

HARLESDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1188490

Details

Other names	HNF
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-03-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN HARLESDEN; TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF HARLESDEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY;TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING OR ARCHITECTURE IN OR AFFECTING THE AREA OF BENEFIT;TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST AND PUBLIC AMENITIES IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum (HNF) is a neighbourhood planning form established under the Localism Act 2011. The neighbourhood plan produced by the Forum was adopted in May 2019 following a referendum. The area of benefit is Harlesden and immediate surroundings with a particular focus on the area defined by the HNF boundary in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Brent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£46,137	£32,763	-	-
2024-03-31	£5,623	£31,700	-	-
2023-03-31	£51,726	£30,934	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,232	£19,446	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,617	£13,865	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sandra Gillian White	Chair	2021-07-12
Amandine Alexandre-Hughes		2021-09-29
Andrea Burris		2024-10-08
Duane Person		2024-10-08
Ebrahim Piperdy		2024-10-08
Julieta Marlene Galarza		2022-02-22

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

01 04 2024

Period end date

31 03 2025

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1188490

Charity's principal address

Nature Connection Centre

Roundwood Lodge Café, Roundwood Park,
Longstone Ave, London

Postcode

NW10 3SH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for a whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sandra Gillian White	Chair		Forum members
2	Amandine Alexandre-Hughes			Forum members
3	Julieta Marlene Galarza			Forum members
4	Jose Trueba		From 13/07/2022 to 18/08/2024	Forum members
5	Gavin Bond		From 19/09/2023 to 02/08/2024	Forum members
6	Ebrahim Piperdy	Treasurer		Forum members
7	Duane Person			Forum members
8	Andrea Burris			Forum members
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for a whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the membership, with others appointed by the board of trustees as set out in the constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has been a registered charity since March 2020. The Forum is an NCVO member and uses the latter's induction and training programme for new trustees through Croner HR services.

We have recently amended our constitution.

We have revised the following policies:

- o Health and safety

- o Grievance

- o Data protection and GDPR

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

- o Conflict of interest (including register and DOI)

- o Financial

- o Volunteering

Equality and diversity

- o Reserves

Developing the following:

- o Handbook ([see link here](#))

Current operational priorities include funding diversification and organisational development:

Hiring an additional membership officer and extending the hours of our coordinator, as well as working on the implementation of Radical-based Place Leadership programme with the Council.

Reviewing all our policies and procedures

The creation of the handbook and the updating of our policies and terms and conditions to reflect changes in employment law have been supported by Croner, an HR consultant.

Background

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is a neighbourhood planning forum with a designated area within the Old Oak and Park Royal Development.

Corporation (OPDC) and the London Borough of Brent (LBB). The Forum was the first neighbourhood forum to be designated by OPDC on 26 November 2015. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) requires neighbourhood forums to apply to their respective Local Planning Authority (LPA) for re-designation every five years. Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has successfully applied to OPDC and LBB for a 5-year redesignation.

The Forum has successfully expanded its geographical boundaries following a three-year consultation with community members from Church End and Roundwood.

The Forum has reapplied for redesignation in accordance with planning policy.

The Forum currently has 106 member organisations and 533 individual members and/or subscribers. Its work is of benefit to the overall Harlesden population (~19,000 inhabitants)

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the Forum are:

- The prevention or relief of poverty in Harlesden;
- To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and the economically disadvantaged community of Harlesden in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society;
- To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit the provision of facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- To promote high standards of planning or architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest and public amenities in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have the power to establish and/or maintain a neighbourhood forum for the area of benefit to promote and or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Since April 2024, we have delivered a surprising number of activities.

1. Executive Summary & Strategic Vision

Since April 2024, the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum (HNF) has acted as a catalyst for local empowerment, transitioning part of his role from a reactive planning body to a leader in **"Radical Place-Based Leadership**.

Our work this year has been defined by two major themes: **Community Power**, shifting decision-making from top-down authorities to residents, and the formal expansion of our boundaries, which has increased our area of influence by **23%**.

2. Governance and Organisational Development

To ensure the Forum remains a sustainable and legally compliant Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), we have implemented rigorous governance reforms:

- **Board Refresh & Succession:** We welcomed three new trustees: **Andrea Burris**, **Ebrahim Piperdy** (appointed as Treasurer), and **Duane Pearson**. Following the resignations of Jose Trueba (due to relocation) and Gavin Bond (due to health), these appointments have stabilised our board. All new trustees underwent a formal induction process in early 2025 to align with our 2024–2027 strategy.
- **Constitutional Modernisation: Trustee Terms (Article 17.1):** At the June 2024 Public Meeting, members unanimously voted to allow trustees who have served three consecutive terms to be reappointed for another three terms. This ensures the Forum retains vital institutional knowledge during challenging recruitment periods.

- **Operational Move:** The Forum officially moved its registered address to the **Nature Connection Centre (NCC)** in the Roundwood Park Lodge Café.
- **Administrative Diligence:** Under the new Treasurer, we have navigated complex NatWest banking transitions to secure our financial accounts. We have also moved recurring operational costs (such as Mailchimp and GiffGaff) to a dedicated new bank account with Cooperative Bank, which is more suitable for a Charity and ensures transparency and direct control.

3. Boundary Extension & Statutory Planning

This was a landmark year for our planning authority, culminating in the formal approval of our boundary extension by the **Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)** and the **London Borough of Brent (LBB)** in September 2024.

- **The New Harlesden Map:** The extension brings vital sites into our remit, including **Newfield Primary School, Longstone Open Space, Harlesden Police Station, and the Chandelier Building on Scrubs Lane**. We consulted with over 380 people, face-to-face and online, to ensure this move reflected residents' desires.
- **Planning Interventions:** The planning team screened and commented on over **207 applications**. Specific highlights include:
 - triggered enforcement action against an illegal shopfront installation
 - **16 Craven Park Road:** We provided detailed feedback on the "Brent Hairdressing Academy" project, focusing on fire safety and the aesthetic of shutters.
 - **Cargiant Traffic:** We flagged concerns about converting parking lots into warehouse distribution, which could increase heavy traffic through Harlesden.
 - **Heritage Assets:** We advocated for the repair of the **Jubilee Clock**, which has been affected by rust due to a failed water fountain design, and continued to monitor the **Picture Palace** refurbishment, ensuring it remains a community destination.
 - **Church Path** refurbishment and investment.
 - **Bowling Green:** Certificate of Lawfulness
 - HMO building rising in Harlesden: Reported concerns about newly established HMOs
 - **Pub Protection:** We supported the opening of "The Ariana" (formerly Le Junction), noting that it did not strictly comply with Brent's pub protection policy, while balancing economic growth with policy adherence.
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4. Environmental Advocacy & The Nature Connection Centre

Harlesden remains one of the UK's most polluted areas, making our environmental work a matter of public health.

- **Breathe London & Air Quality:** We maintain a live air quality monitoring node on the High Street. Residents can now access real-time data via the Breathe London website. We secured funding via the Mayor's Air Quality Fund to keep this node active for another two years.
- **The Nature Connection Centre (NCC) Master Plan:** In partnership with **Forest & Family**, we launched a vision to transform Roundwood Park into a "radical new vision for urban parks." The plan includes:
 - Refurbishing unused storage containers for community use.
 - Developing the **Edible Garden** and **Outdoor Workshop space**.
 - Creating a "Green Neighbourhood Hub" by the end of 2025.
- **Infrastructure & Greening:** We celebrated the approval of **£3 million in CIL expenditure** for the Church End and Roundwood Green Corridors.
- We also supported the planting of a community orchard at **Longstone Avenue** and the refurbishment of the **Tubbs Road Pocket Park**, for which we received NCIL funding, scheduled for completion in Spring 2025.
- **Clean Air Murals:** In March 2024, we supported a mural project at **Park Parade** using air-purifying paint to inspire active travel and improve local air quality.

5. Community Power, Culture & Heritage

We believe that a positive rebranding of Harlesden is essential to its regeneration.

- **1000 Years of Harlesden (Rounds 2 & 3):** Following the success of the HAZ program, we secured **£5,000 from the Edward Harvist Trust** for a third round.
 - The project has produced **90 art workshop attendees** and **50 new artworks in round 2**.
 - **Physical Outcomes:** 15 selected artworks are being printed on tote bags, canvas, and postcards for display and sale in local shops.
 - Our local MP has some of the work printed on canvas in their office, and organisations like Harlesden Baseline have engaged to pair this project with their vision for **the Harlesden Walk of Fame**.
- **The Lighthouse (60 High Street):** We hosted a major public meeting at this aspirational space in November 2024, featuring **Refugee Education UK**. Our goal is to ensure this building remains a community-facing asset rather than a purely commercial one.

Relationship with Planning Authorities We continue to maintain a strong relationship with Brent Council's planning department.

- **Picture Palace:** The refurbishment is proceeding under the Council's management with a new tender process. The Forum continues to advocate for the building to be a community destination and will oversee planning as outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Forum will eventually join the steering group for the management of this community asset

Radical Place Leadership: We are working hand in hand with the Council Leadership team. **Radical Place Leadership:** Harlesden has been chosen as a pilot for this programme, which aims to shift power to communities by moving away from top-down models toward co-production with residents, the police, and the voluntary sector.

- **Safer Neighbourhoods:** We have deepened our relationship with the **Metropolitan Police (SNT)**. Trustees and volunteers attend these meetings to ensure that resident concerns regarding ASB and safety are addressed through collaboration rather than solely through policing.

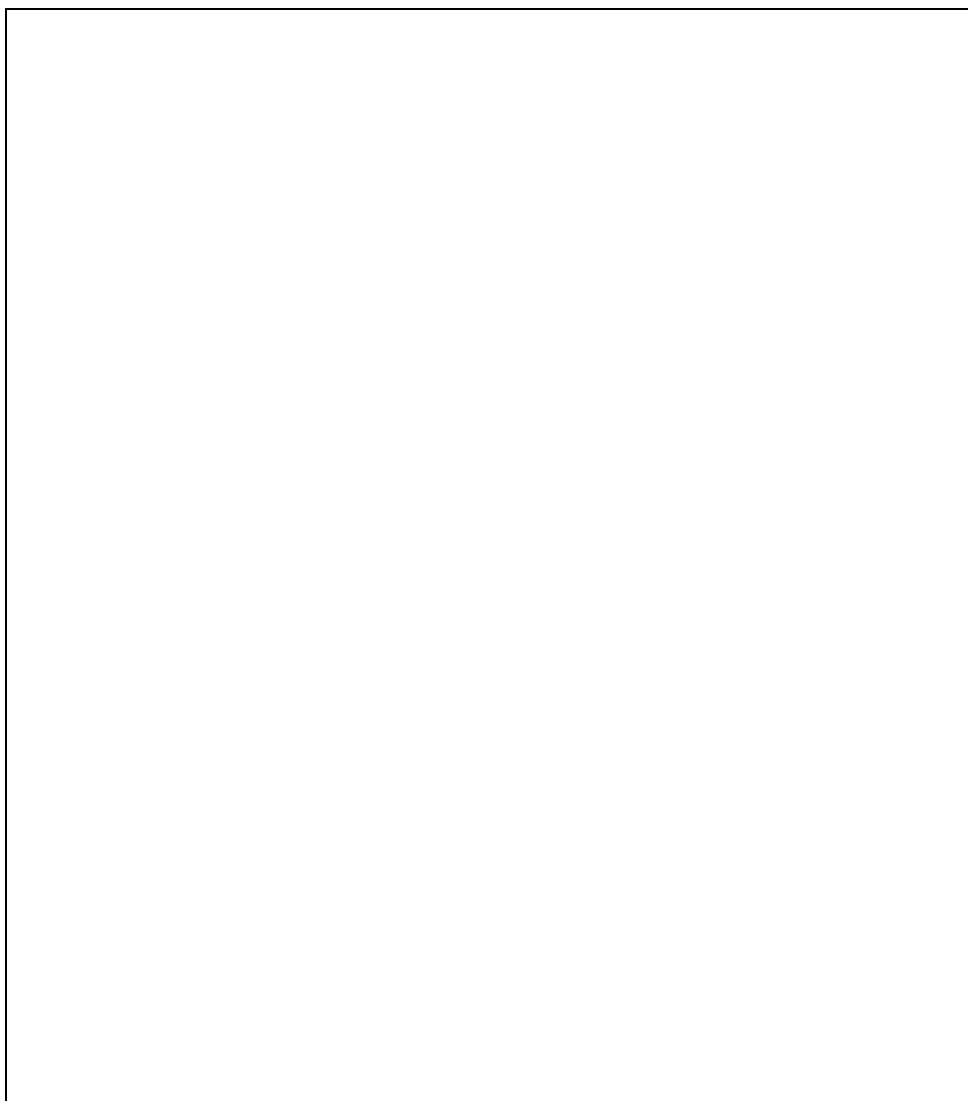
6. Communication and Membership Growth

Our reach continues to expand through digital and physical engagement:

- **Direct Outreach:** 20 newsletters sent to **507 members** and **94 partner organisations**.
- **Digital Growth:** Organic search traffic increased by **30%**, and social media followers grew by **20%**.
- **Public Forums:** We held successful meetings at **Tavistock Hall (AGM)**, the **NCC**, and **Kaleo Common Ground**, diversifying our audience and consistently attracting between 35-50 residents per session.

