

CommUNITY Barnet 2018-2019

Annual Report



Celebrating 40 years

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

CommUNITY Barnet was founded forty years ago, and for the majority of that time I have been privileged to reside as a member of the Board of Trustees. Moreover, I served as Chair, and now for over a decade as President. I have watched the charity expand its role in the wider community as well as grow with the times. The progressive role CommUNITY Barnet is now required to fulfill reflects the demands of a third sector organisation in our rapidly changing society. We try to carry out our work with a sense of compassion for those less fortunate in our world.

Recently, I read of an interesting and challenging concept: 'Compassion wrecks your sanity.' I interpreted this to mean that when there is so much injustice, cruelty, and pain, compassion requires us to face a seemingly unrelenting tide of negativity and anger which can result in frustration and disappointment. These emotions attack our understanding of a sane and rational world. It resembles the 1970s dictum that insanity is a sane answer to an insane world.

During my conversations with staff at CommUNITY Barnet as well as the wider community, I am led to believe that they, as well as I, feel a sense of responsibility in tackling obstacles to help those in need. The role of CommUNITY Barnet's leadership is to provide encouragement and hope to all; and show that by fighting for what is right and for greater fairness we can create a more caring and compassionate society. This is a sane and rational ambition and we have the will to achieve it.

Antony Jacobson
Honorary President



Chairman's Report



The Board of Trustees of CommUNITY Barnet have been delighted to oversee another year of growth and expansion of the organisation.

Our services have been engaged by further boroughs in London during the year, demonstrating a high regard for our innovation and efficiency in delivering the best outcomes for our commissioners and the end-beneficiaries.

With our excellent Senior Leadership Team under Chief Executive Julie Pal, our financial resilience has once again been strengthened, with our reserves comfortably meeting the Charities Commission's requirements. This will allow us in the year ahead to initiate some much-needed services which we can fund ourselves while seeking ongoing support from public or private sources of funding for other services.

Our Board has continued to develop, and is now stronger than ever with an excellent mix of backgrounds, professional skills and experience. To ensure we remain ready to undertake all future demands, we are currently evaluating where we could benefit from further Trustee contributions, and will shortly begin the process of looking for future additional members of the Board.

We are continuing activities in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of CommUNITY Barnet, built around the benefits we bring to the communities we serve. More news on this will be given at our AGM.

The Board enters the new year confident that we have a sound strategic position, an excellent operational team, and a growing reputation for operating at the highest levels of public service.

Tony Vardy and Adam Goldstein
Co-chairs

Welcome from our CEO

2018-19 has been a big year for CommUNITY Barnet; notably, we celebrated our 40th birthday. As you can imagine, we have looked back over this year of change and the journey our organisation has taken. There have been highs: awards, our members, new partnerships, projects and our growing footprint. Of course, there have been lows too, but like our members, we regrouped, learnt and have grown from that experience.

We now work across seven London boroughs: Barnet, Brent, Camden, Enfield, Harrow, Newham and Hammersmith and Fulham, with considerable reach and growing responsibility. In Barnet, we continue to support over 400 voluntary, community and faith (VCFS) organisations. In an ever-changing world we are engaging with residents more, whilst continuing to support and develop the sector. Old partnerships have been maintained and new partnerships formed, bringing with it several diverse communities which we continue to nurture and learn from, as they find their confidence in our borough. A highlight of this year was the Nowruz Festival, held at Middlesex University. It was heartening to see communities who are or have been at war, come together and share a common thread of this Spring Festival. It was lovely to see residents from local communities attending and enjoying a new experience and a wide range of cultures.

This year we have attended strategic forums across the Borough (London and nationally) which continue to inspire our thinking and local footprint. We remain committed to supporting and promoting civic activity and sharing key messages as a growing and experienced infrastructure organisation. We remain steadfast and dedicated to developing collaborative partnerships; growing and enhancing volunteering and increasing community fundraising.

As testament to our 40th anniversary, I pay tribute to our extremely talented and conscientious staff, our volunteers and to our inspirational board of trustees. Through their combined efforts, CommUNITY Barnet has been able to confidently support community, voluntary and social enterprises and deliver the right activities for its members and partners.

