



# ANNUAL REPORT:2024

## BIDGLEY POWER FOUNDATION



**“EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES BY CONNECTING PEOPLE”**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**B**idgley Power Foundation (BPF) has been able to achieve many of the key objectives during this financial year (2024) under review. Our programmes have significantly raised the profile of our charity, not only with local people, but also with other voluntary and statutory groups working within Birmingham city as a whole.

During the 2024 financial year, BPF has been able to secure funds from various sources. As a step to improve children's knowledge in extra-curricular activities, BPF organised a few educational trips in 2024 to the Nature Centre and Star City in Birmingham. These trips helped the kids to get active, learn and explore new things. There was a high demand for these trips, and children participated in these trips with great enthusiasm.

We have managed to deliver some practical projects as highlighted in this report. We offered three holiday activity programmes during the review period in two venues, i.e., Aston Pavilion, Trinity Road, Aston and St Martin's Youth Community Centre in Gooch Street, Birmingham. Kids in Aston get involved in different activities such as football, badminton, tennis, volleyball, table tennis and various other activities indoors, such as arts and crafts. These camps helped children to make new friends, learn new skills, and gain independence.

We launched multiple badminton sessions throughout the year for all skill levels for both men and women, and they entered into the Birmingham Badminton League. We organised a small community-led exhibition by gathering the health professionals in the area to promote their wellness businesses and organisations, and to help bring the community together to discover the help and advice that is available through this network.

Many improvements have been made in areas such as governance, financial policy, fundraising and training of our most valuable resource, which are our volunteers who make this organisation. This year, we have developed the capacity to challenge decisions which affect our service users.

The contributions of our partner organisations greatly aided the successful running of our operations. Among our central partner institutions were Badminton England, Aston Villa Football Club, Birmingham City Council, StreetGames, and Sport Birmingham.

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The invaluable assistance of our partner organisations enabled us to perform successfully and efficiently to carry out our intended programs. They acted as a spur to accomplish our goals.

I express my gratitude to our employees and volunteers for their individual contributions to the successful execution of our programs. Their proficiency, understanding, and empathy are what set our services apart for our clients. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us.

Mr Pritesh Pattni

Chair, Bidgley Power Foundation



## 1. ABOUT US

### OUR VISION

Bidgley Power Charity is a people-first organisation working in partnership to maximise positivity, independence and participation in civic life for young, old and disabled people in the city of Birmingham.

**"THE BIDGLEY POWER FOUNDATION IS A PEOPLE FIRST ORGANISATION WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO MAXIMISE POSITIVITY, INDEPENDENCE AND**

### OUR MISSION

To work in partnership to make the hopes, dreams and aspirations of all who access and volunteer in our services a reality, enhancing quality of life, retaining dignity and treating others with respect.

### OUR AIMS

- To provide recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for **N**on-disabled and disabled people.
- To act as a resource for people living in Birmingham, especially helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- Advancing vocational education (non-academic) and work-based education to develop employability and enterprise skills and to help **r**elieve unemployment.
- To promote civic life in the local community through volunteering and providing opportunities for people to make a positive change in their communities.
- We work with a diverse range of people, both able-bodied and disabled, in need of help and support, from 6-year-olds to 60-year-olds plus, and offer specialist services catering for their different needs.



## 2. PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED, 2024

### 2.1. HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

Reach: 65 Kids consistently.

(August / Turnout: 65 Kids) & Summer Camp (March / Turn out: 65 Kids)  
Spring

#### **Project Summary:**

In 2024, we successfully delivered our Seasonal Camps as part of the Bring It On Brum programme, continuing our mission to provide children with engaging, active, and educational holiday experiences, with the safety and well-being of children in mind. Our camps followed a structured timetable that combined physical activities, creative workshops, and exciting trips designed to build confidence, teamwork, and well-being among local children.

Children engaged in painting activities



Children are engaged in art work



This year, at Aston Pavilion, we made better use of exploring the park and getting to know our kids - morning walks really helped set the tone of the day, helping to build friendships and confidence each day. Children enjoyed a variety of outdoor and indoor activities, including football, badminton, tennis, volleyball, table tennis, and arts and crafts. Due to the weather, there was a focus on indoor recreation, such as pool, board games, and creative sessions, too.