7. Financial Strategy & Funding

- **City Bridge Trust:** The application for additional core funding was unsuccessful.
- **Trust for London:** We successfully secured new funding for 2024–2025, with final reporting scheduled for July 2025.
- **National Lottery:** We have submitted an application for the "Reaching Community Grant" to cover core funding, including a CEO role. This was developed with the support of a bid writer, with results expected later in 2025.
- **Brent Giving:** The Forum is now officially a partner and a member of the steering group of **Brent Giving**, a community-led initiative to tackle poverty in Brent.
- **Edward Harvist Trust:** We successfully secured £5,000 to fund the 3rd Edition of the "1000 Years of Harlesden" project.



Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme-related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We have a volunteer policy and a process for recruiting volunteer ambassadors who carry out community engagement work on topics of interest to the local community:

- Clean air and a clean environment
- Green spaces enhancement
- Antisocial behaviour in the town centre
- Community events
- Art and culture
- Planning
- local economy and regeneration
- health

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We set our expected outcomes, and the following explains our progress toward them.

We set our expected outcomes for the 2024–2025 period, and the following explains our significant progress toward them.

Outcome 1: Community members have greater involvement in local development and planning, as well as in other decisions affecting the local area.

- **Forum Public Meetings Organised (4):** Including a major AGM at Tavistock Hall (Feb 2024), a relaunch at the Nature Connection Centre (June 2024), a heritage-focused meeting at The Lighthouse (Nov 2024), and a "Community Power" session at Kaleo Common Ground (Dec 2025).
- **Trustee Recruitment & Governance:** Successfully recruited and inducted **three new trustees** (Andrea Burris, Duane Pearson, and Ebrahim Piperdy as Treasurer) to diversify board expertise.
- **Constitutional Reform:** Members unanimously voted to amend **Article 17.1** to allow experienced trustees to serve additional terms, ensuring organisational stability. We also formalised a **"No Membership Fee"** policy to ensure total inclusivity.
- **Boundary Extension Success:** After two years of consultation with **380+ residents**, our proposal to extend the Forum's boundaries was officially approved by the OPDC and Brent Council in September 2024. The Forum now represents a **23% larger area**, including Church End and Roundwood.
- **Statutory Planning Monitoring:** * The planning team screened and commented on **over 207 planning applications**.
 - **Enforcement Success:** Triggered Brent Council enforcement at regarding an illegal shopfront.
 - **Advocacy:** Provided critical feedback on **16 Craven Park Road** (Brent Hairdressing Academy) regarding fire safety and aesthetic shutters, and successfully campaigned against an adult gaming centre at Park Parade.

Outcome 2: The town centre is improved in line with a vision established by the community, as identified by the Harlesden Heritage Action Zone and the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan.

(i). As part of the [Brent Local Plan](#) and in line with the Harlesden NP, we have identified areas for improvement with the town manager. We identified buildings where murals could be painted around various themes included in the Neighbour Plan. We investigated ways to reduce fly-tipping and waste reduction with the neighbourhood manager. Supported Harlesden town garden and local schools to connect for educational purposes and ensured more children and young people knew about hidden but well-preserved spaces in Harlesden.

- **1000 Years of Harlesden (Round 3):** Secured **£5,000 from the Edward Harvist Trust** to continue this heritage project. Over 50 artworks were submitted by residents, and 15 were selected for high-quality merchandise (tote bags, water bottles, postcards) currently sold in local shops to promote town pride.
- **Clean Air Murals:** Commissioned and monitored the progress of air-purifying murals in **Park Parade** (completion March 2025) to improve the visual environment and tackle pollution.
- **The Picture Palace & The Lighthouse:** Actively monitored the Council's refurbishment of the Picture Palace, advocating for its return as a community destination. We are also influenced by the change of use for **60 High Street (The Lighthouse)** from commercial to community-focused space.
- **Breathe London:** Maintained a live air-quality node on the High Street, allowing residents to monitor real-time pollution data, and integrated this with the **Clean Air Day** celebrations in June 2025.

Outcome 3: Increased championing of good planning and economic development via neighbourhood planning.

Strategic 2024–2027 Refresh: Developed a new three-year strategy focusing on "**Radical Place-Based Leadership**" and "**Community Power**," moving from reactive reporting to proactive co-production of services.

Financial Sustainability: Secured **£55,000 in core funding from Trust for London** and submitted a major "Reaching Communities" National Lottery bid to fund a permanent CEO role.

Business Engagement: Deepened ties with the Harlesden Business Association and local shopkeepers through the distribution of Forum merchandise and participation in town-centre networking events.

Safer Neighbourhoods: A designated trustee (Andrea Burris) now attends **SNT (Police) meetings**, successfully shifting the focus from top-down police reporting to a model where resident suggestions lead the agenda.

We are working closely with the Locality organisation to begin revising and rewriting the neighbourhood Plan.

The Planning team Involvement in the OPDC meeting and consultations is bringing a different perspective on regeneration on the boundaries

Outcome 4: Residents have increased access to green spaces and knowledge of new spaces in use, including housing.

The Nature Connection Centre now has a master and a draft consortium agreement under the council's revision.

Nature Connection Centre Vision and Master Plan

Vision

Imagine a park that can radically reframe residents' relationship with nature. A park that transforms how residents perceive the relationship between the park, Nature, and their lives. A park shows visitors how to harness and support Nature for their benefit, their community, and the planet — not just during a park visit but in their everyday lives. What if that park represented a radical new vision for urban parks across the country, providing a living test ground for replicating and scaling that vision across the UK?

Welcome to the Nature Connection Centre NW10. We are that vision and first test centre—a new approach to park-based community and environmental cohesion, connection, and wellbeing and an experimental new model for park regeneration and sustainability. A consortium-led centre embracing "What if?" thinking, innovative collaboration, community aspiration and imagination. And where better to begin than in Brent, where limited access to Nature, poor health outcomes, and ambitious climate targets demand new collaboration models, holistic thinking, and big vision.

Master Plan

Our ambition is grand. The project master plan covers an area within Roundwood Park encompassing the café, central garden, edible garden, Nature Connection Centre shed office and outdoor workshop space, two as yet unused storage containers, the bowling green hut and grounds, and semi-woodland Forest School and Outdoor Learning zone behind the playground. Under the master plan, these areas will be unified under a single vision for the UK's first park-based Nature Connection Centre and the hub for Brent's pioneering new Green Neighbourhood plan.

Nature Connection Centre Timeline (Phase 1 & 2)

Phase	Description	Actions & Outcomes
Phase 1 (2019-2024)	Project vision, conceptualisation, development, first-phase funding and implementation	- Redevelopment of the park and café sites, including the creation of the Nature Connection Centre base (office space, storage, and outdoor workshop), forest school and outdoor learning space, edible garden, café garden play space, garden flower beds, water harvesting system, and composting area.
	Proof of Concept	- Demonstrated feasibility through successfully delivering a wide range of community services and activities spanning all ages. - Proof of Concept activity includes Forest & Family forest school and outdoor learning programs (for schools, hard-to-reach groups and teens, homeschooling families, local families, parents and toddlers); establishment of the weekly Roundwood Gardening Club, community events like Stories by Moonlight, Nature Connection Centre open days, multiple community workshops and meetings, and various sustainability-focused events). Successful funding bids/acquisitions from NCIL, Natural England, RHS, Groundworks, London National Park City, Brent Together Towards Zero.
	Partnership and Consortium Development	- Core project partner agreement: Forest & Family, Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum and Roundwood Lodge Consortium partners: Besides the project leads, the consortium includes five additional partners (groups/social enterprises/organisations) offering

		community services aligned with the Nature Connection Centre vision, investing in the local community, and understanding its unique needs.
		- Lead Council Department – the Climate Department is the lead project partner within the Council and will manage/oversee internal council and cross-departmental engagement.

Phase	Description	Targets
Phase 2 (2024-2028)	Relaunch of Nature Connection Centre	- Public relaunch June 2024 - Project partners will seek funding to implement the second stage, including masterplan development and further project and site development
	Align Nature Connection Centre's vision with Brent Council Green Neighbourhood Hub and strategy	- The council's target is for everything from the café garden to the forest school and outdoor learning space to be the hub for the Nature Connection Centre and Brent Green Neighbourhood by the end of 2025.
	Long-Term Strategy	- For Nature Connection Centre NW10 to achieve long-term sustainability – focusing on a mixed delivery self-sustaining model - by the end of 2028.
	Nature Connection Centre (NCC) national framework	-Feasibility and concept advocacy for regional/national NCC scalability will be led by Project Visioner/Lead (Katie Mills/Forest & Family) in conjunction with broader work and research, networks, and IP.

We are proud to share one unexpected outcome: we have galvanised residents to tackle local anti-social behaviour issues linked to local drug dealing and late-night socialising on their streets. A trustee and resident have been central to bringing together various stakeholders, including police, residents, businesses and local councillors, to establish a way forward.

We have created new consortia of organisations that want to reduce poverty in the Harlesden Connect area (Harlesden, Church End and Roundwood, Stonebridge)

In the last six months, our cooperation with local Councillors has worked well, with dialogue and joint work on matters.

Section E

Financial review

A brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for developing our principal activity. We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 6 months of operating expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives, including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Trust for London, a London-based charity funder, is the primary source of funding for this period. The grant conditions specify that this restricted funding will be spent primarily on staffing and other costs.

This year's second funding source is the London Engagement Collaborative, a partnership between the Greater London Authority and Brent Council. It funds the development of the Nature Connection Centre, edible garden, and Forum Green Neighbourhoods activities.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

S.G. White

Full name(s)

Sandra White

Positie.g. (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

30 January 2026

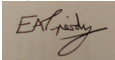
Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum		1188490
Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	01/04/2024	To
		31/03/25

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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					
Central Fund		40939.00	-	40939.00	-
Donation	1217.50	-	-	1217.50	-
Groundwork UK		1650.00	-	1650.00	-
Refund	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Young Brent Foundation		2230.00	-	2230.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1317.50	44819.00	-	46136.50	5623
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs		-£24,061.79	-	0	-
IT Revenue Costs		-£2,089.88	-	0	-
Insurance	-£157.00	-	-	-£157.00	-
Other Administrative Costs		-£5,985.11	-	0	-
Property Delivery and Forum Meetings		-£625.89	-	0	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-157	-£32,762.67	-	-157	-31700
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1160.50	12056.33	-	45979.50	-26076
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1160.50	12056.33	-	45979.50	-26076

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ebrahim Piperdy (Treasurer)	30th Jan 2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1188490

Set out on pages

Above

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Wilcox

Date:

30/01/2026

Name:

Tomas Wilcox

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

01 04 2023

Period end date

31 03 2024

To

Charity name

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1188490

Charity's principal address

Nature Connection Centre

Roundwood Lodge Café, Roundwood Park,
Longstone Ave, London

Postcode

NW10 3SH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for a whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Sandra Gillian White	Chair		Forum members
	2	Amandine Alexandre-Hughes			Forum members
	3	Julieta Marlene Galarza			Forum members
	4	Jose Trueba			Forum members
	5	Gavin Bond		From 19/09/2023 to 02/08/2024	Forum members
	6	Margaret Cox		From 21/10/2020 to 25/07/2023	Forum members
	7	Colin Edwin George		From 02/07/2019 to 23/02/2024	Forum members
	8				
	9				
	Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)				
		Name		Dates acted if not for a whole year	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. Trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the membership, with others appointed by the board of trustees as set out in the constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has been a registered charity since March 2020. The Forum is an NCVO member and uses the latter's induction and training programme for new trustees through Croner HR services.

