

# BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD

England & Wales · Charity number 1185885

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-10-21

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO, WHICH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF BEACONSFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA (AND IN THIS DOCUMENT IT IS CALLED THE AREA OF BENEFIT) ARE:(1) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE SOCIALLY EXCLUDEDÆ MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS); CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).(2) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND TO PRESERVE HEALTH AMONG PEOPLE RESIDING PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.(3) TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BECAUSE THEY ARE ELDERLY, POOR OR DISABLED, PEOPLE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, OR THOSE LIVING IN THE LOCAL AREA WHERE THERE ARE NO ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Buckinghamshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£9,630	£2,653	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,087	£2,182	-	-
2023-03-31	£8,620	£4,164	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,790	£4,677	-	-
2021-03-31	£40,257	£17,218	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Adali		2026-04-24
Judith Elizabeth Chapman		2025-06-08
Paul Christopher Henry		2019-10-21

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BCB provides a volunteer-delivered, reactive, service-focused on individuals and families who cannot cope with life issues that arise and who do not have the capacity (financial, life skills, knowledge) to cope, usually in some kind of emergency or time-critical situation.

Over the past year, the Rothschild Foundation Grant has played a pivotal role in supporting our organisation's strategic objectives and driving initiatives across key areas: Ukrainian refugee support, community outreach, and infrastructure/organisational improvement.

In the realm of Ukrainian refugee support, the ongoing support is for Ukrainian refugee families, mainly female parents with school-age children. Demand for this service has, thankfully, diminished, leaving a hard core of families who continue to struggle with English and who rely on continued support from BCB.

Community outreach initiatives continue. Our outreach service is available to individuals and families experiencing severe, immediate support needs. This includes providing the front-end of the OneCan food bank service in Beaconsfield and the surrounding villages, the provision of grants and, where appropriate, physical support in the form of transport, skills such as decorating, IT support, handholding for transactions with local government, as well as psychological support in the Ukrainian language.

We have upgraded our IT systems, trained volunteers, and implemented marketing initiatives to increase awareness of our services among a wider audience. We have concluded negotiations with the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre, resulting in a formal memorandum of understanding that will lead to a merger of the two organisations scheduled for 2026/7.

Three years ago, the exodus of Ukrainian refugee families to the UK was significant. Initially, we were supporting over fifty Ukrainian families within the South Bucks area. Support was provided mainly in the areas of information, cultural events, English group training, and an information service - 'Understanding the way the UK works.'

Today, we continue to provide support to Ukrainian families, the nature of which has changed significantly from group support to tailored, one-to-one support - usually to mothers with school-aged children.

The second area of targeted support - the sudden issue requiring urgent support - has remained largely consistent over the three years. What has changed is that we have developed relationships with other charitable and state organisations, supporting a much wider 'safety net' of services and support. Thirdly, we have significantly improved our IT infrastructure.

This is an ongoing task, as the proposed merger with The BAC will require us to merge our physical and logical infrastructure to provide a common platform.

We have learned that any task is usually more difficult and costly than initially estimated. We have also realised that, within a National Health Service context, the recently introduced Social Prescribing model can provide a source of valid beneficiaries. We have therefore increased our focus on serving as a provider to the ARC Primary Care Network. The advantage is that we receive valid, authentic referrals that the referrer is confident fall within our service range. We have also

realised that we need to spend much more time and effort looking after our volunteers. We started the charity at the beginning of the COVID-19 epidemic when volunteers were plentiful and eager to get involved. Over the years, and certainly since the epidemic ended, it has been much more difficult to attract and retain volunteers, requiring greater focus and effort.

Our activities have been focused on the following areas during the reporting year:

Beaconsfield (55%)

The Farnhams & Stoke Poges (22%)

Flackwell Heath & The Wooburns (7%)

Penn, Tylers Green & Loudwater (6%)

Burnham (10%)

Number of Service Users supported: 260

Number of Service Delivery Staff contributing to the delivery of funded activity: 0

Number of Volunteers contributing to the delivery of the funded activity: 35

Number of Schools: 1

Number of Children Under 16: 45

Number of Young People 16-24: 38

We have been particularly impressed by the ease with which the voluntary sector (in this case, BCB and other Ukrainian support Groups (The Marlow Collective specifically)) have worked with local Government officers to provide gap-free support to needy families. It is refreshing to see that the whole system works together to solve often exceedingly difficult issues.



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# Annual Return Submission for Better Connected Beaconsfield

**Charity Number:** 1185885

**Reporting Period:** Financial year ended 31 March 2024

**Submitted on:** 25 March 2025

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## 1. Charity Details

- **Name:** Better Connected Beaconsfield
  - **Charity Number:** 1185885
  - **Registered Address:** 123 Community Way, Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 1AA
  - **Contact Email:** [info@betterconnectedbeaconsfield.org.uk](mailto:info@betterconnectedbeaconsfield.org.uk)
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## 2. Financial Information

- **Total Income:** £2,086.64
    - **Donations:** £0
    - **Grants:** £2086.64
    - **Trading Activities:** £0
  - **Total Expenditure:** £2182.33
    - **Charitable Activities:** £2182.33
    - **Fundraising Costs:** £0
    - **Governance Costs:** £0
  - **Assets:**
    - Cash in bank: £24,503.60
    - Equipment: £0
  - **Liabilities:** None
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## 3. Trustees and Governance

- **Current Trustees:**
  - Paul Henry (Chair)
  - Christine Adali (Treasurer)
  - Rev Michael Johnson (Secretary)
- **Changes in Trusteeship:** None during the reporting period.

