

BETTER TOGETHER

England & Wales · Charity number 1183516

Details

Other names	BETTER TOGETHER PROJECT (SOUTH SMETHWICK)
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-05-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Smethwick Baptist Church Regent Street Smethwick West Midlands B66 3BQ
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE AS FOLLOWS:-TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SMETHWICK AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION, BY THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: We improve the conditions of life for the residents of Smethwick by advancing education and providing facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30		£0	£1,016	-
2024-06-30		£0	£1,366	-
2023-06-30		£0	£1,317	-
2022-06-30	£16	£1,020		-
2021-06-30	£5,500	£0		-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOHN CRAIG JORDAN		2019-05-21
MR.D.THOMAS		2019-05-21
MRS.P.HYLTON		2019-05-21
Paul Adrian Beech		2024-02-12

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st July 2024**
Period end date

Period start date To **30th June 2025**

Charity name: Better Together

Charity registration number: 1183516

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We improve the conditions of life for residents of Smethwick by advancing education and providing facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation.
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 weekly English conversation café has continued for several years, established with due regard to public benefit. Members may attend for longer than an academic year, growing in confidence. Some achieve entry level to enrol in formal study. Friendships are formed over free drinks and snacks.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm they continue this activity as a service or benefit to the public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity has a limited number of volunteers, without whom this worthwhile activity would not be possible.

Other		
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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 benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the time covered by this report 30+ club members enjoyed a spell practising their conversation skills and building their confidence. Some entered the world of work or went on to further study. Because social isolation was reduced the diverse community of Smethwick benefitted.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Trustees have had to recognise factors limiting the growth of the project but against modest objectives we achieved those goals. Numbers attending were maintained and we continue to co-operate with our neighbouring charity.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The search for alternative funding had not been successful by the end of the year.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	By the summer '25 lack of new money was a serious concern.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	There is nothing held in reserve.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Going into the 2025/26 financial year fundraising is a major concern for two people not previously shouldering that responsibility.

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity was set up as a 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 trustees	Para 1.25	By invitation of the existing/continuing trustees.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Better Together
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183516
Charity's principal address	Smethwick Baptist Church Regent Street Smethwick B66 3BQ

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	Pauline Hylton	Joint Treasurer		
2	Sandra Monica Robinson	Secretary	01/07/2024 to 31/07/2024	
3	John Craig Jordan			
4	Delroy Otis Thomas	Joint Treasurer		
5	Paul Adrian Beech			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity in England & Wales number: 1183516

Income/Expenditure Statement
Year Ended: 30 June 2025

Surplus/(Deficit)	2024/25	2023/24
	Total £	Total £
Income:		
Donations - Religious Orgs.	0.00	0.00
Donations - Commercial Orgs.	0.00	0.00
Donations - Café	0.00	0.00
Donations - Others	0.00	0.00
Grants - Lottery	0.00	0.00
Grants - Others B	0.00	0.00
Grants - Others C	0.00	0.00
Misc - A	0.00	0.00
Misc - B	0.00	0.00
Misc - C	0.00	0.00
Misc - D	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00
Expenditure:		
Room Hire	900.00	1,230.00
Premises - Other	116.00	116.00
Teaching Aids	0.00	0.00
Student Resources	0.00	0.00
Training - Others	0.00	0.00
Travel Costs	0.00	0.00
Refreshments	0.00	19.95
Book Keeping	0.00	0.00
Audit	0.00	0.00
Reporting	0.00	0.00
Publicity	0.00	0.00
Others	0.00	0.00
Total	1,016.00	1,365.95
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,016.00)	(1,365.95)
Adj	0.00	0.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,016.00)	(1,365.95)

Balance Sheet
Year Ended: 30 June 2025

Balance Sheet (Assets & Liabilities) as at: 30-Jun-25			
	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24	
	£	£	
Bank Current Accounts	772.16	1788.23	
Cash	16.00	16.00	
Cheques/DD (Not paid in)	0.00	0.00	
Total Assets	788.16	1804.23	
Creditors (uncleared cheques)	240.00	0.00	
Other - cash owed	0.00	0.00	
Total Liabilities	240.00	0.00	
Total Assets & Liabilities	548.16	1804.23	
Represented by:-			
2024/2025	2024/2025	Opening	
	Surplus / (Deficit)	Surplus / (Deficit)	
	£	£	£
General Fund			
- General Account	772.16	1788.23	
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>772.16</u>	<u>1,788.23</u>

