



# Annual Overview 2020-21

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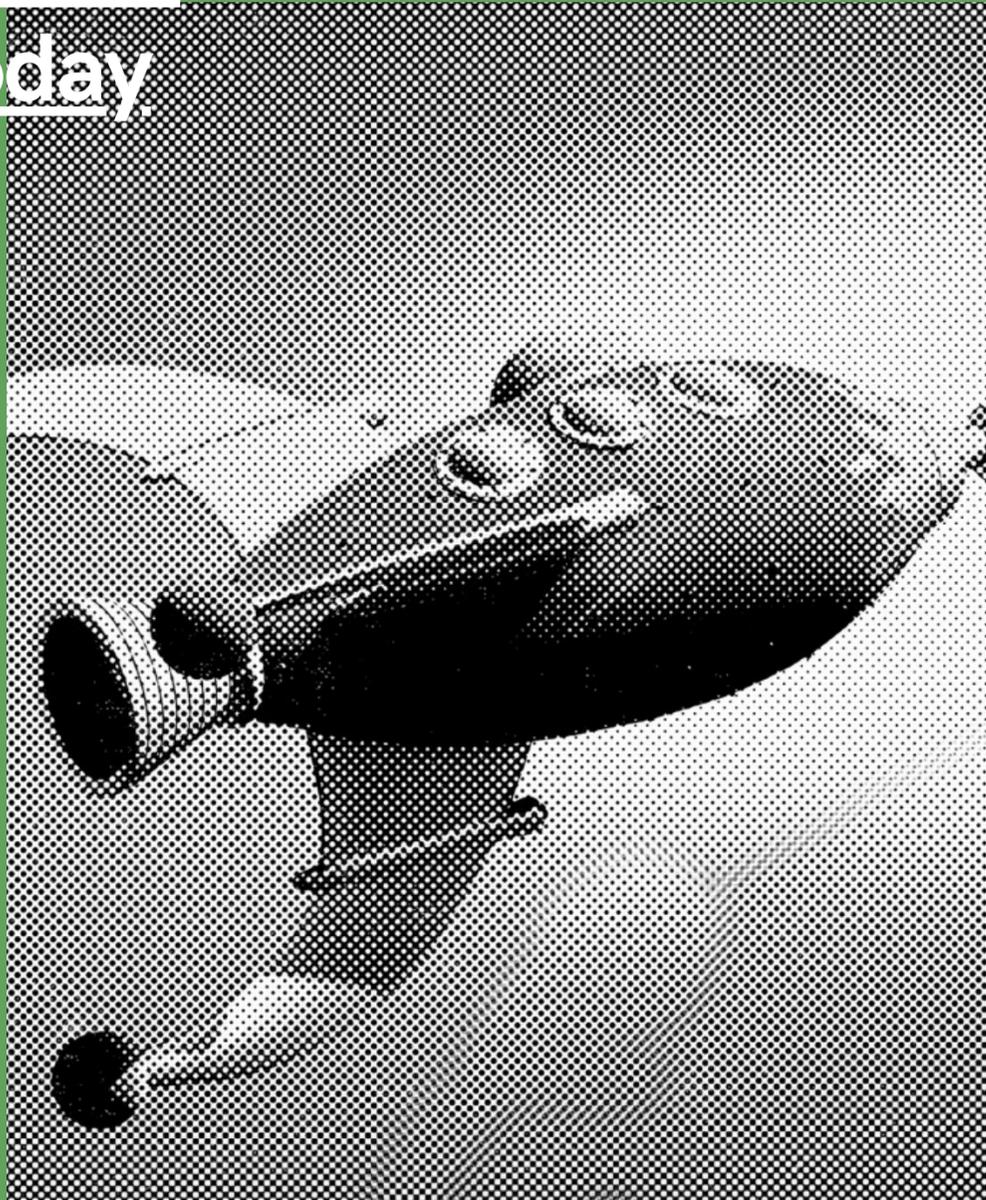
*Inclusion &  
Accountability*



*Integrity &  
Transparency*



Where we  
are today.