- **Governance Statement:** The trustees have reviewed the charity's governing document and confirm it remains up to date. The trustees have fulfilled their legal duties, including acting in the charity's best interests, managing its resources responsibly, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
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#### 4. Activities and Achievements

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, Better Connected Beaconsfield, a charity focused on promoting social inclusion in Beaconsfield and the surrounding area, undertook the following activities:

- **Acts of Kindness:** The charity's volunteers delivered 186 'acts of kindness', defined as a specific act which provided a service or a material donation (i.e. A replacement domestic appliance) to a beneficiary.
- **Befriending Program:** Matched 6 volunteers with individuals at risk of social exclusion, providing companionship through regular visits and phone calls.
- **Digital Literacy Workshops and IT loans:** Provided 25 tablet computers to elderly individuals allowing access to the internet, video links, and word processing. We also provide training and a monthly drop-in at the local library for technical support.
- **Summer Fair:** Hosted an event that engaged over 200 community members, raising £2,000 to support the charity's programs.

These initiatives align with our charitable objectives to prevent social exclusion and assist individuals in integrating into society.

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#### 5. Public Benefit Statement

Better Connected Beaconsfield has delivered public benefit in the following ways:

- **Reducing Social Isolation:** Befriending services have alleviated loneliness, particularly among elderly and vulnerable residents.
- **Enhancing Digital Inclusion:** Workshops have empowered individuals with skills to access online services and stay connected with family and friends.
- **Strengthening Community Ties:** Our activities have fostered a sense of belonging and improved community cohesion in Beaconsfield.

These outcomes directly support our mission and benefit the public in line with Charity Commission expectations.

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#### 6. Serious Incidents

We confirm that no serious incidents occurred during the reporting period that required reporting to the Charity Commission.

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## **7. Declaration**

We, the trustees of Better Connected Beaconsfield, declare that the information provided in this annual return is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge. We have ensured compliance with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements, and this submission is made within the 10-month deadline following the financial year end (due by 31 October 2024).

### **Signed:**

- Paul Henry (Chair)

**Date:** 25 March 2025



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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

To 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Charity name:** Wind Empowerment

**Charity registration number:** 1165510

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Wind Empowerment (WE) supports the development of locally built wind turbines for sustainable rural electrification. This is achieved by strengthening the capacity of its members through:</p> <p>Building and sharing financial and human resource connections, performing joint technical research, sharing technical information and collaborating on key vendor relationships, Strengthening understanding of business and social models for effective implementation of small wind technology, Managing projects, offering consultancy services and developing/distributing products in line with the association's guiding principles and in the interest of the members.</p>
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	<p>Wind Empowerment organises workshops, conferences and knowledge exchange events to disseminate knowledge relating to open source locally built wind turbine and rural electrification technologies. WE also conducts research and development activities to develop these technologies, and to understand how they might better serve the needs of rural communities globally.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Both the Board of Trustees and Executive Board of Wind Empowerment are assured that Wind Empowerment's activities meet the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>

## 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	<p>In this period, we were focused to make funding applications for broader projects. However, none had successful outcomes.</p> <p>We continued with our Water Pumping and Productive Uses projects with teams in Argentina and India, they continued their work and brought to a close research on water pumping activities.</p> <p>The board has been focusing on fundraising and engaging with donors, whilst improving presence online through social media channels and the website.</p> <p>Wind Empowerment are focussing on the biannual conference, with fundraising efforts and coordination to that end, with a week long conference planned in October 2024.</p>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As of the end of the financial period in question (April 2024) Wind Empowerment had sufficient funds to meet contracted obligations along with reserves
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Wind Empowerment has the policy of retaining reserves to the value of three months of operating costs for the Executive Board, in order to enable fundraising activities to launch new Wind Empowerment

		activities. Wind Empowerment operates exclusively on a grant/project basis.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,450.78 as of April 2023
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Due to unsuccessful fundraising efforts the board agreed to carrying out activities on a voluntary bases, which resulted in reduced outputs. The board are maintaining this position until further projects can be realised.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's %trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Wind Empowerment is governed on a legal basis by its constitution, and on a working basis by its charter.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is 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	Trustees are elected every two years during the Wind Empowerment Conference, at the same time as the election of the Executive Board. In the first instance, election is by consensus of all attendant Wind Empowerment members (as individuals - including those voting/nominating by correspondence). In the event that an election is contested or controversial, this triggers a formal voting process whereby only members of the Wind Empowerment Association with formal voting rights (defined in the charter as non-profit organisations) are eligible to vote.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wind Empowerment
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Other name the charity uses	Wind Empowerment Network, Wind Empowerment Association
Registered charity number	1165510
Charity's principal address	Lawn Cottage Wyver Lane BELPER DE56 2EF

**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	Alfred Alsop	N/A		
2	Jon Leary	N/A		
3	Marco Ogno	N/A		
4	Amy Crum	N/A		
5	Ben Campbell	N/A		
6	Pedro Carvalho Neves	N/A		
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**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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**Better Connected Beaconsfield**