A significant highlight of this year's programme was the introduction of several interactive workshops that encouraged healthy eating, creativity, and teamwork. Children took part in Salad Station Ideas, MasterChef-style cooking games, and Cupcake Decorating activities — all of which promoted both fun and practical life skills. In addition to on-site sessions, we also organised exciting trips to the bowling alley and cinema, giving children the chance to relax, socialise, and celebrate their achievements together.

Feedback from parents and children was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the range of activities, friendly staff, and safe, supportive environment.

Overall, the 2024 Seasonal Camps were a resounding success. They strengthened community engagement, encouraged healthy lifestyles, and provided invaluable experiences for children who might otherwise have limited access to such opportunities. The project's success demonstrates the continued importance of funding for inclusive, community-based holiday programmes that truly make a difference.

Objectives of the project:

- To create a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment where children can learn, grow, and have fun during the school holidays.



- To promote physical activity, creativity, and social connection through structured activities and workshops.
- To support families by providing affordable, high-quality programmes that encourage confidence, wellbeing, and community engagement.
- To nurture essential life skills such as teamwork, independence, and responsibility through hands-on learning experiences.

### **Impact of the project:**

Our 2024 Seasonal Camps fostered outstanding community engagement, strengthening relationships with parents, local partners, and residents. The programme created a positive and supportive environment where children and families felt valued and connected. Parents expressed appreciation for the quality of activities and the nurturing care provided, while children were especially grateful for the warm, fresh meals served each day. The camp also helped build strong community networks, encouraging collaboration and mutual support among local organisations. Overall, the success of this year's camps reflects our shared commitment to growth, well-being, and continued community development.

### **Seasonal Camps – Bring It On Brum Summer Camp**

Reach: 65 Kids consistently

(August / Turnout: 65 Kids) & Summer Camp (March / Turn out: 65 Kids) Spring

Project Summary:



The 2024 Summer Camp was another exciting and successful programme, bringing together children from across the community to learn, play, and grow in a safe, supportive environment. Designed as part of the Bring It On Brum initiative, the camp combined physical activity, creativity, and community values through a diverse range of experiences.



One of this programme's highlights was our Park Nature Walks and Litter Picking initiative, encouraging children to take pride in their environment and understand the importance of caring for local green spaces. This community incentive not only promoted teamwork and responsibility but also sparked genuine enthusiasm for sustainability and respect for nature.

Our Learn to Ride a Bike project was another major success, giving many children the confidence to master an essential life skill. Physical well-being was further supported through energetic Kickboxing and Martial Arts sessions with Kash "The Flash", who inspired campers to stay active and disciplined while having fun.



For our creative campers, we ran Cupcake Decorating, Slime Making, and Art Competitions with prizes for originality and effort. We ended the summer on a high note with a Cinema Trip to watch "The Bad Guys 2" and a Bowling Day, celebrating the friendships and memories made throughout the season.

Overall, the 2024 Summer Camp was a vibrant success—strengthening community bonds, inspiring learning, and ensuring every child left with new skills, confidence, and unforgettable memories.





Young people are engaged in kickboxing



### Our objectives

- To provide a safe, inclusive, and fun environment where children can explore new interests, stay active, and build friendships.
- To promote environmental awareness and responsibility through community projects like litter picking and nature walks.
- To support children's physical and emotional development through structured sports, martial arts, and wellbeing sessions.
- To encourage creativity and self-expression through hands-on workshops such as cupcake decorating, slime making, and art competitions.
- To teach valuable life skills like teamwork, resilience, independence, and respect for others.
- To work in partnership with families, community members, and local leaders to create positive, lasting impacts beyond the camp setting.



- To ensure that every child has access to fresh, nutritious meals, fun learning experiences, and a sense of belonging.
- To make each camp a place where children are motivated to grow, feel valued, and contribute positively to their community.

### Impact created:

The 2024 Summer Camp achieved excellent community engagement and participation, strengthening relationships between families, volunteers, and local organisations. Children took great pride in contributing to projects such as nature walks and litter picking, which encouraged respect for the environment and local green spaces. Parents expressed gratitude for the warm, freshly prepared meals served each day and praised the variety of activities that built confidence, creativity, and teamwork. The camp created lasting memories, stronger community ties, and a real sense of belonging. Overall, it was a successful, joyful programme that left everyone looking forward to the next one.