# BELTA's Mission

Our annual overview starts by highlighting BELTA's vision and mission. What we hope to achieve and why

## *BELTA's MISSION*

*Our mission is to enhance the quality of life on Bristol Estate and make it a happier, healthier place to live. We aim to meet the needs of our community by providing quality activities, services and green spaces that contribute to the physical, emotional and social well-being of our community.*

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# BELTA's Vision

## BELTA's VISION

*A vibrant, happy, cooperative, community where we treat each other with respect, compassion and dignity. Our community will help friendships thrive, provide economic, social, environmental and creative opportunities that improve our health and well being*

# BELTA KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

Our established Facebook Page has 385 members, it records consistently high levels of community engagement. Our website BELTA.ORG.UK launched late last year, recording almost 800 views with 80% returning visitors. We've just launched a new Instagram bristolestatebrighton account. We're steadily building followers.

We subscribe to Google workspace to digitally record and share documents and archive them properly. Most importantly we can digitally connect the community. Over the last year it meant we can all work remotely

## EMERGENCY FOOD RESPONSE

Less than a week after Covid restrictions were first announced, Trustees met 20 March 2020 by Zoom to create an Emergency Food Hub to ensure the most vulnerable residents on the estate had access to hot nutritious food. We formed partnerships with FareShare, Communityworks, BH Food Partnership, EB Food Coop Acorn and others. Bristol Estate resident and volunteer Anna was appointed Head Chef. Within weeks we had reached hot meal capacity serving 350 hot meals and 50 food parcels per week.

Our response was so fast we were featured on Cooperative Cities in Quarantine

## VOLUNTEER BASE

Over the past year we've worked with over 90 amazing volunteers.

The turnout to support the Emergency Food Hub was truly incredible, from residents on the estate but also surrounding neighbourhoods. Have a look at some of the feedback we received from volunteers and the residents they helped across the estate. New volunteer resources, a Code of Conduct and other policies we've adopted ensure that BELTA supports and protect its volunteers

## BELTA INCORPORATION

BELTA Trustees work to ensure the organisation is legally compliant. We were very pleased to announce that BELTA was successfully reincorporated as a CIC at Companies House on 7th Oct 2020



# Bristol Estate Emergency Food Hub

## Bristol Estate Resident Feedback

*"THANKYOU SO MUCH for the hot food deliveries. This has SO made a difference to my day, energy and ability to cope. Am enjoying the variety. The food is tasty, nutritious and always a surprise as what will arrive."*



### BELTA BRISTOL ESTATE LEASEHOLDERS AND TENANTS ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY COMMUNITY LUNCH & FOOD PARCELS

DAILY LUNCH DELIVERIES:  
12 NOON - 3PM  
FOOD PARCELS  
3PM - 5PM ( Mon & Fri)

Vulnerable, self isolating, recently unemployed or just in need of a hot meal? We can deliver a delicious hot meal\* or food parcel to your flat.

Suggested donation £2  
[Justgiving BELTA CIO Covid 19 Appeal](#)

### HOW TO ORDER

EMAIL: [foodorders@belta-brighton.co.uk](mailto:foodorders@belta-brighton.co.uk)

or

TEL: 01273 675741

The following information:

Name

Phone

Address

What you need:

Prepared hot lunch OR Food parcel

- our daily menu is based on food donations received - meals are often vegetarian than meat
- please let us know if you have any specific dietary needs or allergies

**ORDER BY 3PM FOR NEXT DAY DELIVERY**

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL  
HELPLINE REQUEST HELP FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE  
[HTTPS://NEW.BRIGHTON-HOVE.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS-COVID-19/REQUEST-HELP-YOURSELF-OR-SOMEONE-ELSE](https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/request-help-yourself-or-someone-else)

## Bristol Estate Resident Feedback

*"I am very grateful for your help and your kindness. Really good job to all of you who make this possible. Thank you!!"*

*"The deliveries are the highlight of my day, and are literally 'keeping me going'. Thankyou. Everyone who delivers the food is very kind and caring too"*



## Bristol Estate Resident Feedback

*"Just received our Sunday meal and it's wonderful. So delicious and so appreciated. Between the food boxes, the lunches and the offers of help we feel so lucky. I know friends in Manchester who feel so isolated right now and it's so sad."*



# Bristol Estate Volunteer Feedback

*'I appreciated knowing i could help out with emergency food support during lockdown. And i appreciated checking in on neighbours during my rounds. It felt like we're not alone, even in such an isolating time'.*

*'A sense of purpose during lockdown, meeting and working with new people, learning new skills'*

*"Met some great people, rewarding to help others and flexible hours'*

*"Feeling it was worthwhile and offering a good service to local residents'*

**BELTA VOLUNTEER**  
**SURVEY**

Google Forms August 2020

# BELTA KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## NEW FINANCE SYSTEMS & POLICIES

The Trustees worked to make all Bristol Estate Finances transparent. After incorporation BELTA transferred to a new Unity bank account setting up online banking as a priority. All our statements are now electronic and recorded, all invoices and receipts are digitally accessible.