Thank you all for your continued support in building such a vibrant community sector.

Julie Pal

Chief Executive Officer



Risk Management

At CommUNITY Barnet, given our privileged position working at the heart of so many communities, we recognise the importance of robust risk management to our continuing success. As Trustees, we have worked closely with the Senior Leadership Team to establish a simple approach which enables us to review the reputational, performance, strategic and financial risks to which the charity is exposed. We do this on a quarterly basis at the Performance Committee, and then regularly provide feedback to the Board.

Throughout the year we have looked at the broad range of support CommUNITY Barnet now provides across several London boroughs to ensure that the risks to successful service delivery are robustly managed. As the breadth of our service offer has increased, so too we have learnt to identify, define and mitigate new risks that could impact on our ability to successfully deliver the results our communities rightly need and expect. We believe that the controls and processes that continue to be in place ensure we can be held up to scrutiny by our members, partners, stakeholders and potential funders and commissioners.

Vision A society that nurtures social action, contributes to worthwhile causes, promotes partnerships between residents, communities and organisations, and has volunteering at its heart.

Mission To sustain community cohesion and strengthen our borough during times of continued austerity.

Ambition To provide the community with a voice and skills to articulate their needs and encourage organisations to further strengthen the community.



Community Services

Barnet Council funded us to deliver capacity building to local organisations, in order to create a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector for the first six months of the financial year.

Since October 2018 and in consultation with our members, we have delivered a bespoke consultancy and bid writing service, with a stepped offer of business development. This service continues to be well-received and we have developed several consortia and partnership bids to a range of funders.

We have secured almost £400,000 of funding this year for organisations including; Joining Young and Old (JOY), the Flowerbank, the Last Cuppa and Precious Moments in Health Ltd. Our service has supported 60 diverse local organisations working with children, young people, migrants and refugees with a range of languages including Farsi and Pushto. Additionally, we have worked closely with the Barnet Multifaith Forum to establish a much-needed Youth Faith Forum.

We remain the sector's safeguarding lead: supporting organisations in meeting the enhanced requirements set by the Charity Commission, by providing Level 1 and 2 safeguarding training for children, young people and vulnerable adults and a bespoke programme for trustees.



72

One-to-one
surgeries



40

Expert financial
advice consultations



37



Organisations supported
with their governance
frameworks

60

Groups supported



GDPR

5 Training sessions

5

New start up
organisations



£400,000

Funding raised

1 Community festival



17

Safeguarding
sessions delivered
for children, young
people &
vulnerable adults



Spacehive

1 project successfully
supported



37

Organisational
health checks

Community Services

Nowruz Spring Festival

Understanding people's culture is crucial to community growth. Cultural events are a way of bringing communities together and expanding residents knowledge of, and respect for different cultures.

As part of its business development and enterprise work, CommUNITY Barnet had been working with a number of organisations from the Farsi and Afghan speaking communities. They wanted to partner with other organisations who shared a sense of identity and an affinity to living in North London, but lacked the contacts and confidence to reach out. They approached CB for assistance and guidance.

Farsi speaking communities include Iranian, Kurdish, Afghan and Iraqi nationalities so we sought to find common ground that would unite and address a local lack of knowledge surrounding these communities. As part of the business development programme we agreed to showcase a celebration for the spring festival of Nowruz.

In partnership with Middlesex University, CB hosted the Nowruz Festival on 10th March 2019 with the Farsophone Association in Britain, Persia Educational Foundation, British Iranian Community Development Organisation, Paiwand, Barnet Refugee Service, Rustam School, Tarbiyat School, Sama Foundation and Razi School.

Nowruz was recognised by the United Nations (U.N.) in 2009 as a tradition of Intangible Cultural Heritage, which "promotes values of peace and solidarity between generations and within families as well as reconciliation and neighbourliness".





The Impact of Nowruz 2019 in Barnet

The Nowruz event generated a great deal of interest, and also increased the confidence within the different community groups who showcased their music, dancing, and food to the wider local community. Integrally, these cultural displays were also passed on to the younger generation of Farsi communities in a positive and creative way.

