ACCESS BEDFORD
Annual report
2021/22

Welcome to our Access Bedford Annual Report 2021/22

Catherine Wright Chairperson of Access Bedford and Trustee since 2014.

My name is Catherine, and I am Chairperson of Access Bedford and have been a Trustee since 2014. Looking back all those years I'm very proud to see Access Bedford has achieved so much over the years to support deaf community in Bedford and around Bedfordshire.

- Last year we were able to do some more active things like badminton, boat trip, running festival and social meet up's...
- With Healthwatch we had a small deaf people only meeting to give feedback about lack of face-to-face contact during covid for the deaf community at medical appointments. With a full report being sent to the Care Quality Commission CQC.
- We Set up a deaf café with Luton Deaf community and over 40 people turned up, first time we seen all in face to face after covid and lovely to see them all together.
- Will have deaf community cafes with Luton in the future every 2 months (in café or deaf walks)
- I was lucky to go and support the BSL Act in London, it was amazing there was over 1000 people We went to support BSL, a lot of people there and great to support for the deaf community. The Act has now been passed and British sign language will be recognised as an official language.
- I also went along to City Lit Deaf Day which was great!

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It is Important that we continue

- Deaf coffee club that is open to any ages. Every two weeks
- Deaf space every week on a Friday, fantastic interpreters, and admin to support. We support deaf community Bedford with phone calls, e-mails etc.
- BSL café once a month for students to learn and work on their BSL in a safe space
- Finding opportunities for the Deaf community to meet up and socialise.

Financial Report

	This Year			
Receipts [In]			**Payments [Out]**	
Outreach	£2,515.54		AGM	0
Deaf Space	£2,572.64		General Running Costs /	0
Coronavirus	£0.00		Young at Heart	0
Just Giving	£0.00		Coronavirus	0
BSL Café	£0.00		BSL Café	0
Eventbrite	£0.00		Deaf Space	5433.88
Translation S	£1,800.00		Ad Hoc	0
Education	£500.00		Outreach	6246.46
NHS Beds CC	£2,875.00		Education	405
BSL Taster	0		Hidden Disabilities	0
			NHS Beds CCG	550
Totals	**10263.18**		Translation Services	2436.2
			BSL Taster	0
				15071.5

Balances brought forw	**Bank -1**	**13943.5**
	Bank -2	**44.49**
	Cash	**0**
		13987.99
Balances in hand at year end	**Bank -1**	**9135.14**
	Bank -2	**44.49**
	Cash	**0**
		9179.63

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As you can see, we still have a healthy bank account, this money has come largely from fund raising donations and grants. Some of our money has come from income we have generated ourselves, over the last 12 months we have been working with the NHS CCG to create BSL Translated videos which have been posted on Social media, we have a small contract with them which they have just renewed.

We have been asked to provide BSL interpreters for Specsavers in Bedford, Luton, Dunstable and Biggleswade, so if you are a Specsavers client please ask for a BSL interpreter at your next appointment!

Also, we have been offering 6-week Basic BSL taster courses face to face and online, delivered by Deaf tutors to clients such as the Bedford & Luton Recovery college and Impact Housing Bedford.

All these things happen in the background, and you may not be aware that we do these things.

We have been a Charity partner with Bedford Running Festival for 4 years and each year this is an opportunity for us to raise money for Access Bedford, last year our 4 runners raised an amazing £1563.49

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This money goes directly back into Access Bedford and pays for things like the room hire fee at Deaf Space drop in service and the costs associated in booking the Badminton courts.

We have 10 spaces for runners to take part this year and 4 have been filled already, we are looking for more people ready to take on the challenge of a 10k or half marathon event and Fundraise for us. Maybe you are interested in joining Team Access Bedford or maybe you know someone else who might be up for the challenge.

Funders

Here are just some of the funders we have received donations and small grants from. If you would like to raise money on our behalf or you can help with grant applications, we would love to hear from you.