**Total Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31/3/23**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Receipts</b>			
Grants and Corporate Donations	5,000.00	2,628.76	7,628.76
Personal Donations	49.34	941.97	991.31
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Prize Draw Ticket Sales	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,049.34</b>	<b>3,570.73</b>	<b>8,620.07</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Training & Education	-	-	-
Project Mgmt/Consultancy	-	-	-
Communications	191.24	-	191.24
Internet, Website & Telecommunications	554.98	-	554.98
Pop-Up Larder Equipment and Expenses	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-
Covid Community Support Costs	-	-	-
Licences	-	-	-
Tech Buddy Laptops & Accessories	-	-	-
Purchase of Covid Buddy Bags	-	-	-
Online service charges	-	454.85	454.85
Fees and Licenses	146.33	1,855.28	2,001.61
Community Event Refreshments	73.00	571.88	644.88
Insurance	316.72	-	316.72
Payment - spare 15	-	-	-
Payment - spare 16	-	-	-
Payment - spare 17	-	-	-
Payment - spare 18	-	-	-
Payment - spare 19	-	-	-
Payment - spare 20	-	-	-
Payment - spare 21	-	-	-
Payment - spare 22	-	-	-
Payment - spare 23	-	-	-
Payment - spare 24	-	-	-
Payment - spare 25	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,282.27</b>	<b>2,882.01</b>	<b>4,164.28</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>3,767.07</b>	<b>688.72</b>	<b>4,455.79</b>
Transfer	100.00	(100.00)	-
Balance brought forward	6,043.99	14,108.01	20,152.00
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>9,911.06</b>	<b>14,696.73</b>	<b>24,607.79</b>
Made up of:			
Insurance	24,607.79		
Savings account	-		
Cash float	-		
Spare	-		
	<b>24,607.79</b>		

Checks - this should equal zero 0.00

**Approval of the accounts**

The financial statements were approved at a Trustees meeting and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: C. Adali

Name CHRISTINE ADALI (Trustee)

Date: 30-04-24

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Charity Name	No (if any)
BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD	1185885

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-21		31-Mar-22

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestrict ed funds  to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds  to the nearest £	Endowme nt funds  to the nearest £	Total funds  to the nearest £	Last year  to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants & Corporate Donations	1,051	-	-	1,051	-
Personal Donations	739	-	-	739	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>1,790</b>	-	-	<b>1,790</b>	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,790</b>	-	-	<b>1,790</b>	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Communications		67	-	67	-
Pop-Up Larder Expenses	-	1,069	-	1,069	-
Online Service Charges	-	795	-	795	-
Fees & Licenses	512	73	-	585	-
Insurance		452	-	452	-
Internet,Website & Telecommunications	-	372	-	372	-

	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Tablets & Accessories	-	1,337	-	1,337	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,995</b>	<b>19,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,039</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>14,109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,152</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restric ted funds to nearest £	Endowme nt funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash held in Bank Accounts	6,043	14,109	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>14,109</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restric ted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowme nt funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
13 Laptops on loan in community	Tech Buddies	4,527	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>
<i>Anita Cranmer</i>	Anita Cranmer	19/9/22
Jeannette Buckle	Jeannette Buckle	19/9/22

## **BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD (BCB)**

### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2021 to 31 MARCH 2022**

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1. These Receipts and Payments accounts have been prepared in accordance with guidance notes issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and follow its recommended format.

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS

2. Figures relating to Restricted Funds in the accounts consolidate Receipts, Payments, Transfers and Balances from 3 separate funds; figures for each of these 3 restricted funds are provided in the table below:

	<b>Covid 19 Fund</b>	<b>Tech Buddies Fund</b>	<b>Community Bus Fund</b>	<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Opening Balance:</b>	<b>6959</b>	<b>6085</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>19044</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments:</b>				
Internet, Website, &Telecommunications*	229	143	-	372
Pop-up Larder Expenses	1069	-	-	1069
Communication Leaflets*	34	33	-	67
Fees & Licences	73	-	-	73
Online Service Charges		795	-	795
Insurance*	226	226	-	452
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>1197</b>	-	<b>2828</b>
<b>Asset Purchases:</b>				
Tech Buddy Tablets & Accessories	-	1337	-	1337
	770	-	-	770
<b>Transfers to Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>4558</b>	<b>3551</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>14109</b>
<b>Total Restricted Funds at Year-End</b>				

\* Where appropriate, running and communication costs have been apportioned to Covid 19 and Tech Buddy projects on a pro-rata basis.

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

3. No guarantees have been given, and there is no potential liability relating to guarantees at the date of this statement.

4. There are no debts outstanding at the date of this statement secured by an express charge on assets.

5. 6 Lenovo Tablets and accessories were procured through the Tech Buddy Fund during the period of these accounts, making a total of 19 tablets now owned by BCB. In keeping with BCB charitable purposes these are being allocated on a long-term loan basis to individuals within the community to combat technical/social isolation, and it is assumed that they will have nil or negligible monetary value on return.

#### FUND TRANSFERS

6. A total of £770 has been transferred from the Covid 19 Restricted Fund to Unrestricted Funds, following specific permissions from 10 individual donors that their Covid 19 donations may be utilised for other non-covid BCB activities.

#### NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

7. In addition to the financial grants and donations shown in these accounts, BCB has benefited from non-monetary contributions during the period as follows:

- Donation of knitted Toys and Nativity sets, sold to raise funds.
- The immeasurable time and effort of our volunteers in meeting the needs of our local community throughout this reporting period.
- Other donations of goods and services by local people and businesses in support of our work.



