

Barnet Community Projects

Registered Charity No. 1139376

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017

Registered Office : 5 Hillside Gardens, BARNET, Herts. EN5 2NG

Charity Name

The full name of the charity is Barnet Community Projects, but it is also referred to by its working name of BCP.

Registered Address

The registered address of the charity is 5 Hillside Gardens, BARNET, Herts. EN5 2NG.

Operating Address

The operating address of the charity is at the Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley Drive, BARNET, Herts. EN5 2UN.

Trustees

The following individuals have served as Trustees during the period covered by this report :

Alban Shrimpton	Chair
Stephen Pegum	Treasurer
Michael Benaim	Appointed 16 th December 2016
Steve Bull	
Ken Morton	
Steve Neale	Appointed 16 th December 2016

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its constitution as adopted on 25th September 2010, as amended on 11th December 2010.

Charitable Objects for Public Benefit

The main charitable objects of BCP are :

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the London Borough of Barnet as the Trustees see fit, in particular but not exclusively by the following means :

- a) To promote the efficiency & effectiveness of charities and the effective application &
- b) The promotion of the voluntary sector for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by the following means :
 - i) Identifying need in the voluntary sector & establishing projects or policies to address them;

Charitable Objects for Public Benefit (continued)

- ii) Liaising between charities, voluntary organisations, the local Authority and other groups or organisations on relevant issues that affect members of the community;
- c) To promote community capacity building for the public benefit, in particular but not limited to young people;
- d) The relief of unemployment for the public benefit;
- e) The advancement of education for the public benefit, including the provision of training, information & advice and promoting opportunities for members of the community to develop new skills & knowledge;
- f) To further for the benefit of members of the community without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions by associating together members of the community, local Authorities, voluntary & other organisations in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life of community members.

Where in the views of the Trustees it is expedient in the interests of the charity, the Trustees may support & encourage overseas partnership projects which are youth- and community -focused, in such countries of the world as they see fit.

Main Achievements and Activities Undertaken

Introduction

The year saw BCP and partners continuing to deliver a number of core services and activities, as well as developing new ones. There were also some significant changes, namely Steve Neale (the BCP founder and Senior Project Manager) stepping down from his role in Autumn 2016. To support this major transition for the organisation, he joined the Board of Trustees so that BCP could continue to benefit from his experience and expertise, especially in inducting and supporting his successor. The Board thanks Steve for his fantastic work over all these years. There simply would not be a Rainbow Centre without him. In his place, we welcomed Steve Verrall as the new BCP Director in November 2016, bringing with him substantial experience in youth work and centre management, as well as qualifications and coaching experience in a range of sports.

In November 2016, BCP also had to say good-bye to Jon Pope, who had been Steve Neale's right-hand man since its inception, leading on the Switch skatepark and two of our food projects amongst many other things. Jon left for family reasons and BCP wishes him all the best.

We also saw changes due to the regeneration of the estate, with residents being re-housed in the first new housing completed during the year as well as being (temporarily) moved elsewhere during demolition and construction. BCP continued working towards securing new premises once the existing Centre is demolished in 2019

Activities, Services and Programmes

Café

Café operations continued to be run in-house, staffed by local people trained and employed by BCP, and local volunteers. It was open from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm Tuesdays to Fridays, as well as Saturdays & Sundays for special occasions. We supported our chef, who started as a volunteer with us, to gain her Level 2 Catering qualification at Barnet & Southgate College as part of our support into employment. Another volunteer joined as paid café counter staff in the spring and two others worked some paid hours as maternity cover in the autumn. One of those volunteers also helped with marketing and promotion of the café and trialled barista training courses.

However, with the staffing changes in the autumn, café operations were reduced for the rest of the year, partly so that we could carry out a review of how best to operate it in future.

Community Kitchen

Community Kitchen continued throughout 2016-17, offering a nutritious three-course meal one day a week for £1, with local people helping to cook and serve (a total of 12 volunteers during the year). Average attendance until the staffing changes in the autumn went up to 22 per week; for the rest of the year, it was slightly lower.

