

stees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			T o	Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	01	2025		31	12	2025

Charity name	THE BESOM IN HARINGEY
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1156081

Charity's principal address

44 GROSVENOR ROAD	
MUSWELL HILL	
LONDON	
Postcode	**N10 2DP**

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	GUY CARTER			
2	CATHERINE MERCER			
3	PAUL MERCER			

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
none	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

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

[redacted]

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION Dated 19 Jan 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION WHOSE ONLY VOTING MEMBERS ARE ITS CHARITABLE TRUSTEES
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	APPOINTED BY EXISTING TRUSTEES AT MEETING

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 Besom in Haringey is part of the wider Besom network of local initiatives. For more details see https://www.thebesomnetwork.org/

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit and are to relieve financial hardship and sickness and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind in Haringey and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit and to fulfill such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Charity.
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)	The organisation exists to provide a bridge between those who want to give time, money, skills or possessions and those in need. It is focused on doing this in the London Borough of Haringey. Those in need are frequently referred by social workers in Haringey and these needs are then matched with those willing to give. In organising and carrying out the work of the charity the Trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees are confident that the work of the Charity fulfills these requirements.

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.	The Besom in Haringey has no policies on grant making or on programme related investment. The execution of the Charity's objectives takes place through volunteers, whether giving time in the office to organise collections and deliveries, time to go collect and deliver furniture, time to organise and deliver Christmas hampers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	The charity continued to function throughout 2025 with 3 trustees and 14 volunteers in Besom in Haringey's van pool from local churches (predominantly St James church, Muswell Hill) to crew its 'van runs' to serve those in our community, and 10 individuals in Besom in Haringey's prayer group to pray and give thanks for Besom's ministry. 1. Van runs Besom in Haringey completed 16 van runs on Saturday mornings at least once if not twice a month throughout 2025. This enabled Besom in Haringey to help 20 families across the borough of Haringey by collecting items from 17 donors, largely from the local church family but also people

who had heard of Besom in Haringey through their local church. In 2025, Besom in Haringey was able to provide 12 beds (toddler/bunkbeds/single/double beds, all with bedding sets [duvet, pillow, duvet set, fitted sheets, and mattress protectors] and for young children, a hand-knitted teddy); 5 chest of drawers; 1 wardrobes; 6 sofas/armchairs; 8 dining chairs; 2 desks with chairs; 4 boxes of kitchenware/crockery. Some of the families that Besom in Haringey supported just needed a particular single item (eg, a desk for their child to do their homework) while other families, usually those who had been assigned unfurnished social housing, needed pretty much everything, including beds and bedding. In all cases, families and individuals were referred to Besom in Haringey either by social workers at Haringey Council or local NHS Trust healthcare professionals, eg, health visitors.

2. Prayer

All aspects of Besom in Haringey's work continue to be supported by its committed prayer team who regularly prays for our work. This includes praying for needed items to become available, for people to serve on, and protection over, its van runs (each van run requires a minimum of 2 people to serve for practical as well as safe-guarding reasons), and (anonymously) for the people that Besom in Haringey serves. We have numerous examples of how, once we have prayed for a need to be met, someone contacts Besom in Haringey and offers us the needed item, as well as how logistical obstacles are overcome following prayer.

3. Christmas hampers & 'Love in Action' boxes

Besom in Haringey Christmas hampers project continues to be one of our highlights for the church family to contribute to (producing hampers and/or providing financial support for Besom in Haringey to do so), the van team to serve for, and social workers to engage with us on. In December 2025, 25 Christmas hampers were delivered to those Besom in Haringey had served during 2025 as well as to vulnerable individuals and families in our community who local social workers asked if we would be able to provide a hamper to because of their particularly challenging circumstances. We were delighted to have someone from one of the local churches decorate a number of cardboard boxes for Besom in Haringey to use for its hampers, providing a keepsake Christmas box to use in future years.

The hampers contained a mixture of everyday essential items as well as some festive treats and were varied in size according to the size of the family. Social workers and recipients fed back their gratitude for Besom in Haringey's Christmas hampers, noting that some families just would not have had any Christmas treats, and sometimes only the bare minimum, if it hadn't been for Besom in Haringey's Christmas hampers.

Given how much the Christmas hampers are valued, especially with the increasing cost of living and those families Besom in Haringey seeks to serve being most vulnerable to this crisis, in September 2025, Besom in Haringey decided it would like to be able to offer 'Love in Action' boxes to those in need as part of its regular van runs. These boxes would consist of everyday essential food (eg, pasta, cans of vegetables, cereals, …), household items (eg, washing-up liquid, toilet rolls, …) and personal care products (eg, shower gel, toothpaste), as well as some treats (eg, chocolate biscuits, jam, savoury snacks), tailoring the contents to the size and age of those in the family where possible (eg, providing baby items if there's a baby in the family). A generous donation to Besom in Haringey from one local church's monetary collection for its 2025 harvest festival has since enabled this new venture for Besom in Haringey to be actioned.

4. Van

In January 2025, Besom in Haringey's van failed its MOT and the trustees decided to sell the van to WeBuyAnyVan.com as repairing it was not considered financially viable, especially given the age of the van and the convenience of instead using ZipVan for our van runs. Using ZipVan largely worked well because of the proximity of volunteers to a number of ZipVans in our locality, and because it frees up time those serving for Besom in Haringey would otherwise need to spend as a van owner (ie, arranging tax, insurance, MOT, servicing, paying fees, eg, the ULEZ).

5. Finances

Our financial position remains sound, helped by occasional sizeable donations from individuals in the church family and the local church itself, all of which we are so grateful for. Of note in 2025, Besom in Haringey received a donation from a local church from its harvest festival monetary collection and also from the retiring collection for its carol services. This financial resource means that we are confident that we can continue to cover ongoing costs, mainly related to renting vans, as well as purchasing new items to be in a position to meet individuals' and families' needs in full in a timely manner (eg, new pillows; age-appropriate bedding for children; mattresses where only a bedframe is provided).

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Besom in Haringey does not have any reserves and has no policy on this topic. The bank account is kept in credit by managing expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit	N/A

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 Besom in Haringey relies on donations from individuals and churches and its activity levels are determined to a large extent by the availability of the funding and time given by volunteers.

Section F Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Guy Carter	
Full name(s)	GUY CARTER	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	
Date	16 October 2026	

BESOM IN HARINGEY	1156081	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1 Jan 2025	To	31 Dec 2025

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					
REGULAR MONTHLY DONATIONS	300	-	-	300	300
ONE OFF DONATIONS	6,003	-	-	6,003	1,040
Van sale and Gift aid reclaim	853	-	-	853	
\	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	7,156	-	-	7,156	1,340
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,156	-	-	7,156	1,340
A3 Payments					
RENTAL OF STORAGE	-	-	-	-	
VAN EXPENSE, MOT, TAX, FUEL, INS ETC	90	-	-	90	966
PURCHASE OF GOODS FOR BENEFICIARIES	1,853	-	-	1,853	1,136
LIABILITY INSURANCE	74	-	-	74	66
		-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,017	-	-	2,017	2,168
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	2,017	-	-	2,017	2,168
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,139	-	-	5,139	- 828
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,005	-	-	5,005	5,833
Cash funds this year end	10,144	-	-	10,144	5,005

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT	10,144	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,144	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the 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
Guy T Carter	Guy T Carter	28 Sep 2026