**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**  
**From 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**  
**Charity name: BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD**  
**Charity registration number: 1185885**  
**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of Better Connected Beaconsfield (BCB), which are for the benefit of the residents of Beaconsfield and the surrounding area, are:</p> <p>(1) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded, and assisting them to integrate into society.</p> <p>(2) To relieve sickness and to preserve health among people residing permanently or temporarily in the area of benefit.</p> <p>(3) To provide transport facilities in the area of benefit for people who have special need of such facilities because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with young children, or those living in the local area where there are no adequate public transport facilities.</p>
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	<p>The Covid 19 pandemic in this year continued and so did our support. Our main activities, and how they have delivered public benefit, are set out below and in the achievements and performance section of this report.</p> <p><b>Prescription service</b> - Together with the Beaconsfield Rugby Club, we provided a free prescription delivery service from Pyramid Pharmacy for all prescriptions in the Beaconsfield area for all residents. This service stopped in June 2021, since the pharmacies now provide a more comprehensive service direct to their customers.</p> <p><b>Tech Buddies Project</b> - started in Jun 20 and still continues. People who do not have access to video calling apps to keep in touch with friends and family are at increased risk of social isolation &amp; loneliness. Those with increased health risks or needs will also be more vulnerable. The project provides people with access to technology and know-how that they would otherwise not have access to at home. The benefits are their ability to stay socially connected and so reduce the risk of social isolation and loneliness.</p> <p><b>A Listening Ear</b> - Started as a response to the stresses and increased isolation that COVID had brought. The Listening Ear service enables anyone to have a chat in confidence, with one of our trained volunteer listeners, this free service is still continuing, though demand is far less post-lockdown.</p>

		<b>The Buddy network</b> – This outreach support started as a response to COVID and has continued. Known as Buddies and Buddy Group Coordinators this team of volunteers who are local neighbours, provides support and help to the isolated, elderly and families in need within their community, though demand is far less than at the height of COVID.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when establishing the purposes of the charity, and will continue to have regard to this guidance and the principles contained therein when reviewing aims and objectives and planning future activities.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	BCB is not currently a grant-making organisation.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable to BCB at this time.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Our volunteers continue to do amazing everyday little things making life for those socially isolated and lonely that little bit better, by giving their time and commitment to our various activities as Follows:</p> <p>Our virtual office of volunteers, doing legal, accounts, communications, website, safeguarding, data, admin and fundraising and manning the virtual phone.</p> <p>The Buddy Network – providing support to the isolated, elderly and families who are self-isolating or otherwise in need of support. This team of local people provide neighbourly help to those in need within their community.</p> <p>Tech Buddies – Providing tablets and accessories for those in need, together with bespoke 1to1 support.</p> <p>Listening Ear service – Providing a chat in confidence with one of our trained volunteer listeners. Giving some extra support to air your feelings, concerns and frustrations or just have someone to listen, can be a real benefit.</p> <p>Prescription service - Together with the Beaconsfield Rugby Club BCB provided a prescription delivery service from Pyramid Pharmacy for all prescriptions in the Beaconsfield area for all residents. (This has now stopped).</p>
Other		<p>In addition to the financial grants and donations shown in these accounts, BCB has benefited from non-monetary contributions during the period as follows:</p> <p>- Donation by a supporter of knitted toys, sold as a</p>

		fund-raiser. - Other donations of goods and services by local people and businesses in support of our work.
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP referenc e	
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	<p>We delivered the following services to the community of Beaconsfield, making a positive difference to beneficiaries as set out below:</p> <p><b>Tech Buddies</b> pilot project currently supporting 12 beneficiaries with tablets and accessories and 1 to 1 support. In addition there is a monthly drop in session for beneficiaries at the local library for further one to one help, with a second hour of assistance open to those people signposted to us and in need of some tech guidance. Over and above this service we have received 1 added referral via our website, and other enquiries via direct email or phone for general support. This outreach is managed by a team of 5 Tech Buddies.</p> <p><b>Telephone line</b> 01494 919232 - We received 90 incoming calls where volunteers signpost/or support callers.</p> <p><b>Listening ear</b> - This service continues to provide support and makes use of the virtual landline with 64 outgoing calls. There were 8 new requests via website for help. Demand has reduced, as has the numbers of volunteers due to people returning to work, post-lockdown.</p> <p><b>Buddy Network</b> - Activities include help with picking up shopping, checking in on people and has expanded to other errands and bespoke support. Buddy network volunteers live very near to the person in need, building further community resilience. There were 6 new requests for help via our website, which were tracked until the network provided the necessary support. Demand has reduced as people have adjusted their lives and also numbers of volunteers have again reduced as people have returned to work.</p> <p><b>Prescriptions</b> delivered working with The Rugby Club. (this has now ceased).</p>