We have recently amended our constitution; we are reviewing the following policies:

- o Health and safety
- o Grievance
- o Data protection and GDPR
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- o Conflict of interest (including register and DOI)
- o Financial
- o Volunteering
- Equality and diversity
- o Reserves
- Developing the following:
- o Lone working policy

Current operational priorities include funding diversification and organisational development and reviewing all our policies and procedures

The creation of the handbook and updating our policies and terms and conditions to reflect changes in employment law has been supported by Croner, an HR consultant).

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is a neighbourhood planning forum with a designated area within the Old Oak and Park Royal Development.

Corporation (OPDC) and London Borough of Brent (LBB). The Forum was the first neighbourhood forum to be designated by OPDC on 26 November 2015. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) requires neighbourhood forums to apply to their respective Local Planning Authority (LPA) for re-designation every five years. Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has successfully applied to OPDC and LBB to be re-designated for 5 years.

The Forum has successfully extended its geographical boundaries after a three-year consultation involving Church End and Roundwood community members.

The Forum currently has 94 member organisations and 507 individual members. Its work is of benefit to the overall Harlesden population (~19,000 inhabitants)

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the Forum are:

- The prevention or relief of poverty in Harlesden;
- To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Harlesden in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society;
- To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit the provision of facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- To promote high standards of planning or architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest and public amenities in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have the power to establish and/or maintain a neighbourhood forum for the area of benefit to promote and or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Since April 2023, we have delivered a surprising amount of activities.

1. Conduct the recruitment and induction of 2 Forum volunteers supporting the Planning team. Training has also been delivered to 1 new trustee.

2. Implement trustee portfolio development, creating work plans for key workstreams: funding, community, environment and planning.

2.1 The Forum applied for additional core funding through the City Bridge Trust and was unsuccessful, so it worked on the LEC Funding from the GLA. We met with the National Lottery to attract core funding to run and grow as an organisation, but the day-to-day activities have delayed the advancement of this application.

2.2 Extension of boundaries towards Church End and Roundwood wards. The Forum delivered face-to-face and [online consultations](#) during the year to understand to what extent residents in the Church End area want to be part of the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum—both planning authorities Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and London Borough of Brent (LBB) put the documentation down for discussion and approval during their next planning committee meeting after the membership made a final decision at the AGM 2024.

2.3 We continue to have a strong relationship with Brent Council's planning department. The planning team screened and commented on over **136 planning applications** and supported Brent Council in implementing and enforcing essential planning policies.

2.4 Working hand in hand with local councillors. The forum had several meetings with local councillors from Harlesden Kensal Green and Roundwood ward, as well as attending SNT meetings with local MET

police and the leader of the Council to make sure stakeholders would work together for Harlesden's better outcome. As local councillors are members of the Planning Forum by law, we are working closely with them to look at issues on which we can collaborate.

3. 20 newsletters have been shared with 507 members and 94 member organisations/businesses involved directly with our work, plus 85 people/organisations who are not members but who subscribe to our newsletter.

4. Quarterly public/members' meetings have occurred in different venues and spaces to diversify the audience, and attendance is growing steadily. The following public meetings were held between April 2023- March 2024:

Forum Public Meeting on 8th July 2023 at Harlesden Town Garden
[Forum Public Meeting on 7th October 2023](#) at the Nature Connection Centre in cooperation with Brent Climate Emergency Department.
[Forum Annual General Meeting on 23rd February 2024](#) at the Tavistock Hall

5. Social media and online presence continue regularly with the following website reports: at the end of March 2024, Google reported a +45% increase in traffic from organic search. Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn have increased the number of shares and posts, reposts, and retweets. Social media followers have increased by 6% in 2023 - 2024.

Several activities and workshops have been delivered to the membership:

The Harlesden Heritage Action Zone programme includes an art design competition.

[One thousand years of Harlesden - round 2](#)

- Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum decided to continue its work on cultural heritage after the success of the HAZ funded by Historic England during 2022-2023. The London Engagement Collective funded the second round for £5k

b) Activity Date July 2023 - March 2024

c) Activity Type (i.e., capacity building) Art and design competitions and workshops to celebrate and brand Harlesden's cultural heritage.

d) Output Type (how many planned)

- 4 art workshops,
 - 90 people attended (a mix of children and adults),
 - 50 artworks submitted,
 - Information on the history of Harlesden with over 50 images collected from the archives to inspire residents on the theme of Harlesden's past, present and future
 - 15 pieces of artwork selected for the printing of postcards, tote bags, and notebooks to be displayed in different shops and cafes in Harlesden
- e) Our coordinator attended the LEC panel on innovative ideas for community engagement.

Highlights

- 1000 years of Harlesden was an innovative way to engage the Harlesden community in and around the HAZ celebrations.
- A structured engagement program for different generational groups looking at their heritage and newly developed culture.
- Workshops included a walk-through of Harlesden's history and talks from artists or designers to inspire people to become designers and produce entries for the Colourful Design competition.
- Participants were fascinated to hear about the changes in Harlesden throughout the centuries and asked questions when designing pieces of artwork reflecting Harlesden's culture, people and longstanding heritage.
- In design, we have taken the first step in rebranding Harlesden positively, creating a sense of ownership for our area.
- Can create a better Harlesden now and in the future;
- The physical outcome is printed on natural cotton tote bags, stainless steel water bottles, canvas, and posters in exhibitions in cafes, public buildings, and notice boards. Building hoardings are distributed to residents in the town centre during events.
- The Judging panel included Harlesden and Kensal Green ward councillors, artists from the Brent artist network and WeRestart Charity.
- The project had additional partners in addition to the HAZ consortium partners: SAAFI (Somali Advice and Forum for Information), Brent Green Neighbourhoods, Youth with a Mission—Urban Keys, WeRestart Charity, local schools, the Beat London, Forest and Family, The Lodge Cafe in Roundwood Park, the Royal Oak pub, and Curzon Crescent Family Wellbeing Centre.
- The climate emergency team used the work of the previous competition to install hoardings in the neighbourhood.

Clean air and the environment are growing as a priority in Brent, and the Forum has implemented the following actions and activities since the last report:

a) The Forum has been monitoring air quality on the high street for the last 3 years, thanks to a [Breathe London](#) node. The Forum has access to live data online and uses this in its work, mainly to hold Brent Council accountable for action to reduce traffic in Harlesden.

The node is essential to monitor pollution levels on Harlesden High Street, where nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels are the highest in the whole of the UK, based on a study led by Imperial College London, one of the Breathe London programme partners. You can find the node details [here](#).

[The Brent Air Quality Action Plan \(AQAP\) for 2023-2027](#) - The Forum has taken an active role in advocating for Air quality and considering the detrimental impact of nitrogen dioxide on people's health; HNF is keen to keep monitoring air pollution levels and share the data with its members. We were very concerned to read in the AQ Action Plan report that :

'This improving trend was also observed at all diffusion tube locations, with the exception of Fryent Country Park (location 33a), a site which

measures background concentrations, where no change has been recorded since 2016, and Harlesden High Street (location BRT55), where a slight decrease was observed in 2019, but an increase in 2021 was reported which exceeds 2016 levels for annual mean NO2 concentrations.'

In January 2024, we supported Brent in applying to the Mayor's AQ fund to get the funding required to keep the Breathe London node active on Harlesden High Street.

What are the benefits of continuing the monitoring, and how will the data be used?

The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Breathe London station was installed on March 11th, 2022, less than two years ago. Brent Council mistakenly took it down at the beginning of November 2022. Andrew Grieve retrieved and reinstalled it from Imperial College at the end of March 2023.

The node's data collection has been delayed by four months. Funding to keep the Breathe London station alive for another two years would enable us to collect uninterrupted data for three years.

The data would enable Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum - with the support of the Breathe London team - to identify any trends in air pollution on the high road where the concentration of NO2 is the highest in the UK according to studies done by Imperial College.

Brent AQAP shows that between 2016 and 2021, air pollution on Harlesden High Street didn't follow the same downward trend as that identified across Brent. Therefore, we must closely monitor air quality on the high street.

Air pollution is very detrimental to people's health. Harlesden residents and people who work & go to school in the area have a right to know how polluted the air they breathe is.

Are there any other monitors in the locality that would provide this data?

No, there aren't. As shown in Brent AQAP for 2023-2027, the data collected by the air pollution monitoring station in John Keble Primary School differs significantly from the data gathered on the high street via diffusion tubes.

Therefore, the Breathe London air pollution monitoring station is essential to monitor air quality on the high street.

b) **School streets** have been made permanent. Some local emergency School streets (St.Joseph RC Primary School and Crownhill Road, where three schools are located) were created in 2020 by installing Automatic Number Registration Plate (ANPR) cameras at the end of 2022. At the end of 2023, the council consulted residents on expanding the Crownhill Road School Street to discourage even more parents from driving their children to school, as requested by some residents and the Forum itself.

In September 2023, we participated in a **Car-free day** event by Brent Council on Crownhill Road. It was the first time that the commission organised such an event. We played a decisive role in Brent council organising such an event as we had enquired in June about the possibility of organising a similar event on another school street in the area. The road had a massive change during the next 8 months as several parking bays near the school were converted into flower bays, and coloured furniture was added near the school to make the road more pleasant and friendly for families and children attending school.

As part of **Clean Air Murals**, we started the project in March 2024 with a site visit to identify a building in Park Parade to paint a mural inspiring people to be active travellers and look after their health and air quality.

Clean Air Day 15th June 2023. We gave presentations and talks at John Keable and St. Joseph primary schools during coffee mornings and were mentioned in the schools' newsletter. Many parents reflected on using the car for the school run and the fines received in the school street zone, so the Forum needs to continue raising awareness.

c)The Forum is a Green Neighbourhood Ambassador for Brent. In the last year, we attended and promoted several consultation processes to implement [Green corridors](#) between Church Road and Roundwood Park. We supported Brent Council and their consultant, Sustrans, in developing a Neighbourhood Action Plan promoting walking, cycling, and green spaces. Residents participated in online and in-person activities to identify potential travel routes and projects. Sustrans then analysed data on traffic, collisions, and air quality, leading to recommendations for four key areas:

- Modal filters: To reduce non-local traffic.
- Church Path: To enhance this traffic-free route.
- Longstone Avenue: To improve access to the cemetery and connect green spaces.
- Fawcett Road: To increase safety and connectivity.
- Additional recommendations covered Roundwood Road, Oldfield Road, and green improvements to local open spaces and parks. These were detailed in a feasibility report with supporting appendices.

Brent Council prioritised projects with significant short-to-medium-term impact. Key actions included:

- Planting a community orchard at Longstone Avenue Open Space.
- Securing funding for trial modal filters in 2024/25 (ongoing design work).
- Installing eight new bike hangars.
- Installing two electric vehicle charging points.
- Expanding Crownhill Road school streets.
- Implementing greening measures around local schools.
- Enhancing biodiversity at Willesden New Cemetery.

d) We also promoted sustainability in the 1000 years of the Harlesden project through the following guiding questions:

What does the future hold?

What traditions did your culture have to preserve the planet, and how can we use those in Harlesden today and in the future?

e) The Forum has supported several businesses and organisations this year to become members and support clean air and clean environment policies in the Neighbourhood Plan: SAAFI, Forest and Families, The Roundwood Lodge Cafe`, Harlesden Mums Who Cycle, Leap, Sally's Scooter, Kaleo Cafe, and Nilly Flowers.

f) The forum continued to work closely with Brent Council to implement the [Wembley to Harlesden TFL project](#). Things have progressed as the design and proposals are to be discussed and decided upon at the council level.

g) We have also established a connection with waste enforcement at Brent Council and promoted the app [Fix My Street](#), reported a lot of flytipping, and supported different resident groups in doing the same.