### Bidgley Power Badminton Club - Ladies

**Reach:** 40 Adults & Kids consistently

### Project Summary:

The *Bidgley Power Badminton Club – Ladies* continued to grow in 2024, offering a supportive, empowering, and active environment for women of all abilities to develop their badminton skills, build confidence, and connect through sport. The club's weekly sessions combined skill development, fitness, and social interaction, creating a strong sense of belonging and teamwork among members.

One of the highlights of the year was our Tournament Day, where the children of our club members were invited to give badminton a go while parents took part in a friendly mini-competition. The day was filled with energy, laughter, and community spirit, showcasing how sport can bring families together and inspire the next generation.

We were also proud to take part in an external charity tournament to raise funds for a local dialysis centre. This event provided an opportunity to meet and compete with other clubs,



promote a great cause, and strengthen community ties through shared values of kindness and teamwork.

In addition, members had the incredible experience of attending the All England Open, where they watched world-class players in action—an inspiring trip that deepened our love for the sport. Throughout the season, we also competed in numerous league matches, helping players gain match experience, resilience, and self-belief.

Overall, 2024 was a year of growth, unity, and empowerment for our ladies' badminton team—a celebration of friendship, fitness, and community spirit both on and off the court.



### Objectives of the project:

- To empower women through sport by providing a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment.
- To encourage physical and mental well-being through regular badminton sessions and competitive opportunities.
- To build confidence and self-belief through league matches, tournaments, and teamwork.
- To strengthen family and community connections by hosting inclusive events like our Tournament Day.
- To promote charitable values and community contribution through participation in fundraising tournaments.
- To inspire members by offering access to professional sporting experiences, such as attending the All England Open.



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- To create opportunities for skill development, leadership, and social engagement in a positive, encouraging setting.
- To ensure that every player—regardless of experience—feels valued, supported, and motivated to achieve their potential.



### Impact of the project:

The 2024 season was a resounding success for Bidgley Power Badminton Club – Ladies. Members showed considerable growth in skill, teamwork, and confidence throughout the year. The Tournament Day brought families closer together, while the charity competition showcased our commitment to giving back. Attending the All England Open inspired players to aim higher, and consistent league matches boosted resilience and self-belief. Community feedback was overwhelmingly positive, praising the club's inclusive and empowering atmosphere. The year concluded with pride, stronger connections, and excitement for continued progress both within the club and the wider community.

### PROJECT 4

#### Bidgley Power Badminton Club - Men

**Reach:** 40 Adults & Kids consistently





**Project Summary:** In 2024, the *Bidgley Power Badminton Club – Men* experienced an incredible year of growth, teamwork, and community spirit. The club continued to provide a structured yet welcoming environment for men of all abilities to develop their badminton skills, stay active, and contribute positively to their local community.



A significant highlight of the year was achieving an impressive new league score, a testament to the players' dedication, consistent training, and teamwork. Regular league matches not only helped players refine their skills but also strengthened camaraderie and discipline across the club.

Beyond competition, the team demonstrated outstanding community involvement by organising several fundraising events and badminton try-outs for children and

competitive teens. These sessions served a dual purpose — introducing young people to the sport and raising funds to support local homelessness initiatives. This combination of sport and social responsibility reflected the club's commitment to making a positive difference both on and off the court.

Additionally, several of our experienced players volunteered to coach university students in a series of fun, social sessions. These events encouraged connection, mentorship, and knowledge sharing, bridging the gap between generations of players.



Overall, 2024 was a year defined by achievement, growth, and community engagement. The Bidgley Power Badminton Club – Men continues to inspire through its balance of sporting excellence, teamwork, and compassion for others.

### Objectives of the project:

- To promote health, teamwork, and personal development through regular badminton training and competitions.
- To provide an inclusive, motivating environment for men of all skill levels to improve and enjoy the sport.



- To strengthen community ties by running fundraising events that support local causes, including homelessness initiatives.
- To inspire the next generation through badminton try-outs and youth engagement activities.
- To encourage leadership and mentorship, as experienced players coach university students in fun, social sessions.
- To nurture confidence, resilience, and discipline through league matches and team challenges.
- To use sport as a platform for social impact, promoting compassion, teamwork, and personal growth

### Impact of the project

The 2024 season was an outstanding success for the Bidgley Power Badminton Club – Men. The team's improved league score reflected hard work, unity, and determination. Our fundraising initiatives and youth try-outs made a meaningful impact, supporting homelessness projects while inspiring young players to get involved in sport. Coaching university students strengthened social connections and showcased the generosity and leadership of our members. The year fostered pride, achievement, and a more profound sense of community. Overall, the club continues to grow both competitively and socially, proving that sport can unite people and drive positive change.