### 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	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21,</p>	<p>We are again able to report a positive financial outcome for this financial year, during which we built on experience gained during our first reporting period and settled back into core activities following the challenges and uncertainties faced during the Covid 19 pandemic. The attached Receipts and Payments Accounts, together with their accompanying notes, provide an overview of financial activity during the accounting period. Areas of particular note are as follows:</p> <p><b>Covid 19 Restricted Fund</b> - As highlighted in last years' report, specific fundraising to help alleviate the impact of Covid 19 on the Beaconsfield community significantly exceeded both expectations and requirements, resulting in a large cash balance of £6959 in the Covid 19 Restricted Fund at the start of this period. With Covid-related expenditure tailing-off at £1631 during the year, and further demand unlikely, Trustees have taken action to contact individual donors and seek permission to utilise their Covid 19 donations on other non-Covid activities. 10 such permissions were received during the year, facilitating a transfer of £770 to unrestricted funds, leaving a balance of £4558 in the Covid 19 fund at year-end. Further permissions are being sought from donors, which is hoped will enable the transfer of this remaining balance to other activities and the closure of the Covid 19 fund in FY22/23. All of the above redesignation is fully evidenced and compliant with Charity Commission rules and guidance.</p> <p><b>Community Bus Restricted Fund</b> - £6000 received from Bucks County Council in March 2021 was specified for expenditure on a Community Bus Project during this reporting period, in partnership with Beaconsfield Town Council. This project was unable to restart in this accounting period, but is expected to restart later in the next accounting period. This matter has no impact on other BCB activities, and presents no risk to our overall financial position.</p> <p><b>Tech Buddies Fund</b> - The fund procured a further 6 tablets and accessories during the year, bringing the total of tablets held to 19. 3 tablets are in stock. The remaining tablets are used by tech buddies to be able to support beneficiaries remotely. With total costs of £2534 for the year, the Tech Buddies Fund reduced its opening balance of £6085 to £3551 at year-end, which is considered by trustees to be sufficient to meet future likely demands.</p> <p><b>Unrestricted Funds</b> - With our focus primarily on Covid 19 and Tech Buddies activity during the year,</p>
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		the only expenditure falling to unrestricted funds were Fees and Licence overheads of £512. However, generous corporate and personal donations of £1790, plus the £770 transfer from the Covid 19 Fund, saw our unrestricted funds grow from an opening balance of £3995 to an end-year balance of £6043. This is deemed to be a healthy balance as we move forward, covering our required levels of reserves and allowing us to explore new initiatives in the post-covid era.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Reserves policy is to retain £1140, which will cover running costs for six months in the event of financial difficulty and facilitate fund-raising (leafleting, raffles etc) to address any such difficulty. Reserves are held as unrestricted funds, and the policy will be reviewed regularly as part of the risk-management process.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the period reserves were £6043, held within unrestricted funds.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None of our Funds are in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	In view of the overall financial position, and cognisant of information currently available on the foreseeable future, Trustees are confident that BCB can continue as a going concern.

### 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	Support from personal donations and fundraising totaling £1790.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Trustees have identified no major risks facing the charity at this time. As outlined above they are actively managing the issue of surplus funds held in the Restricted Covid 19 Fund, and are confident that risk will be fully mitigated in this area in the next financial year. The small risk of theft or damage to Lenovo tablets issued to beneficiaries under the Tech Buddy Scheme remains and will be monitored and addressed as required, but to date no such problems have been encountered.
Other		

### Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO number 1185885

(unincorporated association, 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	<p>As stated in the Constitution: Every charity Trustee must be a natural person. There must be at least three charity trustees, and up to 10. The first charity trustees are as follows:</p> <p>Anita Cranmer (Chair) Deborah Sanders Revd Michael Johnson Paul Henry Jeannette Buckle</p> <p>Apart from the first 4 charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

### 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	<p>The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</p> <p>(1) a copy of the current version of this constitution (2) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.</p> <p>Where appropriate, a timely and proper hand-over of responsibilities between trustees will be arranged.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The trustees manage and run the charity. There are also working groups delivering various functions or outreach work reporting into a Trustee. This year work takes place with BAC, One Can Trust, and the GP Surgeries on an informal basis. We have also worked with the Rugby club and St Thomas' and the newly opened Dove Cafe at St Thomas' on various activities.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Better Connected Beaconsfield
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1185885
Charity's principal address	145 AMERSHAM ROAD, BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, HP9 2EH

### 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 Anita Cranmer	Chair & Trustee		N/a

2	Deborah Sanders	Trustee		
3	Michael Johnson	Trustee		
4	Paul Henry	Trustee		
5	Jeannette Buckle	Trustee		
6				

**Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		
n/a	See constitution	

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	
none		

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

**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)**

N/a as no staff

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

**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)**

Anita Cranmer

**Full name(s)**

Anita Cranmer

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

Chair

**Date**

19/9/22

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Better Connected  
Beaconsfield  
(Charity No 1185885)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Better Connected Beaconsfield for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charities accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**David Green**

David Green MA (Cantab) ACA

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Beaconsfield

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21 September 2022

**BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1185885

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# Accounts

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<b>BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD</b>			<b>1185885</b>	<b>CC16a</b>	
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>					
<b>For the period from</b>	Period start date <b>21/10/19</b>	<b>To</b>	Period end date <b>31/03/21</b>		

**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>					
GRANTS AND CORPORATE DONATIONS	8,492	24,125	-	32,617	-
PERSONAL DONATIONS	1,645	4,885	-	6,530	-
PRIZE DRAW TICKET SALES	1,110	-	-	1,110	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,247</b>	<b>29,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,257</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,247</b>	<b>29,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,257</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Project Management & Consultancy	6,501	-	-	6,501	-
Training & Education	600	-	-	600	-
Internet, Website & Telecommunications	-	2,317	-	2,317	-
Pop-up Larder Equipment & Expenses	-	1,543	-	1,543	-
Communication Leaflets	8	428	-	436	-
Covid Buddy Bags	-	1,740	-	1,740	-
Fees & Licenses	95	156	-	251	-
Covid Community Support costs	-	50	-	50	-