Green spaces:

a) The Forum created a consortium of organisations interested in improving services for the community in Roundwood Park. The Roundwood Lodge Edible Community Garden project, funded by the [Our Space Award from Groundwork London and the Together Towards Zero grant from Brent Council](#), is a partnership between Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum, Roundwood Park Lodge Café, and the specialist organisation Forest & Family. We have new entries consortium members: Sally's Scooter, Werestart Charity, the Roundwood Bloomer, and the New parent company. It has cleaned up and enhanced formerly unused space surrounding the cafe, transforming it into a welcoming community space, a Nature Connection Centre (NCC) and an edible garden with a new water harvesting and composting system. More than 500 people have collaborated with residents on the design. We have created a wildlife-friendly environment and multipurpose facilities where residents can engage in conservation activities. The partnership was renewed last year, and over the past year, seven the NCC has piloted and delivered an ambitious programme of outdoor community events, talks, workshops, holiday camps, and meetings, benefiting and impacting many residents, children, families, schools, and community groups. On 7th October 2023, local Councillors unveiled the Our Space Award plaque provided by Groundwork London, and the 2nd Church End & Roundwood Environmental Network took place there, enhancing the space's vision and sustainability.

Continental Landscape has been allocated the Bowling Green, which provides services around Brent Parks. We are liaising with them and local Councillors to develop a non-fragmented vision for the park and ensure that all partners work together. The bowling green is adjacent and communicates with the NCC.

b) **Tubbs Road Pocket Park redevelopment** near Willesden junction. We have worked with Brent Council's park department to finalise the design and agree on a budget. Our application for Brent community

funding (formerly called NCIL) for the park refurbishment has been successful, but the work has not yet been implemented. The Council is holding the funds and will implement them in spring 2025.

c) d **Bramshill open space** playground has been refurbished thanks to the joint work of the local community and collaboration with the Council. Work to create an orchard in Bramshill will start when funding is available.

d) We continued our relationship with [Harlesden Town Garden](#) and worked with HTG to improve the surrounding area by ensuring that Brent Council adequately enforced the planning rules.

Town centre:

a) The Forum, in partnership with Harlesden residents and partner organisations, gathered data and organised responses to object to a planning application to open an adult gaming centre in Park Parade as the Applicant objected to the decision in 2022.

The Council and Planning Committee turned down the applicant's objection, thanks to joint support from HNF, local councillors, and residents. This experience made the Forum consider reviewing planning policy at the council level or in the Neighbourhood Plan and for Councillors to advocate for policy change at the National level.

b) Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum updates the community thanks to the meeting with CVS Brent about the Picture Palace community provision. The previous consortium was closed due to the organisation leaving, so the Council is continuing the refurbishment work and has had several meetings with the Forum to recruit groups that want to work together. The new tender will be open to everyone, but HNF is interested in the building being run by local organisations that care about Harlesden's development. The refurbishment of the building is now scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025, as the Council needed to invest additional money for the work to be completed.

d) The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum continues to work closely with the Harlesden [Town Centre Manager through monthly meetings](#) with the Metropolitan Police and the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Harlesden and Roundwood. This team is formed by dedicated police officers who are countering ASB in Harlesden with the community's support. Local economy and regeneration are big topics, as many shops are vacant, and Harlesden is having problems attracting big brands to the area. We recently lost our unique charity shop and, with the support of the town centre manager, are trying to attract a new one to the area.

Funding Strategy

The London City Bridge Trust

application for core funding to hire a CEO was unsuccessful, and the funder has not yet given us feedback.

Trust for London

We have applied to core cost extensions for 55k over two years, and we have been successful.

Tubbs Road Pocket Park

NCIL was successful, but only for half of the fund, which will be handled by Brent directly

Brent's Together Towards Zero Grant

A project that can help tackle climate change and make your local area greener could get up to £5,000. Explored - to apply in 2025

Heritage found up to £250,000 creates better places to live, work and visit <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/what-we-fund>. Explored - to apply in 2025

The London Engagement Collaborative Good Ideas Fund

The Good Ideas Fund is a small funding pot alongside the LEC Pilot Network. The Forum applied for £5,000 to continuing to work on culture and heritage in Harlesden, which was successful.

[LEC Good Ideas Fund - Guidance Notes](#)
[Good Ideas Fund - Application Form](#)

Fundraising Strategy to ensure sustainability in the long term needs another human resource to work on it.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme-related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We have a volunteer policy and a process for recruiting volunteer ambassadors who carry community engagement work on topics of interest to the local community:

- Clean air and a clean environment
- Green spaces enhancement
- Antisocial behaviour in the town centre
- Community events
- Art and culture
- Planning
- local economy and regeneration
- health

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We set our expected outcomes, and the following explains our achievement.

Outcome 1: Community members have greater involvement in local development and planning matters and other decisions affecting the local area.

Forum public meetings organised (4)
Volunteer training and support delivered (3)
Trustee training/ induction delivered (2)
Training and support for residents delivered (ongoing)

Members have become more active in challenging the Council's decisions. Examples are surveys and petitions concerning improving Tubbs Road pocket park, Bramshill open space, the opening of **Nature Connect Us Centre** and **Edible Community Garden** in Roundwood Park, Bridge Park leisure centre, the Extension of boundaries review, The Picture Palace, and matters concerning antisocial behaviours (Emails and letters are available on request).

- The consortium with local organisations to build more MUGAs (Multi-use Games Areas) with the Football Foundation was paused. London Sport may take over to apply based placed leadership.

The forum intends to recruit more trustees and have a more diverse board representing the prominent heritages in the neighbourhood.

- Monitor planning applications: created an official address to respond to planning application planning@harlesdenneighbourhoodforum.com, calling planning enforcement at Brent Council to implement their policies on planning applications and the licensing committee regarding licences for bars and adult gaming premises.

Outcome 2: The town centre is improved according to a vision established by the community as identified by the Harlesden Heritage Action Zone and the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan.

(i). As part of the [Brent Local Plan](#) and in line with the Harlesden NP, we have identified areas for improvement with the town manager. The new Willesden Junction bridge and other parts of the station were redecorated. We identified buildings where murals could be painted around various themes included in the Neighbour Plan. We investigated ways to reduce fly-tipping and waste reduction with the neighbourhood manager. Supported Harlesden town garden and local schools to connect for educational purposes and ensured more children and young people knew about hidden but well-preserved spaces in Harlesden.

Outcome 3: Increased championing of good planning and economic development via neighbourhood planning.

We moved our address to the nature connection centre in Roundwood Park.

- The HNF coordinator has recruited 10 other volunteers to deliver sustainability projects in Roundwood Park with the local café involving the local community in different green space planning activities. [See designs here](#)

- We have now connected with the business association and other businesses and attended different events with the town manager

We continue participating in the London Collaborative Engagement, established by the Mayor of London, to find innovative, engaging ways. The Planning and Regeneration Committee examines the Mayor's blueprint, the London Plan, designed to answer these questions and scrutinises the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC).

- We have contacted the locality organisation to apply for funding regarding rewriting the neighbourhood plan

- Involvement in OPDC consultations and the regeneration of the Harlesden canal side.

Outcome 4: Residents have increased access to green spaces and knowledge of new spaces in use, including housing.

The Nature Connection Centre now has a master and a draft consortium agreement under the council's revision.

Nature Connection Centre Vision and Master Plan

Vision

Imagine a park that can radically reframe residents' relationship with nature. A park that transforms how residents perceive the relationship between the park, Nature, and their lives. A park shows visitor how to harness and support Nature for the benefit of themselves, their community and the planet — not just during a park visit but within their everyday lives. What if that park represented a radical new vision for urban parks across the country, providing a live testing ground for replicating and scaling that future vision across the UK?

Welcome to the Nature Connection Centre NW10. We are that vision and first test centre—a new approach to park-based community and environmental cohesion, connection, and wellbeing and an experimental new model for park regeneration and sustainability. A consortium-led centre embracing "What if?" thinking, innovative collaboration, community aspiration and imagination. And where better to begin than in Brent, where low access to Nature, poor health outcomes and ambitious climate targets demand new collaboration models, holistic thinking and big vision.

Master Plan

Our ambition is grand. The project master plan covers an area within Roundwood Park encompassing the café central garden, edible garden, Nature Connection Centre shed office and outdoor workshop space, two as yet unused storage containers, the bowling green hut and grounds, and semi-woodland Forest School and Outdoor Learning zone behind the playground. Under the master plan, these areas will be unified under a single vision for the UK's first park-based Nature Connection Centre and the hub for Brent's pioneering new Green Neighbourhood plan.

Nature Connection Centre Timeline (Phase 1 & 2)

Phase	Description	Actions & Outcomes
Phase 1 (2019-2024)	Project vision, conceptualisation, development, first-phase funding and implementation	- Redevelopment of the park and café sites, including creation of the Nature Connection Centre base (office space, storage, and outdoor workshop), forest school outdoor learning space, edible garden, café garden plot space, garden flower beds, water harvesting system, composting area.
	Proof of Concept	- Demonstrated feasibility through successfully delivered a wide range of community services and activities spanning all ages. - Proof of Concept activity includes Forest & Family for school and outdoor learning programs (for schools, hard-to-reach groups and teens, homeschooling families, local families, parents and toddlers); establishment of weekly Roundwood Gardening Club, community evening like Stories by Moonlight, Nature Connection Centre days, multiple community workshops and meetings, a various sustainability-focused events). Successful fund bids/acquisitions from NCIL, Natural England, RHS, Groundworks, London National Park City, Brent Together Towards Zero.
	Partnership and Consortium Development	- Core project partner agreement: Forest & Family, Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum and Roundwood Local Consortium partners: Besides the project leads, the consortium includes five additional partners (groups/s enterprisers/organisations) offering community services aligned with the Nature Connection Centre vision, investing in the local community, and understanding its unique needs. - Lead Council Department – the Climate Department will be the lead project partner within the Council and will manage/oversee internal council and cross-departmental engagement.
Phase	Description	Targets
Phase 2 (2024-2028)	Relaunch of Nature Connection Centre	- Public relaunch June 2024 - Project partners will seek funding to implement the second stage, including masterplan development and further project and site development
	Align Nature Connection Centre's vision with Brent Council Green Neighbourhood Hub and strategy	- The council's target is for everything from the café garden to the forest school and outdoor learning space to be the hub for the Nature Connection Centre and Brent Green Neighbourhood by the end of 2025.

	Long-Term Strategy	- For Nature Connection Centre NW10 to achieve long-term sustainability – focusing on a mixed delivery self-sustaining model - by the end of 2028.
	Nature Connection Centre (NCC) national framework	-Feasibility and concept advocacy for regional/national NCC scalability will be led by Project Visioner/Lead (K Mills/Forest & Family) in conjunction with broader work and research, networks, and IP.

We are proud to share one unexpected outcome: we have galvanised residents to tackle local anti-social behaviour issues linked to local drug dealing and late-night socialising on their streets. A trustee and resident have been central to bringing together various stakeholders, including police, residents, businesses and local councillors, to establish a way forward.

We have created new consortia of organisations that want to improve Harlesden from all points of view.

In the last six months, as identified earlier in the report, we have achieved clear outcomes across all areas. This drives our development and strategy to develop our work based on a community development trust model in the future. As a membership organisation, we liaise with our members and stakeholders monthly with updates and information via our newsletters and hold quarterly forum meetings in addition to projects related to planning, clean air and the environment, transport, safe and active travel and the safety and vitality of our neighbourhood. Since the last report, we have identified someone who can liaise between the Forum and the SaferNeighbourhood team.

A brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for developing our principal activity. We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 6 months of operating expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives, including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Trust for London, a London-based charity funder, is the primary source of funding for this period. The grant conditions specify that this restricted funding will be spent primarily on staffing and other costs.

This year's second funding source is the London Engagement Collaborative of the Greater London Authority and Brent Council. It funds the development of the nature connection centre, edible garden, and Forum Green Neighbourhoods activities.