Lunch Club

We ran Lunch Club in all the school holidays except Christmas, when there was an outing to a pantomime. Each was attended by an average of 50 children, and meals were served Monday - Friday throughout all half-terms, six weeks over the summer and one-and-a-half weeks during Easter. There were organised activities with a focus on healthy eating, cooking & baking and sports, including a sports day, an athletics day, dance, football and basketball. Jacksons Lane Arts Centre also ran circus skills sessions after the Lunch Club on most of the holidays. This was very successful and of great benefit to the children and young people. We have worked to provide better-quality sports activities and have also introduced some more tidying-up for the young people to do during lunchtimes, to encourage a greater sense of ownership amongst them.

Felix Project

As part of our food projects, we started partnering with the Felix Project to distribute food to users in need. We now have over 70 people registered for food bags which we distribute to them on a weekly basis. The Felix Project provides fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy products, meat & other ingredients so that users receive practically everything needed to cook nutritious meals, a real addition to what foodbanks are able to provide. We occasionally provide information on more unusual ingredients and recipes. We also receive nappies and other baby-care goods on a regular basis that are distributed to parents. The Felix Project is co-ordinated on a voluntary basis by a local resident with a serious chronic health condition, which means she cannot work even part-time. She is supported by a roster of other volunteers. Taking leadership of this project has significantly improved her well-being and sense of purpose.

Activities, Services and Programmes (continued)

Parent - Toddler Group

The Parent - Toddler group has grown steadily over the year with new parents joining the group. We are currently developing a funding bid so we can expand the offer for the parents to include a buggy-walking programme to get mothers active. The local mother who runs the group became a regular volunteer with BCP, contributing in many ways.

Rainbow Centre bookings

The Rainbow Centre continued its schedule of regular weekly hires, with fully-booked IT and art courses provided by Barnet College, Art Against Knives and Dollis Dolls Nail Bar. In addition, we had bookings for parties, celebrations and other one-off events.

We were also able to offer space for a parent/toddler singing session to Underhill Children's Centre for a number of months.

Rainbow Money Advice Service

The Rainbow Money Advice Service has gone from strength to strength. This service is run by Stuart Goodman, an experienced, CAB-trained volunteer money advisor, who set up the Rainbow Money Advice Service for BCP in January 2015. It is affiliated to Community Money Advice and is a member of Advice UK.

Stuart provides a face-to-face service that is free of charge, confidential, and non-judgemental. It operates 2 days a week, with one day (usually a Tuesday) dedicated to appointments and another (usually a Thursday) to case work, correspondence, telephone calls and follow-ups. It has been busy from the very start, with 73 clients on its books at the end of the year, and having had 257 face-to-face interviews on various issues, including securing benefits, budgeting, council tax, debts, homelessness and parking tickets.

Youth Sports

BBC Children in Need funded sports sessions continued into 2016-17, with martial arts being the most successful sports offered. After the end of the funding, we therefore continued the sessions with great success. The Switch skatepark ran as usual during the summer.

Building on these activities, we raised funds towards basketball sessions to start in 2017-2018.

Job Club

Community Souls resumed delivery of the Job Club on Thursdays, with BCP having secured two grants towards it.

Activities, Services and Programmes (continued)

Rainbow Sundays

We continued delivering a range of activities for adults, building relationships with more residents and growing our offer for adults, especially older people, to improve their health and well-being by giving them affordable, local access to creative, learning, and social opportunities. Monthly taster sessions included bingo, salsa, a range of craft sessions, pampering sessions (nail care, massages etc.) and film screenings, aimed at whole families. Craft sessions proved most popular and we ran a flower-arranging course in the spring. We responded to emerging demand by running a mixed martial arts session for adults on Friday evenings. We also trialled a lunch-plus activity session for older people in collaboration with Friend in Need in East Barnet. This year-long project showed us that there is local need, especially to help older people overcome social isolation, but that a lot of outreach is needed to build trust with them and help them come to the Centre for activities. This learning will be used in 2017-18 to develop further work in this area .

