

Trustee Vacancy: Treasurer



Role Overview

We are seeking a committed and financially literate individual to serve as our voluntary Treasurer. As part of the Board, the Treasurer plays a governance and oversight role while also offering practical financial guidance and occasional hands-on support where necessary.

Key Responsibilities

- Attend Board of Trustees meetings and chair Finance & General Purposes Committee (each held every two months, usually in the evening for 90 minutes)
- Present financial reports in an accessible format to help the Board understand the charity's financial position
- Advise the Board on financial governance, relevant policy, and risk management
- Oversee preparation and scrutiny of annual accounts, working with auditors and the Finance Manager
- Support budgeting and financial forecasting processes alongside the Finance Manager
- Liaise with professional advisers where needed
- Ensure compliance with charity finance regulations and internal controls
- Advise on some operational finance tasks to improve the running of the Trust

What We're Looking For

- Experience in budgeting, financial planning, and/or accounting preferably backed with a professional finance qualification
- A good understanding of charity finance would be an advantage
- Previous experience of serving as a Trustee would be an advantage
- Ability to communicate complex financial information clearly
- A collaborative approach and willingness to engage with staff and fellow trustees
- A commitment to the work and objectives of the Trust, preferably with a local connection

About Besson Street Trust

Besson Street Trust (formerly The New Cross Gate Trust) has worked for over 17 years to create a connected, inclusive, and ambitious community in New Cross. Based in the Besson Street Community Gardens, we deliver a range of services supporting the health, wellbeing, and development of local residents. With a focus on collaboration and sustainability, we interact with more than 600 beneficiaries annually and support numerous community groups in the local area. Our activities are funded primarily by rental income from a portfolio of residential and commercial properties, investments and supplemented through fundraising.

How To Apply

Please email recruitment@bessonstreet.org.uk to express an interest in this role or to ask questions. **Please note:** This is a volunteer position and is not a paid role with the Trust.