Section F

Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

S.G. White

Full name(s)

Sandra White

Positie.g. (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

26/01/2025



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2023	To	Period end date 3/31/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
LB Brent	-	500	-	500	1,140
Mailchimp Refund	-	-	-	-	9
Love Where You Live	-	-	-	-	90
Trust for London	-	-	-	-	41,500
Wix Refund	-	-	-	-	67
Young Brent Foundation	-	-	-	-	8,920
Koreo Limited	-	5,000	-	-	-
Sansom Hannah	-	58	-	58	-
Credit Interest	41	-	-	41	-
Amazon Europe	13	-	-	13	-
O Connell MP	-	5	-	5	-
Glaiza Padulla	-	6	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54	5,569	-	5,623	51,726
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	54	5,569	-	5,623	51,726
A3 Payments					
Staff Costs	-	24,708	-	24,708	21,432
IT Revenue Costs	-	965	-	965	670
Insurance	-	659	-	659	626
Other Administrative Costs	-	2,054	-	2,054	2,038
Property Delivery and Forum Meetings	-	3,315	-	3,315	6,168
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	31,700	-	31,700	30,934
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	31,700	-	31,700	30,934
Net of receipts/(payments)	54	- 26,131	-	- 26,076	20,792
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	54	- 26,131	-	- 26,076	20,792

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	Unrestricted Funds	54	-	-
	Restricted Funds	-	26,131	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	54	26,131	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
	S.G. White	Sandra Gillian White	26/01/2025	

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

01 04 2022

Period end date

31 03 2023

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Other names charity is known by

HNF

Registered charity number (if any)

1188490

Charity's principal address

Unit 2, Ajax House

16A St Thomas's Road, London

Postcode

NW10 4AJ

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	Sandra Gillian White	Chair	12/07/2021	Forum members
2	Colin Edwin George			Forum members
3	Amandine Alexandre-Hughes			Forum members
4	Margaret Cox		21/10/2020 to 25/07/2023	Forum members
5	Jose Trueba		From 13/07/2022	Forum members
6	Paul Anders	Treasurer	21/10/2020 to 29/03/2023	Forum members
7	Julieta Marlene Galarza			Forum members
8	Nouh Abukar		21/10/2020 to 04/10/2022	Forum members
9	Gavin Bond		From 19/09/2023	Forum members

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the membership, with others appointed by the board of trustees as set out in the constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has been a registered charity since March 2020. The Forum is an NCVO member and uses the latter's induction and training programme for new trustees through Croner HR services.

We have recently amended our constitution; we are reviewing the following policies:

- o Health and safety
- o Grievance
- o Data protection and GDPR
- o Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- o Conflict of interest (including register and DOI)
- o Financial
- o Volunteering
- o Equality and diversity
- o Reserves

Developing the following:

- o Lone working policy

Current operational priorities include funding diversification and organisational development and reviewing our HR policies and procedures (creating a handbook, updating our policies and terms and conditions to reflect changes in employment law).

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is a neighbourhood planning forum with a designated area within the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and London Borough of Brent (LBB). The Forum was the first neighbourhood forum to be designated by OPDC on 26 November 2015. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) requires neighbourhood forums to apply to their respective Local Planning Authority (LPA) for re-designation every five years. Harlesden

Neighbourhood Forum has successfully applied to OPDC and LBB to be re-designated.

The Forum currently has 90 member organisations and 496 individual members. Its work is of benefit to the overall Harlesden population (~19,000 inhabitants)

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the Forum are:

- The prevention or relief of poverty in Harlesden;
- To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Harlesden in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society;
- To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit the provision of facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- To promote high standards of planning or architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest and public amenities in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise the trustees shall have the power to establish and/or maintain a neighbourhood forum for the area of benefit to promote and or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We can confirm that all trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have agreed to the terms stated within.

Since April 2022, when we were able to renew the Coordinator contract with the funding received from Trust for London, Young Brent Foundation we have delivered a surprising amount of activities.

1. Conduct the recruitment and induction of 1 Forum volunteer supporting the Planning team. Training has also been delivered to two new trustees.

2. Implement trustee portfolio development, creating work plans for key workstreams: funding, community, environment and planning.

2.1 The Forum applied for additional core funding through the City Bridge Trust and is working on an application for the National Lottery to attract core funding to run and grow as an organisation.

2.2 Extension of boundaries towards Church End and Roundwood wards. The Forum delivered face-to-face and [online consultations](#) during the year to understand to what extent residents in the Church End area want to be part of the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum. Maps and the final report will be presented to Brent Council, and the OPDC will be ready for the AGM 2024.

2.3 Planning team and strong relationship with the Planning department at Brent Council. We now have an established planning team that screened and commented on over **120 planning applications** and recalled Brent Council on important planning policies to implement enforcement where developers or owners did not respect them.

2.4 Working hand in hand with local councillors. The Forum had several meetings with local councillors from Harlesden and Kensal Green and with the leader of the Council to make sure stakeholders would work together for Harlesden's better outcome. As local councillors are by law members of the Planning Forum we are working closely with them to look at issues on which we can collaborate.

3. 16 newsletters have been shared with 496 members and 90 member organisations/businesses involved directly with our work, plus 85 people/organisations who are not members but who subscribe to our newsletter.

4. Quarterly public/members' meetings have occurred, and attendance is growing steadily. We held the last meeting of the financial year in March 2023 at the Trinity Centre

5. Social media and online presence continue regularly with the following website reports: at the end of March 2023, Google reported a +200% increase in traffic from organic search. Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn have increased the number of shares and posts, reposts, and retweets. Social media followers have increased by 15% in 2022 - 2023.

Several activities and workshops have been delivered to the membership:

• **Harlesden Heritage Action Zone programme, including an art design competition.**

[One thousand years of Harlesden](#)

• Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has supported implementing the Council's strategic plan through the Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) initiative by coordinating six local groups to create a consortium that eventually attracted £100k of funding to the high street. The programme is funded by Historic England and managed by the Young Brent Foundation (leading the consortium) and Brent council.

• Five projects have been approved by the council to be delivered in the town centre from September 2022 to March 2023, focusing on Harlesden's past, present and future. Due to limited funding for the HAZ project, the Forum has presented a proposal to access different funding apart from the HHAZ and got additional funding (5K) from the Elevate grant (John Lyon Charity) to deliver in quantity and quality.

b) Activity Date October 2022 - March 2023

c) Activity Type (i.e., capacity building) Art and design competition and workshops to celebrate and brand Harlesden's cultural heritage.

d) Output Type (how many planned)

- 4 art workshops,
- 105 people attended (a mix of children and adults),
- 72 artwork submitted,

- Information on the history of Harlesden with over 50 images collected from the archives to inspire residents on the theme Harlesden past, present and future
- 25 pieces of artwork selected for final Exhibition, the printing of postcards, tote bags, canvas, bottles, notebooks
- e) Quantity (how many)

4 art workshop in different locations

Curzon Crescent Family wellbeing centre - 20th October 2022

Royal Oak - Pub - 28th October 2022

Roundwood Park Lodge cafe' - 19th November 2022

Safari Restaurant (Somali culture and heritage) - 20th November 2022

Summary of the number of attendees, volunteers,

a) Number of Attendees: 105

b) Number of Volunteers 6

c) Number of Volunteer Hours: 20 hours

Highlights

- 1000 years of Harlesden was an innovative way to engage the Harlesden community in and around the HAZ celebrations.
- A structured engagement program for different generational groups looking at their heritage and newly developed culture.
- Workshops included a walk-through of Harlesden, history and talks from an artist or designer to inspire people to be designers and produce entries for the Colourful Design competition.
- Participants were fascinated to hear about the changes in Harlesden throughout the centuries and asked questions when designing pieces of artwork reflecting Harlesden's culture, people and longstanding heritage.
- In designing, we have done the first step in rebranding Harlesden positively, creating a sense of ownership for our area.
- Can create a better Harlesden now and in the future;
- The physical outcome is printed on natural cotton tote bags, stainless steel water bottles, canvas and posters in exhibitions in cafes, public buildings and notice boards, and building hoardings are distributed in the town centre during events to residents.
- The Judging panel included Harlesden and Kensal Green ward councillors, local artists, and the cultural coordinator of HHAZ, the Harlesden High Street Gallery.
- The project had additional partners in addition to the HAZ consortium partners: SAAFI (Somali Advice and Forum for Information), Brent Green Neighbourhoods, Youth with a Mission-Urban Keys, local schools, the Beat London, Forest and Family, The Lodge Cafe in Roundwood Park, the Royal Oak pub, Curzon Crescent Family wellbeing centre.

Clean air and the environment are growing as a priority in Brent, and the Forum has implemented the following actions and activities since the last report:

- a) The Forum has been monitoring air quality on the high street since March 2022, thanks to a [Breathe London](#) node. The Forum has access to

live data online and uses this in its work, mainly to hold Brent Council accountable for action to reduce traffic in Harlesden.

At the end of last year, the Forum asked Brent Council to apply to the [Mayor's AQ fund](#) on our behalf to cover the costs of keeping the Breathe London node alive for an extra 2 years.

The node is essential in order to monitor pollution levels on Harlesden high street where nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels are the highest in the whole of the UK based on a study led by Imperial College London, one of the Breathe London programme partners.

[The Brent Air Quality Action Plan \(AQAP\) for 2023-2027](#) - published on December 22nd 2023 - also reports that:

' Harlesden High Street (location BRT55), where a slight decrease was observed in 2019, but **an increase in 2021 was reported, which exceeds 2016 levels for annual mean NO₂ concentrations.'**

Considering the detrimental impact of nitrogen dioxide on people's health, HNF is keen to keep monitoring air pollution levels and share the data with its members.

b) Following our lobbying for properly enforced **School streets**, Brent Council has made permanent some of the local emergency School streets created in 2020 (St. Joseph RC Primary School and Crownhill Road, where three schools are located) by installing Automatic Number Registration Plate (ANPR) cameras at the end of 2022. At the end of 2023, the council consulted residents on expanding the Crownhill Road School Street to discourage even more parents from driving their children to school, as requested by some residents and the Forum itself.

As part of **Clean Air Day** last June, we held one coffee morning in St Joseph's RC Primary School (NW10 9LS) parents to raise awareness of the impact of air pollution on children's health and encourage families to use alternative ways of travelling to and back from school. We also delivered a presentation to John Keble Primary School during an assembly.

On September 22nd, we participated in a **Car-free day** event organised by Brent Council on Crownhill Road. It was the first time that the commission organised such an event. We think that we played a decisive role in Brent council organising such an event as we had enquired in June about the possibility of organising a similar event on another school street in the area.

c) The Forum is a Green Neighbourhood Ambassador for Brent. Last summer, we attended and promoted the consultation process to implement [Green corridors](#) between Church Road and Roundwood Park.

d) We also promoted sustainability in the 1000 years of the Harlesden project through the following guiding questions:

What does the future hold?

What traditions did your culture have to preserve the planet, and how can we use those in Harlesden today and in the future?

e) The Forum has supported several businesses and organisations this year to become members and support clean air and clean environment policies in the Neighbourhood Plan: Harlesden Mums Who Cycle, Leap, Sally's Scooter, Kaleo Cafe, and Nilly Flowers.

f) The Forum has worked closely with Brent Council officers to highlight the need for protected cycle lanes in the borough and more specifically the implementation of the [Wembley to Harlesden TFL project](#) - formerly Wembley to Willesden project.

g) We have also established a connection with waste management firm Powerday, whose leading site is near Willesden Junction, to look into actions that will reduce HGVs coming into Harlesden alongside using new technology.

Green spaces:

a) The Forum created a consortium of organisations interested in improving services for the community in Roundwood Park.

The Roundwood Lodge Edible Community Garden project, funded by the [Our Space Award from Groundwork London and the Together Towards Zero grant from Brent Council](#), is a partnership between Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum, Roundwood Park Lodge Café, and the specialist organisation Forest & Family.

It has cleaned up and enhanced formerly unused space surrounding the cafe, transforming it into a welcoming community space, a Nature Connection Centre (NCC) and an edible garden with a new water harvesting and composting system.

By co-designing with residents, more than 500 people have been engaged to date. We created a wildlife-friendly environment and multipurpose facilities where residents can engage in conservation activities.

The partnership was renewed last year as the NCC has piloted and delivered an ambitious programme of outdoor community events, talks, workshops, holiday camps and meetings over this time, benefiting and impacting many residents, children, families, schools and community groups. On 7th October 2023, local Councillors unveiled the Our Space Award plaque provided by Groundwork London and the 2nd Church End & Roundwood Environmental Network took place there, enhancing the vision and sustainability of the space.

b) We have conducted a significant consultation, including face-to-face fieldwork and an online/paper survey for **Tubbs Road Pocket Park redevelopment** near Willesden junction.