We appointed a Finance Committee, who work openly and transparently. We use an App YNAB to set, manage and monitor budgets. This ensures there are no budget shortfalls and funds are ring fenced and available to support resident led projects. New BELTA Financial Rules were approved May 2020

## FUNDRAISING

We have had a successful fundraising year. Sussex Community Foundation awarded BELTA £1000 last April. The National Union of Journalists raised funds for BELTA to cover the costs of a new food mixer last June. BELTA's Just Giving Campaign hit and exceeded its £1000 target in 4 days! A £1500 grant from Chalk Cliff in June enabled BELTA to purchase a new kitchen range. £500 was awarded by SCF for a resident led Nature Day event this Oct. A further £1000 Community Outreach fund will be awarded later this year.

## PARTNERSHIPS

Working with community organisations and partners has helped us to achieve much of what we've accomplished this year. Our work has been supported and informed by Trust for Developing Communities, BHCC Community Engagement Team, CommunityWorks, BH Food Partnership, FareShare, Acorn, Sussex Surplus, BH Table Tennis Club, Wellsbourne CIC, Whitehawk Allotment, City Councillors and more.

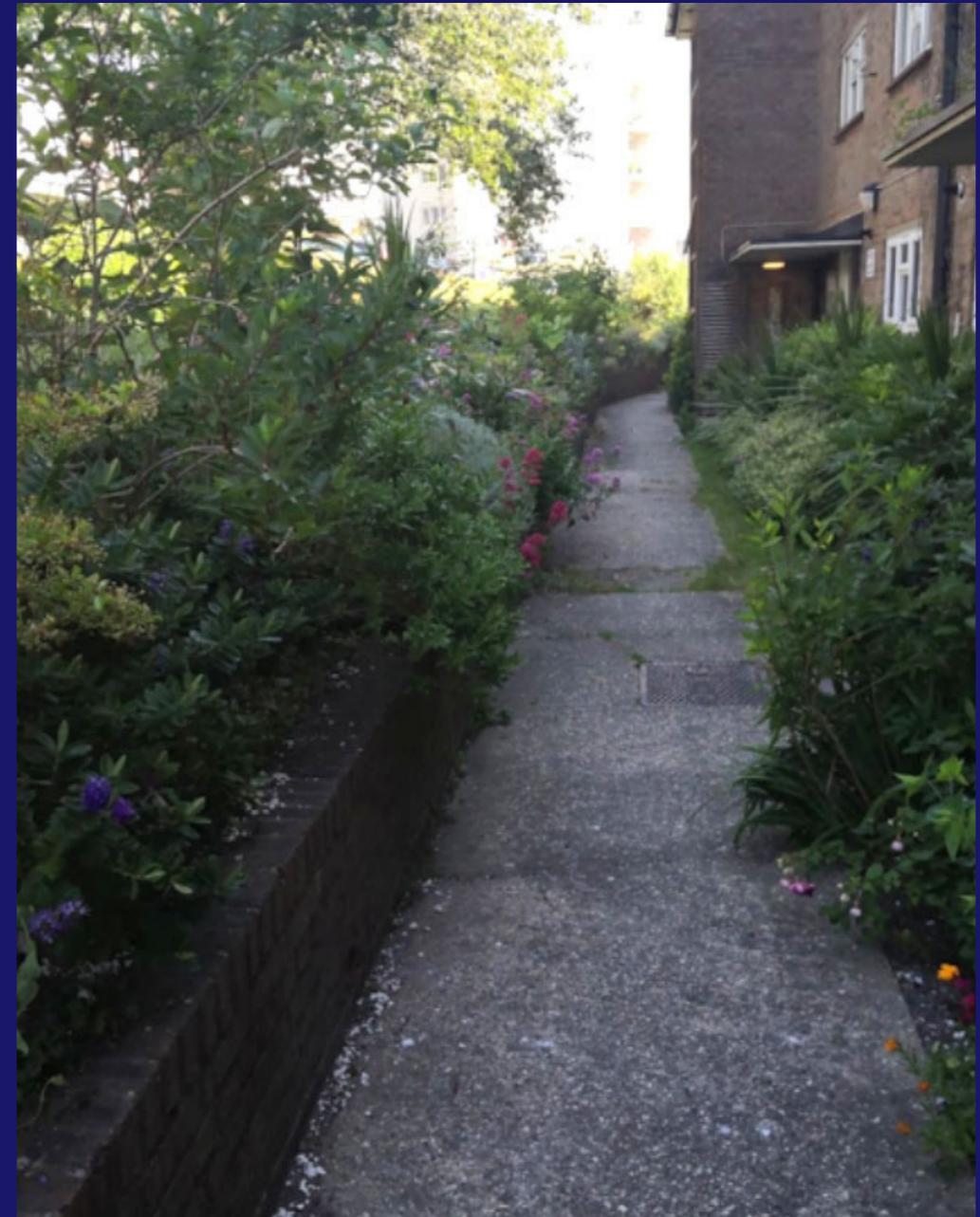
## ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS