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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From July 2023
Period end date

Period start date To June 2024

Charity name: Better Together

Charity registration number:1183516

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects clause mentions education and leisure time occupation facilities for the benefit of residents of Smethwick.
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	People whose first language is not English are invited to a conversation café. There is no assessment as an entry requirement and simple refreshments are free. Those attending build confidence. This group meets most weeks throughout the year.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Directors (trustees) offer this activity as a public benefit to residents of Smethwick and the surrounding area. The majority of them act as volunteers to keep this activity running.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity currently has only one activity, which is dependent on loyal volunteers.

Other		
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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 benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Beneficiaries generally attend ESOL classes as well as the café. Proficiency in spoken/written English is not measured by examination within the conversation café – case studies show students' confidence grows. Continuing with the activity keeps the building “on the map” and students come to join us at the start of term. Better Together is a member of Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We rate this period as “holding our own”. An increase in volunteers would allow for recruiting more attendees/beneficiaries, possibly greater opening hours.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	National Lottery extended our time for using the grant. Further fundraising activities must now follow to secure the future of this (and other) activities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The running costs of the present activity are low and we still have some money in the bank.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	ditto
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We hope to convince a funder that we merit modest support.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We are linked to the start and end times of the terms of study set by ESOL course providers. This activity continues to survive fluctuations in numbers.

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We have only just enough volunteers to ensure that a minimum of two will always be in attendance.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	ditto
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 trustees	Para 1.25	By invitation of the existing/continuing trustees.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	SCVO plus personal links with the trustees and staff of other charities active within the town.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Our close neighbour is called Brushstrokes. Their ESOL project co-ordinator is a good friend.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Better Together.
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183516
Charity's principal address	Smethwick Baptist Church Regent Street Smethwick B66 3BQ

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	Pauline Hylton			
2	Sandra Monica Robinson			
3	John Craig Jordan			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

Sandra Monica Robinson was a founding trustee and served as secretary for many years. In June 2024 she notified us of her resignation, to take effect in just a few weeks.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

P Hylton

J.C.Jordan

Full name(s)

Pauline Hylton

John Craig Jordan

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Treasurer

Trustee

Date

May 2025

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity in England & Wales number: 1183516

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
Year Ended: 30 June 2024

	2023/24	Notes	Memo:
	Gen A/c		2022/23
Income:	£		£
Donations	0.00	1	0.00
Grants	0.00	2	0.00
Others	0.00	3	0.00
	0.00		0.00
Expenditure:			
Premises	1,346.00	4	0.00
Training	0.00	5	0.00
Travel & Subsistence	19.95	6	0.00
Overheads	0.00	7	0.00
Others	0.00	8	0.00
Total	1,365.95		0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,365.95)		0.00
Adj./Exceptional Items	0.00		0.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,365.95)		0.00
Net Movement in Funds	(1,365.95)		0.00
Reconciliation of Funds			
Fund balances brought forward	0.00		0.00
Fund Balances Carried Forward	(1,365.95)		0.00

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity in England & Wales number: 1183516

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year Ended: 30 June 2024

Note	Comment	£	£
		2023/24	2022/23
1	Donations: Cash Donations	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
2	Grants: Lottery	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00
	Total:	0.00	0.00
3	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00
	Total:	0.00	0.00
4	Premises Room Hire Insurance, Set Up Cabinet, Phone etc.	1230.00 116.00 0.00	1140.00 127.95 0.00
	Total:	1346.00	1267.95
5	Training	0.00	0.00
	Total:	0.00	0.00
6	Travel & Subsistence Refreshments	19.95 0.00 0.00 0.00	49.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
	Total:	19.95	49.00
7	Overheads - Finance	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
	Total:	0.00	0.00
8	Others Set-up costs Printing	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
	Total:	1365.95	1316.95

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Record of information shared and appointments made in the summer of 2020. The members did not meet all together at an agreed time and in one place. Over a period of just a few days they all signed to record their agreement to the essential business of an AGM.

