



Barnet Borough Arts Council

Charity Number 1189137

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BBAC ANNUAL REPORT for the period 2021 - 2022

This year has seen a welcome revival after lockdown, mainly at artsdepot and Chickenshed and with the three drama societies. The establishment of outdoor theatre in the disused bowling green in Mill Hill Park continued into its second year, based on the existing format used at the golf course in Oak Hill Park.

Both experimented with Teddy Bear Picnics featuring entertainments by local artists helping children to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Further extra events could be presented in future.

The drama societies also resumed performances in their usual venues and in the outdoor space in the Garden Suburb. The drama competition could not assemble enough groups from Hertfordshire and North West London to support engaging an adjudicator. It is hoped to do so next year.

Orchestral and choral societies were handicapped by restrictions on their ability to have frequent rehearsals and only The High Barnet Music Society again had a midsummer festival, this time in the splendid new hall at Queen Elizabeth's Boys School. Several new choirs performed at festivals.

The Festivals continued to be growth points, offering most welcome social meeting spaces to their local area after lockdown. There are stages for music and dance at East Finchley in Cherry Tree Wood, East Barnet in Oak Hill Park and the Barnet Christmas Fayre, when the High Street has a funfair, stalls and events at The Bull, The Spires, College and Museum and other venues. East Barnet has a large music audience and a growing vintage car festival. The annual music festival at St Judes in the Garden Suburb is not taking place this year.

The three art societies have their exhibitions in halls and schools during school holidays for a week with good screens, lighting and monitoring by their members. Arts depot has a gallery but there is a shortage elsewhere. Barnet Museum use an empty shop in The Spires, and this is a good temporary solution, but more permanent spaces are required. The RAF museum has national exhibitions of paintings etc, many of them free entry.



Entertaining children at the Queens Jubilee celebration, in Oak Hill Park.

Photo supplied by Barry Swain. July 2022.

Cinemas continuing are North London Leisure Centre, Everyman at Barnet, and the Phoenix Cinema near to East Finchley tube. Six cinemas closed and many church halls as television developed in the 1970s and the Greater London Council required updating of fire precautions. Several churches and community halls improved buildings to accommodate concerts and plays. The demand for purpose-built performance spaces grew and it was a great improvement when Artsdepot opened in 2004 and district centres developed.

There is the scope to upgrade school halls with seating suitable for both adults and children, with good staging and lighting, and with nearby spaces that may be used as dressing rooms. This is best considered when schools are being built and should be included in planning of the new Brent Cross Town.

Membership

BBAC membership fees were not charged during lockdown and are now £20 for societies and £10 for individuals, due 1st April. 23 societies and 50 individuals had renewed by September. An individual who is also a representative of a society need pay only one subscription of £20. Member societies and individual artists are listed in Barnet Arts magazine which is published quarterly and sent to members and to libraries and centres.

Members have a vote at Annual General meetings and trustees are appointed who each have a duty in administration or as a representative of a sub-committee arranging an activity. Currently, the trustees are:

- John Hart and Anne Hutton are Co-Chairs. John has recently stepped down as Councillor for Mill Hill and Anne has been re-elected as a Finchley Councillor.
- Maria Jordan is Administrator
- Lorraine Yates is Treasurer.
- Fiamma Shani maintains the record of payments of membership fees.
- Pam Edwards is Secretary and compiles Barnet Arts magazine.
- Ros Staines organises Theatre in the Park in Oak Hill Park and Barnet Christmas Fayre
- Roger Morris organises TITP in Mill Hill Park and is Chair of Friends of Mill Hill Park
- Mary Ritter and Cathrine Clarke are also Friends of Mill Hill Park
- Susi Earnshaw manages The Bull Theatre and organises the Barnet Christmas Fayre
- John Querforth organises the Barnet Drama Competition.

Policy

Since the setup of the Charity in 1965 the policy has always been to have one main Arts Centre and several District centres. The Bull Theatre opened in Barnet in 1987 and as it developed and offered space for professional companies the pressure grew for a large central Arts Centre. Artsdepot was created on the site of the former Gaumont cinema and opened in 2004. This was a great achievement. There is now a new centre at the King Alfred school at Golders Green which has theatre space for hire, and Mill Hill library has funding agreed for adaptation as a theatre.

There is the need to investigate the possibility of Arts facilities at Brent Cross New Town. Currently, there is a committee appointed to provide for various sports, but no committee for the Arts. Specialised theatre and arts buildings are just as necessary as those provided for different types of sport at many schools.

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Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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Charity Information
Barnet Borough Arts Council

For the Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Registered Charity Number 1189137

1. Trustees:

Anne Hutton
John Hart
Pamela Edwards
Ros Staines
John Querfurth
Maria Jordan
Susi Earnshaw
Roger Morris
Fiamma Shani
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Report of the Trustees Barnet Borough Arts Council

The Trustees of the Barnet Borough Arts Council present their annual report and accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022.

Barnet Borough Arts Council was established to promote drama and the arts within the Borough of Barnet, providing advice and information to its members and members of the public.

The Trustees confirm that the charity has operated within its objectives throughout the year.

The Trustees further confirm that they have acted within their powers as set out in the Charity's Constitution.

Covid-19

The Trustees have considered the impact of Covid-19 outbreak on the Charity. Whilst the pandemic has affected the operations of the Charity due to the hindered ability to hold events promoting drama and the arts, the Trustees believe that operations will increase in the future and that the Charity will continue to meet its objectives.

Transfer of Assets to New Constitution

On 3 March 2021 the assets of the old BBAC Charity (No 249275) were transferred to this one.

These accounts have been put together in accordance with the relevant accounting guidelines and have been reviewed by an independent person as required by the Charity Regulations.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on: 21st September 2022

Statement of Financial Activities
Barnet Borough Arts Council
For the Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

	YE 31 March 2022	YE 31 March 2021
Income		
Christmas Fayre Income	6,595.00	0.00
Drama Festival Income	0.00	610.00
Gift Aid on Donations	0.00	1,253.80
Other Revenue	0.00	260.00
Quiz Night Income	778.00	0.00
Subscriptions Receivable	486.75	107.00
Theatre in the Park Revenue	8,688.00	1,905.00
Total Income	16,547.75	4,135.80
Expenditure		
Advertising & Marketing	66.00	0.00
Bank Fees	97.56	0.00
Christmas Fayre Expenses	6,779.80	0.00
Drama Festival Expenses	320.00	180.00
Insurance	435.15	410.88
IT Software and Consumables	144.00	144.00
North Finchley Festival Costs	0.00	270.26
Poetry Anthology Expenditure	0.00	735.00
Production of Publications	1,296.00	455.00
Quiz Night Expenses	193.72	0.00
Subscriptions	60.00	54.00
Theatre in the Park Expenses	8,540.90	2,220.42
Telephone and Website Costs	133.63	467.85
Website Costs	1,004.68	0.00
Total Expenses	19,071.44	4,937.41
(Deficit) / Surplus for the Period / Year	(2,523.69)	(801.61)

Balance Sheet

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As at 31 March 2022 with Comparatives

Year Ended	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Barnet Borough Arts Council	4,608.59	10,706.81
Drama Festival Account	856.00	1,176.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	5,464.59	11,882.81
Prepayment & Accrued Income	4,234.54	0.00
Total Current Assets	9,699.13	11,882.81
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	340.01	0.00
Income in Advance	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6,340.01	6,000.00
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	3,359.12	5,882.81
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	(2,523.69)	(801.61)
Retained Earnings	5,882.81	6,684.42
Total Capital and Reserves	3,359.12	5,882.81