BELTA made outstanding progress on campaigning and putting in bids to improve the estate. From communal gardens, to challenging persistent obstructive parking, installing water butts, to better bin collections, we've listened, campaigned, attended meetings and raised funds to ensure resident led developments happen. Have a look at current successful bids!

# ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS

*'On 27th May, BELTA participated in the Estate Development Panel, which decides and votes on bids for projects, up to £10,000, that improve the communities. Trustee Ben had put several bids in for two communal gardens (hopefully of many more!) and the installation of waterbutts throughout Bristol Estate.'*

*'The bids were successful and pending red tape with Housing, the projects are to go ahead, fully funded! These are the results of everyone sharing their support, comments, and ideas on how to make their community a nicer place to live in.'*



# BELTA KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## COMMUNITY ASSET MAINTENANCE

BELTA is responsible for managing and maintaining Bristol Estate Community assets: Community Hub and kitchen, the Community Allotment and seven Artist Studios. Our main community income streams come from room and studio rental. This year we've audited overdue work on studios, addressing urgent issues such as broken toilets and a faulty boiler.

We are also auditing the community room and kitchen facilities so we can bid to carry out urgent refurbishment. BELTA wants to ensure post Covid that all resident groups can meet for activities in well maintained and properly equipped spaces

## GREENING UP

Brilliant progress on improving the natural landscape and green spaces across the estate has been made. A new Greening Up Resident Action Group was formed by resident Mala. We are part of the Plant your Postcode initiative. A Nature Day this Oct will include planting bulbs in beds and borders including a tree, a foraging walk and creative activities

## BE ARTIST GROUP & COMMUNITY SPACE

Bristol Estate artists from the seven studios located across the estate have formed a new group and meet regularly. These meetings help the artists to work more effectively with BELTA to support and facilitate creative opportunities for residents. BELTA has approved a proposal to transform one artist studio into a new shared artist studio which can be booked by residents. More information about the project planned to launch this Sept will be available

## CULTURAL & CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

This year BELTA participated in Our Place supporting Brighton Festival activities in East Brighton, such as comic workshops and wild walks/storytelling. BELTA signed up to The Big Draw to support estate arts events. BELTA is keen to promote opportunities throughout the year hosted by local organisations like Brighton People's Theatre, ArtSpace (located here on the estate), WEA online learning courses

# Sussex Surplus

BELTA recently partnered with Sussex Surplus/FEEDBACK. Sussex Surplus support the community providing rental income through hiring the community hub part time. They also provide valuable community support through the following projects:

**THURSDAY COMMUNITY CAFE:** The Thursday Community Outreach project will transform into an open in person cafe with paid local interns at the heart of the project, the Thursday Cafe also aims to provide a daytime workshop and evening event for residents.

**COMMUNITY PAID OPPORTUNITIES:** To date Feedback/Sussex Surplus has recruited 3 interns paid at the real living wage who completed 4 month placements,. Funding is secured to hire 2 more young people in June on 6 month contracts. These roles are geared towards training in catering and community

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** to residents who wish to reestablish the weekend community cafe

## Creating partnerships



## BELTA OVERVIEW: SUMMARY

We're proud of everything that has been achieved this year!

The organisation has been re-incorporated so we are legally compliant.

We have built up our financial reserves so there are sufficient funds available for resident led activities.