Almost 2,000 people attended the festival from across north London. The dancing, singing, food, and conviviality contradicted the usual perceptions of these communities of feeling at risk and unwelcome. A commitment was made to work together to improve and increase life outcomes for these civically active communities whose voices are often unrepresented in formal consultations or engagement events.

We have committed to working more with the community in 2019/20.

Community Services

Fire on the Grange Estate

In November 2018 a fire broke out in the roof of Willow House, on the Grange Estate in East Finchley. 15 fire engines and around 100 firefighters arrived to tackle the blaze. Thankfully, everyone got out safely. 25 adults and 6 children from 13 flats were directly impacted. Many were unable to immediately return to their properties due to the damage to the block, and they were rehoused. The affected residents also lost their possessions in the fire.

CommUNITY Barnet set up a GoFundMe page to help those affected by the fire start to rebuild their lives. We also worked with several local retailers, community and faith organisations, and sourced replacement household and personal items. The needs of residents were varied and included requests for replacing car keys, ID, and work permits. Hope North London worked with residents at the scene to co-ordinate immediate and practical support such as food, clothes, phone calls, friendship and assistance. The residents affected described all the support they received as amazing!

More than £8,000 was raised and it was all distributed to those affected by the fire. We want to thank Tesco, Marks and Spencer, B&Q, and Finchley Charities, which were amongst the organisations that made donations.



Community Services

Digital Youth Hustings

Our Children and Young People's Team had been approached by local young people, who were keen to understand the rapidly changing world of national politics and how it impacted local politics. We approached Woodhouse Sixth Form College and asked them to work with us to host a hustings, with candidates representing local parties agreeing to answer questions posed by local people. Representation was provided by the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green Parties.

Mindful that we were entering the final days of exam preparation time in April – we decided to video broadcast the event on our Facebook page. Almost 1,000 people viewed or participated in the event. For many of the young people, this was their first experience of engaging in local politics and they welcomed the opportunity to question candidates about their motives, ambitions and how they managed to potentially compete priorities of local and national interests.

The feedback we received from the candidates and the attendees was really positive. Given the interest and engagement we received, this is something we might run again in the future.



Wellbeing » Barnet



CommUNITY Barnet was awarded the prime contractor responsibility for delivering the integrated Barnet Wellbeing Service in October 2018 by Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group. It has developed into a new, integrated, community-based support model, which assists people living with common mental and emotional health conditions. Through personalised support at the Barnet Wellbeing Hub, virtual therapy through the Online Wellbeing Programme, and assistance through the Barnet, Enfield, Haringey Mental Health Trust clinical support, the Barnet Wellbeing Service is fully equipped to reach a wide number of residents across the borough. It has been an exciting year for us as we have trialled new ways of working, introduced innovative ideas and cemented relationships.

None of this would have been possible without the inspirational leadership of Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group which has continued to place both its confidence and investment in the third sector. The collaborative partnership between CommUNITY Barnet, Chinese Mental Health Association (CMHA), Inclusion Barnet, Jewish Volunteer Network (JVN) and Mind in Barnet has been supported by an ambitious and challenging multiagency, multisector partnership which has been an invaluable alliance to the Hub's management board.

Over 40 local voluntary, community, commercial and statutory organisations have been involved in this programme, making it one of the largest of its kind nationally.

Wellbeing » Barnet

1,599

people were offered
an Emotional Health
Check

55

people were referred
to the Linkworker
team

612

people accessed the
Online Wellbeing
Programme

40

organisations
involved in this
programme

2,077

people accessed the
Barnet Wellbeing
Hub

1

Wellbeing café
set up

399

people were
referred to the
IAPT team

47

people were
referred to the
Network

Barnet Wellbeing Service



Hub Connections

Hub Connections is a network of service users, residents, providers, commissioners and other stakeholders who meet quarterly. They provide learning and showcase opportunities for organisations involved in either providing, or delivering wellbeing services directly from the Hub. We have covered several themes over the past year including body image and mindfulness.