We have worked with the park department at Brent Council to finalise the design and agree on a budget. We have applied for Brent community funding (formerly called NCIL) for the park refurbishment and expect to find out whether we've been successful in March of this year.

c) Both **Roundwood Park playground** and **Bramshill open space** playground have been refurbished thanks to the joint work of the local community and collaboration with the Council. Work to create an orchard in Bramshill will start when funding is available. The consultation about the orchard has been delivered to residents.

d) We have strengthened the relationship with [Harlesden Town Garden](#) and worked with HTG to improve the surrounding area by ensuring that the planning rules are enforced adequately by Brent council.

Town centre:

a) The Forum, in partnership with Harlesden residents and partner organisations, gathered data and organised responses to object to a planning application to open an adult gaming centre in Park Parade as the Applicant objected to the decision in 2022.

The concentration of anti-social behaviour in this area is already high, and the premises would be close to a school.

There was a close collaboration with residents of Park Parade, Councillors and the Forum to look at the situation from the planning perspective and planning rules and from the public health point of view. This experience made the Forum consider reviewing planning policy at the council level or in the Neighbourhood Plan.

b) Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum updates the community thanks to the meeting with CVS Brent about the Picture Palace community provision. The refurbishment of the building is now scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024 as the Council needed to invest additional money for the work to be completed.

c) As many as 18 councillors and Council officers have attended trustee and public online meetings over the last 12 months.

d) As part of the Inclusive Growth project, Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum continues to have a close working relationship with the Harlesden Town Centre Manager through monthly meetings and with the Metropolitan Police with the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Harlesden and Roundwood formed by a dedicated team of police officers that are countering ASB in Harlesden with the support of the community. Local economy and regeneration are big topics as many shops are vacant, and Harlesden is having problems attracting big brands to the area. We recently lost our unique charity shop and are trying to attract a new one to the area with the support of the town centre manager.

Various activities have provided opportunities for members to support local community space development and increase their contributions to meetings, groups and panels, including the review of local plan examples, including:

- OPDC consultation and meetings, business development showcase, and especially the ongoing HS2 and North Kensington Gate.
- Regular meetings with the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum (OONF) and support their advocacy about OPDC developments and programme of consultations.
- Brent Environmental Network
- Borough plan consultations
- Fly tipping and waste management

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We have a volunteer policy and a process for recruiting volunteer ambassadors who carry community engagement work on topics of interest to the local community:

- Clean air and clean environment
- Green spaces enhancement
- Antisocial behaviour in the town centre
- Community events
- Art and culture
- Planning
- local economy and regeneration
- health

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We set ourselves expected outcomes and the following explains our achievement.

Outcome 1: Community members have greater involvement in local development and planning matters and other decisions affecting the local area.

- Members have become more active in challenging the Council's decisions. Examples are surveys and petitions concerning improving Tubbs Road pocket park, Bramshill open space and the opening of **Nature Connect Us Centre** and **Edible Community Garden** in Roundwood Park, Bridge Park leisure centre, and Extension of boundaries review (Emails and letters available on request).
- We have created a consortium with local organisations, Young Brent Foundations and the Council to build more MUGAs (Multi Use Games Area). We applied to the Football Foundation and succeeded in the bid's first part. We will now start consultation with the community to understand where they want the areas to be located.
- Monitor planning applications: created an official address to respond to planning application planning@harlesdenneighbourhoodforum.com, calling planning enforcement at Brent Council to implement their policies on planning applications and the licensing committee regarding licences for bars and adult gaming premises.
- We have monitored and responded to 110 planning applications and matters since September 2022.

Outcome 2: The town centre is improved according to a vision established by the community as identified by the Harlesden Heritage Action Zone and the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan.

- (i). As part of the [Brent Local Plan](#) and in line with the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan, Brent Council won funds to improve the High Street through Historic England. HNF pulled together a consortium of local groups who could bid and work in partnership with the Council, and £100k is now available for the consortium to improve the High Street alongside the Council's work with specific heritage shop fronts. More than 13 local organisations engaged.

Outcome 3: Increased championing of good planning and economic development, i.e. via

Neighbourhood Planning.

- Committee members who had no organising or planning experience had galvanised residents and challenged local authority planning decisions as stated in Outcome 1 when they successfully objected to the appeal relating to an adult gaming centre.
- We have a temporary office at YWAM Urban Key, based in Station road. Our coordinator works from there Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- HNF coordinator has recruited 4 volunteers to engage residents in planning matters in Bramshill Road and Station Road. The other four volunteers deliver sustainability projects in Roundwood Park with the local café involving the local community in different green space planning activities. [See designs here](#)
- Members of the Trustee board attended the Festive Lights programme in 2022 and our Chair had a walk with our town manager to connect with the business association and other businesses.
- The trustees have decided to feature a local business every month in our newsletter and interview them.
- Involved in London Collaborative engagement established by the Mayor of London to find innovative ways of engagement.
- The Planning and Regeneration Committee examines the Mayor's blueprint called the London Plan, which is designed to answer these questions and also scrutinises the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC).
- The GLA contacted the Forum to discuss the following Recommendation 7: The Committee welcomes the ambition of Neighbourhood Priority Statements to simplify and widen access to neighbourhood planning, including the protection of small businesses *and localities to aid resilience and recovery*. More details are needed from the Government on how it will address the most significant challenges facing neighbourhood planning. Therefore, the Government should set out how it will improve accessibility of funding and contribute to capacity building and technical support for neighbourhood planning groups. You can read the full set of recommendations in the report [here](#)
- Involvement in OPDC consultations and the regeneration of the Harlesden canal side.
- Signposted members and volunteers to engage in employment opportunities provided by other member organisations.
- University College London contacted the Forum for Urban Design and City Planning Research to include our membership in participating.

- the University of Kent approached the Forum for urban planning and resilience research and included our membership in participating.
- One of our member organisation is committed to redesigning and improving the area around Station Road, involving 40 residents in the area alongside the local authority.

Outcome 4: Residents have increased access to green spaces and knowledge of new spaces in use, including housing.

Roundwood Lodge Edible Community Garden project funded by Our Space Award from Groundwork London.

Project funding ended. However Forest and Family are looking at the sustainability and maintenance of the place with the new gardening club. Please read the report sent to Groundwork London [here](#)

The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum / Roundwood Park Lodge Café, and Forest & Family have cleaned up and enhanced the unused space surrounding the park cafe transforming it into a welcoming community space and edible garden with a new water harvesting and composting system. By co-designing with residents (more than 200 engaged), we created a wildlife-friendly environment and multipurpose facilities where residents can engage in conservation activities:

1. Pollinator programme, which ran from May to September 2021 - [see pics here](#)
2. Refurbishment of a multi-purpose, eco-friendly education and community edible garden space:
3. Light exterior works to the old garden centre area (painting/seating)
4. Removal of mixed waste sitting in the main garden
5. Building edible garden (including soft fruit bushes, blueberry, and raspberry)
6. Planting five fruit trees
7. Adding a rainwater harvesting system used to water plants in the springtime and summer
8. Building compost area for the cafe to compost vegetable and fruit peelings and to.
9. Educate children on the natural process of food waste to nourish and regenerate the soil. (Blueberries need a special kind of compost called ericaceous compost).

10. Community education workshops include gardening, building, upcycling, permanent gardening for pollinator clubs, eco-therapy, climate awareness and resilience, urban greening, community growing, horticulture, and green architecture. See [pics here](#)

11. Providing the existing Community Engagement Ambassadors training and support on gardening, building and upcycling to refurbish the site.

We are proud to share one unexpected outcome: we have galvanised residents to tackle local anti-social behaviour issues on their streets linked to local drug dealing and late-night socialising. A trustee and resident have been central to bringing together various stakeholders, including police, residents, businesses and local councillors, to establish a way forward.

We have created new consortia of organisations that want to improve Harlesden from all points of view.

In the last six months, and as identified earlier in the report, we have achieved clear outcomes across all areas. This drives our development and strategy to develop our work based on a community development trust model in the future. As a membership organisation, we liaise with our members and stakeholders monthly with updates and information via our newsletters and hold quarterly forum meetings in addition to projects related to planning, clean air and the environment, transport, safe and active travel and the safety and vitality of our neighbourhood. Since the last report, there has been the addition of a monthly planning meeting, including only planning matters, which have been prioritised due to the nature of our work and several consortium meetings linked with sites we are redeveloping with other members.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves that we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activity. We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 6 months of operating expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Trust for London, a London-based charity funder, is the primary source of funding for this period. This is restricted funding to be spent primarily on staffing costs and other costs as specified in the grant conditions.

The second source of funding for this year has been the Young Brent Foundation for the Heritage Action Zone, Groundwork London and Brent Council for the development of the nature connection centre and edible garden and the Forum Green Neighbourhoods activities.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

S.G. White

Full name(s)

Sandra Gillian White

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

31/01/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
LB Brent	-	1,140	-	1,140	20,000
Mailchimp refund	9	-	-	9	1,492
Love Where You Live	-	90	-	90	4,740
Trust for London	-	41,500	-	41,500	-
Wix refund	67	-	-	67	-
Young Brent Foundation	-	8,920	-	8,920	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76	51,650	-	51,726	26,232
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76	51,650	-	51,726	26,232
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	-	21,432	-	21,432	15,445
IT revenue costs	-	670	-	670	511
Insurance	-	626	-	626	595
Other administrative costs	-	2,038	-	2,038	1,191
Project delivery & Forum meetings	-	6,168	-	6,168	1,353
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	30,934	-	30,934	19,095
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
IT equipment	-	-	-	-	352
Sub total	-	-	-	-	352
Total payments	-	30,934	-	30,934	19,447
Net of receipts/(payments)	76	20,715	-	20,791	6,785
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,848	14,090	-	22,938	16,152
Cash funds this year end	8,924	34,805	-	43,729	22,937

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	Unrestricted funds	8,924	-	-
	Restricted funds	-	34,805	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,924	34,805	-

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	Sandra Gillian White	31/01/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1188490

Set out on pages

Above

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/23**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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:

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

Signed:

Tomas Wilcox

Date:

31/01/24

Name:

Tomas Wilcox

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2021		31	03	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1188490

Charity's principal address

Unit 2, Ajax House

16A St Thomas's Road, London

Postcode

NW10 4AJ

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	Paul Anders	Treasurer		Forum members
2	Margaret Cox	Vice- Chair		Forum members
3	Nouh Abukar		21/10/2020 to 04/10/2022	Forum members
4	Amandine Alexandre-Hughes		From 29/09/2021	Forum members
5	Sandra White	Chair	21/10/2020 (Chair from 12/07/2021	Forum members
6	Colin Edwin George			Forum members
7	Julieta Marlene Galarza		From 22/02/2022	Forum members
8	Jose Trueba		From 13/07/2022	Forum members

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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)

Ilaria Esposito - Coordinator

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the membership, with others appointed by the board of trustees and then ratified by members, as set out in the constitution,

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has been a registered charity since March 2020. The Forum is an NCVO member and uses the latter's induction and training programme for new trustees through Croner HR services.

We have recently amended our constitution; we are reviewing the following policies:

- Health and safety
- Grievance
- Data protection and GDPR
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- Conflict of interest (including register and DOI)
- Financial
- Volunteering
- Equality and diversity
- Reserves

Developing the following:

- Lone working policy

Current operational priorities include funding diversification and organisational development and reviewing our HR policies and procedures (creating a handbook, updating our policies and terms and conditions to reflect changes in employment law).

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is a neighbourhood planning forum with a designated area within the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and London Borough of Brent (LBB). The Forum was the first neighbourhood forum to be designated by OPDC on 26 November 2015. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) requires neighbourhood forums to apply to their respective Local Planning Authority (LPA) for re-designation every five years. Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has successfully applied to OPDC and LBB to be re-designated.

