

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

**Charity Registration Number 1182645**

**Dates From May 2021 TO 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

The Trustees Present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended May 2022, 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

<b>Trustees</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Acting From,</b>
Deborah Sally Shaw	(Chair)	March 2019
David Richard Clark		July 2019
Mark Anthony Taylor		October 2019
Robert D Balfour		March 2019 – Removed 18/05/2022
Vicky Franklin		May 2022

**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, trauma, sexual violence and domestic abuse. We will continue to focus on our mission, which is to provide a digital service whereby no one is judged or stigmatised for someone else's actions.

Once again, we set up our service at the start of a pandemic, not realising how much this would limit our funding efforts and to raise awareness of the service we provide. This past year we have continued to move forward. We have relied on the kind donations from the public once again and we appreciate their kind support for a taboo subject matter for many charitable organisations. We are eternally grateful for the donations we have received last year and we understand many charities may not have survived through the covid pandemic in the United Kingdom.

Because we are a predominately a digital service, we do not at present operate from a designated building. Therefore, the service we are providing has thankfully not been jeopardised as yet. In the future, we still have hope of raising enough funds for an office in Scarborough where we still believe there's a huge need for the service we offer.

### **Fundraising**

Fundraising has once again been at the forefront of our minds this past year. Being a relatively new and a tiny organisation, we did not expect the effects of covid to hit us again this past year, but it did. These setbacks have only made us more determined to succeed with our charity and I assume many would have thrown in the towel during a pandemic. The Trustees all agree again that we have to propose more innovative ideas on how to raise awareness of our charity and how to get the public behind us. We used our finances last year at a bare minimum to keep our digital service ongoing. We have kept our website and telephone line afloat for another year thanks to the kind generosity of the public.

Again, we understand that funding grants and other forms of monetary help are not forthcoming with any new charitable organisation, but we have managed, with the help of the public, to stand for another year. We still believe we are offering an important service to the public and that men matter too. We are still optimistic and hope that our charity and the service we are trying to provide will attract funders soon.

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 followed best practice using suitable accounting policies and the records are an accurate picture of our spending for this financial period and comply with the Charities Act 2022.

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 we intended them for, to support male survivors.

### **Safeguarding**

Our Trustees are prudent, safeguarding our 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 public provide the funds and are to be used only for the purpose we have intended them for. This is to support Male survivors.

Most our Trustees now have enhanced DBS'S in place and only those who 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 we hold regular discussions. We consider this as best practice because of the sensitivity of the subject of Ben's Place North Yorkshire support. We encourage our trustees and volunteer 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 the 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 in North Yorkshire at this stage of our development. We have this past year directed survivors and professionals who have contacted Bens Place North Yorkshire to other services who are more established and financially equipped to handle the referral's and will continue to do so to safeguard the public from any potential harm.

### **Employment**

Ben's Place in North Yorkshire do not have any paid members of staff and rely on the Trustees and a volunteer 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. This year we have appointed a new trustee, Ms Vicki Franklin, and we would like to welcome her on behalf of all trustees. Ms Franklin has received The Essential Trustee as published by the charity commission outlining her role and responsibilities as a Trustee for Ben's Place North Yorkshire. We would like to apologise for delaying the removal of Mr Bob Balfour, as he had agreed to support us for six months.

We have now removed Mr Balfour as a trustee. Mr Balfour has kindly agreed to continue to support Ben's Place North Yorkshire in an advisory capacity as and when guidance may be needed. This is to make sure we are following and comply with all Charity Commission Guidelines and safeguarding the Trustees, Volunteers and Public.

**The Board of Trustees is responsible for:**

Maintaining and making sure the funds are being used for the purpose we intended it them 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 last statement of accounts each year complies with the charities Act 2022. 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 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. They all make sure we comply with all the charity commissions guidelines and all our efforts, including any mistakes made, would be 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 funds and awareness of the service we provide. 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 and continues to be done with safeguarding measures at the forefront of everyone and survivors alike. 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. By providing a digital service, we also believe this will assist Bens Place North Yorkshire to thrive 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 are still using our temporary principal office as funding disappeared during and after 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, allowing us to have a presence in the town and eventually provide alternative therapies for male survivors.

### **Financial Review**

Our finances have taken an enormous blow again this past year and unfortunately may do for the foreseeable future. We are still determined to make the digital service we provide work and continue for as long as possible financially. Our volunteer, late last year, shaved her head to raise money to support our cause and raised funds for Ben's Place in North Yorkshire to continue this coming year. Our volunteer also gave away 30cm of her hair to support another charity that uses hair to make wigs for children who have cancer, namely The Little Princess Trust. We had to streamline our outgoings last year and go down to basics with best interests' policies in place. We are passionate that we continue with our focus supporting the public when facing trauma.

### **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 again last year and now obtained a City and Guilds Level 2 diploma in Health and Social Care. We have kept our phone line and website open for another year. Our presence on social media platforms is gaining more and more followers. The charity has taken advantage of free courses available to help grow our presence. Our primary aim of this year once again is to raise our profile and presence for male survivors. Our volunteer has also started studies again which are self-funded. This is to get her counselling qualification and register with UKCP registration accredited by the Professional Standards Authority. The main purpose of the UKCP Register is to protect the public, and to provide public confidence in the profession they regulate.



### 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. We have utilised our donations in the best way to benefit the public and our service users. We will continue as a charity to comply with the Charity Commission guidelines when receiving donations 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 Clegg

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 3.8.2022



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Bens Place North Yorkshire

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
29/05/2022

To

Period end date  
28/05/2022

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations via Bank Account	1,195	-	-	1,195	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,195</b>		-	<b>1,195</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,195</b>	-	-	<b>1,195</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Liability Insurance	15	-	-	15	53
Phone	125	-	-	125	135
Website and Domain Name	241	-	-	241	207
stationery	-	-	-	-	47
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>381</b>	-	-	<b>381</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
None	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>381</b>	-	-	<b>381</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>814</b>	-	-	<b>814</b>	<b>499</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		-	-	<b>275</b>	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,089</b>	-	-	<b>1,089</b>	<b>275</b>



# 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,089</b>	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

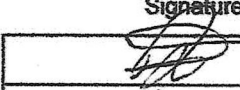
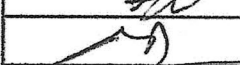
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Liability Insurance		15	Monthly
	Phone		10	Monthly
	Website and Domain		-	Yearly
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DAVID CURRAN	17.8.22
	MAZIE TAYLOR	17.8.22