Setting up a multisector management group with the voluntary sector, adult social care and the mental health trust

As the Wellbeing Hub gathered momentum, we started to be contacted by people whose needs were more complex. We began to bring these cases to the Joint Case Management (JCM) group to determine whether these service users would benefit from an escalation to statutory services. Mindful of our duty of care, we wanted to avoid deterioration of their mental health before they entered crisis. Using this risk stratification approach, we were able to fast-track at least 40% of people who referred themselves to this group.

Using a single registration process

To reach a wider audience and increase referrals to the Hub, we implemented an automatic registration system between community intervention and clinical services to signpost the wide variety of opportunities available locally that could be used to boost their wellbeing.

Establishing an NHS referral pathway from general practices

Social prescribing is at the heart of the Barnet Wellbeing Hub, so we wanted to create an easy and seamless way for GPs to be able to refer patients to us. The Wellbeing Hub is now listed on the EMIS NHS electronic referral system. Approximately 1/3 of GPs regularly refer patients to the Wellbeing Hub. It is very rewarding that practitioners are confident and comfortable about using community providers to support their patients.

Wellbeing » Barnet

Trial and Innovation

Early intervention and prevention enable people to manage long-term conditions and empower them to use different types of health and social care professionals. In order to work towards these ambitions, we trialled the following initiatives:

Developing a Community IAPT service

Purchasing a group license for local community organisations means we can provide a blend of IAPT services to residents, and also report their access and recovery rates to NHS England. We are delighted that Barnet Refugee Service has started to deliver post-traumatic distress disorder therapy in Farsi, Arabic and English and are wanting to extend this programme to the wider community. We have other community organisations joining us over 2019/20 which means residents will be able to access psychotherapeutic services quicker than statutory providers.

Mood Boosters Trial: our online clinical therapeutic service

The service was a live intervention delivered via webinar over 4-6 weeks, which over 600 people used. It was tailored to teach users behavioural activation strategies that are helpful in everyday life. On reflection, we realised that whilst the programme and feedback was excellent, residents still grappled with the concept of online therapy. However, the results from the programme were really positive and it remains on our radar to look at this service in the future.



Wellbeing » Brent



Brent NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissioned CommUNITY Barnet to deliver the project, Brent Young People Thrive (BYPT). It is a community engagement and anti-stigma campaign that started in March 2018. BYPT is a key part of Brent's vision for Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Transformation. Our general observation over the course of the year is that about 97% of those we met welcomed Brent CCG's decision to engage children, young people, families, professionals and the wider public into the mental health and wellbeing discussion and raise awareness. This programme has reached 1,552 CYP and 1,877 adults, making the total reach 3,429 individuals.

From the feedback we received, we found that:

- Young people didn't feel confident in their knowledge of signs and symptoms, including where to go for help.
- Young people didn't think school provided a safe place for them to talk about their mental health and life challenges.
- School staff did not feel they had the knowledge and experience to meet the needs of those struggling with their mental health. Most staff were stretched and stressed.
- Primary age children appeared more knowledgeable than their teenage peers about mental health, mindfulness and who to speak to at school if they needed to.
- Children are more worried about the socio-economic issues that affected their families and the wellbeing of their parents.
- Parents wanted more peer support, training and information on mental health (MHFA) and support services in the borough.
- Statutory and voluntary professionals felt the referral pathways could be more clearly defined and a single point of access/database would enable them to respond with the right support at the right time.

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Mental health
champions

1,552

CYP reached

97

Schools reached

7

School assemblies

157

Organisations reached

3,429

Total people reached

10

Focus groups

5

Parent groups

3

Expert group meetings

12

Community events

23

Stakeholder
meetings

10

School events

8

Roadshows



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Wellbeing » Enfield

Enfield Connections

Enfield Connections is an inclusive information and advice service developed for Enfield residents (18+) in need of support, information and advice. It can be used to make informed decisions in self-managing long term care, deciding when to contact adult social care, and to be able to live independently for as long as they possibly can. The service was developed as part of Enfield Council's transformation programme, procuring services from the voluntary and community sector. Enfield Connections is delivered as a collaboration with Enfield charities, and is contracted by CommUNITY Barnet to deliver bespoke or specialist services.



