

BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT DISABILITY FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1155660

Details

Other names BDDF

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-02-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO RELIEVE THE CHARITABLE NEEDS OF DISABLED PEOPLE IN BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:IMPROVING THE INVOLVEMENT AND REPRESENTATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS;IMPROVING PARTNERSHIP WORKING BETWEEN THE CHARITY COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DISABILITY;PROMOTING GREATER AWARENESS OF DISABILITY WITHIN THE BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE COMMUNITY.

Activities: FACILITATE INCREASED AWARENESS, ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT & HEALTHY PROMOTION OF DISABILITY AND THOSE WHO LIVE IT. IMPROVE & PROMOTE INVOLVEMENT & REPRESENTATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS WITHIN BASINGSTOKE. VIA PARTNERSHIP, WORKING WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR & ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED IN DISABILITY. TO CREATE A COMMUNITY THAT SEE THE PERSON, VALUES THE DIFFERENCE AND EMBRACES AWARENESS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£42,410	£39,350	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,027	£34,249	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,064	£34,852	-	-
2022-03-31	£42,272	£43,274	-	-
2021-03-31	£49,755	£33,285	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Hannah Reilly	Chair	2023-06-22
Alderman Jane Frankum		2021-11-08
Alexandria Campbell-Carter		2024-04-17
Carol Hawkins		2023-06-22
David John Mark Soutter		2021-11-08
Jacqueline Mairead Tustain		2025-04-01
Matthew Paul Woods		2026-02-02

Accounts

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BDDF Impact Report

(Annual Review & Accounts)

for the year ended 31st March 2025

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Welcome from our Chair

Impact statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2025 for Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF). The Report and Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.

Our services have provided direct support to Disabled people, while BDDF has extended our reach by hosting events and groups that connect more with local charities and organisations committed to supporting the Disabled community. As demand for these services continues to rise—driven by an ageing population, economic pressures, and sustained strain on the charitable sector—we remain steadfast in our mission. We are committed to listening to our members, increasing our impact, and growing our membership to ensure we reach and support more Disabled individuals across Basingstoke and Deane.

We are pleased to report that BDDF has successfully secured funding for several key initiatives. We extend our sincere gratitude to all our funders for their generosity and continued confidence in our mission. We acknowledge the invaluable contributions of National Lottery and People's Postcode Lottery players, whose support will enable the delivery of vital programmes over the next five years.

Additional fundraising efforts have further strengthened our work. Highlights include hosting a children's activity stall at the Basingstoke Transport Festival in May 2024, organised by the Basingstoke and Deane Rotary Club, and conducting multiple collection drives at local supermarkets such as Morrison's and Tesco. These activities not only generate funds but also enhance public engagement and raise awareness of BDDF's impact within the wider community.

The Board of Trustees met ten times during this financial period, with several members actively contributing to the delivery of events and services. To sustain this momentum and support our continued growth, we recognise the need to expand the Trustee board and welcome new members who share our commitment to the organisation's mission.

On behalf of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, we extend our sincere appreciation to all whose dedication and professionalism continue to shape BDDF into the valued organisation it is today. We also acknowledge the vital contributions of our charity partners, supporters, and volunteers. Most importantly, we thank our growing membership. BDDF's work is made possible by the continued support of the Basingstoke and Deane community, to whom we remain deeply grateful.

Hannah Reilly - Chair of Trustees

What BDDF achieved in 2024-2025

Ongoing Signposting Service

Chronic Pain Support Groups

Community Cafes

Christmas Party

Disability Awareness Day

Camera Club (in partnership with Wavelly House)

New Accessible Art Clubs

New In-Person Support Groups

New Online Support Groups

New Disability Awareness Sessions for Schools

Who we are:

BDDF was formed in 2008 to support the local disabled community. When BDDF formed, there was no clear organisation representing the general disability community of Basingstoke. There was a gap in the accessibility of services available, as well as a lack of inclusion or opportunities for Disabled people. BDDF was founded by a group of residents with lived experience of disabilities with the aim of supporting the community, giving a voice and addressing the stigma. We achieved registered Charity status in 2014. We celebrated our 10th Birthday as a registered charity on 6th February 2024.

Our Vision:

To create a community that sees the person, values the difference, and embraces awareness.

Our Mission:

To facilitate increased awareness, active involvement and healthy promotion of Disabled people and their impairments and health conditions.

Our Aim:

To promote both visible and invisible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together. BDDF partners and collaborates with fellow disability charities/groups and provides guidance to local businesses who are striving to be accessible and inclusive.

Strategic Objectives:

1. **Involvement** - to improve the involvement and representation of Disabled people and their families/carers within Basingstoke.
2. **Promotion** - to promote greater awareness of disability through initiatives and activities that champion inclusivity, understanding, and reduce barriers.

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3. **Partnerships** - To improve partnership working between agencies, both voluntary sector and statutory, that are involved in supporting disability.

Operational Objectives:

1. **Improve the mental and physical well-being** of people with Disabilities in Basingstoke.
2. Tackle feelings of **loneliness and reduce social isolation** within the disabled community.
3. **Increase knowledge** amongst people with disabilities and the wider disabled community about support services available, both directly through BDDF and signposting to other local charities and organisations.

Our Strategy:

BDDF set a clear strategy and structure to help everyone understand who BDDF are and what we do.

We have split ourselves into 4 key focus areas as follows:

1. **Access** – digital and physical (tackling the digital divide and escalating physical barriers)
2. **Financial Inclusion** – benefits, debt, job and employment advice
3. **Diversity & Inclusion** – appreciating intersectionality and proactively interacting with groups representing other minority groups, such as via the local Hate Crime Network
4. **Mental & Physical health** – this includes our direct services such as Chronic Pain and helping people to find information and advice to support their needs and reduce barriers.

All of which helps us to better reflect **the voice of the local disabled community**.

Increasing Demand in Local Area:

BDDF follows the definition consistent with the Equality Act 2010. A person is considered disabled if they have a self-reported long-standing illness, condition, or impairment which causes difficulty with day-to-day activities.

BDDF is committed to offering a programme of core services that are relevant, impactful, and empowering to support those individuals and their families, carers and employers.

From the 2021 census:

- 23% of the UK population identified as having a disability.
- The population of Basingstoke and Deane was 185,200 people.
- 27,778 Disabled people living in Basingstoke and Deane.
- 5.7% of Basingstoke and Deane residents were identified as being disabled and limited a lot in daily activities.
- 9.9% were identified as being disabled and limited a little in daily activities.

Source: Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census and Census 2021 - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censusareachanges/E07000084/>

Membership:

BDDF is a free-to-join, membership-based organisation. BDDF is for all Disabled adults, offering support for those over 18 with visible and non-invisible impairments. We are open to everyone, and our members include people who have sensory, physical, learning, mental health, or chronic conditions.

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Members receive access to all our free services, newsletter and activities. Our services are created based on feedback from our members.

Our Staff Members:

Our employees each play a vital role in helping BDDF to provide support and services to Disabled people and their families. We are so very proud of their achievements.

Staff: on 1st April 2024

- Sanchia Sanday BDDF Volunteer Coordinator (16 hours a week)
- Elizabeth Brisco, BDDF Fundraising Coordinator (10 hours a week)
- Kathleen Loosley, BDDF Social Media Coordinator (3 hours a week)
- Georgina Leonard, BDDF Social Media Coordinator (3 hours a week)

Staff changes:

- Sanchia Sanday was promoted to BDDF Main Services Coordinator/ Facilitator in August 2024, and an increase in work hours (18 hours a week)
- Kathleen Loosley, BDDF Social Media Coordinator (3 hours a week), when on Maternity Leave in July 2024 return in February 2025.
- Georgina Leonard, BDDF Social Media Coordinator, started 11th October 2023 (3 hours a week) Left the charity on 30th September 2024

Staff on 31st March 2025:

- Sanchia Sanday BDDF Main Services Coordinator/ Facilitator (18 hours a week)
- Elizabeth Brisco, BDDF Fundraising Coordinator (10 hours a week)
- Kathleen Loosley, BDDF Social Media Coordinator (3 hours a week)

BDDF Trustee Board:

BDDF Board members on 1st April 2024:

- Chair - Hannah Reilly appointed 22nd June 2023
- Deputy Chair - Carol Hawkins appointed 22nd June 2023
- Treasurer - David John Mark Soutter appointed 8th November 2021
- Alderman Jane Frankum appointed 8th November 2021

BDDF Board members who were appointed during this period:

- Alexandria Campbell-Carter appointed on 17th April 2024

BDDF Board Members, Trustees On 31st March 2025:

- Chair - Hannah Reilly appointed 22nd June 2023
- Deputy Chair - Carol Hawkins appointed 22nd June 2023
- Treasurer - David John Mark Soutter appointed 8th November 2021

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- Alderman Jane Frankum appointed 8th November 2021
- Alexandria Campbell-Carter appointed on 17th April 2024

We thank you all for the time and dedication you have continued to show BDDF. We had only 5 trustees at the end of the period. We will continue to advertise for trustees across our membership who will bring both action and passion to the board through lived experience as a Disabled person, diversity and skills.

BDDF Patrons:

We give thanks to our Patrons who actively support BDDF within the community:

- Lady J. Coleman, Life Patron
- Rt Hon Dame Maria Miller, Patron
- Cllr. Simon Minas-Bound, Patron

Our Services:

Activities that BDDF undertake are to improve the lives of our beneficiaries and make a difference. All are free to attend

Signposting Service (SPS)	Our Signpost Service remains a central aspect of BDDF. Receiving queries in person, via email, telephone, and messenger on Facebook. This is a tailored service where our volunteers support the member with bespoke responses, signposting them to services we offer that may help or onto organisations who can support their specific needs. We work with them throughout the journey often for multiple issues over lengthy periods of time.
Chronic Pain Support Group	Our monthly free to join CPSG sessions have continued and are well supported by our regular attendees and some newcomers. These sessions provide a warm and welcoming environment for individuals with chronic pain conditions to come together to share their experiences. Featuring guest speakers and practitioners providing information and demos including: - Seated yoga and mindfulness - EFT Tapping Therapy - Citizens Advice Bureau presented energy saving tips - Seated Exercise - Scam and fraud workshop - Reiki
Photography Group	We received a grant from No Wrong Door AMHE to purchase cameras and equipment to run a photography club. This began In February 2024 and is being run in partnership with Wavelly House (Together for Mental Wellbeing). It is a monthly group, and we have already held sessions on nature, wildlife, transport (aeroplanes), architecture. The group ran until February 2025 with an exhibition held on Wednesday 26 th March at Proteus Creation Space which showcased some of the best photographs.

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Accessible Art Club	We received a Pride in Place grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to run an accessible art club. The sessions are held monthly at Proteus Creation Space and run by local artist Jacky Purtill. Jacky is an amazing tutor and makes every session fun and creative. One of the grant conditions was to hold an exhibition of the works carried out by the members so this was held on Wednesday 26 th March at Proteus where artwork was exhibited and we provided free refreshments. The Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane Cllr Colin Phillimore attended.
In Person Support Group	We received a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund to enable us to run new monthly in person support groups for our existing members and the wider community. These have been held at The Basingstoke Discovery Centre a central, easily accessible location within the town centre. We are planning to book guest speakers for later in the year such as DWP, CAB and SNG Housing.
Online Support Group	We received a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund to enable us to run new monthly online support groups for our existing members and the wider community. These are currently being held at different times of the day to gauge when best suits our members. These online sessions are perfect for those who would like to interact with others but may not feel well enough or able to leave their homes.
Community Cafe	Our quarterly networking meetings have continued both online and in person at our offices at The Orchard, they are open to charities and organisations giving the chance to discuss challenges and successes.

Our Reach:

Website: <https://www.bddf.org.uk/>

The BDDF website at bddf.org.uk continues to provide vital information to members, with updated dedicated signposting page full of information split into easy-to-understand subcategories, and several brand-new pages and features to reflect our current service offering. We received over 5000 visitors to our website between March 2024 and March 2025, with most looking for information on mental health or seeking our contact details. We continue to develop approaches to improve our website and make it as useful to members as possible.

Social Media Reach Between April 2024 and March 2025:

We use five Different Social Media Platforms to raise and awareness of the charity.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bddforum/>

Engagement refers to the interactions our audience has with our social media content, including comments, shares, and likes on our Facebook.

March 2024: 1,821 followers

April 2024: 5.1K engagement

May 2024: 1,871 followers.

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June 2024: 1.7K engagement, 21K accounts reached.

July 2024: 1,975 followers.

August 2024: 2.1K engagement, 14K accounts reached.

September 24, 2024: 1,975 followers.

October 2024: 2.2K engagement, 12K accounts reached.

November 2024: 1,976 followers.

December 2024: 3K engagement, 15K accounts reached.

January 2025: 1,982 followers.

February 2025: 5.6K engagement, 17.5K accounts reached.

March 2025: 1,996 followers

April 2025: 2,001 followers, 4.7K engagement, 27.5K accounts reached.

The significant jump in engagement in January 2025, reaching 4.1K (+27% from the previous 90 days), indicates a growing interest and interaction from the audience.

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/basingstokedisabilityforum/>

Our Instagram account saw growth from 600 followers in April 2024 to 718 followers in April 2025, representing a growth of approximately 19.7%. This increase can be attributed to our focused strategies around Disability Awareness Day, which significantly boosted engagement and visibility on the platform.

LinkedIn: <https://uk.linkedin.com/company/basingstoke-district-disability-forum>

Our LinkedIn connections increased from 38 to 74 between April 2024 and March 2025.

Twitter: <https://x.com/bddforum>

Our Twitter account has been active in October 2024 since then 25 tweets made up end of March 2025. The posts made 15 to 191 impressions.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@bddfbasingstokedistrictdis1060>

The Channel was created in November 2015. Since then it has had under 4,000 Views on 31 Videos and 30 Subscribers.

Digital Divide and Paper-based Resources

Digital exclusion is affecting our communities, and the move to technology triggered by the pandemic is deepening the divide.

Independence is heavily reliant on access to information, and with more information than ever before being online, we must break down the barriers and reduce the digital gap.

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BDDF swiftly moved services online where possible, created a more accessible website and established IT support sessions to help our members get online. However, there is still a vast proportion of members who cannot access the internet or have the knowledge to be able to research information on the internet. The Digital Divide remains a key barrier for many of our members, so BDDF continues to focus on digital inclusivity. Our main donations were given to us for printing a booklet of information, advice and services in the local community. This is for people who find it difficult to research information online.

This is why paper-based resources are important to our members, and consequently why BDDF created a signposting and information magazine called “Be Included Basingstoke” (BIB) which contains written information about local support services in Hampshire regarding disabilities and mental health. Two issues of the BIB were produced between March 2024 and 2025, with a third special financial edition in progress.

Our Survey - Giving Disabled People a Voice

The 2024 edition of the BDDF survey was opened in April 2024 and subsequently received 38 responses. Results showed that almost 60% of our members struggle to some degree with social isolation, and respondents rate their life satisfaction lower than the national average. Members reported issues in daily life including physical access problems, discrimination, and denial of service. Happily, those who can engage with BDDF services in some capacity report higher life satisfaction and feelings that things they do are worthwhile, and lower social isolation scores. BDDF will survey members annually going forward and act on feedback. The key takeaway from this survey was that members wanted more social interaction, and this has been acted upon thanks to the generous funding we received from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Our Awareness Events & Community Collaboration:

Supporting our community through partnerships that deliver innovative projects that focus upon improving health and well-being.