The Forum currently has 87 member organisations and 407 individual members. Its work is of benefit to the overall Harlesden population (~19,000 inhabitants)

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- The objects of the Forum are:
- The prevention or relief of poverty in Harlesden;
- To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Harlesden in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society;
- To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit the provision of facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- To promote high standards of planning or architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest and public amenities in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise the trustees shall have the power to establish and/or maintain a neighbourhood forum for the area of benefit to promote and or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In 2021, we were able to extend the Forum coordinator's working hours with the funding received from Trust for London. We have carried on existing activities and started new ones. Despite Covid restrictions, we have been able to:

1. Carry out the recruitment and induction of 2 Forum volunteer ambassadors. Training has also been delivered to two new trustees.
2. Implement trustee portfolio development, creating work plans for key workstreams: funding, community, environment and planning.
3. Fifteen newsletters have been shared with 407 members and 85 member organisations/businesses involved directly with our work, plus 85 people/organisations who are not members but who subscribe to our newsletter.
4. Quarterly public/members' meetings have taken place, and attendance is growing steadily. We held the last online meeting in December 2021 and then resumed meeting in person in 2022.
5. Social media and online presence continue regularly with the following website reports: last month, 52% of traffic came from organic search, a 21% increase from the month before.
6. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn have increased the numbers of shares and numbers of posts and reposts and retweets. Social media followers have increased by 20% from 2020-21.

Several activities and workshops have been delivered to the membership:

- Harlesden wayfinding art design competition. Art workshops were delivered in April and May 2021 during lockdown. One workshop was held online and one face-to-face for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The theme chosen by the community via survey was hope, recovery and renewal, inspiring community members to look forward to the end of the lockdown.
- Part-supported by the Veolia Sustainability Fund, we ran a Harlesden clean-up challenge where residents could visit three different locations, clean them and stop by for workshops on the use and effect of plastic on soil and water, as in Harlesden we have a very low percentage of people recycling.
- The Forum created a consortium of organisations interested in improving services for the community at Roundwood Park. The Roundwood Lodge Edible Community Garden project, funded by an Our Space Award from Groundwork London, is a partnership between Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum, Roundwood Park Lodge Café, and the specialist organisation Forest & Family. It has cleaned up and enhanced formerly unused space surrounding the cafe transforming it into a welcoming community space and edible garden with a new water harvesting and composting system.
 - By co-designing with residents, with more than 200 engaged, we created a wildlife-friendly environment and multipurpose facilities where residents can engage in conservation activities.
- Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has supported implementing the Council's strategic plan through the Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) initiative by coordinating six local groups to create a consortium that eventually attracted £100k of funding to the High Street. The programme is funded by Historic England and managed by Young Brent Foundation (leading the consortium) and Brent Council.
- Five projects have been approved by the Council to be delivered in the town centre from September 2022 to March 2023, focusing on Harlesden's past, present and future. Due to limited funding for the HAZ project, the Forum has presented a proposal to access different funding.
- Clean air and the environment are growing as a priority in Brent, and the Forum has implemented the following actions and activities since the last report:
 - a) Following our survey on air quality in 2020, the Forum applied to host a Breathe London Node with Imperial College London, resulting in a pollution monitoring station installed on the High Street. The Forum has access to data from the ICL team and uses this in its work holding Brent Council and Transport for London accountable for action to reduce and regulate traffic in Harlesden. This has gained media attention nationally via the [BBC](#) and local news outlets such as the Brent and Kilburn Times. ([See article here](#))

- b) Following our work and survey on the safe street scheme, some of these have been made permanent by Brent Council.
- c) We promoted the theme of clean air and a cleaner environment through our wayfinding competition in partnership with the campaign group Mums for Lungs.
- d) The BBC contacted the Forum to investigate Harlesden's 'heat islands' as high air pollution increases the temperature where green spaces are limited. Some of our members were interviewed. [See the interview here.](#)
- e) Channel 5 contacted the Forum to interview the board of trustees on Harlesden being one of the most polluted neighbourhoods in London.
- f) The Forum was awarded a Together Towards Zero grant by LB Brent to support the work started at the Roundwood Park edible community garden and offer workshops for women.
- g) The forum supported a Mums Who Cycle initiative started by our trustee responsible for cleaner air. This group meets every month, engaging parents who want to cycle in the area with their children.

Green spaces:

- h) We have conducted a major consultation, including face-to-face fieldwork and an online/paper survey for the redevelopment of Tubbs Road Pocket Park. We are now in the phase of planning designs and budget allocations. From work carried out in this area, we have gained two new trustees and new members joining our work.
- i) Roundwood Park playground refurbishment. We collected ~200 responses to our consultation on the proposal to refurbish the playground presented by Brent Council. Findings included that residents were not happy with the low investment in the only big playground in the area. The Forum met with Brent Park Services to discuss investing more funding and looking at more inclusive designs for children and young people of different ages. We are supporting the second phase consultation through social media, / Google Forms and a paper survey.
- j) The Forum supported residents living near Bramshill Road open space by organising a petition to refurbish and beautify the space. The e-petition received 111 responses. Brent Council Park Services are now engaging with residents to discuss the next steps.

Town centre:

- a) The Forum, in partnership with Harlesden residents and partner organisations, gathered data and organised responses to object to a planning application to open an adult gaming centre in Park Parade. In this area, the concentration of anti-social behaviour is already high, and the premises would be close to a school.
- b) Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has invited members of the local Council responsible for Brent's Inclusive Growth Strategy to attend quarterly forum meetings to raise awareness of the opportunities created around the former Picture Palace building. The Forum was consulted for a change-of-use planning application from a public house to a community facility. The Forum has been supportive of the change but has pressed the Council for details of how the

community can use the building. Some residents had an experience of community centres that did not turn out to be self-sustainable and wanted reassurance from the Council and the organisations chosen to manage the building that a plan was in place. As a positive result, additional consultation on the use of the building has been carried out. The conversation will continue until the refurbishment of the building is completed. The Forum has facilitated the conversation among the community and Brent Council (represented by the leader of the Council and the Head of Partnerships) concerning the vision for the building.

- c) As many as 23 different councillors and Council officers have attended trustee and public online meetings over the last 12 months. As part of the Inclusive Growth project, Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum continues to have a close working relationship with the Harlesden Town Centre Manager through monthly meetings and with the Metropolitan Police Town Team formed by a dedicated team of police officers that are countering ASB in Harlesden with the support of the community.

Various activities have provided opportunities for members to support local community space development and increase their contributions to meetings, groups and panels, including the review of local plan examples, including:

- Members attended the OPDC consultation on refurbishing the stretch of the Grand Junction canal near Harlesden and the remaking of Station Road and Station Approach.
- Regular meetings with the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum (OONF) and support their advocacy about OPDC developments and programme of consultations.
- A statement and petition calling on planning authority OPDC to protect the Pentecostal City Mission Church in Scrubs Lane from being forced out by developers. A condition attached to planning permission obtained in 2018 said that space would be given to the church as it is considered and registered as an Asset of Community Value and a key social hub in the area.
- We have begun a consultation on extending the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum boundaries following interest from residents who live outside the current Forum area but consider themselves very much to be living in Harlesden.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We have a volunteer policy and a process for recruiting volunteer ambassadors who carry community engagement work on topics of interest to the local community:

- Clean air and clean environment
- Green spaces enhancement
- Antisocial behaviour in the town centre
- Community events
- Art and culture
- Planning

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We set ourselves expected outcomes and the following explains our achievement.

Outcome 1: Community members have increased confidence in local participation/planning matters:

(i). Members have become more active in challenging the Council's decisions. Examples are surveys and petitions concerning the improvement of Tubbs Road pocket park, Bramshill open space and the opening of Nature Connect Us Centre and Edible Community Garden in Roundwood Park (Emails and letters available on request)

(ii). Monitor planning applications: created an official address to respond to planning application planning@harlesdenneighbourhoodforum.com, calling planning enforcement at Brent Council to implement their policies on planning applications and the licensing committee when it comes to licences for bars and adult gaming premises.

Outcome 2: The physical environment is improved according to a vision established by the community as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.

(i). As part of the Brent Local Plan and in line with the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan, Brent Council won funds from Historic England to improve the High Street. Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum pulled together a consortium of local groups who could bid and work in partnership with the Council, and £100k is now available for the consortium to improve the High Street alongside the Council's work with specific heritage shop fronts. More than 13 local organisations are engaged in the cultural programme.

(ii). Veolia Harlesden clean-up challenge at Roundwood Park, Bramshill and Tubbs pocket parks, and Harlesden Town Garden happened on July 17th 2021, had 116 attendees for the activity that day. (Evidence available upon request)

(iii) Roundwood Lodge Edible Community Garden project funded by an Our Space Award from Groundwork London. The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum / Roundwood Park Lodge Café and Forest & Family have cleaned up and enhanced the unused space surrounding the park cafe transforming it into a welcoming community space and edible garden with a new water harvesting and composting system. By co-designing with residents (more than 200 engaged), we created a wildlife-friendly environment, and multipurpose facilities where residents can engage in conservation activities:

1. Pollinator programme, which ran from May to September 2021
2. Refurbishment of a multi-purpose, eco-friendly education and community edible garden space:
3. Light exterior works to the old garden centre area (painting/seating)
4. Removal of mixed waste sitting in the main garden
5. Building an edible garden (including soft fruit bushes, blueberry, and raspberry)
6. Planting five fruit trees
7. Adding a rainwater harvesting system used to water plants in the springtime and summer

8. Building a compost area for the cafe to compost vegetable and fruit peelings and to.
9. Educate children on the natural process of food waste to nourish and regenerate the soil. (Blueberries need a special kind of compost called ericaceous compost).
10. Community education workshops include gardening, building, upcycling, permanent gardening for pollinator clubs, eco-therapy, climate awareness and resilience, urban greening, community growing, horticulture, and green architecture. See pics here
11. Providing the existing Community Engagement Ambassadors training and support on gardening, building and upcycling to refurbish the site.

Outcome 3: The community can better engage in planning and development processes – including improved knowledge, skills and attitude, to effect positive change collectively.

- (i). Trustees have galvanised residents and challenged local authority planning decisions as stated in Outcome 1 when they successfully objected to the appeal relating to an adult gaming centre.
- (ii). Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum coordinator has recruited three volunteers to engage residents in planning matters in Bramshill Road and Station Road. The other four volunteers deliver sustainability projects in Roundwood Park with the local café involving the local community in different green space planning activities.
- (iii). Trustees joined the panel for the Harlesden Festive Lights programme in 2021
- (iv). Review documents and contribute to Harlesden town centre consultation for street signage for pedestrians and Willesden Junction station remake.
- (v). Involvement in OPDC consultations and the regeneration of the Harlesden canal side.
- (vi). Signposted members and volunteers to engage in employment opportunities provided by other member organisations.
- (v) University College London contacted the Forum for urban design and city planning research to include our membership in participating.
- (vi) The University of Kent approached the Forum for urban planning and resilience research and included our membership in participating.
- (vii) 2 volunteers committed to redesigning and improving the area around Station Road, involving 40 residents alongside the local authority.

Outcome 4: Improved organisational financial strength and sustainability.

The coordinator is applying for small grants to diversify Forum income.

HARLESDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM Trustees are developing a funding strategy for this year. The intention is that core funding will pay for the coordinator's salary, with advice and training to support the Trustees with developing a 3- and 5-year strategic plan.

Outcome 5: More outcomes information is used in decision-making, planning and communication.

In the last six months, and as identified earlier in the report, we have achieved outcomes across all priority areas and completed our monitoring and evaluation plan.

As a membership organisation, we constantly seek feedback from our members and stakeholder. Since the last report, a monthly meeting has been established to focus strictly on planning and development matters.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves that we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activity. We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 6 months of operating expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The primary source of funding for this period has been Trust for London, a London-based charity funder. This is restricted funding to be spent primarily on staffing costs and other costs as specified in the grant conditions.

Other sources of funding come from:

The charity Groundwork London funded Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum through the Our Space Award scheme to undertake a series of improvements in Roundwood Park for residents to access outdoor activities in Harlesden.

Brent Council – Love Where You Live and Together Towards Zero grants aimed at activities supporting our clean air and clean environment, a Neighbourhood Plan priority.