The model is delivered by:

-  Working with other voluntary, statutory sector and independent organisations to ensure residents can access an increased and improved transformation service.
-  Receiving information and advice from local providers.
-  Being signposted to organisations delivering services relating to, but not exclusively: health/ healthy living, leisure, socialising, volunteering, employment, housing and benefit advice; including other prime contractors delivering this wider contract.
-  Providing a fast-track benefits advice service delivered through Enfield Citizen's Advice which includes a bespoke drop-in service to the D/ deaf* community.
-  Increase the inclusion of smaller organisations who have not been well known to the local authority.

*D/deaf - The word **deaf** is used to describe or identify anyone who has a severe hearing problem. Sometimes it's used to refer to people who are severely hard of hearing too. **Deaf** with a capital D to refer to people who have been deaf all their lives, or since before they started to learn to talk. They are pre-lingually deaf.

Wellbeing » Enfield

Mind in Enfield

The front door of Enfield Connections; it delivers a telephone based information and signposting service.



Homeless Resource Centre

A support charity that provides counselling services to the homeless and has incorporated Emotional Health Checks. HRC helps single, homeless, unemployed persons aged 16+ with a local connection to Enfield.



One to One

One to One provide volunteering opportunities for vulnerable and disabled people. They support volunteers to have increased employment opportunities by providing training, and enhancing skill sets and practical knowledge.



Citizens' Advice Enfield

Provides a fast-track specialist disability advice service. Partners can book clients in for an appointment directly using a shared calendar, meaning they do not have to wait in queues.



Age UK Enfield

Delivers a later-life planning service, targeting residents aged 55+



Healthwatch

Through our three Healthwatch contracts, we have worked with local residents to influence the development of public policy and improve the health and social care services received by local residents. Our role works to provide the independent voice for residents and users of health and social care services, as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2014.

In **Barnet**, patients told us they were not provided with the language support they needed and had to struggle through their GP appointments. Many residents are keen to develop their English skills, but specialist support is needed for the technical information provided during doctor's appointments. We undertook a mystery shop of all Barnet GPs and found that whilst GP staff knew about the service, many did not advertise it or inform patients. We are now working with Barnet CCG and GPs to improve this.

To find out more visit www.healthwatchbarnet.co.uk

In **Brent**, Healthwatch Brent concentrated their Enter & View visits to sheltered housing schemes. One visit saw the team gathering evidence and contributing to multi-agency work, to resolve and dramatically improve the lives of the residents. They were recognised for this work and received a national award from Healthwatch England. A Community Chest was established, and grants between £600 and £300,000 were available to local organisations to improve their reach and ensure that seldom heard voices on health and social care issues were involved in feedback. In 2018/19 we distributed grants to 5 community organisations, these were the Iraqi Welfare Association, Brent Mencap, Orchid Cancer Appeal, Asian People Disability Alliance (APDA) and Brent Carers Centre.

To find out more visit www.healthwatchbrent.co.uk

In **Newham**, we have listened to the experiences of residents in 14 Supported Living Services. Residents live independent lives but can sometimes be vulnerable or isolated, and do not always have the opportunity to share their views. We found staff and support worked well in some areas, with residents able to volunteer, prepare meals, and participate in physical activities. Unfortunately, we also found unsupportive staff, inadequate staff training, properties in a poor state of repair and residents with little support to develop independent living skills or to access community leisure or education services. We raised two safeguarding concerns and Newham Council responded promptly to this and to our recommendation for more support on independent living activities. Our findings have contributed to Newham Council's new Performance Framework for Supported Living Services.

To find out more visit www.healthwatchnewham.co.uk

In numbers...

4,744

**Social media
followers**

2,221

Friends

189

**Outreach
events**

650

**Volunteer
hours**

191,373

**Residents
reached**

110

**Statutory
meetings**

268

**NHS complaints
advocacy cases**

5

**Volunteer training &
development sessions**

Community Fundraising » **Barnet Giving**



CommUNITY Barnet's (CB) approach to community fundraising is simple. We develop relationships with local people, stakeholders and corporate organisations who can donate through community funds to reduce disability inequality, reduce loneliness and reduce poverty.