Disability Awareness Day (DAD)

On Friday 27th June 2024, BDDF hosted its annual Disability Awareness Day. Open to the public from 9.30am to 3pm in The Malls Shopping Centre. With our key aims being to provide information, offer advice and raise awareness.

This event has previously been held in April, but the last two years were very cold for those who were seated for a long period of time and so we agreed to move the date to a warmer month such as June.

Around 35 local organisations joined BDDF each of whom provide services for Disabled people. Volunteers and staff were on hand to answer questions on a wide range of topics including benefits, transport, health, housing, education, sports and more!

The Disability Awareness Day is our flagship event to healthily promote both visible and non-visible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together.

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We gave out many of our latest edition of our 'Be Included Basingstoke' magazines and canvas bags with our BDDF logo on.

The Digital divide has had a huge impact on our members and the wider Disabled community. Getting the right information at the right time helps to make informed choices and by having the many different groups and charities in one place, together, the event allowed us all to provide direct face to face support as well as forging many new connections and deepening the local Disabled community network. Thank you to all who came.

Be Included Basingstoke

We have now distributed 4 issues of the BIB, with the fifth in progress. Thousands have been distributed in the Basingstoke area. These booklets help reduce the digital divide and get the information out there to anyone who needs it, as well as providing a useful reference document for charities. The pdf versions of the BIB are available on our website at <https://www.bddf.org.uk/be-included-basingstoke>

Community café

BDDF host quarterly networking sessions where local organisations and groups who support Disabled people are all welcome to attend to share what services and events they have on and to also problem solve issues with one another.

Our Newsletter

BDDF continues to regularly share information from member organisations regarding their activities and services via our website, social media and our newsletters. Each featured organisation is added to our website and invited to have a stall at our DAD event, they are also welcome to attend the Community Cafe.

Chronic Pain support Group

Free support group, held monthly at Proteus Creation Space.

Films to Schools

Prior to Covid, our 'Films to Schools' programme took several disability awareness films created by BDDF into local primary schools to teach children a little more about disability and provide an interactive workshop. The sessions have now been reworked and relaunched, and we have now delivered: a pilot school session in November 2024, a Cub's group in February 2025, and three further school visits in February and March 2025. The sessions have received extremely positive feedback, and we aim to do two visits most months (school holidays considered) going forward. We would like to thank the schools and groups that have generously welcomed us for these sessions and hope they have been useful.

The Awareness Films that used in these sessions and any future videos can be viewed on YouTube:

- [Talk To Me](#)
- [Like Everyone Else](#)
- [Just Ask](#)

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Grants & Fundraising

We have been fortunate to receive several grants over the financial year including two large multi-year grants from the National Lottery Community Fund (both the Awards for All and Reaching Communities schemes). This funding provides vital long-term stability for the charity and supports core costs, two brand new support and social groups, and our existing popular Chronic Pain Support Group, as well as the relaunch of our Films to Schools disability awareness visits.

We also received funding for several rounds of our vital cost-of-living bundles which were delivered to vulnerable households through the DWP Household Support Fund, and the Tesco Stronger Starts blue token scheme, where we won the public vote in stores and received the highest award of £1,200.

We received funding for financial inclusion focussed guest speakers and a special edition of Be Included Basingstoke, funding for our 2024 Christmas party from the One Stop Community Partnership and funding from Basingstoke Round Table for activity packs for those members that really benefitted from a fun distraction free-of-charge.

Finally, we received generous unrestricted funding from the Postcode Society Trust, which we have been putting to good use to support all the charity's activities.

We are enormously grateful to all our wonderful, generous funders, without whom the charity could not continue, and we would like to extend special thanks to the players of both the National Lottery and Peoples' Postcode Lottery, whose generosity allows these vital funding schemes to take place.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Basingstoke and District Disability Forum CIO

Report to the trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

I report to the charity trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, Charity number 1155660, on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Patricia Fox FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
36 Essex Road
Basingstoke
RG21 7TB

Date.....24/1/26.....

Signed..........

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2025

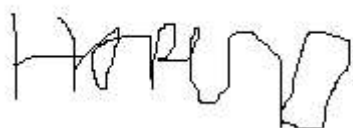
	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Donations received	3.1	5,374	-	5,374	3,498
Fundraising events	3.2	345	-	345	3,079
Grant income	3.3	13,000	23,689	36,689	17,448
Bank interest		2	-	2	2
Total income resources		18,721	23,689	42,410	24,027
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	4	15,628	23,722	39,350	34,249
Total resources expended		15,628	23,722	39,350	34,249
Net (expenditure) / income		3,093	(33)	3,060	(10,222)
Gross transfers between funds		(33)	33	-	-
Net movements in funds		3,060	-	3,060	(10,222)
Fund balances brought forward		6,476	-	6,476	16,698
Funds balances carried forward		9,536	-	9,536	6,476

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets					
Accounts receivable		110	-	110	200
Cash at bank and in hand		12,235	34,717	46,952	22,706
Total current assets		12,345	34,717	47,062	22,906
Creditors					
Deferred income	7.1	-	34,717	34,717	15,164
Other creditors – sundry creditors		2,809	-	2,809	1,266
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2,809	34,717	37,526	16,430
Net current assets		9,536	-	9,536	6,476
Net assets		9,536	-	9,536	6,476
Unrestricted funds		9,536	-	9,536	6,476
Total charity funds		9,536	-	9,536	6,476

Approved by the Trustees on 11th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Hannah Reilly – Chair of Trustees

NOTES to the accounts

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102) issued in October 2019).

2. Accounting policies

- 2.1. Recognition of incoming resources: these are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when Trustees are confident that income will be received and the monetary value can be reasonably measured.
- 2.2. Costs of charitable activities included in the Statement of Financial Activities are on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories.
- 2.3. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, when it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified as Restricted when Grantors have place restrictions on how and when the funds shall be spent. Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.
- 2.4. Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.
- 2.5. Unrestricted funds: these comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

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3. Analysis of income

	2025	2024
	£	£
3.1 Donations received during the year	5,374	3,498
3.2 Fundraising events – volunteer income	345	3,079
3.3 Grants income – Restricted	2025	2024
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – Strengthening Communities	9,143	9,409
National Lottery (i)	4,197	-
National Lottery – Reaching Communities	3,236	-
Rotary BIB	1,468	-
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – Pride in Place	1,232	-
DWP	1,209	-
NWD AMHE	971	-
Action Hampshire	923	-
Tesco Arts Funding	900	-
One Stop Christmas Party	274	-
Round Table Arts Funding	136	-
Hampshire County Council Household Support Fund	-	1,913
NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB	-	1,596
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – Councillor Grants	-	1,500
Arthur Bates Fund	-	1,500
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,490
Four Lanes Trust Grant	-	40
Total Grants - Restricted	23,689	17,448

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4. Costs of Charitable activities

		2025		2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Advertising and Marketing	-	-	-	477
Accountancy	1,520	-	1,520	1,389
Bank Fees	68	-	68	64
Business Insurance	90	240	330	330
Event Costs	653	4,405	5,058	4,463
General Expenses	169	542	711	2,099
Independent Examiner	100	-	100	100
IT Software, Subscriptions and Support	1,146	93	1,239	1,102
Legal & professional fees & licences	160	35	195	85
Printing and postage	222	1,486	1,708	1,624
Rent	730	2,190	2,920	2,920
Room Hire	798	804	1,602	210
Salaries	9,715	13,880	23,595	19,154
Subscriptions	239	47	286	180
Telephone line rental and calls	18	-	18	52
	15,628	23,722	39,350	34,249

5. Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1962 to the extent that are applied to its charitable objects.

6. Staff numbers

The Charity currently employs 3 members (2024: 3) of staff on a part-time basis.

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7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

7.1. Deferred income

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Lottery – initial Grant	14,575	-
National Lottery – Reaching Communities	9,865	-
NWD AHME	2,752	-
BDBC Pride in Place	2,303	-
Good Exchange	1,500	-
Didymus Fund	1,398	1,398
Action Hampshire	602	-
Round Table BIBS	364	-
BDBC Strengthening Communities	-	9,144
NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB	-	3,722
One Stop - Christmas	477	-
DWP	160	-
Rotary (BIB)	721	900
	34,717	15,164

8. Independent examiner

Included in expenditure for the year is a provision for £100 (2024 - £100) for the Independent Examiner's Report.

9. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Ways that people can volunteer with BDDF

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- Help with our collection days at supermarkets
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Ways that people can donate to BDDF

- Our collection days at local supermarkets and shops: this year BDDF has collected at Tesco, Morrison's and Dunelm in Basingstoke.
- Easy Fundraising: [Basingstoke & District Disability Forum Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)
- Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery: [Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery \(bandcommunitylottery.co.uk\)](#)
- PayPal: [PayPal Giving Fund](#)

Contact us - How to get in touch & keep up to date

Please get in touch via:

- Email office@bddf.org.uk
- Via Facebook Messenger
- Phone 01256 423869
- Or pop in to see us in person at The Orchard (by prearranged appointment only) or by joining us at one of our services / events

Newsletters

- We offer newsletters / Be Included Basingstoke via email or post.
- To be added to our postal mailing list please call **01256 423869** leaving your home address, name & telephone number.

Website: Information on all our free services is updated regularly on our website

<http://www.bddf.org.uk/>

Social Media: Keep up to date by liking our page on Facebook, Instagram or tweet us!

Physical and Registered address:

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

The Orchard

White Hart Lane

Basingstoke

RG21 4AF

T: 01256 423869

Registered Charity in England & Wales since 2014: **no.1155660**

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(Annual Review & Accounts)

for the year ended 31st March 2024

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Welcome from our Chair

Impact statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2023 for Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF).

Our funds have been spent supporting Disabled people directly through our services and hundreds more indirectly via BDDF hosting events and groups that bring together our members and the wider disabled community with local charities and groups who also support Disabled people. The Report and Accounts have been prepared on an accrual's basis.

The Trustees met 10 times over this financial period. The Trustees alongside our staff and regular volunteers come together to make the financial position of the charity stronger as well as getting involved with the operating activities of the charity. There was major change to the trustees' board during this time. At the end of this financial period the charity sadly lost the founder, Julian Thomas who served as a trustee up until his death on 31st March 2024. He will be sadly miss by the charity and the wider community of Basingstoke and Deane. There was change to the chair of trustees in this financial year, as Ani Spalding stepped down in January 2024 after 4 years of service as Chair to the Charity. Hannah Reilly became Chair after only being appointed as a trustee 6 months prior to this.

There remains an ever-increasing demand for support and services that provide support for a growing number of Disabled people. Coupled with an ageing society, a difficult economic situation and continued pressure on charities. It really is a very challenging environment to survive in let alone thrive. Nevertheless, our goals remain to listen to our members, enhance the impact we have and increase our membership base. The latter is to ensure we are reaching and supporting more members of the Disabled community from across all parts of Basingstoke.

The Digital Divide remains a key barrier for many of our members; so BDDF continues to focus on digital inclusivity. Our main donations were given to us for printing a booklet of information, advice and services in the local community. This is for people who find it difficult researching information online.

For several months of this financial year; we did not employ a dedicated fundraising staff member, the income we have been able to secure this year is lower than in recent years. The second half of the year saw some grant successes with our new Fundraising Coordinator however the economic climate undoubtedly remains challenging, with 'cost of giving' crisis reducing public donations to charities, thus making our fundraising events less successful, however we continue to work to secure funding.

Our Annual Fundraiser for 2023 was in December which raised approximately £2,000. We did a Christmas raffle and trail map of all the houses that had Christmas lights on display, in the communities of Chineham and Sherfield Park. It wasn't a great success as we expected this to bring in vital funds like we had in the previous years. However, it raised awareness of our charity in the community. Thank you to all involved – it takes a real team of volunteers to coordinate, we couldn't host a trail without the people willing to display Christmas lights, and we thank all the local venues and businesses that so generously support us. BDDF want to thank the communities of Chineham and Sherfield Park for continuing to welcome the trail walkers.

Our annual Christmas party that we hold for all our members was funded by Ewe Move in December 2023. They were also the official sponsor of BDDF for the calendar year of 2024. They have kindly

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made us their charity of the year 2024. Ewe Move Sales & Lettings Ltd, Company Reg. Number: 07191403. BDDF developed a relationship with the local branch in Chineham during trails in previous years that the charity held in Chineham and Sherfield Park. Generously, they offered to fund the core expense of holding the Christmas Party in December 2023 giving £500. BDDF want to thank Ewe Move Basingstoke Branch for their financial contributions to the charity so far this year.

We continue to focus on raising income through a variety of funding streams. This includes grants, sponsors, events, raffles, and individual donors and we thank all of those who have helped BDDF to continue.

On behalf of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, I would like to express our extreme thanks to our staff old and new who make BDDF the wonderful charity it is. Extending gratitude also to our network of charity partners, supporters, volunteers, those who have supported events through donations and time and also of course our growing family of members – BDDF wouldn't exist without the local community of Basingstoke and Deane.

Hannah Reilly

Chair of trustees from January 2024

What BDDF achieved in 2023-2024

Ongoing Signposting Service

Chronic Pain Support Groups

Community Cafes

Christmas Party and Christmas Light Trail Map Event

Disability Awareness Day

Camera Club (in partnership with Wavelly House)

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Who we are:

BDDF formed in 2008 to support the local disabled community. When BDDF formed there was no clear organisation representing the general disability community of Basingstoke. There was a gap in the accessibility of services available as well as a lack of inclusion or opportunities for Disabled people. BDDF was founded by a group of residents with lived experience of disabilities with the aim of supporting the community, giving a voice and addressing the stigma. We achieved registered Charity status in 2014. We celebrated our 10th Birthday as a registered charity on 6th February 2024.

Our Vision:

To create a community that sees the person, values the difference, and embraces awareness.

Our Mission:

To facilitate increased awareness, active involvement and healthy promotion of Disabled people and their impairments and health conditions.

Our Aim:

To promote both visible and nonvisible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together. BDDF partner and collaborate with fellow disability charities/groups and provide guidance to local businesses who are striving to be accessible and inclusive.

Strategic Objectives:

1. **Involvement** - to improve the involvement and representation of Disabled people and their families/carers within Basingstoke.
2. **Promotion** - to promote greater awareness of disability through initiatives and activities that champion inclusivity, understanding and reduce barriers.
3. **Partnerships** - To improve partnership working between agencies, both voluntary sector and statutory, who are involved in supporting disability.

Operational Objectives:

1. **Improve the mental and physical wellbeing** of people with Disabilities in Basingstoke.
2. Tackle feelings of **loneliness and reduce social isolation** within the disabled community.
3. **Increase knowledge** amongst people with disabilities and the wider disabled community about support services available, both directly through BDDF and signposting to other local charities and organisations.

Our Strategy:

BDDF set a clear strategy and structure to help everyone understand who BDDF are and what we do.

We have split ourselves into 4 key focus areas as follows:

1. **Access** – digital and physical (tackling the digital divide and escalating physical barriers)
2. **Financial Inclusion** – benefits, debt, job and employment advice
3. **Diversity & Inclusion** – appreciating intersectionality and pro-actively interacting with groups representing other minority groups such as via the local Hate Crime Network

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4. **Mental & Physical health** – this includes our direct services such as Chronic Pain and helping people to find information and advice to support their needs and reduce barriers.

All of which help us to better reflect **the voice of the local disabled community**.

Increasing Demand in Local Area:

BDDF follows the definition consistent with the Equality Act 2010. A person is considered disabled if they have a self-reported long-standing illness, condition, or impairment, which causes difficulty with day-to-day activities.