Our Funders

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BEDFORDHIRE RESPONSE FUND

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TESCO Community Grants

The Trustees & Committee 2021/22

Trustees

Catherine Wright
Helene Bolton
Ally Tree

Committee

Lisa Charlish
Marie Biswell
Ciaran McCarthy
Tyler Webster

The Trustees & Committee 2022/23

2022/23 Trustees

Catherine Wright
Helene Bolton
Emma McAllister

Committee

Ciaran McCarthy
Lisa Charlish
Tyler Webster
Emily Andrews
Sadika Shahjanan
Bob Rose

Please volunteer if you can, we can't do it alone.

2022/2023

- Raise awareness of the Deaf community
- Support the strong network of Deaf organisation's in and around Bedford
- Work together for a strong Deaf community through our collaboration projects, events newsletter, website and social media.

Collaborations in 2022

DEAF & HEARING TRAILBLAZERS
THE UK'S EXCLUSIVE TRAINING PROVIDER FOR DEAF AND HEARING PEOPLE.

Katie Gilmartin

Admin Assistant - Access Bedford

Katie is with us on a 6 month placement and is being supported by Action Deafness & Deaf & Hearing Trailblazers. Katie is hearing but is very keen to learn BSL while she is with us at Access Bedford.

RAD – Information & Guidance Service

We are also working with RAD to provide a new Information & Guidance service. The Deaf Space project will finish at the end of July as our funding from Lottery for All has finished.

RAD will offer their Information & Guidance service every Tuesday from 10am – 4pm.

We are really excited to be working with other Deaf organisations and to be able to provide more opportunities for our Deaf Community to meet up and receive the right support and guidance.

Events coming up soon

- BSL Art tour led by Peter Cook at the
- Higgins Museum
- John Bunyan boat trip with cream tea
- Deaf Celebration Event
- Panto at Milton Keynes Theatre
- Deaf community social walks at Priory Country park

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1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

		This Year	Last Year
Receipts [In]			
Outreach		£2,515.54	£4,415.59
Deaf Space		£2,572.64	£0.00
Coronavirus		£0.00	£4,395.00
Just Giving		£0.00	£2,495.60
BSL Café		£0.00	£130.00
Eventbrite		£0.00	£109.20
Translation Services		£1,800.00	£0.00
Education		£500.00	£1,000.00
NHS Beds CCG		£2,875.00	£1,125.00
BSL Taster		£0.00	£630.00
Totals		**£10,263.18**	**£14,300.39**
Payments [Out]			
AGM		£0.00	£110.00
General Running Costs / Promo		£0.00	£1,432.66
Young at Heart		£0.00	£47.61
Coronavirus		£0.00	£4,458.10
BSL Café		£0.00	£50.00
Deaf Space		£5,433.88	£2,588.20
Ad Hoc		£0.00	£147.00
Outreach		£6,246.46	£0.00
Education		£405.00	£0.00
Hidden Disabilities		£0.00	£110.52
NHS Beds CCG		£550.00	£0.00
Translation Services		£2,436.20	£1,155.00
BSL Taster		£0.00	£250.00
Totals		**£15,071.54**	£10,349.09
Surplus or (deficit) for the year		**-£4,808.36**	**£3,951.30**
Balances brought forward	Bank -1	£13,943.50	£9,992.20
	Bank -2	£44.49	£44.49
	Cash	£0.00	£0.00
		£13,987.99	**£10,036.69**
Balances in hand at year end	Bank -1	£9,135.14	£13,943.50
	Bank -2	£44.49	£44.49
	Cash	£0.00	£0.00
		£9,179.63	**£13,987.99**

Assets and Liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances Access Bedford have assets and liabilities to the value of £0.00 there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: Clare Upton **Signature & Date:** 25-4-2022

Reviewers Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and receipts of **Access Bedford** for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.

Reviewed by: **Signature & Date:** 25-4-2022

Notes: Helene Borton