

# **Better Communities Bradford**

Charity number 1181634

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021**



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# **Better Communities Bradford**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 30 June 2021**

### **Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Zafar Afsar	Chair	Resigned July 2020
Waheed Ahmed	Chair	
Shieraz Bashir	Treasurer	
Tayyiba Jarral		
Yasmin Patel		Appointed December 2020

### **Charity number**

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1181634, on 18 January 2019.

### **Principal address**

40 Lidget Place  
Bradford  
BD7 2LP

### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc  
10 Market Street  
Bradford  
BD1 1EG

### **Independent examiner**

Helen Galvin FCCA

### **West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Foundation formed on 18 January 2019 and is governed by a constitution as amended on 9 October 2019.

### **Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 June 2021**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

To develop the capacity and skills of the people of the Lidget Green and Scholemoor areas of the city Bradford city (known as Green Moor) in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in Lidget Green and Scholemoor areas of the city of Bradford ) by all or any of the following means:

- the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience:

- the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help:

  - in setting up their own business, or

  - to existing businesses:

- the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities:

- the protection or conservation of the environment:

- the provision of public health facilities and childcare:

- such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

#### **The charity's main activities**

We aim to improve the socially, criminally, economically, educationally and environmentally disadvantaged area of Bradford by increasing the provisions and knowledge available to residents in terms of Health, Economic betterment, Crime Prevention, Environmental Improvement and Community cohesion. We aim to do this by working in partnership with residents and other organisations.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

#### **Achievements and performance**

During our second year we have continued to build on the success of our first years' achievements.

We have secured funding for a second year of sewing classes aimed at BAME women with the objective of reducing their social isolation and improving their skills and even employability.

We have secured funds for and are delivering a cancer support project for BAME and socially isolated women and their families who have been impacted by cancer.

We continue to undertake community engagement research projects to understand what the priorities of the community are.

A comprehensive Covid-19 awareness project has been delivered for the BAME communities of Lidget Green with excellent stakeholder participation, in particular with the local primary schools.

Perhaps most significantly we have secured the Local Trusted Organisation role with the Big Local Trust initiative and are supporting GreenMoor Big Local in their delivery of resident led community projects which include building community assets, delivering social events, financially supporting local organisations and many more.

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## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 June 2021**

### **Financial review**

The net receipts for the year after transfers were £26,667, including net receipts of £6,389 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £20,278 on restricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £21,468.

The trustees have established a policy whereby unrestricted funds neither committed nor invested in fixed assets (free unrestricted reserves) should equate to six months of total expenditure plus statutory redundancy and notice period costs. This is to enable the smooth running of the charity and to allow for an orderly winding up if the charity has to close.

Based on forecast expenditure that would equate to a £24,000 reserve target which we hope to attain in the next financial year.

### **Covid-19 and going concern**

The Covid pandemic has affected BCB by requiring us to put our expected projects on hold and to pursue Covid related projects and funding. Thankfully we have not been financially overly burdened by Covid at this stage however it has required us to develop a dynamic project delivery approach which focusses on a sphere of community engagement we did not anticipate.

The trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 27/1/2022

Waheed Ahmed (Trustee)

## **Better Communities Bradford**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Better Communities Bradford Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30 June 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Name: Helen Galvin FCCA

27/1/2022

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**Better Communities Bradford**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	(2)	-	97,235	97,235	47,354
Contract income		37,012	-	37,012	-
Other income		-	-	-	1,120
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>37,012</b>	<b>97,235</b>	<b>134,247</b>	<b>48,474</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Salaries, NI and pensions	(3)	20,300	-	20,300	14,070
Payroll charges		481	-	481	143
Grants to voluntary organisations		-	43,964	43,964	-
Minibus purchase and expenses		-	12,943	12,943	-
Rent and room hire		-	1,320	1,320	1,125
Materials and resources		162	-	162	11
Printing, postage and stationery		277	300	577	606
Phone and internet		43	-	43	45
Advertising and publicity		1,331	333	1,664	168
Freelance tutors		2	7,314	7,316	2,875
Insurance		501	1,124	1,625	455
Furniture		35	-	35	2,171
Office equipment		2,558	-	2,558	2,283
Activities equipment		618	8,356	8,974	2,382
Cleaning and sundries		300	-	300	31
Food and refreshments		23	-	23	188
Repairs and maintenance		-	-	-	62
IT, software and support		1,777	43	1,820	96
Training and conferences		1,316	-	1,316	100
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	300
Other activity costs		5	-	5	233
Bookkeeping and accountancy		1,770	-	1,770	-
Travel		18	-	18	-
Website		104	-	104	-
Volunteer costs		262	-	262	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>31,883</b>	<b>75,697</b>	<b>107,580</b>	<b>27,344</b>
<b>Net receipts</b>		<b>5,129</b>	<b>21,538</b>	<b>26,667</b>	<b>21,130</b>
Transfers between funds		1,260	(1,260)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds after transfers</b>		<b>6,389</b>	<b>20,278</b>	<b>26,667</b>	<b>21,130</b>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<b>15,079</b>	<b>6,051</b>	<b>21,130</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(4)	<b>21,468</b>	<b>26,329</b>	<b>47,797</b>	<b>21,130</b>