BDDF are committed to offering a programme of core services that are relevant, impactful, and empowering to support those individuals and their families, carers and employers.

From 2021 census:

- 23% of the UK population identified as having a disability.
- Population of Basingstoke and Deane was 185,200 people.
- 27,778 Disabled people living in Basingstoke and Deane.
- 5.7% of Basingstoke and Deane residents were identified as being disabled and limited a lot in daily activities.
- 9.9% were identified as being disabled and limited a little in daily activities.

Source: Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census and Census 2021 -

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censusareachanges/E07000084/>

Membership:

BDDF is a free to join, membership-based organization. BDDF is for all Disabled adults, offering support for those over 18 with visible and non-invisible impairments. We are open to everyone, and our members include people that have sensory, physical, learning, mental-health or chronic conditions.

Members receive access to all our free services, newsletter and activities. Our services are created based on feedback from our members.

Ways that people can volunteer with BDDF

BDDF need volunteers who can donate time, energy and skills to support our work. Most of all volunteers are needed to help:

- Being Trustees
- Being ambassadors (spreading the word)
- Running our Monthly Support Groups and activities
- Running our signposting service
- At our events
- Help with our collection days at supermarkets
- General office administration

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Our Staff Members:

Our employees each play a vital role in helping BDDF to provide support and services to Disabled people and their families. We are so very proud of their achievements.

Staff: on 1st April 2023:

- Suzi Owen, Fundraiser and Partnership Coordinator (16 hours a week)
- Sanchia Sanday, BDDF Volunteer Coordinator (16 hours a week)
- Sarah Pinnell, BDDF Social Media and graphics designer (5 hours a week)

Staff changes:

- Suzi Owen left BDDF on 30th April 2023
- Sarah Pinnell left BDDF on 11th August 2023
- Elizabeth Brisco, BDDF Fundraising Coordinator started 11th October 2023 (10 hours a week)
- George Leonard, BDDF Social Media Coordinator started 11th October 2023 (3 hours a week)
- Kathleen Loosley, BDDF Social Media Coordinator started 3rd November 2023 (3 hours a week)

Staff on 31st March 2024:

- Sanchia Sanday BDDF Volunteer Coordinator (16 hours a week)
- Elizabeth Brisco, BDDF Fundraising Coordinator (10 hours a week)
- Kathleen Loosley, BDDF Social Media Coordinator (3 hours a week)
- George Leonard, BDDF Social Media Coordinator (3 hours a week)

BDDF Trustee Board:

BDDF Board members on 1st April 2023:

- Chair, Anne Marie Spalding (Ani) – appointed March 2020
- Vice Chair, Rachel Hicks – appointed February 2020
- Treasurer, David John Mark Soutter – appointed November 2021
- Founder Trustee, Julian Paul Thomas - appointed February 2014
- Rebecca Meakin – appointed October 2019
- Alderman Jane Frankum- appointed November 2021

We thank you all for the time and dedication you have continued to show BDDF.

BDDF Board members stepped down during this period:

- Chair, Anne Marie Spalding (Ani) - welcomed March 2020; Stood down as chair January 2024, left: 31st March 2024

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- Vice Chair, Rachel Hicks - welcomed February 2020; Stood down and left: 8th August 2023
- Founder Trustee, Julian Paul Thomas - welcomed January 2014 sadly passed away on 31st March 2024
- Rebecca Meakin - welcomed October 2019 and left 29th February 2024

BDDF Board members that were appointed during this period:

- Hannah Reilly appointed: 22nd June 2023, became Chair in January 2024.
- Carol Hawkins appointed: 22nd June 2023

BDDF Board Members Trustees On 31st March 2024:

- Chair - Hannah Reilly appointed 22nd June 2023
- Deputy Chair - Carol Hawkins appointed 22nd June 2023
- Treasurer - David John Mark Soutter – appointed November 2021
- Alderman Jane Frankum- welcomed November 2021

We had only 4 trustees at the end of the period. We did advertise for trustees across our membership who will bring both action and passion to the board through lived experience as a Disabled person, diversity and skills.

Founder Trustee, Julian Paul Thomas –appointed February 2014 sadly passed away on 31st March 2024. Our charity and our wider local disability community owes him a great deal. Thank you to his hard work and dedication as a trustee of BDDF Since 2014.

Ani Spalding stood down as chair in January 2024 who was then replaced by Hannah Reilly. However, Ani Spalding didn't leave as trustee until the end of March 2024. The reason for this was to make the transit and handover as smooth as possible as Hannah Reilly had only been trustee for 6 months before becoming the Chair.

BDDF Patrons:

We give thanks to our Patrons who actively support BDDF within the community:

- Lady J. Coleman, Life Patron
- Rt Hon Dame Maria Miller MP, Patron
- Cllr. Simon Bound, Patron

Our Services:

Activities that BDDF undertake are to improve the lives of our beneficiaries and make a difference. All are free to attend

Signposting Service (SPS)	Our Signpost Service remains a central aspect of BDDF. Receiving queries in person, via email, telephone, and messenger on Facebook. This is a tailored service where our volunteers support the member
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	with bespoke responses signposting them to services we offer that may help or onto organisations who can support their specific needs, working with them throughout the journey often for multiple issues over lengthy periods of time.
Chronic Pain Support Group	Our monthly free to join CPSG sessions have continued and are well supported by our regular attendees and some newcomers. These sessions provide a warm and welcoming environment for individuals with chronic pain conditions to come together to share their experiences. Featuring guest speakers and practitioners providing information and demos including: - Seated exercise - Tai Chi - Hitting the Cold Spots - Easy meal ideas
Photography Group	We received a grant from No Wrong Door AMHE to purchase cameras and equipment to run a photography club. This began In February 2024 and is being run in partnership with Wavelly House (Together for Mental Wellbeing). It is a monthly group, and we have already held sessions on nature, wildlife, transport (aeroplanes), architecture. The group will run until February 2025 with an exhibition planned to showcase some of the best photographs.
Community Cafe	Our quarterly networking meetings have continued online and are open to charities and organisations giving the chance to discuss challenges and successes. It is being discussed within the charity whether to hold an in-person Community Cafe event at The Orchard where we are based.

Our Reach:

Website: <https://www.bddf.org.uk/>

The BDDF website at bddf.org.uk continues to provide vital information to members, with updated dedicated **signposting page** full of information split into easy-to-understand subcategories. We received around 7200 visitors to our website between March 2023 and March 2024, a 17% increase on the previous year. We continue to develop approaches to improve our website and make it as useful to members as possible.

Social Media Reach Between April 2023 and March 2024:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bddforum/>

- Followers in total: 2,051
- New followers: 146
- Facebook Posts: 163 and 42 Facebook stories (Figures start from December 2023 as social media coordinator started in November 2023)
- Post reach: 13,989
- Post Engagement 924

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/basingstokedisabilityforum/>

- total followers: 651
- 25 Posts
- content shared: 10

LinkedIn: <https://uk.linkedin.com/company/basingstoke-district-disability-forum>

- 79 followers since page creation and 54 new Followers in February/ March 2024
- This is a slow process as BDDF LinkedIn account was only created as method of connecting with Basingstoke key members of society and then inviting them to our page to build a base to help with fundraising and encourage corporate support for charity from local businesses.

Twitter: <https://x.com/bddfforum>

- Joined February 2016
- 271 followers
- 472 Posts in Total
- BDDF Account being used since October 2022

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@bddfbasingstokedistrictdis1060>

The Channel was created in November 2015 since then it has got 3,328 Views on 31 Videos and 29 Subscribers.

The Channel most popular video is:

- [Just Ask - Disability Awareness Films from the Disability Forum](#) (2, 315 views since uploaded 7 years ago) used in Films for Schools' project.

Digital Divide and Paper-based Resources

Digital exclusion is affecting our communities and the move to technology triggered by the pandemic is deepening the divide.

Independence is heavily reliant on access to information and with more information than ever before being online we must break down the barriers and reduce the digital gap

BDDF swiftly moved services online where possible, created a more accessible website and established IT support sessions to help our members get online. However, there are still a vast proportion of membership who are not able to access the internet or have the knowledge to be able to research information on the internet.

This is why paper based resources are important to our members, this is why BDDF created a quarterly signposting and information magazine called "Be Included Basingstoke" which contains written information about local support services in Hampshire regarding disabilities and mental health. The first and second issues were printing and distributed in 2023. The third edition was printed in March 2024. We received funding for printing 1,000 copies on each edition from Basingstoke and Deane Rotary Club.

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Our Survey - Giving Disabled people a Voice

The 2024 edition of the BDDF survey is due to launch in April 2024, the responses to which will help to guide our work going forward.

Our Awareness Events & Community Collaboration:

Supporting our community through partnerships that deliver innovative projects that focus upon improving health and well-being.

Disability Awareness Day (DAD)

On Friday 28th April 2023, BDDF hosted its annual Disability Awareness Day. Open to the public from 9am to 4pm in The Malls Shopping Centre. With our key aims being to provide information, offer advice and raise awareness.

Around 40 local organisations joined BDDF each of whom provide services for Disabled people. Volunteers and staff were on hand to answer questions on a wide range of topics including benefits, transport, health, housing, education, sports and more!

The Disability Awareness Day is our flagship event to healthily promote both visible and non-visible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together.

We gave out many of our 'Be Included Basingstoke' magazines and bags with our BDDF logo on.

Ani Spalding Chair (2020 – 2024) of BDDF said ***'It was fantastic to be back out there in person, the Digital divide has a huge impact on our members and the wider Disabled community. Getting the right information at the right time helps to make informed choices and by having the many different groups and charities in one place, together, the event allowed us all to provide direct face to face support as well as forging many new connections and deepening the local Disabled community network. Thank you to all who came.'***

Be Included Basingstoke

BDDF is proud to announce that we are now on our 3rd version of our printed magazine, 'Be Included Basingstoke'. Thousands have been distributed in the Basingstoke area. Our aim is to help reduce the digital divide and get the information out there to anyone who needs it. The next version should be printed in Autumn/Winter 2024.

Community café

BDDF host quarterly networking sessions where local organisations and groups who support Disabled people are all welcome to attend to share what services and events they have on and to also problem solve issues with one another.

Our Newsletter

BDDF continues to regularly share information from member organisations regarding their activities and services via our website, social media and our newsletters. Each featured organisation is added

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to our website and invited to have a stall at DAD, they are also welcome to attend the Community Cafe.

Chronic Pain support Group

Free support group, held monthly at Proteus Creation Space.

Films to Schools

Prior to Covid, our 'Films to Schools' programme took these films BDDF created into local primary schools to teach children a little more about disability and provide an interactive workshop. The children were given the opportunity to write a letter to a fictional child with a disability who would be joining their school. The winning letter would show empathy and inclusion. BDDF visited: 14 Primary Schools, 3 Cub Packs and reached over 3,000 local children mainly at Key Stage 2. BDDF endeavour to return to this project in November 2024.

The Awareness Films that were used and future videos can be viewed on YouTube:

- [Talk To Me](#)
- [Like Everyone Else](#)
- [Just Ask](#)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Basingstoke and District Disability Forum CIO

Report to the trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

I report to the charity trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, Charity number 1155660, on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Patricia Fox FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
36 Essex Road
Basingstoke
RG21 7TB

Date.....20/1/25.....

Signed..........

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Donations received	3.1	3,498	-	3,498	3,228
Fundraising events	3.2	3,079	-	3,079	7,118
Grant income	3.3	-	17,448	17,448	22,717
Bank interest		2	-	2	1
Total income resources		6,579	17,448	24,027	33,064
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	4	15,297	18,952	34,249	34,852
Total resources expended		15,297	18,952	34,249	34,852
Net (expenditure) / income		(8,718)	(1,504)	(10,222)	(1,788)
Gross transfers between funds		(1,504)	1,504	-	-
Net movements in funds		(10,222)	-	(10,222)	(1,788)
Fund balances brought forward		16,698	-	16,698	18,486
Funds balances carried forward		6,476	-	6,476	16,698

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets					
Accounts receivable		200	-	200	155
Cash at bank and in hand		7,542	15,164	22,706	26,390
Total current assets		7,742	15,164	22,906	26,545
Creditors					
Deferred income	7.1	-	15,164	15,164	9,280
Other creditors – sundry creditors		1,266	-	1,266	567
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		1,266	15,164	16,430	9,847
Net current assets		-	-	-	16,698
Net assets		6,476	-	6,476	16,698
Unrestricted funds		6,476	-	6,476	16,698
Total charity funds		6,476	-	6,476	16,698

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd January 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Hannah Reilly – Chair of Trustees

Trustee

NOTES to the accounts

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102) issued in October 2019).

2. Accounting policies

- 2.1. Recognition of incoming resources: these are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SofA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when Trustees are confident that income will be received and the monetary value can be reasonably measured.
- 2.2. Costs of charitable activities included in the Statement of Financial Activities are on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories.
- 2.3. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, when it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified as Restricted when Grantors have placed restrictions on how and when the funds shall be spent. Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.
- 2.4. Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.
- 2.5. Unrestricted funds: these comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

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3. Analysis of income

	2024	2023
	£	£
3.1 Donations received during the year	3,498	3,228
3.2 Fundraising events	3,079	7,118
3.3 Grants income - Restricted		
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – Strengthening Communities	9,409	6,497
Hampshire County Council Household Support Fund	1,913	-
NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB	1,596	-
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – Councillor Grants	1,500	-
Arthur Bates Fund	1,500	-
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,490	510
Four Lanes Trust Grant	40	30
Edward Gostling Trust	-	5,000
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation	-	4,988
Hampshire County Council – Local Solutions Grant	-	2,067
Albert Hunt Trust	-	2,000
Magic Little Grants	-	500
Jubilee Trust	-	500
Infortrend	--	159
Basingstoke Round Table		466
Total Grants - Restricted	17,448	22,717

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4. Costs of Charitable activities

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Advertising & Marketing	392	85	477	471
Bookkeeping	1,389	-	1,389	1,430
Bank Fees	7	57	64	83
Business Insurance	-	330	330	230
Employee Training	-	-	0	75
Event Costs	1,128	3,308	4,436	1,292
General Expenses	515	1,584	2,099	444
Independent Examiner	100	-	100	-
IT Software, Subscriptions and Support	875	227	1,102	1,283
Legal & professional fees & licences	50	35	85	85
Printing and postage	140	1,484	1,624	1,124
Rent	2,920	-	2,920	2,920
Room Hire	190	20	210	562
Salaries	7,332	11,822	19,154	23,119
Subcontractor and Fees re Events	27	-	27	1,399
Subscriptions	180	-	180	125
Telephone line rental and calls	52	-	52	210
	15,297	18,952	34,249	34,852

5. Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1962 to the extent that are applied to its charitable objects.

6. Staff numbers

The Charity currently employs 4 members (2023: 3) of staff on a part-time basis.

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7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

7.1. Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
BDBC Strengthening Communities	9,144	3,502
NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICB	3,722	-
Didymus Fund	1,398	1,398
Rotary (BIB)	900	600
Arthur Bates Fund	-	1,500
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,490
Action Hampshire	-	750
Four Lanes Trust	-	40
	15,164	9,280

8. Independent examiner

Included in expenditure for the year is a provision for £100 (2023 - £Nil) for the Independent Examiner's Report.

9. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Grants & Fundraising

We have been fortunate to receive several grants this year, including through the DWP Household Support Fund for vital cost of living support, salary funding for our Fundraising Coordinator from Basingstoke and Deane Borough council, and more. We have also raised over £6000 in donations and fundraising events.

