

Trustees' annual report

**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Period start date 01-12-2022

Period end date 30-11-2023

Charity name: BETTER LIVING CIO

Charity No: 1181947

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the Charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The relief of those in need by reason of disability or age
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 primary consideration before any activities can be carried out is for the Charity to acquire premises in which to operate. Unfortunately, the pandemic has made it impossible to acquire unused statutory premises, and also impossible to bring people together socially, and although we have explored alternative premises, none have been appropriate to date. We are therefore continuing to explore the possibility of sharing premises with relevant Care providers.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		We can confirm that the trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit at all times. This will, of course, become more appropriate when the Charity is in a position to begin to operate

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:.....

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All work is carried out on a voluntary basis and donations have been made voluntarily by concerned individuals
Other		None

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the Charity, identifying the difference the Charity's work has and any wider benefits to society as a whole made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries	Para 1.20	When operational, the Charity will provide very considerable benefits to both beneficiary groups and also the community at large, including ad hoc social interaction; entertainments; petting animals; opportunities to use their skills such as gardening etc; free health treatments etc. There will also be innumerable opportunities for volunteering, and potential reduction in care costs. We are therefore greatly looking forward to becoming operational

Additional Information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As mentioned, the pandemic has made our primary objective of obtaining premises impossible to achieve at present, so we have therefore used the opportunity to make contacts in relevant organisations and spread our concept to others working in the field of Care for the disabled and the elderly
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		None

Financial Review

	SORP reference																					
Review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<table><tr><td>Balance at start of period</td><td>434.39</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure during period</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Grant/trust directory</td><td>150.00</td></tr><tr><td>Printing</td><td>58.65</td></tr><tr><td>Printing</td><td>60.00</td></tr><tr><td>Reimbursed expenses</td><td>72.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total expenditure</td><td>340.65</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>93.74</td></tr><tr><td>Income during period</td><td>45.00</td></tr><tr><td>Balance at end of period</td><td>138.74</td></tr></table>	Balance at start of period	434.39	Expenditure during period		Grant/trust directory	150.00	Printing	58.65	Printing	60.00	Reimbursed expenses	72.00	Total expenditure	340.65		93.74	Income during period	45.00	Balance at end of period	138.74
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Not applicable																				
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None																				
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	At present, only minimal seed funds are required and there are no paid staff																				
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable																				
Explanation of any uncertainties about the Charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable																				

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
The Charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	To date, all funds have come from kind donations by interested parties, which has been sufficient to cover minimal seed funding requirements
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable at this time
A description of the principal risks facing the Charity	Para 1.46	The Charity cannot operate without premises, so if premises cannot be secured, or partners with premises located, then the Charity can only spread its concept to those working with the disabled and the elderly
Other		None

Structure, Governance and Management

	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the Charity constituted? (eg unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated organisation 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 trustee	Para 1/25	<p>We commenced with five founding trustees, but have sadly lost one through illness. (Richard Rappazzini) However, we have been most fortunate to have attracted a new trustee (Jonell Rowe), and are back to five.</p> <p>All five trustees have been enhanced DBS checked, as has the voluntary coordinator</p> <p>No individual has specific entitlement to appoint new trustees. If interest is shown by an individual, it would be a joint decision of all trustees to agree a new appointment</p>

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Some of the trustees have served as trustees for other charities in the past, so have experience. All are mature business people and are fully aware of their responsibilities. All have had enhanced DBS checks, and all are well-known to the others.
The Charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the Charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Charity met regularly before the pandemic, but subsequently have been obliged to communicate via the internet.</p> <p>The Charity is a member of several national organisations and networks with many others, but continues to be independent.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>Whilst we have membership of national organisations such as National Voices, the Kings Fund etc, the memberships are not intrusive or demanding on the Charity</p> <p>We also have close connections with Housing LIN, and it was through this connection that we received an invitation for two to a tea party at the House of Lords on 17th May 2023</p>
Other		None

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	BETTER LIVING CIO
Other name the Charity uses	None
Registered Charity Number	1181947
Charity's principal address	21 Rectory Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2BA

Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

<u>Trustee name</u>	<u>Office (if any)</u>	<u>Dates acted if not for whole year</u>	<u>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</u>
GRAHAM HOWAT	CHAIRMAN	N/A	N/A
HOWARD GILBERT	SECRETARY	N/A	N/A
FRED WATSON	TREASURER	N/A	N/A
NIGEL GILBERT		N/A	N/A
JONELL ROWE		N/A	N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None – Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None – Not applicable	Not applicable	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None = Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
General - Coordinator	Maggie Gilbert	21 Rectory Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2BA

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

Maggie Gilbert – Voluntary Coordinator
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable. Key personnel details provided
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Other optional information

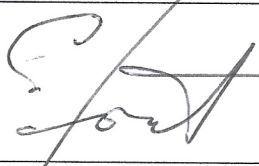
None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

GRAHAM	HOWAT.
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)

CHAIR.	
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Date

25/7/2024