Barnet Giving is our local giving scheme which aims to bring together local people, businesses, organisations and stakeholders to help make Barnet a better place to live and work for everyone. Unlike other local giving schemes, every single penny raised by Barnet Giving has been raised by working with residents. We are not underwritten by a charity, trust or foundation and are seeking to grow the programme by forging partnerships and nurturing entrepreneurship.

Over the past 12 months there has been a hiatus in the work of Barnet Giving which has been frustrating. However, following a meeting with the Advisory Board and the Chairperson it has been decided Barnet Giving will be established as an independent charity with its own articles of governance. Discussions have resumed with local fundraisers to secure their support to the fund and to suggest that they would like to use Barnet Giving as a platform to extend their reach and to make better use of their funds. We recognise that the concept of community giving schemes are more familiar with residents, enterprises and local donors and feel confident that Barnet Giving will grow and thrive.

Barnet Boroughwatch

Barnet Neighbourhood Watch (BNW) moved to under Community Barnet's (CB) guardianship from 1st April 2018. The Area Coordinator estimates that there are over 3,000 Neighbourhood Watch schemes operating across the borough. Barnet's is regarded as one of the most vibrant and successful schemes in London and has been praised by the borough commander to the Deputy Mayor of London responsible for Policing and Crime. It is one of the pioneer users of the Online Watch Link (OWL) crime reporting database, and has received funding from both the Mayor's Office for Policing and Communities (MOPAC) and the London Borough of Barnet. There are currently over 23,264 registered users in Barnet – one of the largest GDPR compliant databases locally. We are keen to grow the neighbourhood watch model in other boroughs. However, funding remains a challenge.

The OWL system allows us to send out alerts, highlight any recent scams, appeals for information, etc. We also administer a Facebook information page for Barnet with over 4,000 members, which expands by about 150 people a month. BNW is one of the most successful schemes in London. Part of this was due to the high-quality leadership of the Chairperson of Barnet Boroughwatch, who received an MBE for her services. She has now retired and the organisation has an opportunity to review its operational model which draws on the strengths of the personal relationship between the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, the local police and local residents.

3,067

Individual Watches

22,264

Registered Addresses

23,052

Members

732,154

Alerts and Messages Sent

Email: barnetnhw@communitybarnet.org.uk

Facebook: Barnet Boroughwatch



Volunteering

Volunteering is fundamental to a thriving, healthy society that drives change in local communities. CB knows that volunteering empowers residents whilst connecting them both to their local communities and to each other. CB remains committed to supporting civic activity by working with community organisations that deliver their services through volunteering. Our own Volunteer Centre continues to be delivered by volunteers one day per week, providing a volunteer brokerage service and across CB. We have approximately 50 volunteers who support and deliver services.

We will...



Continue to develop this culture of volunteering that can be embedded in different stages of people's lives.



Work with formal and less formal groups, networks, and organisations in the voluntary, public and commercial sector to create an environment in which volunteering can flourish.



Brainstorm with partners and funders to identify creative ways of supporting volunteering.



Promote organisations who support volunteers and champion them, so that the power of volunteering is realised.

Engagement » Brent

Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissioned us to engage with Brent residents and advise them of their clinical commissioning intentions and priorities, as well as provide information about the transformation of primary care services and the use of the Health Help Now App developed by NHS England.

The table below summarises our activity and information between July 2018 – March 2019. This could be used by the CCG as evidence in how they are meeting their Public Sector Equality Duty and the Duty to Consult.

Mental health	Continuing health care	Dementia	Primary care transformation
Suicide prevention	Diverse communities	Health partners' forum	Mental health (winter services)
Winter services	Suicide prevention (Muslim men)	Diverse communities (winter services)	Healthwatch Brent
21 Case studies		40 Number of events	
62 FAQs generated		1,047 Residents engaged with	

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CB Digital

As an ambitious and modern organisation keen to connect with as many people as possible, CB's Communications Team have continued to develop and expand the organisation's digital presence.

