

DAVID BROWNLOW

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



Report & Accounts

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Our Mission

The David Brownlow Charitable Foundation (DBCF) is dedicated to enhancing the lives and wellbeing of individuals and communities where there is an element of disadvantage. It achieves this in a number of ways including personal development such as education, the provision of new equipment, or the improvement and regeneration of their community.

Governing Document

The organisation is a Trust formed by deed on 29 May 2011 and was registered as a charity on 27 June 2011.

Principal Activity

The organisation is a charity that receives its funds principally from the settlor, David Ellis Brownlow, and from income on those settled funds.

Recruitment And Appointment Of Trustees

The trustees of the DBCF for this period are David Ellis Brownlow, Edward Nicolas Reed, Benjamin James Rawson and Nicola Anne Carroll. One trustee meeting was held during this period on 23rd May 2023.

Objectives For The Period Of This Report

- Continue to improve of the lives and wellbeing of those living in the County of Berkshire, with particular focus within the village of Twyford and surrounding areas.
- Provision for the relief of the effects of sickness.
- Reduce the isolation of the most vulnerable members of the local community.
- The provision of support for educational experience of young persons, who are in need of financial assistance through grants to schools and other educational projects.
- Commit to some longer-term projects to increase efficiency for the grant giver and the beneficiary.
- Ensure donations are made quickly and efficiently to best serve the beneficiary.
- Such other charitable purposes generally as the trustees shall from time to time decide.

Achievements

During this period The David Brownlow Charitable Foundation (DBCF) has made donations of £280,133 to the following causes:

- **Windsor Benefit Trust – Jubilee Fountain £97,565**
To mark the historic achievement of HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, the DBCF has funded a commemorative water foundation in Windsor, Berkshire. The water fountain is situated in a prominent location by the Castle and is managed by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. Officially opened in June 2023, this gift to the town of Windsor is a lasting reminder of the extraordinary legacy of the late Queen.

- **Reading Repertory Theatre – ENGAGE Programme £50,000**

Established in 2012, Reading Repertory Theatre is Reading's resident professional theatre, combining high-class productions with ground-breaking education and community engagement to help transform Reading and the surrounding area's cultural landscape. The DBCF was pleased to be a major supporter of their ENGAGE programme, where they work alongside the most disadvantaged and marginalised communities in Reading to promote inclusion and accessibility in the arts.
- **Parents and Children Together (PACT) £25,000**

Based in Reading, Berkshire, PACT is an independent, outstanding-rated adoption charity which has been building and strengthen families since 1911. Not only do PACT facilitate adoption, but they continue to support families after the adoption through various schemes, including in person sessions and online tools. They are using their grant to help with the running of PACT HQ and facilitating workshops. The DBCF's CEO, Alexander Barfield, has also volunteered his time to PACT.
- **Dingley's Promise £25,000**

Dingley's Promise delivers life changing support to under 5s with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families. There are 3 main centres providing early years education in Berkshire, as well as a nation training programme to create more inclusion of children with SEND in early years provision. Lord Brownlow is honoured to be an active Patron of this transformational early years charity.
- **Age Concern, Twyford – Outreach Programme £10,000**

This was the Eight year the DBCF has funded Age Concern, Twyford's Outreach Programme. This programme helps to reduce loneliness and isolation in the community and make the lives of older residents more comfortable. Age Concern, Twyford has recently increased it's offering at their Day Centre, including a hairdressers, which will be promoted via their outreach work.
- **Wokingham Today – Traineeship Scheme £10,000**

Since 2019 the DBCF has been working in partnership with The Wokingham Today, and later The Reading Today local newspapers to give more people an opportunity to get into journalism. The DBCF has been pleased to support this scheme and is delighted to have enabled so many aspiring journalists get into journalism, including reporting on local news, politics and sports etc.
- **Parenting Special Children (PSC) £5,000**

PSC supports many children and their families, especially around Autism, ADHD and Trauma & attachment. They are based in Berkshire and provide both in person and remote support. PSC also provides parenting programmes and training for practitioners. The DBCF's CEO, Alexander Barfield, has also volunteered his time for PSC's adoption support group.