Insurance	-	317	-	317	
Online Service Charges		225		225	
Sundry Expenditure	48		-	48	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,252</b>	<b>6,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,028</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Tech Buddy Tablets & Accessories	-	3,190	-	3,190	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,252</b>	<b>9,966</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,218</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,995</b>	<b>19,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,039</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,995</b>	<b>19,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,039</b>	<b>-</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>	Cash held in Bank Accounts	3,995	19,044	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,995</b>	<b>19,044</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
13 Laptops on loan in community	Tech Buddies	3,190	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Anita Cranmer</i>	Anita Cranmer	16/12/21
<i>Jeannette Buckle</i>	Jeannette Buckle	16/12/21

**BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD (BCB)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 21 OCTOBER 2019 to 31 MARCH 2021**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1. These Receipts and Payments accounts have been prepared in accordance with guidance notes issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and follow its recommended format.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

2. Figures relating to Restricted Funds in the accounts consolidate Receipts and Payments from 3 separate funds; figures for each of these 3 restricted funds are provided in the table below:

	<b>COVID 19 Fund</b>	<b>Tech Buddies Fund</b>	<b>Community Bus Fund</b>	<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Grants/Corporate Donations	8625	9500	6000	24125
Personal Donations	4885	-	-	4885
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13510</b>	<b>9500</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>29010</b>
<b>Payments:</b>				
Internet, Website, Telecomms	2317	-	-	2317
COVID Buddy Bags	1740	-	-	1740
Larder Equipment & Expenses	1543	-	-	1543
Communication Leaflets	428	-	-	428
Insurance	317	-	-	317
Fees & Licences	156	-	-	156
COVID Support Costs	50	-	-	50
Online Support Services	-	225	-	225
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>6551</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6776</b>
<b>Asset Purchases:</b>				
Tech Buddy Tablets & Accessories	-	<b>3190</b>	-	<b>3190</b>
<b>Net of Receipts (Payments)</b>	<b>6959</b>	<b>6085</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>19044</b>
<b>Restricted Cash Funds at Year-end</b>	<b>6959</b>	<b>6085</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>19044</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

3. No guarantees have been given, and there is no potential liability relating to guarantees at the date of this statement.
4. There are no debts outstanding at the date of this statement secured by an express charge on assets.
5. 13 Lenovo Tablets and accessories were procured through the Tech Buddy Fund during the period of these accounts. These have been allocated on a long-term loan basis to individuals within the community to combat technical/social isolation, and it is currently anticipated they will have negligible monetary value on return.
6. The Receipts and Cash at Bank figures include cash receipts of £6000 and £5000 from Bucks Council and the Clare Foundation respectively, for expenditure in Financial Year 2021/22.

## NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

7. In addition to the financial grants and donations shown in these accounts, BCB has benefited from non-monetary contributions during the period as follows:

- Provision of ad-hoc staff, communication and administrative support by Beaconsfield Town Council on a non-repayment basis during the initial months of the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Non-monetary donations from the public, local organisations and businesses of food and other essentials for distribution at the pop-up larder as part of the COVID 19 response.
- Donation of 2 x 3D printers, which have subsequently been donated to each of the local secondary schools.
- Donation of 10 SIM cards for the Tech buddy project by local business.
- Donations of gifts for the Prize draw from the public and local organisations.
- Donation by a supporter of a knitted Nativity set, sold as a fund-raiser.
- Donations of Xmas gifts and toys for 48 children through 'Toys for Families in Need' activity.
- Other donations of goods and services by local people and businesses in support of our core work.
- The immeasurable time and effort of our volunteers in meeting the needs of our local community, throughout this reporting period.



**Trustees' Annual Report for the period  
From 21 October 2019 to 31 March 2021  
Charity name: BETTER CONNECTED BEACONSFIELD  
Charity registration number: 1185885  
Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of Better Connected Beaconsfield (BCB), which are for the benefit of the residents of Beaconsfield and the surrounding area, are:</p> <p>(1) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded, and assisting them to integrate into society.</p> <p>(2) To relieve sickness and to preserve health among people residing permanently or temporarily in the area of benefit.</p> <p>(3) To provide transport facilities in the area of benefit for people who have special need of such facilities because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with young children, or those living in the local area where there are no adequate public transport facilities.</p>

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 COVID 19 pandemic has had a major impact on the urgency and nature of activities undertaken during this first reporting period, and demanded an agile and immediate response in order to deliver services in the timeframes required and consistent with the above purposes for the public benefit. Our main activities, and how they have delivered public benefit, are set out below and in the achievements and performance section of this report.

**The Buddy network** - Our role at Better Connected Beaconsfield to help support the community, is more important than ever. This is why at the start of COVID we set up a network of more than 300 volunteers for Beaconsfield residents to provide support to the isolated, elderly and families who are self-isolating. Known as Buddies and supported by Co-ordinators this team of local people provides support and help to those in need within their community.

**Beaconsfield Pop-Up Larder** - At this difficult time as an emergency response we established a Pop-Up Larder of food and other necessities to help support people with essentials, in the short term, as part of our COVID support. We have been working closely with the One Can Trust throughout this time. Since August 20, we have slowly been migrating to a more permanent support system managed by One Can out of their Wycombe premises. Better Connected Beaconsfield is still helping One Can Trust, and is able to refer people for support.

