

THE BARNET BEREAVEMENT SERVICE
(Registered Charity number 288350)

ACCOUNTS
for the year ended
31 March 2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report with the accounts of the Service for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Charitable status

The Barnet Bereavement Service was constituted and granted the status of a registered charity by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales in 1982. Its registered number is 288350.

Charitable objects

The objects of the Service as stated in its constitution are:

(i) the relief of bereaved people or those who have suffered loss by virtue of the disappearance of a relative or close friend in the London Borough of Barnet and in particular the furtherance of health and the relief of distress;

(ii) to advance education in the nature of bereavement for the public benefit.

The Service's principal activity in recent years has been bereavement counselling.

Trustees and Management Committee

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs U Bharadia (appointed 12 July 2023)
Dr M Clark (retired 7 March 2024)
Mrs E M Illman (appointed 22 January 2024)
Mrs J Jenkins
Dr R Tobiansky (retired 6 December 2023)

The above Trustees were also members of the Management Committee.

Registered address

The registered address of the Service is Friary House, Friary Road, London, N20 0NR.

Review of the year

During the year, the Service continued to provide the services of bereavement counsellors to residents of the London Borough of Barnet. The financial results for the year are set out on pages 4 and 5.

Statement on public benefit

In deciding what activities the Service should undertake during the year, the Trustees have paid due regard to The Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees consider that the objects for which the Service was registered as a charity, and the activities during the year, are for the public benefit.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Responsibilities of the Trustees regarding the financial statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year. In addition, they are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Service's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Service. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Service and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees

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Mrs J Jenkins
Trustee

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of
THE BARNET BEREAVEMENT SERVICE**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Barnet Bereavement Service for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the following pages 4 and 5.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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Andrew J Geary
Chartered Accountant

Geary Partnership
Chartered Accountants
159a Chase Side
Enfield
Middlesex
EN2 0PW

Date:

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 General Fund £	2023 General Fund £
INCOME		
Grants and donations:		
- London Borough of Barnet	15,497	15,480
- The Hadley Trust	15,000	10,000
- Joseph Strong Frazer Trust	3,000	2,000
- Groundwork UK	1,000	-
- Jesus Hospital Charity	-	4,800
- Eleanor Palmer Trust	-	4,200
- Anonymous and other	7,908	4,193
Interest received	40	38
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	42,445	40,711
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EXPENDITURE		
Co-ordinators' fees and expenses	25,511	21,688
Administrators' fees	2,322	7,498
Supervisors' fees and expenses	5,252	4,022
Printing, postage and stationery	120	581
Website and IT support	1,999	2,905
Telephone and internet	1,810	1,124
Rent and room hire (2023 figure is net of a rent rebate of £6,379)	12,887	(3,393)
Insurance	1,415	834
Bank charges	61	77
Miscellaneous	591	561
Independent examiner's fee	390	360
Other professional fees and subscriptions	791	720
Depreciation	618	674
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	53,767	37,651
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(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(11,322)	3,060
Fund balance brought forward	24,740	21,680
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Fund balance carried forward	13,418	24,740
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Furniture, fixtures and fittings, at cost	1,804		1,804	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,804)		(1,804)	
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Office equipment, at cost	7,336		7,336	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(6,811)		(6,193)	
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		525		1,143
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		525		1,143
CURRENT ASSETS				
CAF current account	16,625		26,675	
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CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenditure	3,732		3,078	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		12,893		23,597
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NET ASSETS		13,418		24,740
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ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
(refer to foot of page 4)				
General Fund		13,418		24,740
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Surplus carried forward		13,418		24,740
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Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their order by:

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Mrs J Jenkins
Trustee