

For the period from
Period start date
21/10/19
To
Period end date
31/03/21
Section A Receipts and payments
Unrestricted funds
Restricted funds
**Endowment
funds**
Total funds
Last year
to the nearest £
to the nearest £
to the nearest £
**to the nearest
£**
**to the nearest
£**
A1 Receipts

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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,247	29,010	-	40,257	-

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,247	29,010	-	40,257	-

A3 Payments

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	-
Sub total	7,252	6,776	-	14,028	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tech Buddy Tablets & Accessories	-	3,190	-	3,190	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	3,190	-	3,190	-

Total payments	7,252	9,966	-	17,218	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	3,995	19,044	-	23,039	-
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,995	19,044	-	23,039	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash held in Bank Accounts	3,995	19,044	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,995	19,044	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	13 Laptops on loan in community	Tech Buddies	3,190	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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:

	COVID 19 Fund	Tech Buddies Fund	Community Bus Fund	Total Restricted Funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts:				
Grants/Corporate Donations	8625	9500	6000	24125
Personal Donations	4885	-	-	4885
Total Receipts	13510	9500	6000	29010
Payments:				
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
Total Payments	6551	225	-	6776
Asset Purchases:				
Tech Buddy Tablets & Accessories	-	3190	-	3190
Net of Receipts (Payments)	6959	6085	6000	19044
Restricted Cash Funds at Year-end	6959	6085	6000	19044

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>

<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.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Our website www.betterconnectedbeaconsfield.org.uk, phone and contacts helped people refer themselves or others for help.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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)

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 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"> - 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.
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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	<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"> • Pop-Up Larder (food deliveries to those in need struggling financially) – 468 deliveries, 74 homes, c.2106 bags of supplies. • The Pop-Up Larder, together with Beaconsfield WI, prepared and delivered Christmas Goody Boxes to Pop-Up larder clients in Dec20. • The BCB Christmas Toys initiative has sourced, and delivered Christmas presents to 42 children/families in need. • Telephone line (01494 919232) – 250+ incoming calls helping to signpost and support. • Website requests for help – 105+, which were tracked until the network provided the necessary support. • Listening ear - started 19/4 with over 40 hours of support. • Prescriptions delivered working with The Rugby Club – c. 2500. • 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. • Tech Buddies pilot project supporting 7 beneficiaries.

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>COVID 19 Restricted Fund</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>Community Bus Restricted Fund</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>Tech Buddies Project Fund</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.</p> <p>Jeannette Buckle was appointed Trustee on 7 August 2020.</p> <p>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

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

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.

David Green

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16 December 2021