



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	
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			
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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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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