CB's considerable reach has been possible by managing 5 websites, overseeing 11 Twitter accounts, and publishing 34 newsletters annually. Circulation has been increasing steadily and across CB's suite of services we reach nearly 10,000 followers through Twitter and just under 7,000 followers across our Facebook accounts. These accounts and websites include Healthwatch Barnet, Brent and Newham, Enfield Connections, Barnet Boroughwatch and the Barnet Wellbeing Service.

Our CB newsletter alone is delivered to almost 600 subscribers. It contains information, news, policy updates and funding opportunities and is well regarded as an excellent resource by commissioners, member organisations and other partners. Our funding newsletter was heavily utilised by the sector.

In addition to our Twitter and Facebook accounts we hold an Instagram for CB and Brent Young People Thrive. CB has reached a total of 714 followers, and BYPT has 479.

"I get loads of newsletters but CB's is the only one that I open... and read from top to bottom"

Celebrating our 40th Anniversary



Our 40th Year...what to do?

As we celebrate our 40th year supporting the voluntary sector, we wondered how to mark this occasion. There were a number of suggestions including videos with partners (old and new), a party and maybe even planting some trees. However, the one thought we all continuously returned to was: this journey is not just about us, but it is about the communities we serve and work in. We talked about change, and that is when we decided upon the photography competition.

In addition, we wanted to mark the occasion by providing support to local organisations, and decided that we would support Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) and Bloody Good Period. The staff organised a Harvest Festival and collection for both charities. As the weather turned cold and in discussion with HAB, we arranged 100 care packages for their clients, which included thermal hats, gloves and snoods that were delivered just before Christmas.

Looking back we have shared so many journeys with our members and partners, brought more diverse voices to join the conversation, tried new initiatives and partnerships, and as a result, our network is now the largest size in our forty year history. Looking forward, we will continue our efforts to shape and build equitable, inclusive and vibrant communities. Thank you for being part of that journey.



40th Year Photography Competition

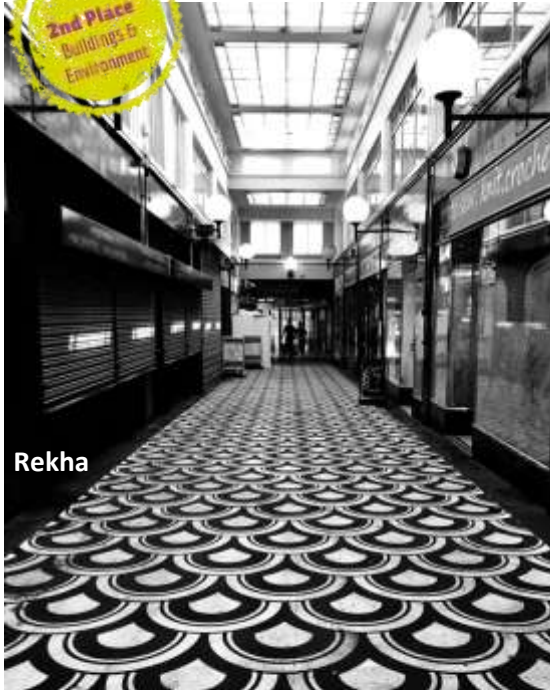
As we celebrated our 40th year of working in Barnet, we spoke about the many changes we have seen over the years. With this in mind, we then decided to ask the residents of our borough to get behind their cameras and show us what Barnet looks like to them.

CommUNITY Barnet CEO Julie Pal said the competition was the perfect way to celebrate our 40th birthday. “Since 1979 we have supported and developed the capacity of local organisations, charities and faith groups to ensure Barnet has a sustainable and thriving civic sector. Here at CommUNITY Barnet we could think of no better way to commemorate our 40th birthday than by getting the very community we serve involved with the celebrations. We wanted to see what people love about this borough and we have been delighted by the entries, which made judging extremely difficult. I would like to extend my thanks to Becky Beech, Antony Jacobson, and Rory Cooper for agreeing to judge the competition and whose difficult task it was to choose the winners from such high calibre entries”.

