

**Ben's Place North Yorkshire
Trustees annual Report**

Charity Registration Number 1182645

Dates From 31st March 2020 TO 31st March 2021

The Trustees Present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 as in line with the charity commissions guidelines

References and Administrative Details:

Registered Charity Name: Ben's Place (North Yorkshire)

Charity Registration Number: 1182645

Principal Office: Broomfield, Moor bottom, Cleckheaton, BD19 6AE West Yorkshire

Charity Commission Registration 27th March 2019

Trustees	Office	Acting From,
Deborah Sally Shaw	(Chair)	March 2019
David Richard Clark		July 2019
Mark Anthony Taylor		October 2019
Robert D Balfour		March 2019

Volunteer: Kym McNichol

Contact Number for the charity: 07388668899

Bank: Nat West Scarborough North Yorkshire

Objects of the CEO:

The relief of emotional and physical distress and suffering and the preservation and protection of the mental and physical health of those men who have suffered or are exposed to sexual violence and/or abuse in particular by the provision of support of such people,

Classification of the CEO:**What?**

General charitable purposes

Education and training

The advancement of health or saving lives

Disability

Human rights/religious or racial harmony/ equality or diversity

Other Charitable Purposes

Who?

The public/humanity

People with disabilities

How?

Provide services

Provide advocacy, support, and information

Raise awareness of the subject and our services

The focus of the CEO

Bens Place North Yorkshire is focussed on supporting Male Survivors of childhood sexual abuse or trauma, sexual violence and abuse and or domestic abuse and will continue to focus on its mission, which is to support and provide a place where no one is judged or stigmatised for someone else's actions

We set up the service at the start of a pandemic, not realising how much this would affect our funds or support, but we have continued to move forward. This past year has been a difficult year for Ben's Place in North Yorkshire at the height of the pandemic. We unfortunately lost our office in Scarborough because of lack of funding and our fundraising methods being stopped completely. Because we are a predominately digital service, we do not need to operate from a designated building. Therefore, the service we are providing at present has thankfully not been jeopardised. In the future, we are hoping to raise enough funds to provide an office back in Scarborough where we believe there are a huge need for such a service and a haven for male survivors in North Yorkshire.

Fundraising

We did not expect that Covid would hit us so hard and, being a newly established charity with limited funds. The pandemic has taught us a valuable lesson as over the past year; we focussed most of our fund raising from face-to-face venues with the public to raise awareness of what the charity stands for and who it intends to help. These setbacks have only made us more determined to succeed with our charity and I assume many would have thrown in the towel, but for us, it has been a huge learning curve. The Trustees all agree that we have to come up with more innovative ideas on how to raise awareness of our charity and how to get the public behind us, which is our mission for this coming year. Our finances have been used to focus only on the bare essentials to enable the charity to help the public this year. We have kept our website and telephone line afloat and, hopefully, soon will move forward with our mission. As we are a new charity, we understand that funding grants and other forms of monetary help are not forthcoming we have the understanding we have to learn to stand on our own two feet at first and prove that the service we are offering is important in North Yorkshire and men matter too. We are optimistic and hope that our charity and the service we are trying to provide will attract funders in the future.

We have provided a true and fair view of the state of our affairs for this financial year and followed the Charity Commission guidelines for our income and expenditure. We have once again followed best practice using suitable accounting policies and the records are a true picture of our spending for this financial period and comply with the Charities Act.

When fundraising, we always show respect and gratitude from the public and always follow the charity commission's guidelines for fundraising in the name of a charity. We always make sure we inform the donors what the charity stands for and who their kind donations will help. We do not work with any professional fundraisers and we only collect monies for the purpose they are intended for, to support male survivors in the county of North Yorkshire.

Safeguarding

Our Trustees are prudent, safeguarding our very limited funds and using them for the purpose they were intended. This is in order to provide a service to the public and continue to provide a service before any other redistribution of funds. The Trustees understand the funds are provided by the public and are to be used only for the purpose they have been intended for. This is to support Male survivors in North Yorkshire. Most of our Trustees now have enhanced

DBS'S in place and only those who do have them will have access to the people we will support and make sure they are regularly updated. Safeguarding is always at the top of our agenda during meetings and regular discussions are held. We consider this as best practice because of the sensitivity of the subject of Ben's Place North Yorkshire support. We encourage our trustees to take up any further training that may enhance their knowledge on the subject, and I am glad to say they are taking their responsibilities seriously. This is to provide support and protect public who have suffered harm or from further harm. We understand that we have limitations being a new charity and encourage our trustees to direct survivors to other services that may be better equipped than Ben's place North Yorkshire at this stage of our development.

Employment

Ben's Place in North Yorkshire do not currently have any paid members of staff and rely on the Trustees and Volunteers to offer their services for the benefit of the public. No one receives any remuneration either in cash or kind for their time and Bens Place North Yorkshire are eternally grateful to the Trustees and volunteers for their support and dedication in trying to make North Yorkshire a better place for Male Survivors.