We are incredibly grateful to all the individual donators, fund and grant providers that have supported BDDF. Your donations enable us to continue to provide all services and activities to our members.

Ways that people can Donate to BDDF

- Our collection days at local supermarkets and shops: this year BDDF has collected at Tesco, Morrisons and Dunelm in Basingstoke.
- Easy Fundraising: [Basingstoke & District Disability Forum Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)
- Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery: [Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery \(bandcommunitylottery.co.uk\)](#)
- PayPal: [PayPal Giving Fund](#)

Contact us - How to get in touch & keep up to date

Please get in touch via:

- Email office@bddf.org.uk
- Via Facebook Messenger
- Phone 01256 423869
- Or pop in to see us in person at The Orchard (by prearranged appointment only) or by joining us at one of our services / events

Newsletters

- We offer newsletters / Be Included Basingstoke via email or post.
- To be added to our postal mailing list please call **01256 423869** leaving your home address, name & telephone number.

Website: Information on all our free services is updated regularly on our website

<http://www.bddf.org.uk/>

Social Media: Keep up to date by liking our page on Facebook, Instagram or tweet us!

Physical and Registered address

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Registered Charity in England & Wales since 2014: **no.1155660**

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BDDF Impact Report

(Annual Review & Accounts)

for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Welcome from our Chair

Impact statement for the financial year ending 31st March 2023 for Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF).

BDDF exists to support Disabled people, their friends, family and carers, all living within Basingstoke and Deane.

£33,064 of income. These funds have been spent supporting Disabled people directly through our services and hundreds more indirectly via BDDF hosting events and forums that bring together our members and wider disabled community with local charities and groups who also support Disabled people. The Report and Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.

The Trustees met 10 times over this financial period. The Trustees alongside our staff and regular volunteers come together to consider our strategy, the financial position of the charity, along with risk management and operating activities of the charity.

The Digital Divide remains a key barrier so BDDF continues to focus on digital inclusivity and looks to support our members by removing barriers to getting online.

Post covid more charities are returning and there are less grants to apply for. This increased competition makes it harder to achieve successful grants. The events we organise ourselves draw less crowds as more competing fundraising activities return. We recognise that fundraising ability may be constrained for some time as the economic climate remains uncertain.

There remains an ever-increasing demand for support and services that provide support for a growing number of Disabled people. Coupled with an ageing society, an difficult economic situation and continued pressure on charities to do MORE with LESS, it really is a very challenging environment to survive in let alone thrive.

Nevertheless, our goals remains to listen to our members, enhance the impact we have and increase our membership base. The latter is to ensure we are reaching and supporting more members of the Disabled community from across all parts of Basingstoke.

Our annual fundraiser for 2022 was the third scarecrow trail. It was again a great success in both bringing in vital funds but also helping raise awareness of our charity. Thank you to all involved – it takes a real team of volunteers to coordinate, we couldn't host a trail without the entrants and we thank all of the local venues and businesses that so generously support us. BDDF want to thank the communities of Chineham and Sherfield park for continuing to welcome the trail walkers.

We continue to focus on raising income through a variety of funding streams. This includes grants, sponsors, events, raffles, and individual donors and we thank all of those who have helped BDDF to continue.

If you are financially able and would like to donate, details about how to do this are at the end of this report.

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If you have time to spare and would consider volunteering or even becoming a Trustee – we would love to hear from you.

On behalf of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, I would like to express our extreme thanks to our staff old and new who make BDDF the wonderful charity is.

Extending gratitude also to our network of charity partners, supporters, volunteers, those who have supported events through donations and time and our of course our growing family of members – BDDF wouldn't exist without you.

What BDDF achieved in 2022-2023:

- Ongoing Signpost service (100+ interactions (one to one))
- 42x Seated Yoga sessions (489 attendees)
- 40x 'Stroll & Roll' Walks (201 attendees)
- 19x Cuppa and Chat Support Groups (140 attendees)
- 6X Chronic Pain Support Groups (62 attendees)
- 2x IT courses (38 attendees)
- 5x Community Cafés (65 attendees – these are representatives from local groups and charities that support Disabled people)
- 1x Scarecrow event, 2 days, 67 scarecrows, c£6.8k raised
- 1x Christmas Event (85 attendees)
- Disability Awareness Day reaching over 2,000 people and attended by 30 charities / groups

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Who we are:

BDDF formed in 2008 to support the local disabled community. We achieved registered Charity status in 2014.

When BDDF formed there was no clear organisation representing the general disability community of Basingstoke. There was a gap in the accessibility of services available as well as a lack of inclusion or opportunities for Disabled people.

BDDF was founded by a group of residents with lived experience of disabilities with the aim of supporting the community, giving a voice and addressing the stigma.

At the last census (2021), 23% identified as having a disability. 27,778 Disabled people living in Basingstoke and Deane. BDDF are committed to offering a programme of core services that are relevant, impactful, and empowering to support those individuals and their families, carers and employers.

Our Aim: To healthily promote both visible and nonvisible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together.

BDDF partner and collaborate with fellow disability charities/groups and provide guidance to local businesses who are striving to be accessible and inclusive.

Membership:

BDDF is a free to join, membership-based organization. BDDF is for all Disabled adults, offering support for those over 18 with visible and invisible impairments. We are open to everyone and our members include people that have sensory, physical, learning, mental-health or chronic conditions.

Members receive access to all our free services, newsletter and activities.

Our services are created based on feedback from our members.

Increasing Demand:

BDDF follows the definition consistent with the Equality Act 2010. A person is considered disabled if they have a self-reported long-standing illness, condition, or impairment, which causes difficulty with day-to-day activities.

The UK has an ageing population. By 2040, it's predicted that the number of people in the UK aged 85+ will double from 1.6 million to 3.2 million. People are living longer with multiple conditions. Demand for inclusion, support and services will continue to grow.

Our Mission:

To facilitate increased awareness, active involvement and healthy promotion of Disabled people and their impairments and health conditions.

Supported by our **Strategic Objectives:**

1. **Involvement** - to improve the involvement and representation of Disabled people and their families/carers within Basingstoke.

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2. **Promotion** - to promote greater awareness of disability through initiatives and activities that champion inclusivity, understanding and reduce barriers.
3. **Partnerships** - To improve partnership working between agencies, both voluntary sector and statutory, who are involved in supporting disability.

Our Vision:

To create a community that sees the person, values the difference, and embraces awareness.

Actively promote awareness and understanding of the barriers faced by Disabled people.

Supported by our **Operational Objectives:**

1. **Improve the mental and physical wellbeing** of Disabled people in Basingstoke.
2. Tackle feelings of **loneliness and reduce social isolation** within the disabled community.
3. **Increase knowledge** amongst members and the wider disabled community about support services available, both directly through BDDF and signposting to other local charities and organisations.

Our Strategy:

In 2022 the board, our volunteer and staff came together to set a clear strategy and structure to help everyone understand who BDDF are and what we do.

We have split ourselves into 4 key focus areas as follows:

1. **Access** – digital and physical (tackling the digital divide and escalating physical barriers)
2. **Financial Inclusion** – benefits, debt, job hunting / CVs, interview advice
3. **Diversity & Inclusion** – appreciating intersectionality and pro-actively interacting with groups representing other minority groups such as via the local Hate Crime Network
4. **Mental & Physical health** – this includes our direct services such as Chronic Pain and helping people to find information and advice to support their needs and reduce barriers.

All of which help us to better reflect **the voice of the local disabled community**.

Our People:

Our employees each play a vital role in helping BDDF to provide support and services to Disabled people and their families. We are so very proud of their achievements.

Staff:

- Suzi Owen, Fundraiser and Partnership Coordinator (16 hours a week)
- Sarah Pinnell, BDDF Social Media and graphics designer (5 hours a week)
- Sanchia Marsh, BDDF Volunteer Coordinator (16 hours a week)

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Staff change:

- Amanda Knowles, Strategic Charity Coordinator (22 hours a week) – after 7 years supporting BDDF we wish Amanda all the very best with her next adventure. She will always be a member of the BDDF family and thank her for all she gave to BDDF.

BDDF Board:

- Chair, (Ani) Anne Marie Spalding - welcomed March 2020
- Vice Chair, Rachel Hicks - welcomed February 2020
- Original Trustee, Julian Paul Thomas - welcomed January 2014
- Rebecca Meakin - welcomed October 2019
- David John Mark Soutter - welcomed November 2021
- Alderman Jane Frankum- welcomed November 2021

We thank you all for the time and dedication you have continued to show BDDF.

BDDF Board members stepping down during this period:

- None.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication as trustees of BDDF. The energy and enthusiasm for the Disabled Community of Basingstoke has been inspiring and we wish you all the very best.

We continue to embed our updated Trustee recruitment policy and are actively seeking Trustees who will bring both action and passion to the board through lived experience as a Disabled person, diversity and skills.

BDDF Patrons:

We give thanks to our Patrons who actively support BDDF within the community:

- Lady J. Coleman, Life Patron
- Rt Hon Maria Miller MP, Patron
- Cllr. Simon Bound, Patron

Our Services:

Activities that BDDF undertake are to improve the lives of our beneficiaries and make a difference. All are free to attend

Signposting Service (SPS)	Our Signpost Service remains a central aspect of BDDF. Receiving queries in person, via email, telephone, and messenger on Facebook. This is a tailored service where our volunteers support the member with bespoke responses signposting them to services we offer that may help or onto organisations who can support their specific needs, working with them throughout the journey often for multiple issues over long periods of time.
Cuppa & Chat	Cuppa & Chat has provided a regular support group for our members to chat. Used as mini awareness events BDDF organised a wide range of activities, key speakers / guests & information sessions.
Yoga	Weekly seated yoga sessions via Zoom. We returned to in

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	person sessions, running the online lessons simultaneously in a hybrid approach.
IT Courses	Face to face in a Covid secure location. Course helped our members get more from their own technology allowing them to better connect and to avoid isolation, enabling them to attend our services most importantly help them stay connected to friends and family.
Walking Group	Due to Covid the Walking group has been running intermittently. At some points BDDF were able to offer 2 walking groups a week when lockdown restrictions allowed.
Chronic Pain Support Group	Our monthly CPSPG sessions restarted in person in September '21. These sessions provide a warm and welcoming environment for individuals with chronic pain conditions to come together to share their experiences. Featuring guest speakers and practitioners providing information and demos including: - Reiki - EFT - iTalk - NHS Physiotherapist

Our Reach:

Social Media Reach:

- Facebook 1595 followers (+49% on last year), posts often reaching 30k people.
- Instagram 500+ followers
- Using Twitter, Instagram and Linked in platforms more.

Website:

The BDDF website showcases our work & enables us to update & inform our members more easily and clearly.

Has a dedicated **signposting page** full of information split into easy-to-understand subcategories.



Our Awareness Events & Community Collaboration:

Supporting our community through partnerships that deliver innovative projects that focus upon improving health and well-being.

Disability Awareness Day (DAD)

On Friday the 1st of April 2022, BDDF hosted its annual Disability Awareness Day. Open to the public from 9am to 4pm in The Malls Shopping Centre. With our key

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aims being to Provide information, offer advice and raise awareness.

Over 30 local organisations joined BDDF each of whom provide services for Disabled people. Volunteers and staff were on hand to answer questions on a wide range of topics including benefits, transport, health, housing, education, sports and more!

The Disability Awareness Day is our flagship event to healthily promote both visible and non-visible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together.

Ani Spalding Chair of BDDF said ***'It was fantastic to be back out there in person, the Digital divide has a huge impact on our members and the wider Disabled community. Getting the right information at the right time helps to make informed choices and by having the many different groups and charities in one place, together, the event allowed us all to provide direct face to face support as well as forging many new connections and deepening the local Disabled community network. Thank you to all who came.'***

Community café

BDDF host quarterly networking sessions where local organisations and groups who support Disabled people are all welcome to attend to share what services and events they have on and to also problem solve issues with one another.

Our Newsletter

BDDF continues to regularly share information from member organisations regarding their activities and services via our website, social media and our newsletters. Each featured organisation is added to our website, invited to have a stall at DAD and is welcome to attend the Community Cafe.

Awareness Videos / Films to Schools

- [Talk To Me](#) (Views globally since launch 429k)
- [Like Everyone Else](#) (Views globally since launch 41k)
- [Just Ask](#) (Views globally since launch 114k)

Back before Covid our Films to Schools programme took these films BDDF created into local primary schools to teach children a little more about disability and provide an interactive workshop. The children were given the opportunity to write a letter to a fictional child with a disability who would be joining their school. The winning letter would show empathy and inclusion. BDDF visited: 14 Primary Schools, 3 Cub Packs, 6 schools and reached over 3,000 local children mainly at Key Stage 2.

Ani Spalding

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Chairman of Trustees

Date 13.12.2023

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Report to the trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

I report to the charity trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, Charity number 1155660, on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Patricia Fox FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
36 Essex Road

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Date: 25th January 2024

Signed.....Patricia

Fox.....

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricte	Restrict	Total	Total
	s	d funds	d funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations received	3.1	3,228	-	3,228	4,630
Fundraising events	3.2	7,118	-	7,118	7,173
Grant income	3.3	-	22,717	22,717	30,468
HMRC Job retention		-	-	-	-
Bank interest		1	-	1	1
Total income resources		10,347	22,717	33,064	42,272
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	4	11,787	23,065	34,852	43,274
Total resources expended		11,787	23,065		43,274
Net (expenditure) / income		(1,440)	(348)	(1,788)	(1,002)
Gross transfers between funds		(348)	348	-	-
Net movements in funds		(1,788)	-	(1,788)	(1,002)
Fund balances brought forward		18,486	-	18,486	19,488
Funds balances carried forward		16,698	-	16,698	18,486

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets					
Accounts receivable		155	-	155	71
Cash at bank and in hand		17,110	9,280	26,390	32,469
Total current assets		17,265	9,280	26,545	32,540
Creditors					
Deferred income	7.1	-	9,280	9,280	12,660
Other creditors - sundry creditors		567	-	-	1,394
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		567	9,280	9,847	14,054
Net current assets		16,698	-	16,698	18,486
Net assets		16,698	-	16,698	18,486
Unrestricted funds		16,698	-	16,698	18,486
Total charity funds		16,698	-	16,698	18,486

Approved by the Trustees on ...29.01.2024..... and signed on its behalf by

A. Spalding

Trustee

M. Soutter

Trustee

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NOTES to the accounts

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102) issued in October 2019).