Barnet Rail Pastors

Barnet Rail Pastors ("BRP") is a BCP project outside of the Rainbow Centre and has now been running for over three years, under the leadership of Paul Lewis. During 2016-17, BRP operated 36 patrols across two rail networks - those of the Great Northern and the Thameslink routes. They work in partnership with the British Transport Police ("BTP") and Govia Thameslink Railway, with the common aim of being a supportive, listening presence on the overground stations in Barnet. They also aim to help reduce the number of railway suicides.

BRP is a group of volunteers from a range of local churches who patrol these station platforms week in, week out with the express intention of supporting vulnerable members of society. There have been numerous positive, encouraging & timely interventions by the team. Not only are they on the look-out to help needy people, it is a joy to assist & venture into conversation with many passengers too. Some even think they are station porters, probably because they have offered to carry people's suitcases up stairs or to help young mums carry prams down the steps.

The bottom line is that whatever the situation at each station, they have been there to help. Each patrol consists of 4 rail pastors patrolling for 2 hours at a time. They have a team of 12 currently, with one lady in training presently. The leader Paul Lewis was nominated by BTP in June and won the Community Volunteer of the Year award for his help in launching this scheme around Britain.

With so much in the news lately about railway suicides, BRP is privileged to have had an opportunity to help people in their time of need and hopefully saved many lives in the process.

Holistic Approach

Over the course of the year, we have been able to link up projects so that we can tackle the entrenched poverty & associated issues which affect local residents. We have been able to cross-refer people between the Lunch Club, Felix Project, Rainbow Money Advice Service, Job Club, Parent - Toddler Group and general counselling, thereby helping people deal with multiple issues which may contribute to their lack of opportunities and genuine hardship.

Supporting Organisations

The Trustees wish to offer their heartfelt thanks to the following organisations for their generous support of BCP during the period of this report :

Big Lottery Fund / Reaching Communities
LB of Barnet Area Committee
BBC Children in Need Small Grant
John Lyons Charity
Comic Relief / London Community Foundation
Beatrice Laing Trust
Govia Thameslink
Meals & More (Brakes)
The Hendonian Charitable Trust

Additionally, BCP acknowledges the following organisations who either supported BCP or worked in partnership with BCP during the last year :

Art Against Knives	Felix Project
Barnet College	Rainbow Centre User Group
Community Souls	

BCP Volunteers

Finally, the Trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of BCP and whose time is of course given freely. Without their hard work & dedication, many of the activities detailed above simply would not be able to take place.

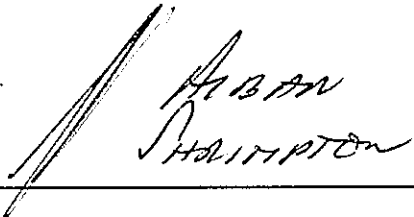
Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the related Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to :

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed,
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

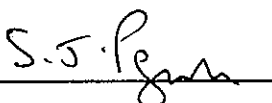
The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th December 2017 and signed on their behalf by :



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ALAN HAMPTON', written over a horizontal line.

Chair



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Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31st March 2017

	Notes	General Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTALS THIS YEAR £	Year ended 31.03.16 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Grants received	1	0	149,353	0	149,353	131,770
Donations received	1	225	0	0	225	1,453
Other income	2	2,710	4,898	0	7,608	10,162
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£ 2,935	£ 154,251	£ 0	£ 157,186	£ 143,385
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Direct labour costs (Including social security costs)	3	0	111,725	0	111,725	96,511
Other direct expenditure	4	13,648	25,612	0	39,260	37,695
Insurance premiums paid		3,292	0	0	3,292	3,696
Rent and rates		6,500	0	0	6,500	4,842
		<u>23,440</u>	<u>137,337</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>160,777</u>	<u>142,744</u>
<i>Indirect Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Depreciation of fixed assets	5	378	0	0	378	8,156
(Profit) on sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	(252)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 23,818	£ 137,337	£ 0	£ 161,155	£ 150,648
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		£ (20,883)	£ 16,914	£ 0	£ (3,969)	£ (7,263)


The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains & losses for the year. All Incoming Resources and Resources Expended derive from continuing activities. The notes on page 10 form part of the Accounts.