Trustees Duties

All Trustees have read and understood the guidance document "The Essential Trustee" and what they need to know. It is expected of them under the guidance of the Charity Commission to read and understand the limitations of their duties and always remember they are acting on behalf of the public as it is their funds that are being used for Ben's Place North Yorkshire to exist and hopefully grow and establish longevity as a charity.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for:

Maintaining and making sure the funds are being used for the purpose they are intended for and disclosure with reasonable accuracy. To report any misuse of funds and any time the financial position of the (CIO) to the Charity Commission. The trustees must ensure that the final statement of accounts each year complies with the charities Act. All trustees understand that the charity exists for the benefit of the public and most of the funding obtained is donated by the public for that same reason. All trustees agree on what the charities aims and objectives are and exist to support male survivors of childhood sexual abuse, sexual violence, rape and domestic violence in North Yorkshire and all stands by their agreement to comply with Ben's Place North Yorkshires constitution.

Health and Safety

All trustees are aware and understand that all decisions that are made must be in the best interests of Ben's Place North Yorkshire and focus on remembering why we exist and it is the survivors who benefit from all donations making sure we comply with all the charity commissions guidelines and all our efforts including any mistakes are transparent and open. The safety of the people we intend or do support is always at the forefront of our minds and everyone understands that Ben's Place in North Yorkshire is here to support some of the most vulnerable men and boys in the county.

Operational Details

We are hoping once again this year to raise enough funds to help raise awareness of the service we provide in North Yorkshire. The Trustees understand it is no use providing this kind of service unless people are aware we exist. This will be a slow process and we are also aware raising awareness on platforms like social media has to be done with safeguarding measures at the forefront to protect the men we are intending to support. By streamlining our service and using funds only to maintain a presence during Covid, we are confident our service, once established and recognised, will continue to thrive in North Yorkshire. By providing a digital service we also believe this will assist Ben's Place North Yorkshire to get longevity and support men in North Yorkshire which not only is the largest county in England it is also one of the most remote in terms of public transport and travel distance.

We have had to register a new and temporary principal office as funding dried up and disappeared with the Covid pandemic. We are optimistic that funding will return and will enable us to establish another office in the centre of Scarborough at some point to have a presence in the town and, hopefully, to provide alternative therapies for male survivors in North Yorkshire.

Financial Review

Our finances have taken a huge blow this year and may do for the foreseeable future, but we are determined that by coming up with fundraising ideas and implementing them in to our long-term strategies we can ride out the storm. We are optimistic and will continue to be prudent and use funds for our target audience and that is providing a much needed service to Male Survivors within North Yorkshire.

Achievements and performance

Who used and will benefit from our services:

As we put safeguarding vulnerable adults at the top of our agenda, our volunteer has been studying safeguarding level 3 and now has the certificate. Two of our trustees have qualifications in health and Social Care. During this unfortunate pandemic that no one could foresee, we have kept our phone line and website open. We now have a presence on social media platforms and gaining more and more followers as time goes on. Our main aim of this year is to raise our profile and presence for survivors.

Going Concern

Notes for accounts:

Ben's Place North Yorkshire has opted not to file a copy of our profit-and-loss accounts at company's house under section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. There has been no change in our liabilities since preparing our year-end accounts. We have adhered to the Charity Commission guidelines when obtaining donations and are continuing to make sure all funds are utilised frugally and using them for best way to benefit the public and our service users. We will continue as a charity to comply with the Charity Commission guidelines when getting donations and fundraising methods during this difficult time.

This report has been prepared under the statement recommended practice Accounting and Reporting by charities (issued in March 2005) and under the special provisions of Part VII of the companies Act 1985 relating to small entities. The method of accounting applied has been a receipts and payments method as set out by the charity Commission.

The Trustees Annual Report was approved on and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above
Signed on Behalf of the Trustees.

Trustee Name: DAVID RICHARD CLARK

Signature: 

Date: 20.9.2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BENS PLACE NORTH YORKSHIRE 1182645

No. (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
28/5/20

To

Period end date
28/5/21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Paypal Donations	218.00	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	218.00	NIL	NIL	218.00	1,000.00
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total receipts	218.00	NIL	NIL	218.00	1,000.00
A3 Payments					
Public Liability	53.00	-	-	-	-
Phone	135.00	-	-	-	-
Website	207.00	-	-	-	-
Stationary	47.00	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	442.00	NIL	NIL	442.00	501.00
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	NIL	NIL	NIL	-	-
Total payments	442.00	NIL	NIL	442.00	501.00
Net of receipts/(payments)					
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
Cash funds this year end	275.00	NIL	NIL	275.00	499.00

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
	BANK	275.00	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	275.00	NIL	NIL
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				


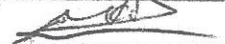
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		NIL	NIL	NIL

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		NIL	NIL	NIL

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		NIL	NIL	NIL

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Phone	BANK	-	Monthly
	Public Liability	BANK	-	Monthly
	Website	BANK	-	Yearly
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DAVID CUSACK	30.9.24
	MARK TAYLOR	30/9/21