2. Accounting policies

- 2.1. Recognition of incoming resources: these are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SofA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when Trustees are confident that income will be received and the monetary value can be reasonably measured.
- 2.2. Costs of charitable activities included in the Statement of Financial Activities are on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories.
- 2.3. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, when it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified as Restricted when Grantors have place restrictions on how and when the funds shall be spent. Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.
- 2.4. Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.
- 2.5. Unrestricted funds: these comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

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3. Analysis of income

	2023	2022
	£	£
3.1 Donations received during the year	3,228	4,630
3.2 Fundraising events	7,118	7,173
3.3 Grants income - Restricted		
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council - Strengthening Communities	6,497	-
Edward Gostling Trust	5,000	-
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation	4,988	4,260
Hampshire County Council - Local Solutions Grant	2,067	2,835
Albert Hunt Trust	2,000	-
Arnold Clark Community Fund	510	-
Magic Little Grants	500	1,000
Jubilee Trust	500	-
Infortrend	159	250
Basingstoke Round Table	466	-
Four Lanes Trust Grant	30	290
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council - CVS grant	-	14,805
Tackling Inequalities Fund (Sport England) - DRUK	-	2,410
Total Grants - Restricted	22,717	25,850
Grant income - Unrestricted		
Greenham Trust via Good Exchange	-	2,618
Virgin Media O2 Together Fund Neighbourly	-	1,000
Ecclesiastical - Movement for Good Award	-	1,000
Total Grants - Unrestricted	-	4,618
Total Grants	22,717	30,468

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4. Costs of Charitable activities

	Unrestrict ed £	2023 Restrict ed £	Total £	2022 Total £
Advertising & Marketing	284	187	471	188
Audit & Accountancy fees	596	834	1,430	1,423
Bank Fees	-	83	83	17
Business Insurance	(18)	248	230	267
Employee Training	0	75	75	340
Event Costs	501	791	1,292	2,436
General Expenses	-	114	114	109
IT Software, Subscriptions and Support	508	775	1,283	1,597
Legal & professional fees & licences	50	35	85	204
Postage	-	229	229	115
Printing	-	895	895	77
Rent	1,460	1,460	2,920	2,479
Room Hire	14	548	562	1,407
Salaries	7,893	15,226	23,119	29,336
Stationery & office equipment	-	330	330	126
Subcontractor and Fees re Events	306	1,093	1,399	2,864
Subscriptions	96	29	125	97
Telephone line rental and calls	97	113	211	192
	11,787	23,065	34,852	43,274

5. Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1962 to the extent that are applied to its charitable objects.

6. Staff numbers

The Charity currently employs 3 members (2022: 3) of staff on a part-time basis.

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7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

7.1.Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
BDBC Strengthening Communities	3,502	-
Arthur Bate Fund	1,500	1,500
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,490	-
Didymus Fund	1,398	1,398
Action Hampshire	750	-
Rotary (BIB)	600	-
Four Lanes Trust	40	70
The Edward Gostling Trust	-	5,000
Hampshire County Council – HCC Local Solutions	-	2,066
Albert Hunt Trust	-	2,000
Hampshire County Council	-	466
Infortrend	-	160
	9,280	12,660

8. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Grants & Fundraising

We have invested in new fundraising technology to make donating to BDDF easier than ever, including:

- Cashless payment systems for collections so people can donate digitally.
- Raffles
- Lotteries. BDDF is a member of the Community Lottery ran by Basingstoke Voluntary Action.

We thank each of the individual donators, fund and grant providers that have supported BDDF. Your donations enable us to continue to provide all services and activities to our members.

Volunteering with BDDF - Come and Get Involved!

Are you passionate about people, a good listener or have skills with regards to sport, IT, finances?

Maybe you enjoy socialising and helping other by problem solving. BDDF have roles for everyone that play to your strengths and interests.

We need volunteers who can donate time, energy and skills to support our work. Most of all you just need to want to help.

If you would like to help but feel there is a barrier please talk to us, we will do everything we can to make the volunteer opportunity accessible to all. We can find a way for you to help us.

Get involved, get active and have fun! There are a variety of ways you can help BDDF to raise vital funds.

- Join us at our events on a stall and/or as part of the organising committee.
- Become a corporate sponsor.
- Help with our collection days at supermarkets.
- Help people find information to remove barriers to their lives.

Why volunteer

- Meet new people
- Help people
- Give back to your local community
- Learn new skills
- Make a difference
- Highly rewarding

Our Winter Survey - Giving Disabled people a Voice

We asked our members and the wider community to share their views and experiences about living in Basingstoke and what their primary challenges and barriers are. 163 responses were received, and we have used this information to focus our work moving forward

Top 3 issues and challenges respondents were facing:

1. Physical barriers and access issues = 55%

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2. Feelings of isolation = 8%
3. Social barriers = 38%.

57% of respondents felt awareness and education about disability is a key route to tackle these barriers.

Digital Divide

Digital exclusion is affecting our communities and the move to technology triggered by the pandemic is deepening the divide.

3million people in the UK have never used the internet. 56% of adults not on the internet are Disabled people. (ONS statistics 2019)

Independence is heavily reliant on access to information and with more information than ever before being online we must break down the barriers and reduce the digital gap

BDDF swiftly moved services online where possible, created a more accessible website and established IT support sessions to help our members get online. However, there are still a vast proportion of the population who are not able to access the internet and more must be done by BDDF and society in general to be inclusive.

How to Donate

Easy Fundraising

Raise donations for BDDF as you shop. It costs you nothing (totally free to do) when you purchase something it provides vital funds to our charity – please do this if you can. [Basingstoke & District Disability Forum Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery

[Support BDDF when you play Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery - Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery \(bandcommunitylottery.co.uk\)](#)

PayPal

Please consider adding BDDF as your chosen Charity through the PayPal Giving Fund

Or donate directly [Donate with PayPal Giving Fund](#)

Contact us - How to get in touch & keep up to date

Please get in touch via:

- Email office@bddf.org.uk
- Via Facebook Messenger
- Phone 01256 423869
- Or pop in to see us in person at The Orchard (by prearranged appointment only) or by joining us at one of our services / events

Newsletters

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- We offer newsletters via email or post.
- To be added to our postal mailing list please call **01256 423869** leaving your home address, name & telephone number.

Website Information on all our free services is updated regularly on our website <http://www.bddf.org.uk/>

Social Media Keep up to date by liking our page on Facebook, Instagram or tweet us!

- **Facebook:** @bddforum
- **Twitter:** @bddforum
- **Insta:** @TheDisabilityForum

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Registered Charity in England & Wales since 2014: **no.1155660**

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BDDF Impact Report

(Annual Review & Accounts)

for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Welcome from our Chair

Welcome to our Impact statement for the year to 31 March 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF). We exist to offer support to Disabled people, their friends, family and carers, all living within Basingstoke and Deane.

We received £47,553, of which income for the year under the new accruals basis was of which £42,272 and £12,660 was carried forward (2021 - £7,379). These funds have been spent supporting over 1,200 Disabled people in our community directly through the services you will read about and hundreds more indirectly via BDDF hosting events and forums that support local charities and groups who also support Disabled people.

The Report and Accounts have for the first time this year been prepared on an accruals basis as Trustees considered this to reflect more fairly the fair position of the financial position of the charity. The impact of this is reflected in the accounts.

The Trustees met 6 times over the last financial year and during this considered the financial position of the charity, along with risk management and operating activities of the charity.

Covid continued to have a major impact on our members and BDDF reacted to waves of lockdowns by switching our services between in person and virtual as allowed.

Access to the internet is essential to our members to stay connected with loved ones and to keep up to date on the latest advice as well as being able to continue to engage with BDDF during lockdowns and beyond. BDDF continues to focus on inclusivity and looks to support our members by removing barriers to getting online

As we look ahead our strategy needs to evolve to better support the Disabled people of Basingstoke and make BDDF able to financially weather the post covid economy.

There remains an increasing demand for support and services that provide support for a growing number of Disabled people. Coupled with an ageing society, a bleak economic situation especially in terms of charitable grants available and pressure on charities to do MORE with LESS, it really is a very challenging environment to survive in let alone thrive.

We recognise that fundraising ability may be constrained for some time as the economic climate remains uncertain.

Nevertheless, our goal remains to listen to our members, enhance the impact we can have and increase our membership base, so we are reaching and supporting more members of the Disabled community from across all parts of Basingstoke.

Collaboration remains a core value of our charity and we continue to engage with the NHS and other local organisations that support Disabled people so that BDDF can be the voice of our members and provide insights and guidance on how to be more inclusive and to support Disabled people better.

Our annual fundraiser the scarecrow trail was a great success in both bringing in vital funds but also helping raise awareness of our charity. Thank you to all involved – it takes a real team of volunteers to coordinate, we couldn't host a trail without the entrants and we thank all of the local venues and

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businesses that so generously support us. Lastly, I personally want to thank the communities of Chineham and Sherfield park for welcoming the trail walkers so wonderfully.

We continue to focus on raising income through a variety of funding streams. This includes grants, sponsors, events, raffles, and individual donators and we thank all of those who have helped BDDF to continue.

If you are financially able and would like to donate, details about how to do this are at the end of this report.

On behalf of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, I would like to express our extreme thanks to our staff who continue. Extending thanks to our network of partners, supporters, volunteers and our members – BDDF wouldn't exist without you.

BDDF A YEAR AT A GLANCE –

- 42x Seated Yoga (489 attendees)
- 43x 'Stroll & Roll' Walks (201 attendees)
- 19x Cuppa & Chat Support Groups (140 attendees)
- 6x Chronic Pain Support Groups (62 attendees)
- 1x Ongoing Signpost service (100x 1 to 1 interactions)
- 2x IT courses (38 attendees)
- 5x Community Café - sessions for organisations supporting Disabled people to network (65 attendees)
- 1x Christmas Event (85 attendees)
- 1x Community Café (19 organisations)
- 1x Scarecrow Event, 2 days, 67 scarecrows, c£6.8k raised

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Who we are

BDDF formed in 2008 to support the local disabled community. At the last census (2011), 1 in 5 people identified as having a disability, and there was no clear organisation representing them. There was a gap in the accessibility of services available as well as a lack of inclusion or opportunities for less-abled people.

BDDF was founded by a group of residents living with disabilities with the aim of supporting the community, giving a voice and addressing the stigma.

With over 24,426 Disabled people living in Basingstoke and Deane living we're committed to offering a programme of core services that are relevant, impactful, and empowering. Latest 2021 census data due in Q1 '23 and we anticipate an increase in Disabled people living in Basingstoke for several reasons including the impact of covid.

Our Aim: To healthily promote both visible and nonvisible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together.

BDDF partner and collaborate with fellow disability charities/groups and provide guidance to local businesses who are striving to be accessible and inclusive.

Membership:

BDDF is a free to join, membership-based organization. BDDF is for all Disabled adults, offering support for those over 18 with visible and invisible impairments, be that physical, learning, mental-health or chronic conditions.

Members receive access to all our free services, our [newsletter](#) and activities. Our services are guided by feedback from our members.

Increasing Demand:

BDDF follows the definition consistent with the Equality Act 2010. A person is considered disabled if they have a self-reported long-standing illness, condition, or impairment, which causes difficulty with day-to-day activities.

The UK has an ageing population. By 2040, it's predicted that the number of people in the UK aged 85+ will double from 1.6 million to 3.2 million. People are living longer with multiple conditions.

Demand for inclusion, support and services will continue to grow. In addition, during the pandemic, many people have unexpectedly become Disabled. disability.

Our Mission:

To facilitate increased awareness, active involvement and healthy promotion of Disabled people and their impairments and health conditions.

Supported by our **Strategic Objectives:**

1. Involvement - to improve the involvement and representation of Disabled people and their families/carers within Basingstoke.
2. Promotion - to promote greater awareness of disability through initiatives and activities that champion inclusivity, understanding and reduce barriers.

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3. Partnerships - To improve partnership working between agencies, both voluntary sector and statutory, who are involved in supporting disability.

Our Vision:

To create a community that sees the person, values the difference, and embraces awareness.

Actively promote awareness and understanding of the barriers faced by Disabled people.

Supported by our **Operational Objectives:**

1. Improve the mental and physical wellbeing of Disabled people in Basingstoke.
2. Tackle feelings of loneliness and reduce social isolation within the disabled community.
3. Increase knowledge amongst members and the wider disabled community about support services available, both directly through BDDF and signposting to other local charities and organisations.

Our People

Our employees each play a vital role in helping BDDF to provide support and services to Disabled people and their families. We are so very proud of their achievements.

Staff:

- Amanda Knowles, BDDF Service Coordinator (22 hours a week)
- Suzi Owen, Fundraiser and Partnership Coordinator (16 hours a week)
- Sarah Pinnell, BDDF Social Media and graphics designer (5 hours a week)

Updates:

- We encourage our employees and volunteers to have an active part in providing feedback and helping to shape the future of BDDF.
- We actively consider health and safety.
- We encourage our staff and volunteers to undertake relevant training including accredited courses such as the Trusted Trustee and First Aid.
- We support our staff by providing a training budget and undertaking an annual payment review.
- Moving from one employee to a team, we are working together to establish clear roles and responsibilities and updating the job descriptions.
- Regular feedback is given to staff. It is our intention is to move towards clear established objectives that support each member of staff within their roles to understand their key deliverables. These will support quarterly accountability reviews that will focus on areas of strength and areas where further development support is required.

Volunteers:

More than 50 volunteers generously donated over 700 hours to support our work across the many facets of BDDF. Thank you.

BDDF Board

- Chair, Anne Marie Bernadette Spalding - welcomed March 2020
- Vice Chair, Rachel Hicks – welcomed February 2020

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- Original Trustee, Julian Paul Thomas – welcomed January 2014
- Rebecca Meakin – welcomed October 2019
- David John Mark Soutter – welcomed November 2021
- Alderman Jane Frankum- welcomed November 2021

We thank you all for the time and dedication you have continued to show BDDF.

BDDF Board members stepping down:

Thank you for your hard work and dedication as trustees of BDDF. The energy and enthusiasm for the Disabled Community of Basingstoke has been inspiring and we wish you all the very best.

- David Chatten-Smith – welcomed March 2020 Left February 2022

We continue to embed our updated Trustee recruitment policy and are actively seeking Trustees who will bring both action and passion to the board through lived experience as a Disabled person, diversity and skills.

BDDF Patrons:

We give thanks to our Patrons who actively support BDDF within the community:

- Lady J. Coleman, Life Patron
- Rt Hon Maria Miller MP, Patron
- Cllr. Simon Bound, Patron

Our Services

Activities that BDDF undertake are to improve the lives of our beneficiaries and make a difference. All are free to attend

Signposting Service (SPS)	Our Signpost Service remains a central aspect of BDDF. Receiving queries in person, via email, telephone, and messenger on Facebook. This is a tailored service where our volunteers support the member with bespoke responses signposting them to organisations who can support their specific needs.
Cuppa & Chat	Cuppa & Chat has provided a regular support group for our members to chat. Used as mini awareness events BDDF organised a wide range of activities, key speakers / guests & information sessions including: - How many sessions any key speakers of note - Deaf Awareness - Scam Awareness - Low Carb benefits - Singing to guitar - Opensight - Parkinsons - Hantsar - Army Flying Museum - You Trust - Shopmobility - Anvil Arts music

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Yoga	Weekly seated yoga sessions via Zoom. We returned to in person sessions, running the online lessons simultaneously in a hybrid approach.
IT Courses	Face to face in a Covid secure location. Course helped our members get more from their own technology allowing them to better connect and to avoid isolation, enabling them to attend our services most importantly help them stay connected to friends and family.
Walking Group	Due to Covid the Walking group has been running intermittently. At some points BDDF were able to offer 2 walking groups a week when lockdown restrictions allowed.
Films to Schools	On hold due to Covid.
Chronic Pain Support Group	Our monthly CPSG sessions restarted in person in September '21. These sessions provide a warm and welcoming environment for individuals with chronic pain conditions to come together to share their experiences. Featuring guest speakers and practitioners providing information and demos including: - Reiki - EFT - iTalk - NHS Physiotherapist

Above table shows in rows the Services, the number of sessions YTD and number of unique participants.

Our Reach

Social Media Reach:

- Facebook 1595 followers (+49% on last year), reaching 59k people
- One post reached 9,900 people
- Using Twitter, Instagram and Linked in platforms more.

Website:

Launched our brand new BDDF website that showcases our work & enables us to update & inform our members more easily and clearly.

Tested before launch by members and Trustees who have different disabilities and feedback on accessibility has been positive.

