

Charity Name

BETTER CONNECTED  
BEACONSFIELDNo (if  
any)

1185885

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aCHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Receipts and payments accounts

For the  
period  
fromPeriod start  
date

01-Apr-21

To

Period end  
date

31-Mar-22

## Section A Receipts and payments

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Last year

to the  
nearest £

### A1 Receipts

Grants & Corporate Donations	1,051	-	-	1,051	-
Personal Donations	739	-	-	739	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	1,790	-	-	1,790	-

### A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,790	-	-	1,790	-

### A3 Payments

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	-	<b>1,337</b>	-	<b>1,337</b>	
	-	-	-	-	
<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	<b>6,043</b>	<b>14,109</b>	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<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 (option al)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**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	4,527	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**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
Anita Cranmer	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>-</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.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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**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 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 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**

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
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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**

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21 September 2022