### PROJECT 5

**Reach:** 40 Kids consistently

#### Project Summary:

The *Aston Kids Youth Club 2024* was a vibrant and successful programme dedicated to supporting children's development through creativity, education, and wellbeing. Designed to create a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment, the club offered a variety of structured sessions that helped young people build confidence, learn new skills, and make lasting



friendships.

One of the highlights of this year was the Kickboxing Workshops led by *Kash “The Flash”*, a world champion in kickboxing. His sessions focused on discipline, technique, and self-defence — teaching children valuable lessons about respect, control, and confidence. Alongside this, our Yoga Instructor introduced calming and energising poses that helped children improve focus, relaxation, and physical awareness. Both activities became firm favourites, with children eagerly participating week after week.

In addition to physical and wellbeing sessions, the club ran a Homework Club, supporting children who needed a quiet, structured environment to complete schoolwork. For those without homework, a Book Club and Drawing Corner offered opportunities for creativity and reading in a relaxed setting. We also hosted Movie Days, which encouraged social interaction and community bonding.

Children absolutely loved the programme — many expressed excitement and anticipation for the next cycle. Overall, the 2024 Aston Kids Youth Club successfully blended education, wellbeing, and fun, helping children gain confidence, form friendships, and discover new hobbies that support their growth and happiness.

### Our objectives:

- To provide a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space where children can learn, grow, and build friendships.
- To promote well-being through structured activities such as yoga, kickboxing, and mindfulness sessions.
- To inspire discipline, focus, and confidence through workshops led by professionals like *Kash “The Flash”*.



- To support academic progress by offering a dedicated homework club with guidance and encouragement.
- To nurture creativity and imagination through art, drawing, and reading activities.
- To foster teamwork, respect, and resilience in a positive social environment.
- To give children access to new hobbies and experiences that promote healthy lifestyles and mental well-being.
- To create lasting community impact by helping children develop confidence, curiosity, and a sense of belonging.

### **Project Impact:**

The 2024 Aston Kids Youth Club was an inspiring success, with excellent participation and feedback from children and parents alike. The workshops with Kash “The Flash” and the yoga sessions were particular highlights, teaching valuable skills in discipline, focus, and relaxation. The Homework Club and Book Club were equally popular, offering academic and creative support in a friendly, caring setting. Children built friendships, discovered new interests, and grew in confidence throughout the programme. The club received overwhelmingly positive responses, and many children are already asking about the next cycle — a true reflection of its impact and success.

## **PROJECT 6**

### **Aston Ladies Yoga Club 2024**

**Reach:** 25 Women

### **Project Summary:**





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The *Aston Ladies Yoga Club 2024* has been a tremendous success, creating a safe, empowering, and uplifting space for women to focus on both physical fitness and emotional well-being. Hosted at the *Aston Pavilion*, the club made excellent use of the venue's facilities, including the main hall for sessions, the kitchen for refreshments and social gatherings, and a training room which was also available for prayer and reflection. This thoughtful use of space provided an inclusive environment where all participants felt welcome and comfortable.



The programme saw an impressive turnout of 20 women, exceeding expectations and demonstrating a growing community interest in yoga as a holistic form of exercise and self-care. Many participants joined for the first time and quickly developed a positive connection to the practice, using it not only as a way to stay active but also as a method of emotional relief and mindfulness.

Each session focused on gentle movement, breathing techniques, and relaxation exercises designed to improve strength, flexibility, and focus while reducing stress. The sense of unity and encouragement among the group created a supportive environment where everyone could progress at their own pace.



Overall, the 2024 Aston Ladies Yoga Club successfully fostered both physical and mental well-being, strengthened community connections, and inspired a lasting appreciation for yoga as a powerful tool for balance, calm, and self-discovery.

### Our Mission:

- To promote yoga as a positive and accessible form of fitness and emotional well-being for women.
- To create an inclusive, welcoming environment where women of all backgrounds can connect and unwind.
- To encourage regular participation in physical activity that supports both body and mind.