Amongst other features the new website has a dedicated [signposting page](#) full of information split into easy-to-understand subcategories.

Newsletters:

Sent every 2 months. January 2022 newsletter sent to 821 recipients.

Mainly sent via email with printed copies sent via post to circa 20 members.

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Contains information our services and signposts to other local groups and organisations that support Disabled people

Leaflets:

Our main BDDF leaflets have been finalised with support from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

Non-Digital:

Provide service updates via local parish magazines, in the local newspaper (BVA community section) and on local radio.

Events such as the Scarecrow Trail and DAD help us to promote BDDF and the services available in a face-to-face environment.

Our Awareness Events & Community Collaboration

Supporting our community through partnerships that deliver innovative projects that focus upon improving health and well-being.

Disability Awareness Day (DAD)

On Friday the 1st of April 2022, BDDF hosted its annual Disability Awareness Day. Open to the public from 9am to 4pm in The Malls Shopping Centre. With our key aims being to Provide information, offer advice and raise awareness.

Despite the cold there was a real buzz in the air. Stalls were hosted 30 local organisations each of whom provide services for Disabled people. Volunteers and staff were on hand to answer questions on a wide range of topics including benefits, transport, health, housing, education, sports and more!

The Disability Awareness Day is our flagship event to healthily promote both visible and non-visible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together.

Ani Spalding Chair of BDDF said ***'It was fantastic to be back out there in person, the Digital divide has a huge impact on our members and the wider Disabled Person community. Getting the right information at the right time helps to make informed choices and by having the many different groups and charities in one place, together, the event allowed us all to provide direct face to face support as well as forging many new connections and deepening the local Disabled community network. Thank you to all who came.'***

Community café

During the year we host quarterly networking sessions where local organisations and groups who support Disabled people are all welcome to attend to share what services and events they have on and to also problem solve issues with one another.

Signpost Sundays & Our Newsletter

BDDF continues to regularly share information from member organisations regarding their activities and services via our website, social media and our newsletters. On Sundays we post a **Signpost Sunday** article raising awareness of a group or service. Each featured organisation is added to our website, invited to have a stall at DAD and is welcome to attend Tea Break and Community Cafe.

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Awareness Videos / Films to Schools

- [Talk To Me](#) (Views globally since launch 383k)
- [Like Everyone Else](#) (Views globally since launch 38k)
- [Just Ask](#) (Views globally since launch 103k)

Before Covid our Films to Schools programme took these films into local primary schools to teach children a little more about disability and provide an interactive workshop. The children were given the opportunity to write a letter to a fictional child with a disability who would be joining their school. The winning letter would show empathy and inclusion. We hope to restart this initiative.

BDDF have so far visited: 14 Primary Schools, 3 Cub Packs, 6 schools and reached over 3,000 local children mainly at Key Stage 2.

Ani Spalding

Chairman of Trustees

Date

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Basingstoke and District Disability Forum CIO

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Report to the trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

I report to the charity trustees of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, Charity number 1155660, on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Patricia Fox FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
36 Essex Road
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Date.....11/1/2023.....

Signed..........

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31
March 2022

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total Restated 2021
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations received	3.1	4,630	-	4,630	2,228
Fundraising events	3.2	7,173	-	7,173	5,562
Grant income	3.3	4,618	25,850	30,468	31,835
HMRC Job retention		-	-	-	2,748
Bank interest		1	-	1	2
Total income resources		16,422	25,850	42,272	42,375
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	4	17,378	25,896	43,274	33,282
Total resources expended		17,378	25,896	43,274	33,282
Net (expenditure) / income		(956)	(46)	(1,002)	9,093
Gross transfers between funds		(46)	46	-	-
Net movements in funds		(1,002)	-	(1,002)	9,093
Fund balances brought forward		19,488	-	19,488	16,471
Profit for year as previously stated		-	-	-	10,396
Funds carried forward as previously reported		-	-	-	26,867
Restatement to establish deferred income		-	-	-	7,379
Funds balances carried forward		18,486	-	18,486	19,488

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds Restated 2021 £
Current assets					
Accounts receivable		71	-	71	26
Cash at bank and in hand		19,809	12,660	32,469	27,842
Total current assets		19,880	12,660	32,540	27,869
Creditors					
Deferred income	7.1	-	12,660	12,660	7,379
Other creditors – sundry creditors		1,394	-	1,394	1,001
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		1,394	12,660	14,054	8,380
Net current assets		18,486	-	18,486	19,488
Net assets		18,486	-	18,486	19,488
Unrestricted funds		18,486	-	18,486	19,488
Total charity funds		18,486	-	18,486	19,488

Approved by the Trustees on 17.01.23..... and signed on its behalf by

Ani Spalding

Chair Trustee

Rachel Hicks

Vice Chair Trustee

NOTES to the accounts

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102) issued in October 2019).

The results have been restated for the prior year to reflect the change in accounting policy from a Receipts and Payments basis to an Accruals basis, whereby income received in advance and not paid in the year received, is included in Deferred Income. Expenditure for the current year and paid in subsequent years is included in creditors. The impact of this for both the current and the prior year is contained in Note 7 to the Accounts.

2. Accounting policies

- 2.1.** Recognition of incoming resources: these are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SofA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources and when Trustees are confident that income will be received and the monetary value can be reasonably measured.
- 2.2.** Costs of charitable activities included in the Statement of Financial Activities are on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories
- 2.3.** Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, when it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified as Restricted when Grantors have placed restrictions on how and when the funds shall be spent. Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.
- 2.4.** Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.
- 2.5.** Unrestricted funds: these comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

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3. Analysis of income

	2022	2021
	£	Restated £
3. Donations received during the year	4,630	2,228
1		
3. Fundraising events	7,173	5,562
2		
3. Grants income - Restricted		
3		
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – CVS grant	14,805	12,354
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation – Net Coronavirus Programme	4,260	4,500
Hampshire County Council – Local Solutions Grant	2,835	-
Tackling Inequalities Fund (Sport England) - DRUK	2,410	-
Magic Little Grants	1,000	-
Infortrend	250	-
Four Lanes Trust Grant	290	-
The National Lottery Covid Fund	-	8,550
Energise Me – Investing in Communities	-	3,750
Groundwork – Tesco Bags of Help Covid-19 Communities Fund	-	1,000
Hampshire County Council Grant	-	300
Total Grants - Restricted	25,850	30,454
Grant income - Unrestricted		
Greenham Trust via Good Exchange	2,618	1,381
Virgin Media O2 Together Fund Neighbourly	1,000	-
Ecclesiastical - Movement for Good Award	1,000	-
Total Grants - Unrestricted	4,618	1,381
Total Grants	30,468	31,835

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4. Costs of Charitable activities

	-----2022 -----		2021 Restated	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Advertising & Marketing	105	83	188	100
Audit & Accountancy fees	353	1,070	1,423	1,681
Bank Fees	17	-	17	51
Business Insurance	-	267	267	164
Employee Training	175	165	340	27
Event Costs	1,752	684	2,436	3,445
General Expenses	89	20	109	32
IT Software, Subscriptions and Support	584	1,013	1,597	1,154
Legal & professional fees & licences	-	204	204	132
Postage	32	83	115	38
Printing	5	72	77	204
Rent	950	1,529	2,479	1,620
Room Hire	560	847	1,407	292
Salaries	12,418	16,918	29,336	21,828
Stationery & office equipment	37	89	126	400
Subcontractor Fees re Events	236	2,628	2,864	1,615
Subscriptions	1	96	97	245
Telephone line rental and calls	64	128	192	257
	17,378	25,896	43,274	33,284

5. Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1962 to the extent that are applied to its charitable objects.

6. Staff numbers

The Charity currently employs 3 members (2021: 3) of staff on a part-time basis.

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7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

7.1. Deferred income

	2022	2021
		Restated
	£	£
The Edward Gostling Trust	5,000	-
Hampshire County Council – HCC Local Solutions	2,066	-
Albert Hunt Trust	2,000	-
Arthur Bate Fund	1,500	-
Didymus	1,398	-
Hampshire County Council	466	-
Infortrend	160	-
Four Lanes Trust	70	-
Hampshire and Isle of Wight - Buddy	-	4,260
Good Exchange	-	2,619
Magic Little Grants	-	500
	12,660	7,379

8. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Grants & Fundraising

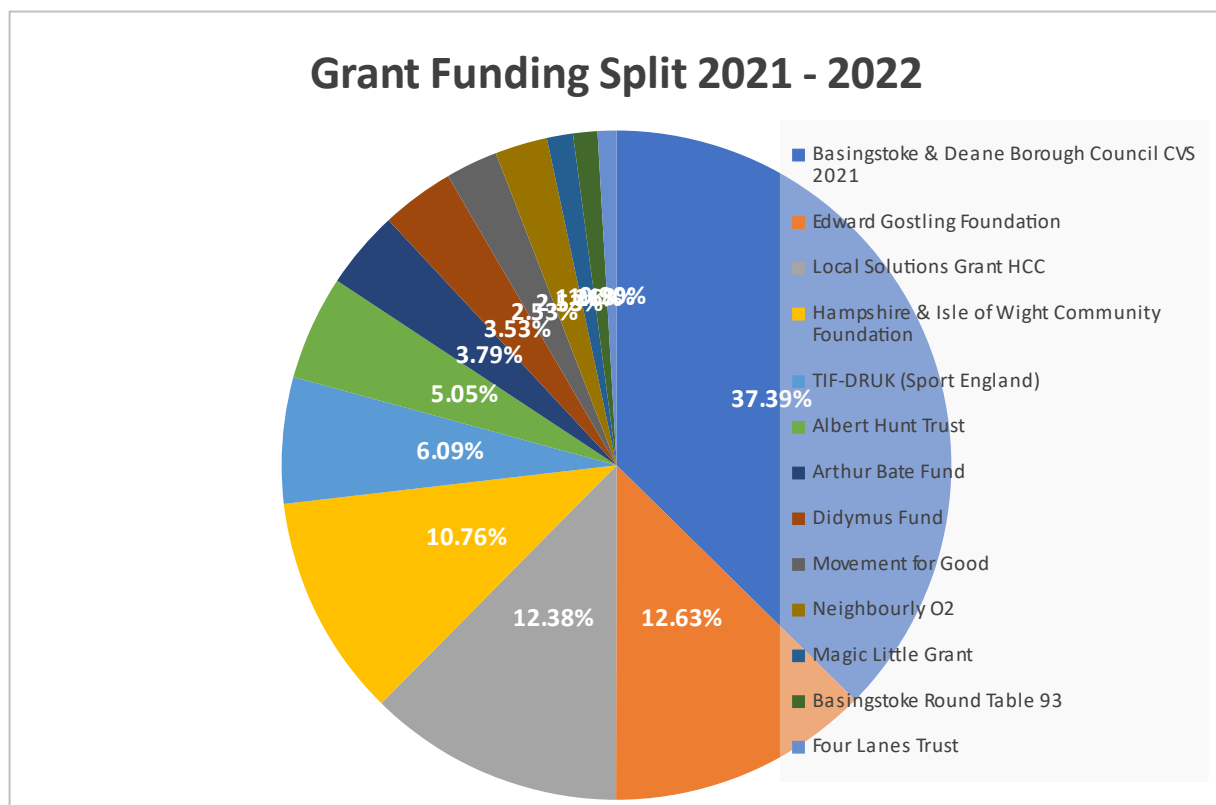
We have invested in new fundraising technology to make donating to BDDF easier than ever, including:

- Cashless payment systems for collections so people can donate digitally.
- Raffles
- Lotteries. BDDF is a member of the Community Lottery ran by Basingstoke Voluntary Action.

As a charity, we believe you need to know we're using our resources effectively. That's why we make these promises to you:

- We promise to provide information about our work and our finances so you can see how your money is being spent and what a difference you're making to the Disabled community in Basingstoke.
- We promise to communicate with you in a way that suits you. If you tell us you'd prefer less contact or don't want to hear from us at all, we'll respect your wishes.
- We promise never to sell your data to any third party. We will not share your details with other charities.
- We promise to adhere to all industry guidelines and regulations and require others acting on our behalf to do the same.
- We'll take appropriate action promptly if we find any failure to meet our standards.
- We promise to make it easy for you to tell us your contact preferences and we're here to talk to you about our work or answer any questions.

We thank each of the individual donators, fund and grant providers that have supported BDDF. Your donations enable us to continue to provide all services and activities to our members all of which we provide for free.



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Chineham & Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail

After the popularity of last year's event, we held our second annual scarecrow trail fundraiser on 24th and 25th July 2021 with the theme 'Heroes and Villains'. The local community created 67 incredible displays and this year we invited other local charities and NPO's to join us giving them the opportunity to raise awareness about their causes as well as funds after a difficult 18 months as well as other activities for the visiting public to enjoy.

The event surpassed our expectations with over 500 families attending. We give enormous thanks to the local community, volunteers, venues and to the amazing local businesses who provided 43 generous raffle prizes.

"Thank you for putting on the greatest event I think I have ever been to yesterday was so much fun and lovely to meet a lot of you"

"Thank you for organising such a great event, we came last year and were very excited to see it was on again this year. We even brought along the Grandparents this year!!"

Thank you to our generous sponsors, **Loddon Properties**, for championing the weekend with event boards and winners trophies, **InforTrend** for supplying banners and t-shirts, and **Irwin Mitchell** for printing the trail maps.

Thanks to **Ewa Jones Photography** for capturing all the displays - [Scarecrow Trail 2020 Gallery — Basingstoke & District Disability Forum \(bddf.org.uk\)](#)

The event raised **£6,852!**. Thank you again to everyone who helped to make this event a huge success.

Volunteering with BDDF- Come and Get Involved!

Are you passionate about people, a good listener or have skills with regards to sport, IT. Maybe you enjoy socialising, or walking, we have roles for everyone that play to your strengths and interests. We need volunteers who can donate time, energy and skills to support our work. Most of all you just need to want to help. If you would like to help but feel there is a barrier please talk to us, we will do everything we can to make the volunteer opportunity accessible to all. We can find a way for you to help us.

Get involved, get active and have fun! There are a variety of ways you can help BDDF to raise vital funds.

- Join us at our Scarecrow event on a stall and/or as part of the organising committee.
- Become a corporate sponsor.
- Help with our collection days at supermarkets.
- Be a signposter – you help people find information to remove barriers to their lives.

Why volunteer

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| • Meet new people | Learn new skills |
| • Help people | Make a difference |
| • Give back to your local community | Highly rewarding |

Become a BDDF in the Community Ambassador

During our virtual Disability Awareness Day in March 2021 we announced our first BDDF in the Community Ambassador. Matt has volunteered for BDDF since 2014 on events such as the

Basingstoke and District Disability Forum CIO

Basingstoke Roll, the scarecrow trail, collecting money for the charity in Tesco and at the Disability Awareness Days. Matt works for Basingstoke Mencap as a leisure support worker.

Matt became confident enough to lead the walking group. He was supported to do this after attending the group since the launch..

Our Winter Survey- Giving Disabled people a Voice

To follow on from our lockdown survey, we asked our members and the wider community to share their views and experiences about living in Basingstoke and what their primary challenges and barriers are. . 163 responses were received, and we have used this information to focus our work moving forward

Top 3 issues and challenges respondents were facing:

1. Physical barriers and access issues = 55%
2. Feelings of isolation = 8%
3. Social barriers = 38%.

57% of respondents felt awareness and education about disability is a key route to tackle these barriers

Digital Divide

Digital exclusion is affecting our communities and the move to technology triggered by the pandemic is deepening the divide.

