

ACTIVE BRAINTREE FOUNDATION - ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

REGISTRATION NUMBER 1176734

Active Braintree Foundation (ABF) was formed in January 2018 and in 2024 produced a new Strategy for 2024/27. The new Vision, Aims and Key Priorities are detailed below:

Vision

Everyone in the Braintree District has the opportunity to engage in sport and/or physical activity in order to improve their health and wellbeing, compete and have fun.

Aims

To achieve our vision, the Active Braintree Foundation will:

- Work collaboratively with relevant local organisations to tackle inequalities and promote inclusion.
- Be a voice for the sector and advocate behaviour change amongst the community.
- Increase capacity by developing people and promote innovation to increase participation in sport and physical activity.
- Promote and support active environments by championing active travel and the creation of well-designed spaces for activity.
- Work with commissioners and grant funders to increase resources and develop capacity in the district.
- Allocate grant funding and support new opportunities that increase participation.
- Provide advocacy, advice and guidance to sports clubs, voluntary groups and residents.

Key Priorities

Whilst the foundation is open to all opportunities that supports our core vision, the following areas have been identified as key priorities for the foundation to achieve our aims:

Collaborative Partnerships -

ABF will work to establish and strengthen collaborative partnerships with local organisations. These partnerships will facilitate joint initiatives, building resources and coordinate efforts to transform and connect communities, particularly focusing on those who face barriers to access and are under-represented.

Advocacy and Behaviour Change -

Advocate and champion campaigns and innovative programs aimed at promoting behaviour change to increase participation in sport and physical activity. This includes initiatives to raise awareness, challenge stereotypes and encourage a culture of active living within the Braintree District.

Capacity Building -

Develop people, groups and organisations, enhancing the community's capacity for sustained engagement in physical activities. This involves investing in training programs, mentoring, and funding roles that facilitate physical activity that meets the evolving needs of the community.

Active Environments -

Work with partners to influence policy and implement active design principles creating places and spaces where activity can happen, including the development of parks, sports facilities and recreational areas. These initiatives will contribute to building active environments and promoting a healthy lifestyle among Braintree residents.

Trustees

ABF started the year with nine trustees however, during the year there was one resignation and one new appointment. All the other trustees remained in post.

Accounts

ABF accounts are for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

ABF started the year with a healthy brought forward balance of £52,389 and received income of £34,342. Expenditure totalled £46,755 giving a carried forward balance of £39,977. These figures however, include £11,441 of both income and expenditure that was given to ABF but then returned. This gives revised figures for income of £22,901 and expenditure of £35,314.

ABF paid out grants during the year totalling £34,021 including Kinetix Academy, Hatfield Peverel Outdoor Gym, Halstead Road Runners, Rayne Boxing Club, Coggeshall Community Sports Association, 1st Rayne Scouts, Active Rewards, Active Health Club and Fern House Garden Project. ABF continued partnering with Braintree District Council (BDC) to run the Braintree District Volunteer and Active Braintree Awards which were a great success. ABF also collaborated with Active Essex, Braintree's Health and Well Being Board, Mid Essex Alliance and Fusion Lifestyle to ensure local clubs and organisations are kept informed of relevant information particularly around alternative funding and the promotion of physical activity, health and wellbeing.

ACTIVE BRAINTREE FOUNDATION ANNUAL RETURN 2024/25

Income		Expenditure	
B/F	52,389.00	Grants	45,462.00
Income	34,342.00	Insurance	471.00
		Website	306.00
		Admin/Misc.	516.00
Total	86,731.00		46,755.00
Balance C/F			39,977.00

The figures in the table above include the £11,441