- To build confidence, strength, and flexibility through guided yoga sessions.
- To make full use of the Aston Pavilion's excellent facilities for a comfortable and supportive experience.
- To provide opportunities for reflection and prayer, supporting spiritual and emotional wellness.
- To foster community connections by bringing women together in shared health and mindfulness goals.
- To inspire lasting lifestyle changes that improve overall well-being, balance, and inner peace.

### **Project Impact:**

The Aston Ladies Yoga Club 2024 received an outstanding response from the community, with participation exceeding expectations. The group of 20 women developed a strong connection to yoga, embracing it as both a fitness routine and a form of emotional relief. Sessions at the Aston Pavilion provided the perfect setting, offering comfort, inclusivity, and space for personal reflection. Participants expressed feeling calmer, more energised, and deeply connected to one another. The success of this project has sparked a renewed community outlook on yoga and wellbeing, laying the foundation for continued growth and future sessions in the coming year.

## **PROJECT 7**

### **Aston Ladies Zumba Classes 2024**

**Reach:** 50 Women

### **Project Summary:**

The *Aston Ladies Zumba Classes 2024* were an energetic success, inspiring women from across the community to stay active, connect, and have fun through dance and movement. The programme created a lively and welcoming atmosphere that encouraged fitness, confidence, and friendship. With an impressive turnout of 50 women, participation



exceeded expectations and highlighted the growing enthusiasm for accessible and enjoyable forms of physical activity.

Classes were designed for all fitness levels, ensuring that every participant could move at their own pace while feeling supported and motivated. Each session combined upbeat music, easy-to-follow choreography, and positive energy to create a vibrant and inclusive space.



The sessions not only improved physical health and coordination, but also provided a valuable outlet for stress relief and emotional well-being.



Beyond the fitness benefits, the Zumba classes became a hub for social interaction, giving women the chance to meet new people, build friendships, and form a sense of community. Many participants commented that the classes helped boost their confidence, improve their energy levels, and lift their mood throughout the week.

Overall, the 2024 Aston Ladies Zumba programme achieved its goal of promoting health, happiness, and togetherness. It empowered women to embrace active living while strengthening community bonds in a fun, positive environment.

### Objectives of the project:

- To promote health, fitness, and wellbeing through enjoyable, inclusive Zumba sessions.
- To provide a supportive and social environment where women can connect and build friendships.
- To encourage regular physical activity that improves both body and mind.
- To make exercise fun and accessible to women of all ages and fitness levels.
- To empower participants through dance, rhythm, and positive energy.
- To boost confidence, coordination, and motivation in a non-judgmental setting.
- To strengthen community ties by bringing women together in shared health-focused activities.
- To inspire lasting lifestyle changes that promote self-care, social connection, and long-term wellness.

### Impact of the project:

The Aston Ladies Zumba Classes 2024 received an outstanding response, with 50 women participating regularly. The classes became more than just a fitness activity—they evolved into a social space where women could laugh, dance, and build new friendships. Participants expressed feeling healthier, happier, and more connected to the community. The inclusive and high-energy environment encouraged consistency and confidence among attendees. Overall, the programme achieved its mission of promoting wellbeing through movement and togetherness, leaving a lasting positive impact on participants and setting the stage for even greater involvement in the next cycle.





## **PROJECT 8**

### **Aston Moms and Toddlers Stay & Play - Little Pioneers 2024**

**Reach:** 35 Kids consistently

#### **Project Summary:**

The *Aston Moms and Toddlers Stay & Play – Little Pioneers 2024* programme has continued to thrive, providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for young children and their parents or carers to play, learn, and connect. This year's sessions offered a wide variety of fun, seasonal activities, ensuring there was always something new and exciting for families to enjoy throughout the year. From creative crafts and story time to sensory play and themed celebrations, the programme supported early childhood development joyfully and inclusively.

The venue played a key role in the success of the sessions. Loved by parents and carers alike, it provided a warm, comfortable, and well-equipped space where both children and adults felt at ease. The facilities—including open play areas, safe equipment, and spaces for refreshments—made it an ideal location for family interaction and relaxation. The setting was also particularly valued by childminders, who found it a welcoming and practical space to bring children together for play, socialisation, and learning.

Attendance remained consistently strong, with many new families joining across the seasons. Parents appreciated the supportive atmosphere, the opportunity to meet others, and the enriching experiences their children enjoyed. Overall, *Little Pioneers 2024* succeeded in building a close-knit community that fosters friendship, growth, and positive early development.