- **Number 22 Windsor & Maidenhead Counselling £10,000**

Number 22 are a registered charity providing free and confidential counselling to adults and young people in Windsor, Maidenhead and Slough, supporting those in distress where clients can feel valued and heard. Number 22 provides counselling, advocacy and independent visiting services to the community, free at the point of use. With mental health more important than ever, the DBCF was pleased to support number 22 to enable them to provide as much support as possible.
- **Smart Living Pillars £9,000**

This ground-breaking environmental project in Twyford involved the installation of five state of the art smart living pillars. These pillars are the equivalent of a 'green wall,' however in this case they attached to pre-existing lampposts due to space constraints. Not only do these smart living pillars look great, but they also help trap pollutants and encourage biodiversity in the area. The location was chosen due to the high level of vehicle activity in the area. The cost in 2022-2023 was due to maintenance and updating technology.
- **Chattertots £5,000**

Chattertots is a small charity providing early intervention for children with Down Syndrome in Berkshire, which supports over 30 families. Speech and language is the biggest hurdle for children with Down Syndrome. Early speech and language intervention helps children master these essential life skills. The DBCF awarded a grant towards their summer school in 2023, which included group activities and intensive individual therapies. DBCF CEO, Alex, was delighted to attend some of the activities.
- **Dolphin School – Ukrainian Students £2,000**

The DBCF part-funded 2 Ukrainian refugee children to attend the local school. They are staying with a family in Waltham St Lawrence and attend the same school as the children they're staying with.
- **Neville Hall Trust – Waltham St Lawrence Coronation Festival £1,641**

In 2023 volunteers organised a Coronation Festival in the village of Waltham St Lawrence. This was a great opportunity to come together as a community, whilst marking the historic King's Coronation. The DBCF was one of the sponsors of this event.
- **Waltham St Lawrence Village Show £800**

The DBCF continued it's support of the Waltham St Lawrence Village Show. This is a wonderful event bringing together many members of the community to celebrate and showcase local talents. Categories include cookery, handicraft, photography, produce, flowers and many children's categories.

- **Stepping Forwards £800**
Stepping Forward works to facilitate and accelerate access to essential services, information, resources and life opportunities so that all people effected by disability can live a full life. The DBCF was pleased to be able to support them by contributing towards their Winter Ball fundraising event.
- **Twyford Together - Be A Santa To A Senior Christmas Hampers £600**
Since Covid the DBCF and relevant organisations haven't held their usual 'Be A Santa To A Senior' Tea Party. As an alternative, the DBCF, Twyford Together and others worked together to provide hampers to be delivered by volunteers to the usual attendees' homes. This was gratefully received and created some much-needed joy, especially at a time when this most vulnerable of groups had to stay at home. Alexander Barfield is Vice-Chair of Twyford Together.
- **Twyford Comets FC – Dutch Tour 2023 £500**
The DBCF was pleased to contribute towards the Twyford Comets FC Dutch Tour in 2023. Not only does this encourage exercise and teamwork, it's sometimes the first opportunity some of the team have had to travel abroad.
- **Twyford Parish Council - 'Twyford In Bloom' 2023 £477**
The DBCF was pleased to support Twyford's entry into the Thames and Chilterns in Bloom Competition by buying several hanging baskets.
- **Other Charitable Activity**
The DBCF supports many other charitable activities including marathon sponsorships, donations in memory of someone and various contributions to fundraising initiatives.

Financial Review

During this period the Foundation received donations of £312,500 and interest of £414. £280,133 was spent on charitable activities and £1,800 was spent on support costs. As at 30 September the Foundation holds £44,415 in unrestricted funds. The Foundation does not seek third party funding.

Reserves Policy

The Foundation's income is principally from a sole donor; whose intention is that the fund will be topped up once the existing funds become depleted.

Grant Making Policy

The Foundation accepts unsolicited requests for funding. It seeks to find projects it believes would benefit from its support and there is no restriction on the grant amount. It will accept applications for multi-year funding, although for no longer than a consecutive 3-year period. It does not grant to religious organisations.

Objectives For The Next Year

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Public Benefit Statement

The charity's trustees have complied with their duty to have due regards to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers.

