FOR THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Period start date 01-12-2024 **Period end date 30-11-2025**

Charity name: BETTER LIVING **Charity Number: 1181947**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP REF.	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The relief of those in need by reason of disability or age
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	The primary consideration before any activities can be carried out is for the Charity to acquire premises in which to operate. The original intention was to acquire premises via the local PCTN – Surrey Heartlands – but we have not been successful in this to date. We have, therefore, explored alternative premises via the Methodist Church and local councils, but none have been appropriate to date. We are currently exploring the possibility of private premises in the Epsom area, and also council properties via the Chairman of Headley Parish Council.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We can confirm that the Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit at all times. This will, of course, become more appropriate when the Charity is in a position to begin to operate.

Additional Information

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	SORP REF.	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Not applicable at this stage
Other		None

Achievements and Performance

	SORP REF.	
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	Research on appropriate premises continues, and in addition, many contacts have been made, creating support for our concepts, and there has been participation in relevant conferences – the majority, virtual – notably with The Kings Fund; National Voices, and Housing-Lin Significant contacts made last year have been maintained and increased, and we have initiated and participated in virtual discussions with Care providing professionals, and MP's, as well as visited and made enquiries about potentially suitable sites. We continue to be members of National Voices, participating in their virtual Policy Meetings, and have volunteered to join their Board as a Trustee. If some of our concepts are adopted by the government – as we hope they will be – they will make a significant difference to society as a whole, and our potential beneficiaries in particular.

Additional Information

	SORP REF.	
Achievements against objects set	Para 1.41	We have not been able to spread our concept and create good links with relevant organisations and significant contacts.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising activities have not been appropriate at this stage. We have been most fortunate to receive sufficient donations from concerned contacts to cover basic administrative requirements, and all involved to date provide their experience and expertise on a voluntary basis
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		None

Financial Review

	SORP REF.	
Review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As the charity is new and cannot operate at this stage, it has only required a small amount of seed funding to cover administrative costs, which has been provided by those concerned in assisting the charity to become established. There are no paid staff. All work is currently carried out on a voluntary basis. Opening Balance: 260.00 Income for the Period: 54.97 Balance 314.97 Expenditure for the Period: Nil 000 **Balance of funds held 314.97**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As illustrated above, no reserves are currently held – only a small amount of seed funding
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	None required at present
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP REF.	
The charity's principal sources of funding	Para 1.47	To date only limited seed funding has been required and this has been kindly donated by concerned individuals wishing to assist us in achieving our Aims – see above for details
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None at present
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None at present
Other		None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts	SORP REF.	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted (eg unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions eg election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	There continues to be the five founding trustees, all of whom have a particular interest in the aims of the charity and have a wide range of skills to offer it. All have been (enhanced) DBS checked. We have been most fortunate to have attracted a new Trustee – Jonell Rowe – who is a TV Assistant Director, and private film-maker – who has now also achieved an enhanced DBS check.

Additional information

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	SORP REF.	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Some of the trustees have served as trustees for other charities in the past. All are mature business people and are fully aware of their responsibilities. All have had enhanced DBS checks. and all have been provided with the DSC trustee handbook
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is managed by the trustees who initially met regularly, but at present communicate more frequently via the internet. The charity is a member of National Voices, and networks with many organisations but continues to be independent.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No formal relationship with any other parties
Other		None

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Better Living
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1181947
Charity's principal address	21 Rectory Lane, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 2BA

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)
Graham Howat	Honorary Chair	Not applicable	Not applicable
Richard Rapazzini	Honorary Treasurer	Not applicable	Not applicable
Howard Gilbert	Honorary Secretary	Not applicable	Not applicable
Nigel Gilbert	Founding Trustee	Not applicable	Not applicable
Frederick Watson	Founding Trustee	Not applicable	Not applicable
Jonell Rowe	Trustee	Not applicable	Not applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None	Not applicable	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None. Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None. Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None. Not applicable

Additional information

Names and addresses of advisors

None. Not applicable

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Ms. Maggie Gilbert – Co-ordinator – Voluntary position

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

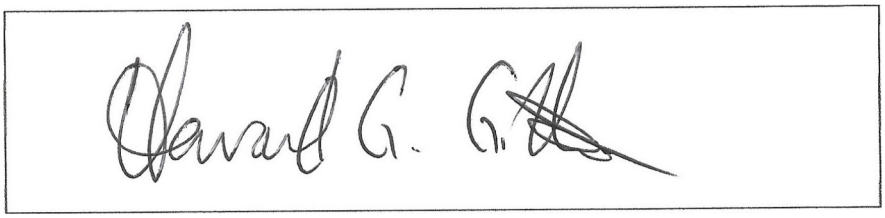
Not applicable

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Howard Gibson Gilbert

Position (eg- Secretary Chair, etc)

Honorary Secretary

Date

18th September 2026

Exemptions from disclosure