#### **Our Mission:**

- To create a safe, warm, and welcoming space for mothers, toddlers, and carers to play and connect.
- To support early learning and development through interactive, age-appropriate activities.

- To offer enjoyable seasonal sessions that keep children engaged and excited year-round.
- To strengthen community connections by bringing parents and childminders together.
- To provide a comfortable venue with excellent facilities that make families feel at home.
- To encourage social interaction for both children and adults, helping build friendships and support networks.
- To promote creativity, confidence, and curiosity in young children through guided play.
- To ensure every child feels valued, included, and free to explore in a safe environment.

### **The Response:**

The *Aston Moms and Toddlers Stay & Play – Little Pioneers 2024* programme was a heartwarming success, with high attendance and positive feedback from parents and carers. The wide range of seasonal activities kept children engaged and excited each week. Moms praised the warm, welcoming venue, noting how comfortable and well-equipped it was for play and relaxation. Childminders also valued the space as an ideal environment for group activities. The sessions fostered friendships, confidence, and early learning, making it a much-loved community hub. Families are already looking forward to returning for the next cycle of fun and connection.



## PROJECT 9

### Brit Asian Music Awards - 2024

**Reach:** 1000+ people

**Project Summary:** The *Pakistani Music and Media Awards 2024* was an unforgettable celebration of talent, culture, and achievement — bringing together some of the most famous artists, successful individuals, and inspiring community figures from across the UK and beyond. The event, attended by over 1,000 guests, showcased the incredible creativity, dedication, and unity within the Pakistani music and media industry.

Our events team proudly volunteered to support the running of this prestigious night, playing an essential role in ensuring everything went smoothly. Responsibilities included stewarding and guest management, welcoming attendees, coordinating the show and performances, hosting segments, and supporting backstage operations. Team members also assisted with photography and artist coordination, ensuring that both guests and performers enjoyed a seamless and memorable experience.

It was a busy and fast-paced evening, but one filled with fun, laughter, and community pride. The professionalism and enthusiasm of our volunteers stood out, contributing to the event's overall success and positive feedback from organisers and attendees alike.

The night not only celebrated cultural excellence but also provided a valuable opportunity for our team to develop leadership, event management, and communication skills in a live, high-profile environment. The *Pakistani Music and Media Awards 2024* was a true highlight of the year — a perfect example of teamwork, culture, and community engagement at its best.

### Objectives of the project

- To celebrate the achievements and contributions of Pakistani artists and media professionals.
- To support cultural events that showcase creativity, talent, and community pride.
- To provide volunteering opportunities that build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.
- To engage young people and volunteers in meaningful roles within large-scale public events.
- To strengthen community representation in arts, culture, and entertainment.
- To promote positive cultural identity and connection through collaboration and celebration.
- To ensure smooth and professional event operations through effective coordination and teamwork.
- To create unforgettable experiences that bring people together through music, media, and shared celebration.

### **The impact:**

The *Pakistani Music and Media Awards 2024* was an incredible success, attracting over 1,000 attendees and featuring some of the most respected names in entertainment. Our events team played a vital role in managing and coordinating the evening, ensuring the show ran smoothly from start to finish. From stewarding and welcoming guests to hosting, photography, and stage management, our volunteers performed with professionalism and



enthusiasm. It was a night filled with joy, achievement, and cultural pride. The experience strengthened community ties, showcased teamwork, and left everyone proud to have contributed to such a remarkable celebration.

### PROJECT 10

#### Aston Community Market Fair

**Reach:** 600+ Community Members and 30+ Stall Holders

**Project Summary:** The *Aston Community Market Fair 2024* was a fantastic celebration of local creativity, culture, and community enterprise. Despite being organised at short notice to align with venue availability, the event turned out to be a tremendous success, drawing in an estimated 600 visitors throughout the day. The fair created a lively, family-friendly atmosphere filled with delicious food, handmade crafts, and positive energy.

The event featured 15 stalls, selected from an impressive 30-plus requests from local stall holders who were eager to participate. The range of stalls offered something for everyone — from mehndi art, face painting, knitting crafts, and resin artwork to wildlife and hedgehog protection charities, promoting both creativity and community awareness. Food stalls proved especially popular, offering homemade cakes, cookies, samosas, Indian delicacies, candy floss, and more. Visitors enjoyed exploring, tasting, and shopping while connecting with local talent and small businesses.

