

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1 January 2020

To Period end date 31 December 2020

Charity name: The Belsize Society

Charity registration number: 1180842

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To promote high standards of architecture, conservation, planning, design and use of buildings in Belsize and to promote the protection and improvement of historic or public interest;</p> <p>To promote high standards in urban planning, infrastructure and transport, the maintenance and improvement of streets and public places, and the protection of the environment in Belsize;</p> <p>To foster interest amongst the public in Belsize and more generally in the history of the area.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Society's activities allow Society members to contribute views on ways that local public services might be improved, and allow the Society to co-ordinate views on local planning applications and as appropriate make representations to the local authority. They allow the Society to participate in projects designed to improve local environmental conditions.</p> <p>The Society provides information about local issues and activities through quarterly newsletters, two noticeboards and a website. As the accounts show, a large proportion of our annual expenditure goes towards printing/maintenance in these areas.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have had regard to this guidance.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Society is not a grant-giving charity but, as an activity ancillary to its charitable purposes, it has been the charity's practice from time to time to make donations that are in accordance with the Society's general aims. Full details of the Society's Donations Policy can be found on its website <a href="http://www.belsize.org.uk">www.belsize.org.uk</a>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Society has no employees, therefore almost all activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the Society publishes a quarterly newsletter which volunteers from the membership help to distribute;</li><li>- The Society has undertaken a pollution-monitoring exercise (discussed below)</li><li>- The Society's educational events (for example guided historical walks in the area – none during 2020 but in previous and subsequent years) are led by volunteers</li></ul>
Other		

**Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>As for so many charities, 2020 was a year dominated by the Covid-19 epidemic and this has affected the work of the Society. The Society held its AGM on 8 March 2020, just before the first lockdown, and the Committee met face-to-face the same month. Thereafter, monthly Committee meetings were held online via Zoom. The quarterly newsletters continued to be produced, but the delivery was affected by restrictions. In May 2020 the newsletter was redesigned for release through the Society's</p>

		<p>website. It was disseminated electronically to members the Society could email. A print version of the newsletter was posted to the rest of the membership. It was also available online for non-members. The August newsletter was distributed in the usual way with volunteers hand-delivering.</p> <p>The Society received the results from a year (2019/20) of pollution monitoring in the Belsize area where Society members collected air samples from points agreed with Camden Council's environment team. The project was funded through the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy. The results showed pollution levels across collections in 10 monitoring sites with some areas above legal limits. In November 2020 the Society organised a presentation of the results for members, with the Camden pollution monitoring team responding to members' questions. This was online and successfully used a Society Zoom account.</p> <p>It was not possible to hold the full range of BelSoc events (such as walks) in the reporting year due to the restrictions on social gatherings. The Society did raise a considerable sum for the Marie Curie Hospice online however, due to the generosity of members when it became clear that the year's carol singing fund-raising event would have to be cancelled.</p> <p>In 2020 the Society's planning team continued to look at applications for planning permission made to the Council in the Belsize area, to support and ensure compliance with Camden's policies, reviewing 106 and commenting on 24. The Society monitored, to a limited extent, local tree applications, commenting on one.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income for the period: £7,498 Expenditure for the period: £5,015  Total cash assets (including reserves): £16,189  The Society has no non-cash assets.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Society holds cash reserves for use in the event of its future involvement in initiatives involving financial outlay which could not be covered by the Society's annual income through membership fees (about £5,000)
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,111
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Society derives its annual income from membership fees (currently £10 a year) and the occasional unsolicited donation. All fees are paid by members resident locally, apart from two (i.e. a total of £20) paid by members resident in the Republic of Ireland
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		<p>and Norway respectively. There is no requirement to live locally to be a member of the Society – anyone with an interest in the area is welcome. During 2020, 27 new member households joined the Society. At the end of the period the total paying membership was 508, with a further 22 complimentary members.</p> <p>Membership fees support the costs of producing material reporting on the Society's activities (such as quarterly newsletters) and advertising events (e.g. posters), as well as the maintenance of noticeboards and a website.</p> <p>In 2020 the Society made its first claim to HMRC in respect of its entitlement under the current Gift Aid arrangements (financial return below refers).</p> <p>Since becoming a charity in November 2018 the Society has not engaged in any fundraising exercise.</p> <p>During the period in question the Society has received no income from contracts or grant programmes from central government or a local authority.</p> <p>During this period the Society did not operate or spend money outside England and Wales.</p> <p>The Society does not engage in trading activities and so has no trading subsidiaries.</p> <p>All Trustee and Committee posts are honorary. The Society has no employees and so no salaries, benefits or honoraria are paid.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A. The Society has no investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Throughout this reporting period, four trustees were in post. The constitution sets out that the founding (establishment of the CIO) trustees had to resign and stand for re-election at the Society's first AGM (as occurred in March 2020; all four were reappointed). In the future, the constitution sets out that a third of the trustees should resign ahead of each AGM. They can be re-elected but nominations from those who wish to stand will also be solicited in the pre-AGM papers.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are made aware of the Charity Commission's requirements on, and guidance for, trustees. One trustee (responsible for governance matters) is available to be consulted by others, and by members, who have questions or concerns about propriety.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The day-to-day business of the Society is taken forward by a committee which includes all the Trustees plus some other members appointed at the AGM. The Trustees meet alone (i.e. separately from the committee) when necessary to consider trustee-specific matters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A



Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Belsize Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1180842
Charity's principal address	Flat 1 20 Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5TH <sup>TH</sup>

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	Prabhat Vaze	Chair	N/A	N/A
2	Anne Stevens	Membership Secretary	N/A	N/A
3	Neil Harris	Treasurer	N/A	N/A
4	Michael Jampel	Governance	N/A	N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)		
Type of adviser	Name	Address
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		



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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.		
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees		
Signature(s)	<i>Neil Harris</i>	
Full name(s)	NEIL HARRIS	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	24/10/2021	

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY			
ACCOUNTS FOR 1 JANUARY 2020 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020			
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
			26.11.2018
INCOME	2020	2019	to 31.12.2018
SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,330.00	5,550.00	560.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£15.00	£5.00	£0.00
INTEREST	£69.79	£41.83	£0.00
GIFT AID	£357.00	£0.00	£0.00
DONATIONS (see below)	£1,459.00	£115.00	£0.00
OTHER (LBC Expenses Repayment)	£266.97	£5.00	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£7,497.76	£5,716.83	£560.00
EXPENDITURE			
PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£117.50	£33.65	£0.00
STATIONERY	£92.07	£344.00	£0.00
PRINTING	£1,423.96	£1,977.73	£283.00
POSTAGE	£21.72	£409.61	£43.90
GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£239.00	£239.00	£0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£263.40	£642.40	£35.70
DONATIONS (see below)	£1,900.00	£1,050.00	£400.00
ENTERTAINMENT Carols Retainer)	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£220.00	£220.00	£0.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£70.80	£370.99	£40.60
OTHER (Memorial Tree Costs)	£516.84	£360.00	£150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£5,015.29	£5,647.38	£953.20
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£2,482.47	£69.45	(£393.20)
BALANCE SHEET AT:	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	
BANK BALANCES	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	
LESS UNPAID DONATIONS	£0.00	£0.00	
TOTAL NET BALANCE	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	
REPRESENTED BY:			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£13,706.04	£13,636.59	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£2,482.47	£69.45	
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	
Donations received in 2020		Donations made in 2020	
Family of Consuelo Phelan	£894.00	Camden Giving (Adult Social Care)	£250.00
FilmFixer (Filming in Belsize Village)	£500.00	Camden Giving (Covid-19 Fund)	£500.00
Members' Donations	£65.00	Primrose Hill Food Bank	£500.00
		Marie Curie	£250.00
		Royal Free Charity	£250.00
		Belsize Village Lights	£150.00
Total	£1,459.00	Total	£1,900.00
Neil Harris		Date	
Treasurer			



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	The Belsize Society		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31/12/2020	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1180842
<b>Set out on pages</b>	1 and 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period 01/01/20 to 31/12/2020

**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.

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

**Signed:**

*Jill Tyrrell*

**Date:**

16/10/2020

**Name:**

Jill Tyrrell

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

**Address:**

79 Gilling Court, Belsize Grove

London

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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.

N/A