Thank you to **Becky Beech**, Editor for the Muswell Flyer, Highgate Handbook and Crouch End Connection, **Antony Jacobson**, Honorary President of CommUNITY Barnet and **Rory Cooper**, Head of Healthwatch and



2nd Place
Buildings &
Environment



Rekha

2nd Place
Culture &
Communities



Brigid

3rd Place
Culture &
Communities



David Ramsey

3rd Place
Buildings &
Environment



Pat Murphy

Locally Trusted Organisations

Grange Big Local (GBL)

CommUNITY Barnet is the Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO) for the Grange Big Local Partnership in the London Borough of Barnet. Providing at least £1m to each of 150 communities in England, Big Local is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and managed by Local Trust. Big Local is long-term, resident-led, non-prescriptive, patient and non-judgemental.

The current GBL Plan covers the period from April 2018 to March 2020 and a plan for April 2020 to March 2023 is in development. The GBL area includes the Grange, Font Hills and Thomas More estates and neighbouring areas in East Finchley. GBL has funded, amongst other things, an advice service for residents, annual community festivals, a community grants programme and projects aimed at young people. CommUNITY Barnet supports the partnership and workers in the GBL area to develop and deliver on plans. The GBL area has a community partnership manager and community engagement manager.

Website: www.grangebiglocal.org

Email: info@grangebiglocal.org



Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board (Barnet SNB)

Barnet SNB aims to establish local policing and crime priorities, monitor local police performance and confidence, and fulfil a range of important specific functions. It holds public meetings to discuss all aspects of policing within the borough and acts as an umbrella body for the ward panels.

Phone: 020 8364 8400

Email: BarnetSNB@gmail.com



Finance


The **Finance Team** have had a very busy year providing a number of charities both within and outside the borough with the following support:

- Financial Services
- Payroll
- Independent Examination
- Bookkeeping
- Budgeting and Financial Planning

The demand for Independent Examinations continues to grow, and the team have enjoyed meeting new clients and assisting them in keeping their finances in good order. We are very approachable and proud of the high level of service we provide.

If you have a finance query please do not hesitate to contact us on:

finance@communitybarnet.org.uk

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a smartphone. The phone's screen displays a calculator application with various mathematical symbols and numbers. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a desk or office environment.

Community Barnet has been assisting us with our accounting needs for a number of years. They provide excellent accounting services and are reliable, knowledgeable and proactive. I think its important for local charities to support each other. Their fees are very reasonable and they have saved us a lot in administrative hours. I have no hesitation in recommending Community Barnet.

Andrea Bilbow (ADISS)

Finance

This summary statement of our Financial Activities and Balance Sheet is an extract from the audited accounts on which the auditor's opinion was unqualified. The trustees approved the full report and accounts on 20th December 2019.

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, please consult the full accounts, the Auditor's report and the Directors' and Trustees' Report.

Copies of these are downloadable from our website or available from the Chief Executive at CommUNITY Barnet.

Signed on behalf of the Directors and Trustees.

Treasurer: Chris Cormie 20th December 2019

Auditor's Report

In our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.



Accounts	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds to 31 st March 2018	Total Funds Year to 31 st March 2019
	£	£	£	£
Charitable and investment income	95,148	1,292,352	1,387,500	1,300,979
Charitable activities and governance costs	(83,037)	(1,202,679)	(1,285,716)	(1,062,287)
Net (outgoing) /incoming resources before transfers	12,111	89,673	101,784	238,692
Transfer between funds	(18,467)	18,467	-	-
Net (expenditure) /income for the year	(6,356)	108,140	101,784	238,692
Reconciliation of funds (total funds brought forward)	230,630	300,446	531,076	292,384
Total funds brought forward	224,274	408,586	632,860	531,076

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CommUNITY Barnet's Trustees continue to inspire, challenge and empower us all. Thank you to our funders and sponsors for continuous funding and to all our members, well wishers and critical friends who continue to inspire and challenge us to demonstrate our impact and make a difference to the lives of Barnet residents.

The Board and CEO would like to thank all the staff for their excellent work and commitment to CommUNITY Barnet, and their contributions to vibrant and crucial services. Our volunteers too make an outstanding contribution, and without whom, we could not deliver our services.

CommUNITY Barnet is proud to be a Living Wage Employer.



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