



Love Barton

Trustee Pack - Treasurer
February 2022

COME AND JOIN US ...

Do you have a passion for seeing communities flourish and for finance?

Do you understand the power of money in community transformation?

Do you love spreadsheets as well as social justice?

Love Barton is looking for a servant-hearted finance professional to join our new board of trustees for the position of treasurer.

For more information contact Susann Haehnel, Trustee via email haehnel.susann@gmail.com.

We, at Love Barton are committed to creating a team of trustees, staff and volunteers with a variety of backgrounds, skills and views. We welcome applications from those people who reflect the diversity of Barton residents and particularly from those who are underrepresented on charity sector boards.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU...

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for a finance professional with excellent financial management and analysis skills. You will, alongside the board, provide financial oversight and assist the strategic development of a new charity. We are interested in hearing from candidates who would be keen to move into the role of Treasurer with an immediate start.

To become a Trustee of Love Barton, you do not need to have experience in working with people from Barton nor do you need to have lived in Barton, Oxford. But we do think living in Oxford/-shire will make it easier. The role would be suited to someone with or without previous board experience and presents a fantastic opportunity to not only share your knowledge and skills but learn from your fellow trustees and take part in the various events that the charity runs.



TRUSTEE REQUIREMENTS...

Trustee requirements (2-3 hours per month):

- Be a practising Christian and care about social justice and incarnational ministry
- Commit to 6 trustee meetings a year. This number might reduce in frequency once the charity is set up (These will be in evenings and probably alternate between zoom and face to face).
- Contribute to subgroups as and when they develop
- Complete any work necessary between core meetings
- Attend an annual vision and strategy day
- Commit to a minimum of two years
- Have skills and experience in financial management



TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES...

Responsibilities (as a collective trustee board)

- Set up the new charity including writing policies
 - Set the vision, strategy and values for the charity
 - Monitor progress and outcomes against funding commitments
 - Contribute to strategic decisions over direction, finances, policies and objectives
 - Provide support for and manage performance of general manager/project manager role
 - Ensure that the charity adheres to relevant legislation and regulations
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- If you've never been a trustee, check out the government guidance on being a trustee [here](#)



HOW YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

How will you make a difference?

Love Barton aims to make a difference by focusing on three projects. Your leadership and skill set will contribute to making these projects happen:

Hear4you - Listening Service

A 1:1 listening service. We currently provide Barton residents with weekly 45-minute sessions for up to 12 weeks. We have 3 trained listening volunteers and most of our referrals come from the local GP. We want to train more volunteers (increase to 8 volunteers over the next year) and develop this service.

Know Your Worth- Self Esteem Course

An 8 week self-esteem course for 14-16 year old girls looking at healthy self-esteem, confidence, managing emotions, relationships, resilience and social media. There is the offer of bonus 1:1 mentoring sessions for each participant. Over the next year we want to run this course again, build good relationships with local secondary schools and local youth workers and start a small mentoring programme to provide more long-term support.

Flourishing Families

Over the last 10 years we've seen 11 kids from families that we know go into care. We want to be part of the solution by providing support for families before they reach crisis point.

1. Parenting courses, in partnership with Kids Matter, to support parents from all backgrounds with the challenges of raising children.
2. A family befriending model, similar to the Safe Families for Children model, in which we provide a family friend volunteer who can support parents and lift the burden when they need it most, which gives children the best possible chance of thriving in their birth family.
3. A support group for mums who have seen their birth children go into care, so that they can process their grief in a supportive environment.



HOW TO APPLY . . .

How to apply:

Applications should be made via email to Susann Haehnel
haehnel.susann@gmail.com.

Please submit your CV or LinkedIn page along with a covering letter detailing what skills and experience you can bring to the board and what excites you about Love Barton.

We'll get in touch to arrange a time to talk with you, once we've heard from you. It will be an opportunity for you to find out more about Love Barton, meet other trustees and for us to get to know you more.

As a charity, we are committed to Safe Recruitment Practices and every trustee will undergo safeguarding checks for the last 5 years including but not limited to a DBS check.



SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION...

About Barton

Barton is a council estate at the edge of Oxford ranking in the bottom 20% on the indices of deprivation and ranking in the bottom 10% for Children and Young People's education. But to simply judge Barton based on the indices of deprivation or on its reputation is inadequate. This is a beautiful community brimming with talent and kindness, made up of loyal, caring, resilient folk. It's a community full of potential.

Poverty, family breakdown, poor mental health, child exploitation and low self-esteem are just some of the issues here. Love Barton exists to play a part in removing the deep-rooted obstacles that stop many people here reaching their God-given potential.



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Love Barton was started in 2021 and came out of the vision of [Barton Community Church \(BCC\)](#). Love Barton is in the process of becoming a registered charity having submitted the application in January 2022.

Barton Community Church (BCC) was planted by Headington Baptist Church (HBC) in 2010 to be an authentic community bringing hope to the heart of Barton through making Jesus known. Incarnational ministry has been key in building relationships here and any projects we run are only successful because of the strong relationships within the community. 90% of the church either already lived on the estate or intentionally moved here to be a part of this ministry.

BCC opened 'The Hub' in 2019. This is a space at the base of the Community Centre in the heart of the estate with access to a kitchen and garden area. The Hub has allowed us to be more incarnational and provide people with an entry point to church that isn't Sundays.

Having been in the estate for 10 years, we want to expand and deepen the work we're doing to meet the social justice needs in the estate which is the reason for starting a new charity that would sit alongside BCC. The benefits of creating a separate charity that will work closely with BCC is that we can access more funding streams, and volunteers. The charity would be able to make decisions more autonomously and employ staff and sessional workers, all of which are hard for us to do as a Church as we're connected to a larger Church (Headington Baptist Church). We're copying a similar model which works well for our friends at [Langworthy Community Church](#) when they started the [Life Centre](#).

