



**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 <a href="http://www.belsize.org.uk">www.belsize.org.uk</a>
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"> <li>- the Society publishes a quarterly <b>newsletter which volunteers from the membership help to distribute;</b></li> <li>- The Society's educational events (for example guided historical walks such as the one in 2021 described below) are led by volunteers</li> </ul>
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 <sup>TH</sup>

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

INCOME	2021	2020	2019
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
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£5,702.23</b>	<b>£7,497.76</b>	<b>£5,716.83</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£5,445.54</b>	<b>£5,015.29</b>	<b>£5,647.38</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£256.69</b>	<b>£2,482.47</b>	<b>£69.45</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET AT:</b>			
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
<b>TOTAL NET BALANCE</b>	<b>£16,445.20</b>	<b>£16,188.51</b>	<b>£13,706.04</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
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
<b>SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>£16,445.20</b>	<b>£16,188.51</b>	<b>£13,706.04</b>

#### \* Donations Made in 2021

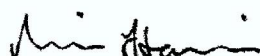
Belsize Library	£250.00
Royal Free Charity	£400.00
The Winch	£250.00
Hive Centre	£250.00
Chalk Farm Food Bank	£250.00
Camden Age UK	£250.00
Belsize Village Lights	£200.00
C4WS Homeless Project	£250.00

**Total** £2,100.00

#### \*\* Other Expenditure

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

Neil Harris  
Treasurer



Date

17 January 2022