Section F

Other optional information

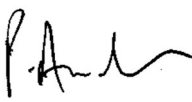
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Paul Anders Sandra White

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Chair

Date

10/01/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

1188490

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2021

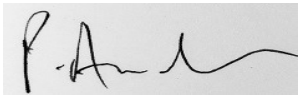
To

31/03/2022

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Trust for London	-	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
LB Brent	500	992	-	1,492	-
Groundworks London	-	4,740	-	4,740	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	1,400
	-	-	-	-	7,217
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	500	25,732	-	26,232	28,617
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	500	25,732	-	26,232	28,617
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	-	15,445	-	15,445	11,779
IT revenue costs	-	511	-	511	305
Insurance	-	595	-	595	587
Other administrative costs	-	1,191	-	1,191	590
Project delivery & Forum meetings	-	1,353	-	1,353	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	19,094	-	19,094	13,261
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
IT equipment	-	352	-	352	604
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	352	-	352	604
Total payments	-	19,446	-	19,446	13,865
Net of receipts/(payments)	500	6,286	-	6,786	14,752
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,348	7,804	-	16,152	1,400
Cash funds this year end	8,848	14,090	-	22,938	16,152

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 £
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	Restricted funds	-	14,090	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,848	14,090	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	IT equipment	Restricted	604	300
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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	
		Paul Anders	10/01/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1188490

Set out on pages

Above

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

10/01/2023

Name:

Amanda Hall

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	11	03	2020		31	03	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1188490

Charity's principal address

Unit 2, Ajax House

16A St Thomas's Road, London

Postcode

NW10 4AJ

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	Paul Anders	Treasurer		Forum members
2	Margaret Cox		21/10/2020	Forum members
3	Nouh Abukar		21/10/2020	Forum members
4	Amandine Alexandre-Hughes		29/09/2021	Forum members
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6	Colin Edwin George			Forum members
7	James Powney		11/03/2020 to 25/09/2020	Forum members
8	Nick Jones		11/03/2020 to 01/10/2020	Forum members
9	Errol Donald		19/08/2020 to 08/02/2021	Forum members
10	Atara Fridler		11/03/2020 to 29/07/2020	Forum members

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Ilaria Esposito - Coordinator

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has been a registered charity since March 2020. The Forum is an NCVO member and uses their induction and training programme for new trustees .

Apart from adopting our constitution, we developed several policies:

- Health and Safety
- Grievance
- Data protection and GDPR
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- Conflict of interest (including register and DOI)
- Financial
- Volunteering
- Equality and diversity
- Reserves

Current operational priorities include funding diversification, organisational development, and governance training for newly appointed trustees. We are currently updating our HR policies and procedures (creating a handbook, updating our policies and terms and conditions to reflect changes in employment law).

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is a neighbourhood planning forum with a designated area located within both the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and London Borough of Brent (LBB). The Forum was the first neighbourhood forum to be designated by OPDC on 26 November 2015. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) requires neighbourhood forums to apply to their respective Local Planning Authority (LPA) for re-designation every five-years and Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum has successfully applied to OPDC and LBB to be re-designated.

The Forum currently has 77 member organisations and 351 individual members at the moment, but its work is of benefit to the overall Harlesden population (~18.900 inhabitants)

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- The objects of the CIO are:
- The prevention or relief of poverty in Harlesden;
- To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Harlesden in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society;
- The provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing (provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing);
- To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit the provision of facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- To promote high standards of planning or architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest and public amenities in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise the trustees shall have the power to establish and/or maintain a neighbourhood forum for the area of benefit to promote and or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Since July 2020, when we were able to appoint the Coordinator with the funding received from Trust for London, we have delivered a surprising amount of activities. Despite Covid restrictions during 2020, we have been able to:

1. Carry out the recruitment and training of three Forum Ambassadors. Training has also been delivered to new trustees.
2. Implement trustee portfolio development, creating work plans for key workstreams – Funding, Community, Environment and Planning.
3. Ten newsletters have been shared with 351 members and 77 member organisations / businesses involved directly with our work.
4. Quarterly members' meetings have taken place, and attendance is growing steadily. We started with ten attendees online; our last meeting recorded 39 attendees.
5. Social media has developed with an updated website that now includes a regular blog. Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn have increased the numbers of shares and numbers of posts and reposts and retweets. Social media engagement has risen by 100%.
6. Several activities and workshops have been delivered including:
 - a. Let's Talk Money support for residents was initially advertised in our April Newsletter. Let's Talk Money is a financial education project for adults based in the London borough of Brent. The project delivers free financial education workshops and provides a mentoring service.

- b. Historical Harlesden provided an opportunity to promote Harlesden through recording oral histories of residents.
7. Clean air and the environment is a massive priority and a Trustee portfolio. A clean-up campaign is currently taking place after winning £1,400 of funding from Veolia.
 8. HNF has become a member of a local consortium supporting the delivery of the Heritage Action Zone initiative on Harlesden High Street, attracting funding of £100,000 through convening and working as part of a consortium of six local community groups.
 9. Councillors responsible for Brent's Inclusive Growth Strategy have attended trustee and Forum public meetings to raise awareness of the opportunities to access local council assets. As many as ten different Councillors and officers have attended board and public online meetings over the last 12 months. As part of this process, HNF has developed a closer working relationship with the Brent Council Harlesden Town Centre Manager with regular monthly meetings now in place.
 10. We recently have reviewed the regeneration plans for Harlesden published and obtained updated appraisals as supporting documentation for our current Neighbourhood Plan (please see the HNF website).
 11. We have surveyed perceptions of air quality and covid safety with responses from 50 people. This led to the Council responding by following through our recommendations by widening the pavement, removing bus stops where crowding was happening, ensuring all shops adhere social distancing and providing signage, sanitisers and masks.
 12. Also helped with the setup of safe streets schemes around several primary schools, including St Joseph's, Furness and John Keeble. They enforced parking restrictions by repainting double yellow lines in high traffic areas to reduce idling and keep cars within the restricted zones.
 13. Other surveys included:
 - Monitoring retail occupancy through Market Spark study
 - Drafting quantitative research proposals for town centre usage.
 - Monitoring results from Brent's Local Plan Examination in Public for the potential impact on Harlesden
 14. Various activities have provided the opportunity for members to support local community space development and increase their contributions to meetings, groups and panels, including:
 - Members attending the OPDC Early Activation project to ensure plans to benefit Harlesden have been implemented.
 - Meeting with OPDC/TfL/Metroline for better frontage to the bus garage.
 - Submitting a response to OPDC consultation on revisions to their Local Plan.
 - Regular meetings with the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum (OONF) and supporting their bid for a redefinition of their borders.

- Assessing the latest OPDC supporting documentation for new submission of their Local Plan to the inspector.
- Review progress towards the goals in the Harlesden Town Team (an earlier and now defunct community group that had some similar aims and objectives to those of HNF) Charter.

In line with Trust for London monitoring and evaluation plan, and subject to funding, we can now create our Theory of Change. We are in the process of developing our strategic plan, fundraising strategy and outcomes framework. We have approached a specialist capacity builder to carry out some work with us regarding developing the strategic plan based on the trustees' current work plans and portfolio.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We have a volunteer policy and a process for recruiting volunteer ambassadors who carry community engagement work on topics of interest to the local community:

- Clean air and clean environment
- Green spaces enhancement
- Antisocial behaviour in the town centre
- Community events
- Art and culture

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We set ourselves expected outcomes and the following explains our achievement.

Outcome 1: Community members have increased confidence in local participation/planning matters:

Newsletter. (i). members have become more active in challenging the Council's decisions. For example, a successful challenge after HNF organised a response to an appeal against the Council's original decision to refuse a gambling permit for an adult gaming centre set to open on the local high street.

(ii). Monitoring the quantity and quality of street lighting and liaising with LB Brent to address issues.

Outcome 2: The physical environment is improved according to a vision established by the community as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.

(i). As part of the Harlesden Strategic Plan and in line with the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan, Brent Council won funds from Historic England to improve the High Street. HNF pulled together a consortium of local groups who could bid in partnership with the local Council, and £100,000 is now available for the consortium to improve the High Street alongside the Council's work with specific heritage shop fronts. Alongside the consortium members more than 13 local organisations engaged.

(ii). There has been clean-up activity in the local area in Bramshill Park and local streets in the area, just after the first lockdown and after recently receiving £1,400 funding from Veolia, there has been a more comprehensive clean up at Roundwood Park, as well as Bramshill and Tubbs pocket parks. 90 local people participated in the second clean-up day.

(iii) After a delay of a year caused by the initial impact of the covid-19 pandemic, the second phase of HNF's wayfinding project was launched on 31st March 2021, with all of the subsequent activity taking place in FY 2021-22.

Outcome 3: The community can better engage in planning and development processes – including improved knowledge, skills and attitudes, to effect positive change collectively.

(i). Committee members who had no prior planning experience have galvanised residents to challenge local authority planning and licencing decisions, with one example mentioned already in Outcome 1.

(ii). HNF coordinator has recruited and trained two Ambassadors to run successful projects. They are currently delivering clean air projects (Gardening and Pollinator Programme) in Roundwood Park with the park café involving. This has involved 45 families with children under six years old working towards the John Muir Award and the Pollinator Challenge Badge of the United Nations.

(iii). Trustees sit on the panel for the Festive Lights programme in 2021

(iv). Contribute to Harlesden town centre consultation for street signage for pedestrians.

(v). Involvement in Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation consultations, and the OPDC-backed regeneration of Harlesden canalside.

(vi). Signposted members and volunteers to work with the Office for National Statistics census team to engage diverse members of the community.

(vii) HNF has recently run a major public consultation exercise to inform LB Brent decisions about future development of the children's play area in Roundwood Park. This involved both a structured questionnaire sent to members that elicited over 150 responses as well as significant engagement via HNF social media channels. The Forum will work with LB Brent in 2022 to further develop proposals.

Outcome 4: Improved organisational financial strength and sustainability.

(i). HNF trustees are in the process of developing a funding strategy for 2022-23. Current plans include applying for National Lottery funding and applying for an extension of the Trust for London funding in October 2021. The National Lottery grant is intended to pay for advice and training to support the trustees with governance training, develop a Theory of Change, and help build a 3- and 5-years strategic plan.

Outcome 5: More outcomes information is used in decision making, planning and communication.

(i). In the last 6 months and as identified earlier in the report, we have achieved clear outcomes across all areas and have completed our monitoring and evaluation plan. This drives our strategy to develop our work based on a community development trust.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves that we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for the development of our principal activity. We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 6 months of operating expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The primary source of funding for this period has been Trust for London, a London-based charity funder. This is restricted funding to be spent primarily on staffing costs and other costs as specified in the grant conditions.

The second source of funding for this year has been a transfer of funds held on behalf of HNF by the homelessness charity Crisis. This is unrestricted funding.

The final source of funding was from the firm Veolia, which supported HNF to undertake a series of litter-picking and clean-up activities in locations around Harlesden.

Section F

Other optional information

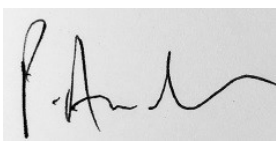
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
Full name(s) Paul Anders	Sandra White

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Chair

Date

23/12/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

11/03/2020

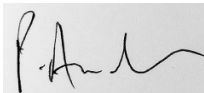
To

31/03/2021

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Trust for London	-	20,000	-	20,000	-
Veolia	-	1,400	-	1,400	-
Crisis	7,217	-	-	7,217	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,217	21,400	-	28,617	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,217	21,400	-	28,617	-
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	-	11,779	-	11,779	-
IT revenue costs	195	110	-	305	-
Insurance	-	587	-	587	-
Other administrative costs	74	516	-	590	-
Project delivery (wayfinding)	-	-	-	-	1,552
Sub total	269	12,992	-	13,261	1,552
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
IT equipment	-	604	-	604	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	604	-	604	-
Total payments	269	13,596	-	13,865	1,552
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,948	7,804	-	14,752	1,552
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,400	-	-	1,400	2,952
Cash funds this year end	8,348	7,804	-	16,152	1,400

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	Unrestricted funds	8,348	-	-
	Restricted funds	-	7,804	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,348	7,804	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	IT equipment	Restricted	604	300
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities			Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Paul Anders	05/12/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1188490

Set out on pages

Above

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

23/12/2021

Name:

Amanda Hall

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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