Trustee Name: Ben Rouson

Trustee Sign: 

Date: 31/7/24

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David Brownlow Charitable Foundation

Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 September 2023

Charity No.: 1144254

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Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

David Brownlow Charitable Foundation

We report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of David Brownlow Charitable Foundation for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). We report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Hale

Steve Hale FCA,FCCA, on behalf of

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Date: 29.7.24

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	4	312,500	456,259
Interest received	5	414	28
Total		312,914	456,287
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities	2,3	281,933	457,919
Total		281,933	457,919
Net movement in funds		30,981	(1,632)
Funds brought forward		13,434	15,066
Total funds at 30 September 2023		44,415	13,434

All funds are unrestricted and relate to continuing activities.


The notes on pages 5 to 8 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	6	37,571		4,910	
Debtors	7	10,000		10,000	
		<u>47,571</u>		<u>14,910</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(3,156)</u>		<u>(1,476)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>44,415</u>		<u>13,434</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>44,415</u></u>		<u><u>13,434</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds			<u><u>44,415</u></u>		<u><u>13,434</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



29.7.24

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

1 Principal Accounting Policies

(a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 issued under the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Donations, legacies and similar income

Donations, legacies and similar income are shown in the accounts when receivable and the value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(c) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

(d) Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(e) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made and an apportionment of overhead and support costs where applicable.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

(f) Governance costs

Governance costs comprise costs relating to the general running of the charity as opposed to those associated with generating funds or charitable activity.

(g) Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

(h) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability to continue as a going concern.

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2 Charitable Activities	Registered Charity No.	2023 £	2022 £
Educational Donations			
Chattertots	1198362	5,000	-
Dingleys Promise	1137609	25,000	20,000
Dolphin School	1095248	2,000	-
Enthuse Charitable Trust	1126965	250	-
Hawthorns Primary School Parents Teachers Association	1044929	50	-
St Nicholas Hurst PTA	1002238	-	1,000
Wokingham Paper (Traineeship)	-	10,000	10,000
Local Donations			
Age Concern Twyford	1163722	10,000	10,000
Ascot United Football Club	-	-	500
Berkshire Community Foundation	1155173	-	21,050
Building For The Future Plus	1121458	200	10,000
Hart Lions Club	1193888	-	1,000
Majestic Publications	-	-	606
Me2 Club	1140812	-	7,500
Neville Hall Charitable Trust	1092551	1,641	-
Parenting Special Children	1141172	5,000	10,000
Reading Repertory Theatre	1147048	50,000	-
Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue	-	-	1,000
Smart Pillars (Twyford)	-	9,000	9,000
Stepping Forwards	1177955	800	-
Twyford in Bloom	-	477	435
Twyford Comets	-	500	-
Twyford Together	-	650	1,397
No22 Windsor & Maidenhead Counselling	1177138	10,000	-
The Windsor Benefit Trust	1169168	97,565	102,435
Jessica Dunning World Challenge	-	500	-
Waltham St Lawrence Village Show	-	800	-
National Donations			
Breast Cancer Now	1160558	100	-
Just4Children	1164473	500	-
Macmillan Cancer Support	261017	100	500
Parents and Children Together	1095457	25,000	25,020
Royal Albert Hall	285111	-	200,000
Royal Osteoporosis Society	1102712	25,000	25,000
		280,133	456,443

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3 Support Costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy Fees	960	960
Independent Examiners Fees	720	516
Bank Charges	120	-
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,476</u>
4 Donations	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations received	250,000	365,000
Gift Aid recoverable thereon	62,500	91,250
HMRC interest received	-	9
	<u>312,500</u>	<u>456,259</u>
5 Other income	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest on cash deposits	<u>414</u>	<u>28</u>
6 Cash at bank and in hand	2023	2022
	£	£
Current account	1,000	1,000
Reserve account	36,489	3,828
Petty Cash	82	82
	<u>37,571</u>	<u>4,910</u>
7 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
8 Creditors	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy Fees	1,920	960
Independent Examiners Fees	<u>1,236</u>	<u>516</u>
	<u>3,156</u>	<u>1,476</u>

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9 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the Charity (2022 - none).

10 Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses of £nil were incurred in the year ended 30 September 2023 (2022: £nil)

11 Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with persons or entities that are closely connected to the charity or its trustees (2022 - none).