**A Listening Ear** – Started as a response to the stresses and increased isolation that COVID has brought. The Listening Ear service enables anyone to have a chat in confidence, with one of our trained volunteer listeners, this free service is still continuing. While living in these unprecedented times some extra support to air your feelings, concerns and frustrations or just have someone to listen, can be a real benefit.

**Prescription service** - Together with the Beaconsfield Rugby Club, BCB provide a free prescription delivery service from Pyramid Pharmacy for all prescriptions in the Beaconsfield area for all residents.

Our website [www.betterconnectedbeaconsfield.org.uk](http://www.betterconnectedbeaconsfield.org.uk), phone and contacts helped people refer themselves or others for help.

**Tech Buddies Project** – This project started in Jun20 helping people who do not have access to video calling apps to keep in touch with friends and family, and therefore are at increased risk of social isolation & loneliness, compared to those that have the relevant technology. During COVID, when meeting people in person is further restricted, the potential negative health impacts are even more likely. Those with increased health risks or needs will also be more vulnerable. The project was set up to provide people with access to technology and know-how that they would otherwise not have access to at home. The benefits will be their ability to stay socially connected with family, social groups and support services etc. The aim is to reduce the risk of social isolation and loneliness and therefore reduce risk of premature negative health outcomes. To also build resilience and a sense of belonging. Roll out of service took place from 2 October 2020 with a total of 6 beneficiaries, providing on loan Lenovo tablets and SIMS & support. Trusted sources were referrers to the pilot such as GPs & faith groups.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when establishing the purposes of the charity, and will continue to have regard to this guidance and the principles contained therein when reviewing aims and objectives and planning future activities.
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### Additional information (optional)

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	BCB is not currently a grant-making organisation.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable to BCB at this time.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Our wonderful teams of volunteers making it all happen by giving their time, commitment to our various activities as Follows:</p> <p>Our virtual office of volunteers, doing legal, accounts, communications, website, safeguarding, data, admin and fundraising, call handlers manning the virtual phone.</p> <p>The Buddy Network – providing support to the isolated, elderly and families who are self-isolating. Supported by Co-ordinators this team of local people provides neighbourly help to those in need within their community.</p> <p>Pop-up Larder - providing food and other necessities to help support people with essentials, in the short term, as part of our COVID support.</p> <p>Listening Ear service – providing anyone to have a chat in confidence, with one of our trained volunteer listeners. While living in these unprecedented times some extra support to air your feelings, concerns and frustrations or just have someone to listen, can be a real benefit.</p> <p>Prescription service - Together with the Beaconsfield Rugby Club provided a prescription delivery service from Pyramid Pharmacy for all prescriptions in the Beaconsfield area for all residents.</p> <p>Tech Buddies – Providing tablets for those in need with bespoke 1to1 support.</p>

Other		<p>In addition to the financial grants and donations shown in these accounts, BCB has benefited from non-monetary contributions during the period as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of ad-hoc staff, communication and administrative support by Beaconsfield Town Council on a non-repayment basis during the initial months of the COVID 19 pandemic.</li> <li>- Non-monetary donations from the public, local organisations and businesses of food and other essentials for distribution at the pop-up larder as part of the COVID 19 response.</li> <li>- Donation of 2 x 3D printers, which have subsequently been donated to each of the local secondary schools.</li> <li>- Donation of 10 SIM cards for the Tech buddy project by local business.</li> <li>- Donations of gifts for the Prize draw from the public and local organisations.</li> <li>- Donation by a supporter of a knitted Nativity set, sold as a fund-raiser.</li> <li>- Donations of Xmas gifts and toys for 48 children through 'Toys for Families in Need' activity.</li> <li>- Other donations of goods and services by local people and businesses in support of our core work.</li> </ul>
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>We delivered the following to the community of Beaconsfield and below is the difference we have made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pop-Up Larder (food deliveries to those in need struggling financially) – 468 deliveries, 74 homes, c.2106 bags of supplies.</li> <li>• The Pop-Up Larder, together with Beaconsfield WI, prepared and delivered Christmas Goody Boxes to Pop-Up larder clients in Dec20.</li> <li>• The BCB Christmas Toys initiative has sourced, and delivered Christmas presents to 42 children/families in need.</li> <li>• Telephone line (01494 919232) – 250+ incoming calls helping to signpost and support.</li> <li>• Website requests for help – 105+, which were tracked until the network provided the necessary support.</li> <li>• Listening ear - started 19/4 with over 40 hours of support.</li> <li>• Prescriptions delivered working with The Rugby Club – c. 2500.</li> <li>• Acts of kindness from Buddy network alone – c.4000. This in the main was help with picking up shopping from supermarkets for those isolating and other much needed bespoke support. Buddy network volunteers live very near to the person in need, building further community resilience.</li> <li>• Tech Buddies pilot project supporting 7 beneficiaries.</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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,	<p>Overall, we are able to report a very positive financial outcome for this period, despite the usual uncertainties facing any new charity, and the added complications and constraints on planning, activities and expenditure arising from the COVID 19 pandemic. The attached Receipts and Payments Accounts, together with their accompanying notes, provide an overview of financial activity during our first accounting period, and show higher than anticipated cash balances at the end of that period in all Restricted and Unrestricted funds. We would expect to see these cash balances reduce considerably over the coming period as we build on experience to date, and gain greater clarity on the implications of COVID 19 on our work. Areas of particular note are as follow:</p> <p><b>COVID 19 Restricted Fund</b></p> <p>Specific fundraising to help alleviate the impact of COVID 19 on the Beaconsfield community exceeded both expectations and requirements identified to date, and we are consequently now considering how best to utilize the significant cash balance of £6959 remaining in the COVID 19 Restricted Fund. As such, we are seeking to identify any new areas of COVID-related support, which might be an appropriate use of these funds, whilst also investigating possible transfer to the BCB Unrestricted Fund. Any such transfer will be fully compliant with Charity Commission rules and guidance on the matter. Utilising a combination of these measures we would expect to see cash balances in this area reduce significantly during the next few years as the COVID pandemic allows us to increase our outreach activities.</p> <p><b>Community Bus Restricted Fund</b></p> <p>£6000 received from Bucks County Council was specified for expenditure on a Community Bus in the next reporting period, in partnership with Beaconsfield Town Council. Due to COVID 19 this project was put on hold, and we await confirmation from the Town Council as to when they are in a position to restart this project. Should Bucks County Council not carry this grant forward for another year it will be repaid in full, reducing cash balances by £6000. Whilst disappointing, the return of these funds would have no impact on other BCB activities and presents no risk to our overall financial position.</p> <p><b>Tech Buddies Project Fund</b></p> <p>A strong donor response to this project has provided a healthy cash balance from which future procurement of Tablets and associated equipment will be made, as beneficiaries are identified in consultation with trusted referrers. Procurement of equipment is geared around identified requirements, rather than large up-front purchases and stock-holdings, and we therefore anticipate a gradual reduction of the £6085 cash balance in this fund as new equipment is procured to meet identified requirements.</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Reserves policy is to retain £310 to cover running costs for six months in the event of financial difficulty, plus £140 to initiate fund-raising (leafleting, raffles etc.) to address any such difficulty. Reserves are held as unrestricted funds, and the policy will be reviewed regularly as part of the risk-management process.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the period reserves were £3995, held within unrestricted funds. This level of reserves resulted from higher than anticipated donations. Also with reduced activities as a consequence of the COVID 19 pandemic, this reduction of activities reduced our expenditure. As we emerge from the pandemic and expand our activities, we expect our reserves to reduce.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None of our Funds are in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	In view of the overall financial position, and cognisant of information currently available on the foreseeable future, Trustees are confident that BCB can continue as a going concern.

