



TIME BANK PLUS ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

April 2022 to March 2023 has been in many ways a challenging year for Time Bank Plus, but we are happy to say that our small charity has come out of this period stronger, more focussed and with a clearer sense of purpose and direction, guided by the Strategic Review process we have been undertaking.

The aftermath of Covid was still evident at the beginning of the year and for some people the return to 'normality' was a gradual and sometimes difficult process. It has been heartening to see so many of our members out and about again, re-joining our groups and community-based activities and rapidly growing in confidence and wellbeing.

The year started with the sad departure of Rowan, our popular and hugely capable Projects Co-ordinator. Recruitment of a Co-Manager failed to result in a lasting appointment and we decided to put recruitment on hold for a while, whilst re-thinking the job role.

With staffing levels remaining low for many months, some of our amazing Trustees and Management Committee members, together with a wonderful, talented volunteer, stepped into the breach and generously offered their time and experience in directing and managing the Strategic Review process.

Despite the challenges, and with the help of some great volunteers, we were able to continue or resume running all of our longstanding projects, activities and services this year.

We were delighted to secure funding from the Society of Merchant Venturers for the Gardening Team and were able to recruit an experienced Team Leader to co-ordinate this popular weekly service. Our allotment volunteers also surpassed our wildest dreams, organising, securing and erecting a beautiful wooden shed on the allotment site as well as growing delicious vegetables, some of which were donated to the Food Co-op.

Twerton Lunch Club remained a firm favourite with older people in the local community, and was particularly appreciated after the isolation of the previous years of Covid Lockdown. We are grateful to Quartet Community Foundation for funding this much-needed project.

Our 'Borrow It' Library of Things was also well used by local people this year. As ever, the gardening tools and camping gear were in high demand over the

summer and the events equipment such as the gazebo, bunting and urn once again emerged from storage after having gathered dust during the Covid period.

FeelGood Walks took place on most weeks throughout the year, with a number of new volunteers training up to be Walk Leaders. These gentle but varied, hour-long walks form part of the Bathscape Heritage Lottery-funded programme which links people in this area with the landscape around Bath.

Southside Food Co-op continued to deliver boxes of fresh, locally grown vegetables to people in the south and west of Bath every fortnight, with our 2-tier pricing system enabling us to donate free produce to a few of those in greatest need.

‘Art for Everyone’ was the title of the 8-week art courses which we ran throughout the year, courtesy of the Wellbeing College and a donation from a generous supporter. These courses have proved to be extremely popular and are oversubscribed almost as soon as they are advertised. We also continued to host weekly online Creative Writing sessions, resulting in an outstanding collection of poetry, flash fiction and short stories, which were posted onto our online forum.

During the year, as part of the Strategic Review process, we held a number of workshops, Focus Groups and consultation events, gathering feedback, thoughts and suggestions from a range of stakeholders including staff and Management Committee members, past and present Time Bank participants, other local people and community agencies. This helped us to formulate new Vision, Mission and Values statements and start to put together a Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Fundraising has been quite challenging for us this year, partly owing to time pressures and low staffing levels but also due to the ever-increasing demands on funders, particularly in the face of the Cost-of-Living crisis. Securing an ongoing, dependable funding base is likely to remain one of our biggest challenges going into the future.

We would like to extend a particularly big thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who always go that extra mile even when their own circumstances may be far from easy. Our Trustees and Management Committee members have also been truly generous this year with their time and support.

Last but not least, we are so grateful to our funders, whose financial support makes all this possible. Our very special thanks once again this year go to the Roper Family, formerly of Roper Rhodes Bathrooms. The Roper family have been supporting our small charity over the past 10 years and it is not an exaggeration to say that it is thanks to their support that we have been able to keep going through all the difficult times and continue to offer a full range of community-based projects and opportunities to people here in Twerton and the surrounding areas of Bath.



Quartet
Community
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Additional Information

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Jo Salisbury (Chair)
June Wentland
Krystal Osmond
Mary Fee

Structure & Management

The Management Committee, consisting of the Trustees and several other elected or co-opted members, meets approx 6 times per year (and no less than 4 times) to receive operational and financial reports, review progress and do future planning. The Management Committee are elected each year at the AGM, which is open to all Time Bank members. Up to three other people with relevant skills and experience may be co-opted onto the committee.

Aims & objectives

The overall aim of Time Bank Plus is:

To enhance community involvement and improve health and wellbeing in Bath & NE Somerset

Working particularly with more disadvantaged groups and communities, our specific aims are:

- *to stimulate volunteering within the local community*
- *to enable local people to gain and develop skills and confidence*
- *to facilitate local people in making healthy & sustainable lifestyle choices*
- *to enhance social involvement and promote understanding between different groups within the local community*
- *to stimulate the provision of volunteer services which help promote independence and improve quality of life*
- *to increase the capacity of people in B&NES to engage in their local community*

We do this by:

- providing a brokered timebanking service, which enables local people to exchange services and skills on the basis of time
- co-ordinating groups and activities which help build community involvement
- providing learning opportunities which enable local people to develop existing skills or gain new ones
- co-ordinating projects which help support healthy lifestyle choices and environmental sustainability
- supporting activities which help to foster understanding between different groups in the local community
- working in creative partnership with other agencies to develop and support community initiatives

Reserves Policy

We aim to keep reserves totalling at least 3 months' total expenditure plus 9 months' rental cost



Annual accounts for the period

Period start date

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

Section A

Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity

Incoming resources (Note 3)

Income and endowments from:

Donations and legacies

Charitable activities

Other trading activities

Investments

Separate material item of income

Other

Total

Resources expended (Note 6)

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

Charitable activities

Separate material item of expense

Other

Total

Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)

Net gains/(losses) on investments

Net income/(expenditure)

Extraordinary items

Transfers between funds

Other recognised gains/(losses):

Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use

Other gains/(losses)

Net movement in funds

Reconciliation of funds:

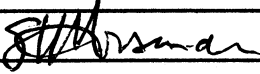
Total funds brought forward

Total funds carried forward

Guidance Notes

	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
S01	12,300	-	-	12,300	12,219
S02	1,844	11,285	-	13,129	22,455
S03	-	-	-	-	-
S04	33	-	-	33	2
S05	-	-	-	-	-
S06	-	-	-	-	-
S07	14,177	11,285	-	25,462	34,676
S08	-	-	-	-	-
S09	18,574	9,559	-	28,133	34,241
S10	-	-	-	-	-
S11	-	-	-	-	-
S12	18,574	9,559	-	28,133	34,241
S13	- 4,397	1,726	-	- 2,671	435
S14	-	-	-	-	-
S15	- 4,397	1,726	-	- 2,671	435
S16	-	-	-	-	-
S17	-	-	-	-	-
S18	-	-	-	-	-
S19	-	-	-	-	-
S20	- 4,397	1,726	-	- 2,671	435
S21	34,869	18,255	-	53,124	52,689
S22	30,472	19,981	-	50,453	53,124

Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	30,472	19,981	-	50,453	53,124
Total current assets		B10	30,472	19,981	-	50,453	53,124
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	30,472	19,981	-	50,453	53,124
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	30,472	19,981	-	50,453	53,124
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	30,472	19,981	-	50,453	53,124
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18	-	19,981	-	19,981	18,255
Unrestricted funds		B19	30,472	-	-	30,472	34,869
Revaluation reserve		B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds		B21	30,472	19,981	-	50,453	53,124
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees			Signature		Print Name		Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
					Simon Horsman		11/07/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

TIMEBANK PLUS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1147665

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Kenneth Littlewood

Date:

21/11/2023

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.