Barnet Community Projects
Registered Charity No. 1139376
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017

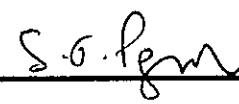
	Notes	31.03.17		31.03.16	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Historic Cost		40,780		42,230	
Additions in year		756		0	
Disposal in year		0		(1,450)	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	5	<u>(36,734)</u>		<u>(36,356)</u>	
			4,802		4,424
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank (current account)		10,708		32,404	
Debtors		1,217		442	
Prepayments (re insurance premiums)		<u>1,260</u>		<u>2,703</u>	
		13,185		35,549	
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES - Amounts falling due within one year		(4,331)		(7,759)	
Deferred Income	6	<u>(7,241)</u>		<u>(21,830)</u>	
			(11,572)		(29,589)
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)			1,613		5,960
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£ <u>6,415</u>		£ <u>10,384</u>	
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds					
Balance as at 1st April 2016		3,312		22,448	
Net (Outgoing) Resources for the year ended 31 st March 2017		<u>(20,883)</u>		<u>(19,136)</u>	
Balance as at 31st March 2017			(17,571)		3,312
Restricted Funds					
Balance as at 1st April 2016		7,072		(4,801)	
Net Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 st March 2017		<u>16,914</u>		<u>11,873</u>	
Balance as at 31st March 2017			23,986		7,072
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ <u>6,415</u>		£ <u>10,384</u>	

The notes on page 10 form part of the Accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th December 2017 and signed on their behalf by :



 Chair



 Treasurer

1. Accounting Policies

The principle Accounting Policies are summarised below.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting and Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) and the Charities SORP.

Basis of Income Recognition

The previous policy was to recognise Grants Received in the Statement of Financial Activities when these were received. A change was made in last year's accounts to recognise this income as it relates to the periods for which these grant funds are made. All receipts in 2016-17 that relate to the following financial year are now shown in the Balance Sheet as Deferred Income (see also Note 6).

Donations Received and Other Income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as each liability is incurred.

2. Other Income

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Other Income is analysed as follows :

Equip-It hirings	4,898
Catering & café income	478
Miscellaneous Income (management fee, horse work etc.)	2,232
	£ 7,608

3. Trustees' Remuneration

None of the Trustees were remunerated for their time, which was given voluntarily and cannot be valued in financial terms.

4. Other Direct Expenditure

Total Unrestricted Restricted

Other Direct Expenditure includes the following costs :

	£	£	£
Café expenses	7,418	0	7,418
Cleaning costs & cleaning materials	6,962	0	6,962
Professional fees & accountancy costs	6,634	6,634	0
Catering costs	5,825	0	5,825
Barnet Rail Pastors	4,182	0	4,182
Printing, postage, stationery & telephone	2,191	2,191	0
Repairs & maintenance	2,157	2,157	0
Training costs	1,645	1,322	323
Equip It costs	754	0	754
Transport & travel costs	653	653	0
All other costs (total)	839	691	148
TOTAL	£ 39,260	13,648	25,612

5. Depreciation of Fixed Assets & Capitalisation Threshold

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on the historic purchase price of the Charity's Fixed Assets, to write these off over their estimated useful economic lives, as follows :

- IT Equipment - 2 years
- Other Assets - 5 years

Purchases greater than £500 in value are accounted for as Fixed Assets; below that threshold, any expenditure is written off in-year.

6. Deferred income

As described in Note 1 above, a change in accounting policy was made last year to reflect the different funding periods for BCP's Grants Received. The amount shown in the Balance Sheet as Deferred Income resembles the amount of grants actually received in 2016-17 that relate instead to 2017-18. This Deferred Income will form part of BCP's Restricted Funds in the following financial year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnet Community Projects

I report on the accounts of Barnet Community Projects for the year ended 31st March 2017, which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) , and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Barnet Community Projects**

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name :

Christopher Morris

Signature :



Relevant professional qualification or body :

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Date :

26/04/2018