The market's popularity exceeded expectations, with stallholders and attendees already expressing excitement for Cycle 2. The quick turnaround planning highlighted the community's flexibility, teamwork, and enthusiasm, while the strong turnout demonstrated just how valued local initiatives like this are.

Overall, the *Aston Community Market Fair 2024* showcased the best of Aston — community spirit, entrepreneurial drive, and creativity — making it an excellent example of what can be achieved when people come together with passion and purpose.

#### Our Mission:

- To bring the community together through a vibrant, inclusive local market experience.

- To provide opportunities for local entrepreneurs, artists, and charities to showcase their work.
- To promote community engagement and local pride through creativity, culture, and collaboration.
- To offer a diverse range of stalls, from handmade crafts and food to charity awareness and artistry.
- To support small local businesses and encourage sustainable, community-driven trade.
- To create an enjoyable day for families, filled with activities, food, and entertainment.
- To celebrate local talent and encourage repeat participation in future events.
- To establish the Aston Community Market Fair as a regular, well-loved event that strengthens community connections.

**The Response:** The *Aston Community Market Fair 2024* was an overwhelming success, attracting around 600 attendees and 15 stalls, with over 30 additional requests for participation in future cycles. The event brought together people from all walks of life to enjoy delicious food, beautiful crafts, and community causes. Stallholders and visitors alike praised the atmosphere, organisation, and inclusivity of the fair. The buzz and excitement surrounding the day clearly showed how much the community values opportunities like this. Plans are already underway for the next market cycle, promising an even bigger, more vibrant celebration of Aston's creativity and spirit.

(Throughout the Year / Multiple Teams / Turnout: 20-25 Players per club / Multiple Clubs)

We run multiple badminton sessions throughout the week, for all skill levels. We currently have a women's team, men's teams, and a mixed team entered into the Birmingham badminton League, and we run multiple sessions to cater to different skill levels throughout the week. We have a beginner's session every Tuesday at Ark St Albans Academy for 2 hours. As we have recently started that club, we are currently advertising to find players through different social media streams. We also pride ourselves on providing a space for women on the court and have a women's team that plays on Thursday evenings at King Edward's Grammar School in Aston, Birmingham, at 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. We have 20 regular members who really enjoy the sessions and ensure to come every week. There is a significant demand for this activity, and it has been running for over 3 years.

Badminton sessions: A popular sports activity among young people and adults



Our key aim is to make sports more accessible to the local community in an attempt to improve social, mental, and physical aspects of the lifestyles.

### 2.12: KEY CHALLENGES AND ISSUES FACED

Our organisation faced various challenges during the 2024 financial year that hindered the operations and impact. The following are the main challenges and issues we faced:

1. **Lack of funding:** We struggled to secure adequate funding to support our programs and services. To secure funding, we need to pursue diverse funding sources such as grants, donations, sponsorships, and fundraising events. Build strong relationships with local businesses, foundations, and government agencies to increase funding opportunities.
2. **Staff training:** Limited resources made it difficult to provide staff with the necessary training to carry out their roles effectively.
3. **Volunteering:** Attracting and retaining skilled volunteers became a significant challenge.
4. **High utility bills:** Operating costs, such as utility bills, strain limited budgets. We will have to implement energy-efficient practices, invest in energy-saving equipment and technologies, and explore renewable energy options, such as solar panels or community energy programs.



5. Limited resources: We also faced a lack of physical resources, such as space, equipment, and materials. We will look at developing partnerships with local businesses, government agencies, and other organisations to share resources and collaborate on joint initiatives.
6. Communication and outreach: Effectively reaching and engaging with the target community can be challenging. Solution: Develop a comprehensive communication strategy that incorporates multiple channels, such as social media, community events, newsletters, and door-to-door outreach.
7. Burnout: Staff and volunteers may experience burnout due to high workloads and limited resources. Solution: Encourage work-life balance, provide support for stress management, and ensure that workloads are distributed fairly among team members.
8. Regulatory compliance: Ensuring compliance with various regulations and reporting requirements can be time-consuming and complex. Solution: Designate a staff member or volunteer to oversee compliance, stay informed about changes in rules, and seek support from legal professionals when needed.

By recognising these common challenges and proactively addressing them, we hope to build resilience and improve our ability to serve our target communities effectively.