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**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 30 June 2021**

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	17,190	26,329	43,519	14,913
Balance held at payroll company	4,131	-	4,131	6,200
Cash in hand	147	-	147	17
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>21,468</u>	<u>26,329</u>	<u>47,797</u>	<u>21,130</u>

**Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Furniture  
Minibus  
Office equipment  
Various activity equipment

**Liabilities**

	£
Independent examination	480
Pension	80
	<u>560</u>

**Approval of the accounts**

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 27/1/2022

Waheed Ahmed (Trustee)



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## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 30 June 2021**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for the previous period.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2021**

<b>2 Grants</b>	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Greenmoor Big Local (GBL)	-	72,860	72,860	35,000
The National Lottery	-	19,890	19,890	9,954
City of Bradford Met. District Council (CBMDC)	-	500	500	2,000
Neighbourly Community Fund	-	-	-	400
Sovereign Health Care	-	3,685	3,685	-
VCS Alliance	-	300	300	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>97,235</u>	<u>97,235</u>	<u>47,354</u>

<b>3 Staff costs and numbers</b>	2021 £	2020 £
Gross salaries	20,037	13,871
Social security costs	856	-
Employment allowance	(856)	-
Pensions	263	199
	<u>20,300</u>	<u>14,070</u>

The average number employees during the year was 1.7, being an average of 0.9 full time equivalent (2020: 1,0.6 FTE).

<b>Defined contribution pension scheme</b>	2021 £	2020 £
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	263	199
Amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	80	51

<b>4 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
The National Lottery (1)	5,877	9,950	6,059	-	9,768
BMDC sewing grant	59	-	59	-	-
Neighbourly Community Fund	115	-	-	-	115
The National Lottery (2)	-	9,940	8,242	(1,260)	438
Sovereign Health Care	-	3,685	-	-	3,685
VCS Alliance	-	300	300	-	-
CBMDC	-	500	500	-	-
GBL (1)	-	16,925	15,882	-	1,043
GBL (2)	-	625	26	-	599
GBL (3)	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
GBL (4)	-	18,900	14,387	-	4,513
GBL (5)	-	6,500	3,583	-	2,917
GBL (6)	-	12,910	11,660	-	1,250
GBL (7)	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
	<u>6,051</u>	<u>97,235</u>	<u>75,697</u>	<u>(1,260)</u>	<u>26,329</u>

# **Better Communities Bradford**

## **Notes to the accounts continued**

### **for the year ended 30 June 2021**

#### **4 Restricted funds continued**

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
The National Lottery (1)	Funding towards sewing classes for BAME socially excluded women
BMDC sewing grant	Funding towards sewing classes
Neighbourly Community Fund	Funding towards an online poetry competition for young people.
The National Lottery (2)	Funding towards responding to Covid-19
	The transfer is in relation to management charges as agreed with the funder
Sovereign Health Care	Funding towards support and wellbeing classes for female cancer patients
VCS Alliance	Funding towards a plan to increase the uptake of Covid vaccinations
CBMDC	For field clean up works
GBL (1)	For communications and engagement between Big local residents and Greenmoor
GBL (2)	To address social isolation and build knowledge, skills and confidence in using technology in the older generations
GBL (3)	For activities that promote health and wellbeing
GBL (4)	For a minibus and running costs to be used by residents and local organisations
GBL (5)	Small grants programme for local organisations that help achieve Greenmoor objectives with an element of sustainability
GBL (6)	To support young people to gain skills, qualifications and expertise to run their own projects and become community ambassadors and leaders
GBL (7)	To raise aspirations of young women

#### **5 Related party transactions**

##### **Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous period.

##### **Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous period.