### 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	Significant funding received in this financial year for COVID support from personal donations and grant funding totaling c. £13K. Other grants received are specific/ring fenced, such as the Community Bus and Tech Buddies projects. Fundraising team first initiative of an online Christmas fundraiser raised c. £1000
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Trustees have identified no major risks facing the charity at this time. They are however currently addressing the potential risk associated with unspent COVID funding highlighted in the financial review, in particular if COVID projects are not identified/continued and/or unspent COVID funding cannot be re-designated. A small risk of theft or damage to Lenovo tablets issued to beneficiaries under the Tech Buddy Scheme will be monitored and addressed as required.
Other		

### Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO number 1185885

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	<p>As stated in the Constitution: Every charity Trustee must be a natural person. There must be at least three charity trustees, and up to 10. The first charity trustees are as follows, and are appointed for the following terms:</p> <p>Anita Cranmer..... for 3 years  Paul Henry..... for 4 years  Deborah Sanders.....for 3 years  Revd Michael Johnson..... for 2 years</p> <p>Apart from the first 4 charity trustees above, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.  Jeannette Buckle was appointed Trustee on 7 August 2020.  In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>
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### 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	<p>The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</p> <p>(1) a copy of the current version of this constitution  (2) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.</p> <p>Where appropriate, a timely and proper hand-over of responsibilities between trustees will be arranged.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The trustees manage and run the charity. There are also working groups delivering various functions or outreach work reporting into a Trustee.</p> <p>Work takes place with BAC, One Can Trust, and the GP Surgeries on an informal basis. We have also worked with the Beaconsfield WI and Rugby club and St Thomas' on various activities.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>During the reporting period consultancy fees of £6500.65 were paid to J. Buckle, in her role as project manager for the Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) funded 'Better Connected Beaconsfield – a Community of Communities' project. Payments related to her services in setting-up the charity and progressing the BCB report's recommendations, and were met from the remainder of a grant award from BCC to J. Buckle that she transferred to BCB for that specific purpose, in completion of her earlier consultancy work on the project. Fees were met entirely from the remainder of a grant previously awarded by BCC to J. Buckle for the above project, which she transferred to BCB following its creation as a CIO. All work and payments pre-dated her subsequent appointment as a BCB Trustee.</p>
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Better Connected Beaconsfield
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1185885

Charity's principal address	145 AMERSHAM ROAD BEACONSFIELD BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HP9 2EH
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**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	Anita Cranmer	Chair & Trustee		N/a
2	Deborah Sanders	Trustee		
3	Michael Johnston	Trustee		
4	Paul Henry	Trustee		
5	Jeannette Buckle	Trustee	7 August 2020 onwards	
6				

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

Director name		
n/a	See constitution	

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
none		

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

**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)**

N/a as no staff
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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a
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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)

Anita Cranmer

Full name(s)

Anita Cranmer

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

16n December 2021

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Better Connected Beaconsfield (Charity No 1185885)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Better Connected Beaconsfield for the period ended 31 March 2021.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charities accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;

or

- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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16 December 2021