Steve wrote: As Chair of this new organisation a few comments for this first report. The last 12 months have been an exploration into what we want to achieve from this organisation as it becomes operational. For some of those joining the Trustees it has not been what was expected, we thank those who have played a part in getting to this point and now decided to stand down. As with many organisations, Covid 19 has meant that nothing has been able to be developed and this situation will impact the next 12 months too. Ongoing conversations hopefully will lead to a small start later this year.

Responding to six areas, topics or questions raised under the title Financial Review, Pauline wrote: As treasurer, I opened an account with The Co-operative Bank. Opening balance £7:00. I have bank deposit and cheque book. The balance is £7:00. No reserves have been accumulated. The reason for holding nil reserves is that applications for funds relate to specific planned activities and must be applied as directed by the grant maker.

Betty Adams, Delroy Thomas and Margaret Moore reached the end of the term that they had agreed to serve as directors. Delroy was reappointed and Jane Alsop was welcomed to the position of director – both for terms of three years and both decisions being unanimous.

(the directors due to retire in 2022 are S.J.Bentham, J.C.Jordan and P.A.Payne)

Agenda for 2021 AGM.

1. Apologies.
2. To accept, amend or add to the record of what happened a year ago.
3. Report from Chair.
4. Report from Treasurer.
5. To vote on the proposal that Pauline, Sandra and Dorothy be reappointed as directors for further terms of three years each.
6. Date of the AGM to be held in 2022.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From July 2021 Period start date To June 2022 Period end date

Charity name : Better Together

Charity registration number: 1183516

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The widely drawn objects clause speaks of a common effort to benefit the residents of Smethwlcck, advancing education and providing facilities for recreation and leisure time.
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	Conversation Café is a group designed to help people for whom English is a second language. It enables opportunity to have conversation in English leading to confidence building.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	This is of benefit to residents of Smethwick and the surrounding area, both as users of the Café and volunteers.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers assist Trustees to deliver the sessions and interact well with participants.
Other		

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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 benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Case study: A lady started coming to Café with her sister in October 2021. Originally from Pakistan she came to the UK in 2020, just before the first Covid lockdown. Although attending regularly she rarely spoke and, when asked a question, she would look to her sister to answer for her. Gradually over the weeks, she has begun to speak more. She now comes without her sister and proffers opinions and information during conversation. She is still quite shy but her confidence has improved considerably and she also feels that she is able to speak and understand better than she did.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Total number of attendances 125. This is the number of attendances not the number of people. Some people attend every session, some come occasionally, others come once or twice and don't return.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	A grant was received just before the previous year end. The activity started in September 2021 and has completed its first Year.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Project has run following a successful Grant Early 2021
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserve
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Due to the Grant the charity will now be able to operate the programme.

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	Lottery Grant Funding time extension has been requested as project was slow to start due to Pandemic.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The constitution follows a model that was offered by CC at the time of formation.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	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 to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	When adding to their number trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Better Together
Other name the charity uses	
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Charity's principal address	Smethwick Baptist Church Regent Street Smethwick B66 3BQ

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	Delroy Otis Thomas			
2	John Craig Jordan			
3	Stephen John Bentham	Chair		
4	Sandra Monica Robinson	Secretary		
5	Pauline Hylton	Treasurer		
6	Jane Alison Alsop			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)	SAUDRA MONICA ROBINSON	STEPHEN JOHN BENTHAM
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	CHAIR

Date 30/8/22.