56% of adults not on the internet are Disabled people. (ONS statistics 2019)

Independence is heavily reliant on access to information and with more information than ever before being online we must break down the barriers and reduce the digital gap

BDDF swiftly moved services online where possible, created a more accessible website and established IT support sessions to help our members get online. However, there are still a vast proportion of the population who are not able to access the internet and more must be done by BDDF and society in general to be inclusive.

How to Donate

Easy Fundraising

Raise donations for BDDF for free as you shop [Basingstoke & District Disability Forum Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? Select us as your chosen charity in the Amazon smile section and we will receive a % of items you buy at no cost to you. Simply shop on smile.amazon.co.uk and select Basingstoke & District Disability Forum as your chosen Charity! It is that simple!

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Every time you shop through AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to BDDF.

Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery

[Support BDDF when you play Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery - Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery \(bandcommunitylottery.co.uk\)](https://bandcommunitylottery.co.uk)

PayPal

Please consider adding BDDF as your chosen Charity through the PayPal Giving Fund

Or donate directly here <https://www.paypal.com/GB/fundraiser/charity/3221845>

Contact us- How to get in touch & keep up to date

Please get in touch via:

- Email office@bddf.org.uk
- Facebook Messenger
- Phone 01256 423869
- Or pop in to see us in person at The Orchard (by prearranged appointment only) or by joining us at one of our services / events

Newsletters

- We offer regular newsletters via email.
- A paper version is available by post if you do not have internet access.
- To be added to our postal mailing list please call **01256 423869** leaving your home address, name & telephone number.

Website

Information on all our free services is updated regularly on our website <http://www.bddf.org.uk/>

Social Media

Keep up to date by liking our page on Facebook, Instagram or tweet us!

- **Facebook:** @bddforum
- **Twitter:** @bddforum
- **Insta:** @TheDisabilityForum

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Welcome from our Chair

Welcome to our report for our financial year April 2020 to March 2021.

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF). We exist to offer support to Disabled people, their friends, family and carers, who live within our local community.

Delighted to be reviewing another very successful year where we raised almost £42k and we spent £33k to support the Disabled people in our community.

Having formally taken position of Chair mere weeks before the pandemic hit, it has been a privilege to lead BDDF through the coronavirus crisis. It was heartening to see the commitment of our staff, doing everything they could in unprecedented circumstances to keep our services going. Thank you to our team for their courage, agility, dedication and commitment in keeping BDDF open when our members needed us most.

This required us to swiftly switch to virtual methods and work with our members especially those affected by the Digital Divide to help them get online. BDDF has worked hard to remain inclusive and to support our members by removing barriers to getting online. This access to the internet was essential to our members to stay connected with loved ones and to keep up to date on the latest advice as well as being able to continue to engage with BDDF during lockdowns.

In 2020, based on inputs from our team, our members and the wider community the board refreshed our core ambitions to better reflect our passion for inclusion and social justice. I'm hugely inspired by the commitment of our team who have set about turning our ambitions into a reality.

As we look ahead, we must remain prepared for further occurrences of the pandemic and set a strategy that supports our main challenges. These include the growing demand for support and services that provide support for a growing number of Disabled people. Coupled with an ageing society and a need to tackle the Digital Divide in a world where technological advances are happening rapidly and those left behind are becoming disadvantaged.

Many events and avenues of fundraising were compromised for several months putting our fundraising income

government job retention scheme. Our fundraising became focused on online activities and launched our one (now annual) major fundraiser – the Chineham & Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail.

We recognise that fundraising ability may be constrained for some time as the economic climate remains uncertain. Nevertheless, our goal remains to listen to our members, enhance the impact we can have and increase our membership base, so we are supporting more members of the Disabled community from across Basingstoke.

If you are financially able and would like to donate, details about how to do this are at the end of this report.

Collaboration is a core value of our charity and we're engaging with the NHS and other organisations that support Disabled people so that BDDF can be the voice of our members and provide insights and guidance on how to be more inclusive and to support Disabled people better.

On behalf of Basingstoke & District Disability Forum, I would like to express our thanks for the generosity, dedication, and hard work of our staff, our network of many partners, supporters, volunteers and our members – it is each of you that have made this possible.

A. Spalding

Ani Spalding, Chair of the Board of Trustees Date: 01/12/202

2020 - 2021 at a glance Last year we helped more than 1134 people

- 1x Virtual Disability Awareness Day (881 attendees, 35 organisations)
- 29x Yoga / Walks (643 attendees)

Who we are:

BDDF formed in 2008 to support the local disabled community. At the last census (2011), 1 in 5 people identified as having a disability, and there was no clear organisation representing them. There was a gap in the accessibility of services available as well as a lack of inclusion or opportunities for less-abled people.

BDDF was founded by a group of residents living with disabilities with the aim of supporting the community, giving them a voice and addressing the stigma.

With over 24,426 Disabled people living in Basingstoke and Deane living we're committed to offering a programme of core services that are relevant, impactful and empowering.

Our Aim: To healthily promote both visible and nonvisible disability. By increasing awareness, providing information and bringing people together.

BDDF partner and collaborate with fellow disability charities/groups and provide guidance to local businesses who are striving to be accessible and inclusive.

Membership:

BDDF is a free to join, membership-based organization. BDDF is for all Disabled adults, offering support for those over 18 with visible and invisible impairments, be that physical, learning, mental health or chronic conditions.

Members receive access to all our free services, our [newsletter](#) and activities which are guided by feedback from our members.

Increasing Demand:

BDDF follows the definition consistent with the Equality Act 2010. A person is considered disabled if they have a self-reported long-standing illness, condition or impairment, which causes difficulty with day-to-day activities.

The UK has an ageing population. By 2040, it's predicted that the number of people in the UK aged 85+ will double from 1.6 million to 3.2 million. People are living longer with multiple conditions.

Demand for inclusion, support and services will continue to grow. In addition during the pandemic, many people have unexpectedly been affected by disability.

Our Mission:

To facilitate increased awareness, active involvement and healthy promotion of Disabled people and their impairments and health conditions.

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Supported by our **Strategic Objectives:**

1. Involvement - to improve the involvement and representation of Disabled people and their families/carers within Basingstoke.
2. Promotion - to promote greater awareness of disability through initiatives and activities that champion inclusivity, understanding and reduce barriers.
3. Partnerships - To improve partnership working between agencies, both voluntary sector and statutory, who are involved in supporting disability.

Our Vision:

To create a community that sees the person, values the difference and embraces awareness.

Actively promote awareness and understanding of the barriers faced by Disabled people.

Supported by our **Operational Objectives:**

1. Improve the mental and physical wellbeing of Disabled people in Basingstoke.
2. Tackle feelings of loneliness and reduce social isolation within the disabled community.
3. Increase knowledge amongst members and the wider disabled community about support services available, both directly through BDDF and signposting to other local charities and organisations.

Our People

Our 2 employees each play a vital role in helping BDDF to provide support and services to Disabled people and their families. We are so very proud of their achievements.

Staff:

- Amanda Knowles, BDDF Service Coordinator (20 hours a week)
- Sarah Pinnell, BDDF Fundraiser & Partnership Coordinator (16 hours a week)

Updates:

- We encourage our employees and volunteers to have an active part in providing feedback and helping to shape the future of BDDF.
- We actively consider health and safety.
- We encourage our staff and volunteers to undertake relevant training including accredited courses such as the Trusted Trustee and First Aid.
- We support our staff by providing a training budget and undertaking an annual payment review.
- Moving from one employee to a team of 2, we are working together to establish clear Roles and Responsibilities and updating the Job Descriptions.
- Regular feedback is given to staff. It is our intention is to move towards clear established objectives that support each member of staff within their roles to understand their key deliverables. These will support quarterly accountability reviews that will focus on areas of strength and areas where further development support is required.

Volunteers:

We estimate that more than 50 volunteers generously donated over 700 hours to support our work across the many facets of BDDF. Thank you.

BDDF Board:

- Chair, Ani Spalding - welcomed March 2020
- Vice Chair, Rachel Hicks – welcomed February 2020
- Original Trustee, Julian Thomas – welcomed January 2014
- Becki Meakin – welcomed October 2019
- David Chatten-Smith – welcomed March 2020

We welcome our two new Trustees to the board.

- Mark Soutter – welcomed November 2021
- Alderman Jane Frankum- welcomed November 2021

BDDF Board members stepping down:

Thank you for your hard work and dedication as trustees of BDDF. The energy and enthusiasm for the Disabled Community of Basingstoke has been inspiring and we wish you all the very best.

- Tony Capon for his leadership as Interim Chairperson.
- Lynsey Spillane, Trustee.

BDDF Patrons:

We give thanks to our Patrons who actively support BDDF within the community:

- Lady J. Coleman, Life Patron
- Rt Hon Maria Miller MP, Patron
- Cllr. Simon Bound, Patron
- Cllr. Jane Frankum, Patron (Jane has since stepped down from the Councillor role and her position as Patron. Now titled Alderman Jane Frankum, Jane has become a Trustee for BDDF as of November 2021.

We continue to embed our updated Trustee recruitment policy and are actively seeking Trustees who will bring both action and passion to the board through lived experience as a Disabled person, Diversity and skills.

Our Services:

Activities that BDDF undertake are to improve the lives of our beneficiaries and make a difference. All are free to attend

Signposting Service (SPS)	Our Signpost Service remains a central aspect of BDDF. Receiving queries in person, via email, telephone and messenger on Facebook. This is a tailored service where our volunteers support the member with bespoke responses signposting them to organisations who can support their specific needs.
Buddy/Befriending	BDDF contacted every member during lockdown 1 to ask them how they are and if we could help them. This coupled with the Impact of Lockdown survey demonstrated that several of our members felt isolated, lonely, and were also often shielding. We piloted a Befriending /Buddy scheme. Where a key volunteer made weekly care calls to x14 members. This included x4 calls on Christmas day where the member would have had no other human contact. Hope to launch a more structured official buddy service x15 members have offered to be 'Buddy' volunteers.
Tea Break	Continued our isolation breaking virtual coffee mornings (called Friday Tea Break Club). These have taken place nearly every week (19 sessions to date) & have provided a regular support group for our members to chat. Used as mini awareness events BDDF

	organised a wide range of activities, key speakers / guests & information sessions including: - Singalong to live guitar music; - Origami, baking and other crafts; - Wellness session with Andover Mind. - Historical Huzzahs & Red Sauce Theatre - The Army Flying Museum - Quizzes, games, collage & drawing sessions - Xmas & Chinese New Year crafts with Tesco - HHCR Christmas Quiz - Basingstoke Heritage Society talk - Face Yoga & Meditation
Yoga	Weekly seated yoga sessions via Zoom. In between lockdowns we returned to in person sessions, running the online lessons simultaneously in a hybrid approach. Additionally launched 6 short meditation videos online to help people remain calm during crisis.
Courses	Wellbeing courses Partnered with RCS to deliver Wellbeing Courses launched in direct response to our survey. These virtual wellbeing courses were tailored to requests of members to help with anxiety, confidence and self-care. Ran over 5 weeks we offered a daytime course (9 attendees) which was so oversubscribed we added an evening option (13 attendees). Managing Anxiety Course Partnered with Learning in Libraries (LIL) to deliver a virtual 'Managing Anxiety' workshop (4-week course) 6 unique learners. IT and Zoom course

Service	Number of sessions YTD	Number of unique participants
Disability Awareness Day (DAD) - virtual	1	881 attendees 35 organisations
Signposting	Ongoing	121 requests for signposting support
Walking group / Seated Yoga	29	643
Tea Breaks	19	327
Community Cafe	1	19 (organisations)
Courses (including IT skill, anxiety and wellbeing)	2	22

Above table shows in rows the Services, the number of sessions YTD and number of unique participants.

Our Reach

Social Media Reach:

- Facebook 1214 followers (+104% on last year)
- One post reached 11.2k people
- Using Twitter, Instagram and Linked in platforms more.

Website:

Launched our brand new BDDF website that showcases our work & enables us to update & inform our members more easily and clearly.

Tested before launch by members and Trustees who have different disabilities and feedback on accessibility has been positive.

Amongst other features the new website has a dedicated [signposting page](#) full of information split into easy-to-understand subcategories.

Newsletters:

Sent every 2 months. March 2021 newsletter sent to 596 recipients.

Mainly sent via email with printed copies sent via post to c12 members.

Contains information our services and signposts to other local groups and organisations that support Disabled people

Leaflets:

Our main BDDF leaflets have been finalised with support from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

Non-Digital:

Provide service updates via local parish magazines, in the local newspaper (BVA community section) and on local radio.

Events such as the Scarecrow Trail and DAD help us to promote BDDF and the services available in a face-to-face environment.

Our Awareness Events & Community Collaboration

Supporting our community through partnerships that deliver innovative projects that focus upon improving health and well-being.

Disability Awareness Day (DAD)

Due to the ongoing pandemic this was a fully virtual event. The agenda was built in direct response to our members survey. Our focus was to showcase services that support their mental health and wellbeing and tackle isolation. The event included a mix of informative and interactive sessions including a demonstration of seated yoga.

The highlight of the event was a 2-hour video montage. The videos were provided by over 35 local Disability Charities & groups and showcased their currently available services and activities. We also included an hour of videos by NHS mental health service Talk Plus.

We thank Helping Hands Community Radio who live broadcast the event & the streaming and editing of the videos supported by local company 7 stream media.

The event was a great success with 631 views on Facebook & 250 views on YouTube (to date 649 views Facebook & 309 YouTube).

Community café

Usually a highlight of the in-person DAD is that the charities hosting stalls can also network with one another. Being online we decided to create a virtual networking session to provide this opportunity and called it the Community Café. Led by our Trustee, Becki Meakin we had 19 organisations attend and this was so well received it will become a quarterly event.

Signpost Sundays & Our Newsletter

Continue to regularly share information from member organisations regarding their activities and services via our website, social media and our newsletters. On Sundays we post a *Signpost Sunday* article raising awareness of a group or service. Each featured organisation is added to our website, invited to have a stall at DAD and is welcome to attend Tea Break and Community Cafe.

Awareness Videos / Films to Schools

- [Talk To Me](#) (Views globally since launch 364k)
- [Like Everyone Else](#) (Views globally since launch 37k)
- [Just Ask](#) (Views globally since launch 98k)

Before Covid our Films to Schools programme took these films into local primary schools to teach children a little more about disability and provide an interactive workshop. The children were given the opportunity to write a letter to a fictional child with a disability who would be joining their school. The winning letter would show empathy and inclusion. We hope to restart this initiative.

BDDF have so far visited:

- 14 Primary Schools
- 3 Cub Packs
- 6 schools
- and reached over 3,000 local children mainly at Key Stage 2.

BDDF & BVA

We continue to work closely with Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA) not only through our rental of an office within The Orchard, but also via referrals to their Reboot scheme, which helps those without the hardware to gain access to the internet. BDDF offer IT

courses to provide the skills to use the machines.

Noting BDDF are supported by BVA's BOSS (Back Office Support Services) for accountancy and bookkeeping support, payroll & pension processing, desk hire & archiving facilities. We thank BVA for their continued support and guidance.

