize area, to support and ensure compliance with Camden's policies, reviewing 106 and commenting on 24. The Society monitored, to a limited extent, local tree applications, commenting on one.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
		N/A

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income for the period: £7,498 Expenditure for the period: £5,015 Total cash assets (including reserves): £16,189 The Society has no non-cash assets.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Society holds cash reserves for use in the event of its future involvement in initiatives involving financial outlay which could not be covered by the Society's annual income through membership fees (about £5,000)
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,111
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	N/A

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	The Society derives its annual income from membership fees (currently £10 a year) and the occasional unsolicited donation. All fees are paid by members resident locally, apart from two (i.e. a total of £20) paid by members resident in the Republic of Ireland
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		<p>and Norway respectively. There is no requirement to live locally to be a member of the Society – anyone with an interest in the area is welcome. During 2020, 27 new member households joined the Society. At the end of the period the total paying membership was 508, with a further 22 complimentary members.</p> <p>Membership fees support the costs of producing material reporting on the Society's activities (such as quarterly newsletters) and advertising events (e.g. posters), as well as the maintenance of noticeboards and a website.</p> <p>In 2020 the Society made its first claim to HMRC in respect of its entitlement under the current Gift Aid arrangements (financial return below refers).</p> <p>Since becoming a charity in November 2018 the Society has not engaged in any fundraising exercise.</p> <p>During the period in question the Society has received no income from contracts or grant programmes from central government or a local authority.</p> <p>During this period the Society did not operate or spend money outside England and Wales.</p> <p>The Society does not engage in trading activities and so has no trading subsidiaries.</p> <p>All Trustee and Committee posts are honorary. The Society has no employees and so no salaries, benefits or honoraria are paid.</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>N/A. The Society has no investments.</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	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	Throughout this reporting period, four trustees were in post. The constitution sets out that the founding (establishment of the CIO) trustees had to resign and stand for re-election at the Society's first AGM (as occurred in March 2020; all four were reappointed). In the future, the constitution sets out that a third of the trustees should resign ahead of each AGM. They can be re-elected but nominations from those who wish to stand will also be solicited in the pre-AGM papers.

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	Trustees are made aware of the Charity Commission's requirements on, and guidance for, trustees. One trustee (responsible for governance matters) is available to be consulted by others, and by members, who have questions or concerns about propriety.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The day-to-day business of the Society is taken forward by a committee which includes all the Trustees plus some other members appointed at the AGM. The Trustees meet alone (i.e. separately from the committee) when necessary to consider trustee-specific matters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Belsize Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1180842
Charity's principal address	Flat 1 20 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5TH TH

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	Prabhat Vaze	Chair	N/A	N/A
2	Anne Stevens	Membership Secretary	N/A	N/A
3	Neil Harris	Treasurer	N/A	N/A
4	Michael Jampel	Governance	N/A	N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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

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)	<i>Neil Harris</i>	
Full name(s)	NEIL HARRIS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	24/10/2021	

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY			
ACCOUNTS FOR 1 JANUARY 2020 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020			
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			26.11.2018
INCOME	2020	2019	to 31.12.2018
SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,330.00	5,550.00	560.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£15.00	£5.00	£0.00
INTEREST	£69.79	£41.83	£0.00
GIFT AID	£357.00	£0.00	£0.00
DONATIONS (see below)	£1,459.00	£115.00	£0.00
OTHER (LBC Expenses Repayment)	£266.97	£5.00	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£7,497.76	£5,716.83	£560.00
EXPENDITURE			
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£117.50	£33.65	£0.00
STATIONERY	£92.07	£344.00	£0.00
PRINTING	£1,423.96	£1,977.73	£283.00
POSTAGE	£21.72	£409.61	£43.90
GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£239.00	£239.00	£0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£263.40	£642.40	£35.70
DONATIONS (see below)	£1,900.00	£1,050.00	£400.00
ENTERTAINMENT Carols Retainer)	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£220.00	£220.00	£0.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£70.80	£370.99	£40.60
OTHER (Memorial Tree Costs)	£516.84	£360.00	£150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£5,015.29	£5,647.38	£953.20
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£2,482.47	£69.45	(£393.20)
BALANCE SHEET AT:	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	
BANK BALANCES	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	
LESS UNPAID DONATIONS	£0.00	£0.00	
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	
REPRESENTED BY:			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£13,706.04	£13,636.59	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£2,482.47	£69.45	
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	
Donations received in 2020		Donations made in 2020	
Family of Consuelo Phelan	£894.00	Camden Giving (Adult Social Care)	£250.00
FilmFixer (Filming in Belsize Village)	£500.00	Camden Giving (Covid-19 Fund)	£500.00
Members' Donations	£65.00	Primrose Hill Food Bank	£500.00
		Marie Curie	£250.00
		Royal Free Charity	£250.00
		Belsize Village Lights	£150.00
Total	£1,459.00	Total	£1,900.00
Neil Harris		Date	
Treasurer			



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Belsize Society		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2020	Charity no (if any)	1180842
	Set out on pages 1 and 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period 01/01/20 to 31/12/2020

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: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

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