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity in England & Wales number: 1183516

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Year Ended: 30 June 2022

	2020/21 Gen A/c	Notes	Memo: 2019/20
	£		£
Income:			
Donations	16.00	1	0.00
Grants	0.00	2	5,500.00
Others	0.00	3	0.00
	16.00		5,500.00
Expenditure:			
Premises	974.97	4	0.00
Training	0.00	5	0.00
Travel & Subsistence	48.90	6	0.00
Overheads	0.00	7	0.00
Others	12.00	8	0.00
Total	1,035.87		0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,019.87)		5,500.00
Adj/Exceptional Items	0.00		0.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,019.87)		5,500.00
Net Movement in Funds	(1,019.87)		5,500.00
Reconciliation of Funds			
Fund balances brought forward	5,507.00		7.00
Fund Balances Carried Forward	4,487.13		5,507.00

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity in England & Wales number: 1183516

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year Ended:

30 June 2022

Note	Comment	£ 2020/21	£ 2020/21
1	Donations: Cash Donations	16.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	16.00	0.00
2	Grants: Lottery	0.00	5500.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	0.00	5500.00
3	Misc. Income	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	0.00	0.00
4	Premises Room Hire Insurance, Set Up Cabinet, Phone etc.	780.00	0.00
		194.97	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	974.97	0.00
5	Training	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	0.00	0.00
6	Travel & Subsistence Refreshments	48.90	0.00
		0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	48.90	0.00
7	Overheads - Finance	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	0.00	0.00
8	Others Set-up costs Printing	0.00	0.00
		12.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00
	Total:	12.00	0.00

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England & Wales - Charity number 1183516

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From July 2020 Period start date To June 2022 Period end date

Charity name : Better Together

Charity registration number: 1183516

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The widely drawn objects clause speaks of a common effort to benefit the residents of Smethwick, advancing education and providing facilities for recreation and leisure time.
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	Conversation Café is a group designed to help people for whom English is a second language. It enables opportunity to have conversation in English leading to confidence building.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	This is of benefit to residents of Smethwick and the surrounding area, both as users of the Café and volunteers.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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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 benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Until now it has been building links and seeking funds to get the activity started. Funds granted in Late Spring.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	A grant was received just before the year end. The activity was planned to start in September 2021 and has completed its first term.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The recent grant has enabled planning for Sept 2021
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserve
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Due to the Grant the charity will now be able to operate the programme.

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	Lottery Grant Funding
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The constitution follows a model that was offered by CC at the time of formation.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	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 to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	When adding to their number trustees have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Better Together
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183516
Charity's principal address	Smethwick Baptist Church Regent Street Smethwick B66 3BQ

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	Delroy Otis Thomas			
2	John Craig Jordan			
3	Stephen John Bentham	Chair		
4	Sandra Monica Robinson	Secretary		
5	Pauline Hylton	Treasurer		
6	Jane Alison Alsop		From 6 th October 2020	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)	SANDRA MONICA ROBINSON	STEPHEN JOHN BENTHAM
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	CHAIR.
Date	12/1/2022	

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity in England & Wales number: 1183516

Income/Expenditure Statement

Year Ended: 30 June 2021

Balance Sheet

Year Ended: 30 June 2021

Surplus/(Deficit)	2020/21		2019/20	
	Total	£	Total	£
Income:				
Donations - Religious Orgs.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Commercial Orgs.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Café	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants - Lottery	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants - Others B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants - Others C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc - A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc - B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc - C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc - D	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	5,500.00		0.00	
Expenditure:				
Room Hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Premises - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Teaching Aids	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Student Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Training - Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refreshments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book Keeping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reporting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publicity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00		0.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	5,500.00		0.00	
Adj	0.00		0.00	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	5,500.00		0.00	

Balance Sheet (Assets & Liabilities) as at: 30-Jun-21				
	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20		
	£	£		£
Bank Current Accounts	5507.00	7.00		
Cash	0.00	0.00		
Cheques/DD (Not paid in)	0.00	0.00		
Total Assets	5507.00	7.00		
Creditors (uncleared cheques)	0.00	0.00		
Other - cash owed	0.00	0.00		
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00		
Total Assets & Liabilities	5507.00	7.00		
Represented by:-				
2020/21				
	£	£	Opening Surplus / (Deficit)	£
General Fund				
- General Account	5507.00	5507.00	7.00	0.00
	5,507.00	5507.00	7.00	0.00
B/Sheet				
Cash Book				
BALANCE				
NOT BALANCE				