Financials

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
BDDF

No (if any)
1155660

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01-Apr-20

To

Period end date
31-Mar-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
grant income	-	39,214	-	39,214	14,677
fundraising	5,562	-	-	5,562	1,452
donations	2,228	-	-	2,228	1,720
bank interest	2	-	-	2	20
HMRC job retention scheme	2,749	-	-	2,749	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,541	39,214	-	49,755	17,869
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,541	39,214	-	49,755	17,869
A3 Payments					
gross salaries, PAYE, pensions	6,387	15,441	-	21,828	14,626
rent and office fees	-	1,620	-	1,620	1,515
telephone charges	-	257	-	257	164
room hire	-	292	-	292	648
events	1,395	3,665	-	5,060	3,262
staff expenses and training	32	27	-	59	42
postage, printing, stationery & equipment	12	630	-	642	587
IT software, subscriptions and support	14	1,140	-	1,154	1,348
recruitment fees	-	-	-	-	164
business insurance & Bank fees	-	215	-	215	160
accountancy services & payroll	-	1,681	-	1,681	330
professional fees & subscriptions	-	377	-	377	1,355
Sundry	-	-	-	-	228
marketing	-	100	-	100	-
Sub total	7,840	25,445	-	33,285	24,429

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,840	25,445	-	33,285	24,429
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,701	13,769	-	16,470	- 6,560
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,115	8,307	-	10,422	16,982
Cash funds this year end	4,816	22,076	-	26,892	10,422
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account (Bank)	6,770	21,072	-	
	Petty Cash	27	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	Total cash funds	6,797	21,072	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	

No members or Trustees have required the company to obtain an audit of its account for the year in question. The accounts have been prepared under the accruals basis and the Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying the reporting requirements for the charity.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on _____ and were signed on their behalf by:

Spalding

R. Hicks

Ani Spalding, Chair of Trustees
Trustees

Rachel Hicks, Vice Chair of Trustees

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting convention

The financial accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled and the amounts can be quantified with reasonable certainty.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on a 'payments and receipts' basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted and can be used in accordance with the charity's charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Capital and Reserves

Of the £26,867.64 held in Capital & Reserves there is committed expenditure on 3 grants:

1. Hampshire Isle of Wight Community Funding (£4,260 carried forward in full).
2. The Good Exchange (3,030 carried forward of £4,000 grant)

3. Magic Little grant (£500 carried forward in full)

Reserves Policy

BDDFs policy is to hold 3 months expenditure as reserve (£8,323.5)

Remaining balance covers BDDF in eventuality of charity closure (£10,754.14).

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Voluntary income

The Trustees greatly appreciate the generous grants, donations and income and sponsorships from charitable events that were received. Those received in the year to 31 March 2021 are listed below. The totals reflect voluntary income received as related to its activities in the year in question.

Donations	£
Lord Lymington	750
HSBC	1,000
Basingstoke & District Lottery	103
The Anvil Trust	25
Other donations	350
	2,228
	£

Fundraising events

Grant income	£
The National Lottery Community Fund	8,550
Basingstoke & Deane Council (CVS)	12,354
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Funding	4,500
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Funding **	-
Energise me	3,750
The Good Exchange ** (£4,000 grant of which the balance is carried forward in deferred income)	970
Groundworks - Tesco Bags of help fund	500
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Local Giving Support Groups	500
Hampshire County Council	300
Magic Little Grant (MLG) **	-

39,214

Independent Audit

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	Basingstoke & District Disability Forum		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2021	Charity no (if any)	1155660
Set out on pages	1-2		
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 st March 2021.			
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").		
Independent examiner's statement	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.		
	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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:			Date: 13 th January 2022
Name:	Patricia Fox		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants		
Address:	36 Essex Road		
	Basingstoke		
	RG21 7TB		

Grants & Fundraising

We're investing in new fundraising technology to make donating to BDDF easier than ever, including:

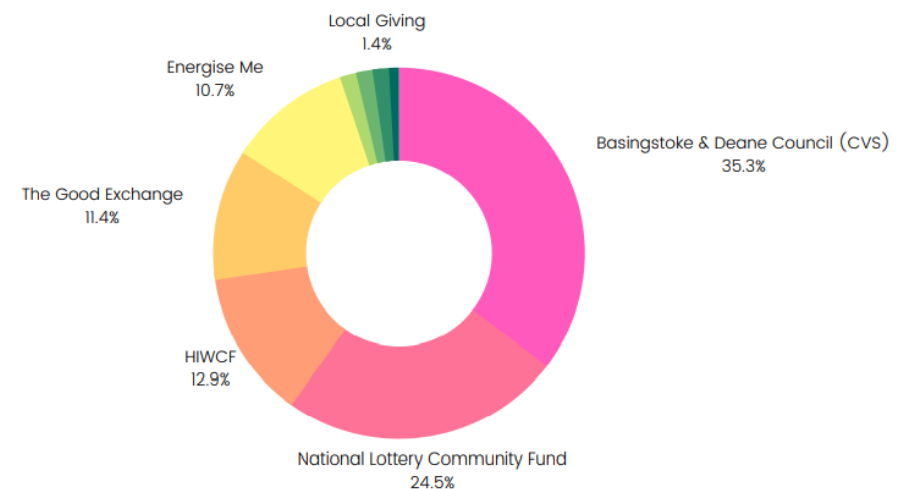
- Cashless payment systems for collections so people can donate digitally.
- Raffles
- Lotteries. BDDF is a member of the Community Lottery ran by Basingstoke Voluntary Action.

As a charity, we believe you need to know we're using our resources effectively. That's why we make these promises to you:

- We promise to provide information about our work and our finances so you can see how your money is being spent and what a difference you're making to the Disabled community in Basingstoke.
- We promise to communicate with you in a way that suits you. If you tell us you'd prefer less contact or don't want to hear from us at all, we'll respect your wishes.
- We promise never to sell your data to any third party. We will not share your details with other charities.
- We promise to adhere to all industry guidelines and regulations and require others acting on our behalf to do the same.
- We'll take appropriate action promptly if we find any failure to meet our standards.
- We promise to make it easy for you to tell us your contact preferences and we're here to talk to you about our work or answer any questions.

We thank each of the individual donators, fund and grant providers that have supported BDDF. Your donations enable us to continue to provide all services and activities to our members all of which we provide for free.

Split of grants received



Chineham & Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail

We wanted to self-raise funds and reduce our reliance on grants. Covid put a stop to many of the usual fundraising options available to charities. We decided to host a scarecrow trail around 2 local areas of Basingstoke. This offered the community something to look forward to and get involved in. The theme for 2020 was Books. 96 Scarecrows had to be found across the trail of over 6 miles!

"In 20+ years of living in Chineham I've never seen this amount of people walking (and cycling) around" local resident

The event surpassed our expectations with over 500 families attending. We give enormous thanks to the local community, volunteers, venues and to the amazing local businesses who provided 28 generous raffle prizes.

"The Rolls-Royce of Scarecrow Trails" local resident

The winners' trophies are sponsored by Loddon Properties who have championed the event from inception though our event boards and printing extra maps when we sold out on the weekend!

"It has been an amazing community event and such good fun! Hearing the chatter and excitement outside our house has been wonderful" local resident

You can watch a video and see the gallery of entrant photos here - [Scarecrow Trail video](#). For this we thank Ewa Jones Photography.

This year our chosen partner charity was the fantastic Sebastian's Action Trust (SAT). SAT support children with life threatening or life limiting illnesses and their families. We thank them for their collaboration.

The event raised **£5,077!** With 25% donated to SAT. These vital funds enable both charities to continue the fantastic work they do.

Volunteering with BDDF Come and Get Involved!

Are you passionate about people, a good listener or have skills with regards to sport, IT. Maybe you enjoy socialising, or walking, we have roles for everyone that play to your strengths and interests. We need volunteers who can donate time, energy and skills to support our work. Most of all you just need to want to help. If you would like to help but feel there is a barrier please talk to us, we will do everything we can to make the volunteer opportunity accessible to all. We can find a way for you to help us.

Get involved, get active and have fun! There are a variety of ways you can help BDDF to raise vital funds.

- Join us at our Scarecrow event on a stall and/or as part of the organising committee.
- Become a corporate sponsor.
- Help with our collection tin days at supermarkets.

Why volunteer

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| • Meet new people | Learn new skills |
| • Help people | Make a difference |
| • Give back to your local community | Highly rewarding |

Become a BDDF in the Community Ambassador

During our virtual Disability Awareness Day in March 2021 we announced our first BDDF in the Community Ambassador. Matt has volunteered for BDDF since 2014 on events such as the Basingstoke Roll, the scarecrow trail, collecting money for the

charity in Tesco and at the Disability Awareness Days. Matt works for Basingstoke Mencap as a leisure support worker.

Matt became confident enough to lead the walking group. He was supported to do this after attending the group since the launch. We made Matt our first BDDF In the Community Ambassador as a thank you for his proactive promotion of BDDF and our services and for volunteering his time at every opportunity.

Our Impact of Lockdown Survey

BDDF have always been a member led charity. We launched a survey to ask our members how they had been impacted by Lockdown. 162 responses were received. The results were extremely helpful in planning our immediate response to covid.

Top 3 challenges respondents were facing:

1. Psychological distress / mental health = 48%;
2. Social isolation / loneliness = 42%
3. Difficulty accessing NHS healthcare / treatment = 35%.

You can read the full survey here - [Impact of Lockdown survey BDDF](#)

Digital Divide

Digital exclusion is affecting our communities and the move to technology triggered by the pandemic is deepening the divide.

56% of adults not on the internet are Disabled people.
(ONS statistics 2019)

Independence is heavily reliant on access to information and with more information than ever before being online we must break down the barriers and reduce the digital gap. BDDF have been offering free IT courses to teach members to get the most out of their personal devices to help combat social isolation as they will

be able to join in on-line activities and better stay connected with friends & family.

BDDF swiftly moved services online where possible, created a more accessible website and established IT support sessions to help our members get online. However, there are still a vast proportion of the population who are not able to access the internet and more must be done by BDDF and society in general to be inclusive. We were featured on Meridian ITV News at 6pm highlighting the impact of the digital divide including the many barriers. This will become a key focus as we move through 2021.

The Future of BDDF

We will make our organisation fit for the future by directing our resources to:

- We will also focus on helping the most vulnerable members of our communities build resilience, including digital resilience.
- Respond to the impact of climate change, we will develop our roadmap to becoming a greener organisation and reduce our environmental impact.
- Raise awareness and support the tackling of Hate Crime.

People:

- We will evolve and begin to deliver our new people strategy.
- We will make sure everyone has the right tools and systems, help our people grow their skills and capabilities, ensure they feel valued and rewarded, and build a strong and authentic leadership.
- We will also deliver against our new diversity action plans as part of our anti-racism agenda, and ensure we have a diverse and inclusive organisation.

Data and systems:

- By prioritising data collection and improving our use of evidence, we will ensure we have the insight and information we need to operate in a way that is relevant, impactful, transparent and accountable.

How to Donate

Easy Fundraising

Raise donations for BDDF for free as you shop
[HTTPS://WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK/CAUSES/BASINGSTOKE/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/basingstoke/)

Amazon Smile

Simply shop on smile.amazon.co.uk and select Basingstoke & District Disability Forum as your chosen Charity! It is that simple!

Every time you shop through AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to BDDF.

Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery

[Support BDDF when you play Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery - Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery \(bandcommunitylottery.co.uk\)](https://bandcommunitylottery.co.uk)

PayPal

Please add us as your chosen Charity

Or donate directly here [Donate with PayPal Giving Fund](#)

Contact us - How to get in touch & keep up to date

Please get in touch via:

- Email info@bddf.org.uk
- Facebook Messenger
- Phone 01256 423869
- Or pop in to see us in person at The Orchard (by prearranged appointment only) or by joining us at one of our services

Newsletters

- We offer regular newsletters via email.
- A paper version is available by post if you do not have internet access.
- To be added to our postal mailing list please call **01256 423869** leaving your home address, name & telephone number.

Website

Information on all our free services is updated regularly on our website <http://www.bddf.org.uk/>

Social Media

Keep up to date by liking our page on Facebook, Instagram or tweet us!

- **Facebook:** @bddforum
- **Twitter:** @bddforum
- **Insta:** @TheDisabilityForum

Physical and Registered address

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Registered Charity in England & Wales since 2014: **no.1155660**

APPENDIX - ONS statistics

- Housing
 - o Disabled people aged 16 to 64 years in the UK were less likely to own their own home (40.9%) than non-disabled people (53.4%)
 - o Disabled people are more likely to have rented social housing (at 24.9% compared with 7.8%) (year ending June 2020).
- Wellbeing
 - o Disabled people's (aged 16 to 64 years) average well-being ratings in the UK were poorer than those for non-disabled people for happiness, worthwhile and life satisfaction measures.
 - o Average anxiety levels were higher for disabled people at 4.47 out of 10, compared with 2.91 out of 10 for non-disabled people (year ending June 2020).
- Loneliness
 - o The proportion of Disabled people (13.9%) aged 16 years and over in England, who reported feeling lonely "often or always"

was almost four times that of non-disabled people (3.8%) (year ending March 2019).

- o The proportion of disabled people feeling "often or always" lonely varied by age:
 - 7.2% of people aged 65 years or over feeling lonely, significantly lower when compared with 20.7% of 25 to 34-year-olds.
 - The largest disparity between disabled and non-disabled people was seen for the 35- to 49-year age group (17.8 percentage points).
 - The level of loneliness for disabled people (20.6 %) in this age group, and only for non-disabled people (2.8%)
- Domestic Abuse
 - o Around 1 in 7 (14.3%) disabled people aged 16 to 59 years in England and Wales experienced domestic abuse in the last 12 months, compared with about 1 in 20 (5.1%) non-disabled people.
 - o Disabled women (17.5%) were more than twice as likely to experience domestic abuse in the last year than non-disabled women (6.7%) (year ending March 2020).

Source [Outcomes for disabled people in the UK - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/disabilityandlongtermhealth/bulletins/outcomesfordisabledpeopleintheuk/2019)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
BDDF

No (if any)
1155660

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
grant income	-	39,214	-	39,214
fundraising	5,562	-	-	5,562
donations	2,228	-	-	2,228
bank interest	2	-	-	2
HMRC job retention scheme	2,749	-	-	2,749
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,541	39,214	-	49,755
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,541	39,214	-	49,755
A3 Payments				
gross salaries, PAYE, pensions	6,387	15,441	-	21,828
rent and office fees	-	1,620	-	1,620
telephone charges	-	257	-	257
room hire	-	292	-	292
events	1,395	3,665	-	5,060
staff expenses and training	32	27	-	59
postage, printing, stationery & equipment	12	630	-	642
IT software, subscriptions and support	14	1,140	-	1,154
recruitment fees	-	-	-	-
business insurance & Bank fees	-	215	-	215
accountancy services & payroll	-	1,681	-	1,681
professional fees & subscriptions	-	377	-	377
Sundry	-	-	-	-
marketing	-	100	-	100
Sub total	7,840	25,445	-	33,285
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,840	25,445	-	33,285
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,701	13,769	-	16,470
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,115	8,307	-	10,422
Cash funds this year end	4,816	22,076	-	26,892

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account (Bank)	6,770	21,072
	Petty Cash	27	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	6,797	21,072
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
	Accounts Payable		43
	NIC Payable		39
	PAYE Payable		24
	Pensions Payable		895
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	

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Last year

to the nearest £

14,677
1,452
1,720
20
-
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-
-
17,869

-
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17,869

14,626
1,515
164
648
3,262
42
587
1,348
164
160
330
1,355
228
-
24,429

-

24,429

-	6,560
	-
	16,982
	10,422



**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

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**Endowment
funds**
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(optional)**

Date of
approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1155660

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**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 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:

Date:

13th January 2022

Name:

Patricia Fox

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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