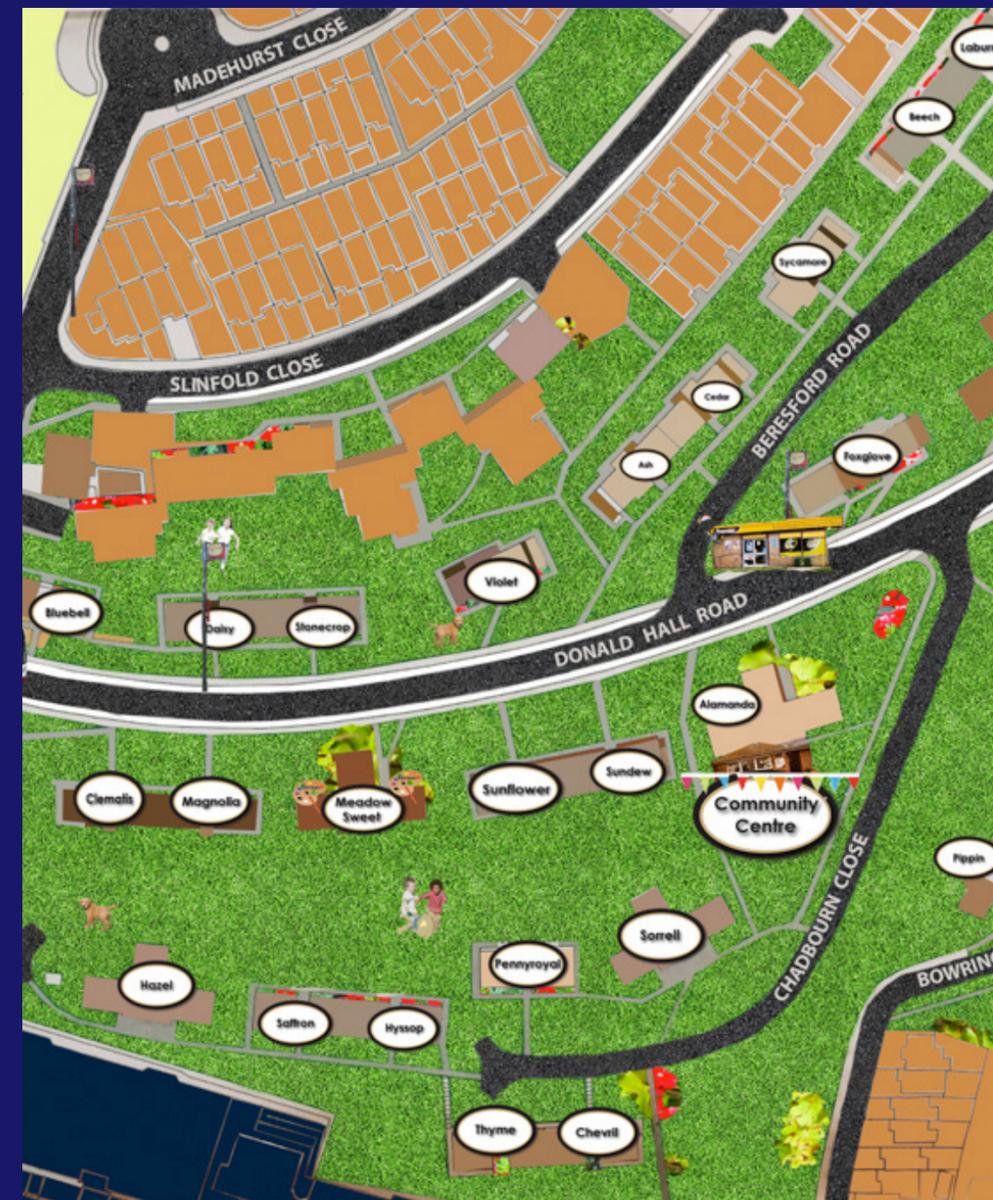
We've fundraised successfully

We've made bids for Estate developments successfully.

We've developed our communications channels

We encourage everyone to get involved and participate!

Most of all, we're proud that residents on the estate pulled together during a very challenging year. Our volunteers were amazing and provided huge levels of support, we can't thank them and you enough!





# GET INVOLVED!

- Visit the website [www.belta.org.uk](http://www.belta.org.uk) for up to date news
- Join the FB group Bristol Estate Leaseholders & Tenants Association
- Follow BristolEstateCommunity on Instagram
- Email us at [office@belta-brighton.co.uk](mailto:office@belta-brighton.co.uk) if you'd like to volunteer. We are ALL volunteers!
- Interested in Green Spaces? join the group : [environment@belta-brighton.co.uk](mailto:environment@belta-brighton.co.uk)



**Thank you!**