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# **BIDGLEY POWER FOUNDATION (REGISTERED CHARITY)**

## **UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1145102 (England and Wales)

Accountants: Carringtons Accountants, Unit C, 325–329 Holyhead Rd, Handsworth, Birmingham,  
B21 0BH (0121 666 4960)

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. Income reduced by approximately 20% to £109,108.00 (2023: £136,385.00) reflecting a more challenging funding landscape and fewer one-off grants. Expenditure was managed prudently at £100,820.80 (2023: £126,026.00), ensuring continuity of core services. The charity achieved a modest surplus of £8,287.20 (2023: £10,359.00). Core programmes in youth activity, wellbeing and community engagement were maintained.

Signed on behalf of the Board:

Mr P V Pattni – Director/Chair

Date: 31/03/2025

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Income	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Restricted Funds	64,928.00	81,160.00
Unrestricted Funds	29,712.80	37,141.00
Interest Received	242.40	303.00
Youth Investment Fund (YIF) Grant	14,225.60	17,782.00
Total Income	109,108.00	136,385.00

  

Expenditure	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Rent and Rates/Hire	26,400.00	33,000.00
Utilities	22,210.40	27,763.00
Insurance	960.00	1,200.00
Consumables	2,920.00	3,650.00
Subscriptions/Fees	400.00	500.00
Bank Charges	440.00	550.00
Trade Waste	748.80	936.00
Small Equipment	8,800.00	11,000.00
Salaries/Volunteer Expenses	31,440.00	39,300.00
Depreciation of Equipment	1,502.40	1,878.00
Equipment Write Off	2,880.00	4,500.00
Maintenance	2,200.00	2,750.00
Total Expenses	100,820.80	126,026.00

  

Net Surplus for the Year	8,287.20	10,359.00
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**BALANCE SHEET**

Assets and Liabilities	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Fixed Assets (Equipment Net Book Value)	21,057.60	22,560.00
Cash in Bank	76,264.06	95,330.07
Creditors	(6,528.00)	(8,160.00)
Deferred Income (YIF)	0.00	(13,684.00)
Total Net Assets	90,793.66	96,046.07

  

Retained Funds	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Brought Forward	82,506.46	85,687.07
Surplus for the Year	8,287.20	10,359.00
Total Retained Funds	90,793.66	96,046.07

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Preparation These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards for small charities on an accruals basis. 2. Income Reduction Income for the year decreased by 20% to £109,108.00 (2023: £136,385.00), reflecting fewer one-off grants and a challenging funding environment. 3. Expenditure Expenditure reduced by 20% to £100,820.80 (2023: £126,026.00) through prudent cost control while safeguarding core service delivery. 4. Youth Investment Fund (YIF) Grant The YIF grant received in 2023 was fully utilised in 2024. The remaining deferred balance was released during the year to match related programme delivery and capital commitments. 5. Bank Balance Verification The closing cash balance of £76,264.06 has been verified against the year-end bank statement dated 27 December 2024. 6. Comparative Figures The comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2023 are included for reference purposes only.

## **CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

In order to assist the Trustees to fulfil their duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for approval the financial statements of Bidgley Power Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2024 from the charity's accounting records and information and explanations provided. As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements. This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees as a body, in accordance with our terms of engagement. We have not been instructed to carry out an audit. Accordingly, we do not express any opinion on the statutory financial statements. Carringtons Accountants Unit C, 325–329 Holyhead Rd, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 0BH Date: 31 March 2025

### **Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf:**

Mr P V Pattni – Director/Chair

Date: 31 March 2025

SEPTEMBER 28TH 2025

## Accounts for The Bidgley Power Foundation

To whom it may concern,

We write as the appointed auditors of the charity registered with the Charity Commission under the name "the Bidgley Power Foundation". Formerly known as the Bidgley Power Community Charity, with registration number 1145102. The registered address of the charity is: 459 Lichfield Rd, Aston, Birmingham B6 7SS.

The production of the Statement of Accounts as at 31 December 2024 each year is a statutory requirement.

This letter gives an undertaking from the auditor to those concerned that an appropriate level of care, diligence and consideration has been employed in arriving at the figures contained in the Statement of Accounts.

As the appointed Auditor, we have now concluded this year's audit, and her findings in respect of the accounts themselves and the charity's Value for Money conclusion are reported elsewhere in the accounts, as attached. Our opinion is unqualified, indicating that the Statement of Accounts gives an accurate and fair view of the charity's financial position and that the charity made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Sincerely yours,



Mr G.J. Carrington

