



## TIMEBANK PLUS ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

**Despite significant difficulties with staff recruitment this year, we were able to maintain and extend a full programme of projects, groups and activities and to redesign and refresh our premises. The period ended with some excellent funding successes, the launch of several innovative new projects and a full complement of staff finally in place, ready to take all this forward.**

April 2024 marked the beginning of a year's maternity leave for our Community Projects Co-ordinator. During the year, despite several attempts, apart from a few months during the summer we were unsuccessful in recruiting maternity cover staffing. The progress and successes we have achieved this year are thanks to the hard work and dedication of remaining staff, our wonderful community of volunteers, Management Committee members, project participants and other local people.

During the summer, our temporary staff member, aided by a great team of local people, did a wonderful job of redecorating the centre and changing the layout so as to maximise the amount of space available for local people and groups to meet there. This helped pave the way for a significant new project, the 'Community Sharing Space'. This project aims to maximise the use of our centre, by opening it up to trusted local groups on days of the week when staff are not present. Our role is to offer the outreach, resources, guidance and support needed for groups of local people to set up and run groups and activities.

We are very grateful to the Medlock Foundation and to Wessex Water which both provided funding towards this innovative new project. The first group to respond was a community music group – the 'Django Jazz Club', led by a longstanding Timebank member, offering local musicians the opportunity to have a go at playing and improvising simple jazz standards.

We were also approached by a group of former participants in our 'Art for Everyone' Wellbeing College courses, who wanted to set up a weekly peer-led Art Group. As the size of the group was too large for our premises, we were able to support them in gaining free use of a local community venue. This group has been fantastically successful and well attended, with a great deal of mutual support, many strong friendships and a very active WhatsApp group.

Other ongoing peer-led groups we have continued to support this year include the popular Bath Guitar Group and our longstanding online Creative Writing

Group. Both groups help to nurture the creative talent of a range of people from beginners to more experienced players or writers.

Our 'Borrow It' Library of Things was well used this year. As a free-of-charge service, it is particularly valued by members of the local community in and around the Twerton area, many of whom are impacted by low income levels. With a need to update and overhaul the collection of items, add further equipment and expand the available storage space we were delighted to receive funding from Bath & West Community Energy, which would pay for a project worker to put this into place.

Twerton Lunch Club has continued to provide nutritious, hot lunches and a varied programme of activities each week to older people living locally. Most of the people attending the Club live alone and are socially isolated, and the Club provides a much-needed opportunity to get out and meet with other people. Many thanks to the Quartet Catalyst Fund, which supported the Club for a further year.

The Timebank Gardening Team has continued to meet each week, providing gardening help to local people who are in need of assistance. This is a longstanding and much valued Timebanking service which enables us to 'give back' to people who have contributed their time and active participation in other aspects of our work programme.

Other longstanding activities we have supported this year include the Allotment Group and our weekly FeelGood walks, led by a wonderful local Timebank member.

With staff time in short supply this year, we reluctantly made the decision to discontinue our Food Co-op vegetable delivery scheme, at least for the foreseeable future. This project had been running for over 20 years, but numbers had dwindled and we were simply unable to provide the admin, outreach and marketing needed to maintain an effective service.

One of our main priorities this year was to put time into building organisational capacity and resilience, in particular through effective fundraising and a restructuring of staff roles to facilitate successful recruitment. We are delighted to report that we were successful on both fronts. A big welcome to three great new members of staff: Nicky, Borrow it Co-ordinator, Louise, Project Support worker, and Mary-Jane, Lunch Club Co-ordinator. In addition to the funders we have mentioned above, we would like to extend our warm thanks and appreciation to the Postcode Local Fund and to the Roper Family Trust, who once again offered their generous support to our small charity.

It remains to add a huge thank you to all the wonderful supportive people in and around the local community, who offer their time and become involved in our work in so many different ways. A special appreciation is due to our dedicated Management Committee and Trustees, who selflessly give their time and expertise to our small local charity.



## Additional Information

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### Trustees

Duncan McGibbon  
Simon Horsman  
Nathan Gale

Company Secretary  
Treasurer

### Other Management Committee members

Jo Salisbury (Chair)  
June Wentland  
Krystal Osmond  
Mary Fee  
Stewart Weston

### 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

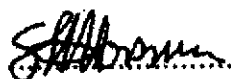
## TIME BANK PLUS

### Income & Expenditure Account for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (£)

2023/24		2024/25
	<b><u>Income</u></b>	
12000.00	Roper Rhodes	12000.00
7000.00	Quartet Community Foundation	14000.00
-	Bathscape	8373.75
-	Postcode Local Trust	8000.00
4060.00	Wellbeing College	-
6875.00	Other project funding	5500.00
1419.14	Food Co-op & Lunch Club (net takings)	1795.94
457.44	Donations	392.13
724.60	Other income	365.94
<u>32536.15</u>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>50427.76</b>
	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
28864.37	Staffing costs	22387.20
677.27	Volunteer expenses	568.50
8040.86	Rent & services	7760.22
553.85	Insurance	560.86
974.37	Postage, IT & phone	1089.87
184.60	Non-staff project costs	26.00
2761.75	Wellbeing College (net expenditure)	627.68
194.79	Office supplies & equipment	20.00
161.08	Payroll costs	155.68
195.51	Other expenditure	125.19
<u>42608.45</u>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>33321.20</b>
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### Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

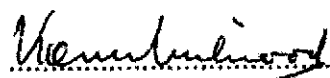
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	<b>Represented by:</b>	
40325.42	Cash at Bank	57468.17
54.99	Cash in Hand	18.80
<u>40380.41</u>		<u>57486.97</u>
-	<b>Less: Sundry creditors</b>	-
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Board of Management

date ...03/09/25

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Independent Examiner

date ..27.18./2025



# 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

TIME BANK PLUS

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

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.

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Signed:

Kenneth Littlewood

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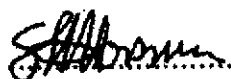
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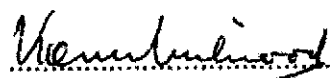
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