

OPEN HOUSE BEDFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1180204

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-10-05

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROVIDE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND THE PRESERVATION OF HEALTH OF PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES RESIDING PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY IN BEDFORD BOROUGH, BY THE PROVISION OF DAY CENTRE FACILITIES FOR LEARNING, SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

Activities: Open House promotes the health and well-being of people with Learning Disabilities residing permanently or temporarily in Bedford Borough, by the provision of day centre facilities for learning, social engagement and recreational activities. Open House meets once a week on Wednesdays in St Marks Church Community Centre, Bedford

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Bedford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£1,647	£4,771	-	-
2024-09-30	£8,775	£7,079	-	-
2023-09-30	£11,265	£4,799	-	-
2022-09-30	£200	£1,122	-	-
2021-09-30	£327	£556	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MORAG ANN STEWART	Chair	2018-12-12
LAURA FARTHING		2018-12-12
LYNNE SEYMOUR		2018-12-12
Rev JENNIFER MARGARET CAPPLEMAN		2018-12-12

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Year ended 30th September 2025**

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We have an excellent group of volunteers with different skills and talents who jointly plan the activities for each session and engage with the clients. Weekly numbers have dropped slightly during the last year with an average of 15 clients and 8 carers attending each week. This is partly due to losing three regular clients who passed away during the year and a couple who have moved out of the area.

Highlights 2023-24

This year as well as focusing on the key calendar events of Easter, Harvest, Christmas and the patron saint days we introduced a few new themes. We had a focus on birds during Big Garden Birdwatch in January. We looked at the common birds that visit our gardens and how to identify them. We also celebrated World Bee Day in May by talking about the importance of bees as pollinators and understanding why people are encouraged to plant bee friendly plants in their garden and why local councils have started planting wildflower areas. In June we celebrated World Music Day and enjoyed singing and playing the musical instruments as well as learning about the different kinds of instrument. Our local line dancing group came back to demonstrate a few dances and at the end clients were encouraged to try out a few easy routines. This year we tried pottery painting for the first time. Clients had the choice of painting a tile or a coaster. The pottery was then taken away to be fired and glazed and was returned three weeks later. Everyone really enjoyed this activity and we plan to repeat it next year.

The new display boards have been well used, with clients contributing to the themed displays we have had throughout the year.

We held a Macmillan coffee morning in October where the group raised £76.56 from a cake sale and a raffle.

On our last session in December, we had our annual Christmas party where we played games, joined together in singing Christmas carols accompanied by our local vicar on his guitar and had a visit from Father Christmas who had presents for everyone.

Financial Review

The unaudited financial statements show excess of expenditure over income for the year totalling £-3,124.44. The charity holds funds of £19,691.68. Of this, £5,150.80 is restricted funds for purchasing specific items to support the club and £14,540.88 unrestricted funds to support day to day running costs and activities. £549.66 has been spent on our insurance premium, website, and other essential expenditure. We did not do any fundraising this year as the money we raised last year had put us in a much stronger financial position.

Future Plans

We continue to run the club with volunteers and this is working very well. However, during holiday periods we would benefit from having a few extra people to call on, so recruiting new volunteers continues to be a priority.

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**Open House Bedford
Unaudited Financial Statements
Year Ending September 2025**

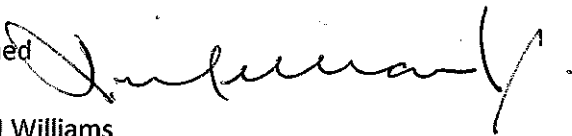
Open House Bedford
Balance Sheet
for year ending 30/09/2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand	249.64	310.35
CAF Bank Account	19,442.04	22,505.77
	<u>19,691.68</u>	<u>22,816.12</u>
Debtors, Loans and prepayments	-	-
Creditors and provisions	-	-
	<u>19,691.68</u>	<u>22,816.12</u>
Represented by		
Brought forward from previous year	22,816.12	21,120.59
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-3,124.44	1,695.53
	<u>19,691.68</u>	<u>22,816.12</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	5,150.80	6,744.42
Unrestricted Funds	14,540.88	16,071.70
Total Charity Funds	<u>19,691.68</u>	<u>22,816.12</u>

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the books of the Charity and agree that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year and the Balance Sheet presented above give a true and fair representation of the financial position

Signed



Mr J Williams

Dated

25.11.25.

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**Open House Bedford
Income and Expenditure Account
for year ending 30/09/2025**

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
Income		
Day Centre Donations	1,390.40	1,427.37
Other Donations	215.35	100.00
Grants (1)	—	7,187.06
Other income	41.25	60.09
Total Incoming Resources	<u>1,647.00</u>	<u>8,774.52</u>
Expenditure		
Day Centre Service Provider	—	—
Day Centre Supplies	1,075.55	1,109.83
Day Centre Room Rental	1,552.61	1,810.96
Activity Items	1,593.62	1,289.49
Fundraising Expenses	—	2,200.00
Misc Expenses	549.66	668.71
Total Resources Expended	<u>4,771.44</u>	<u>7,078.99</u>
Income Less Expenditure	-3,124.44	1,695.53
	<u>1,647.00</u>	<u>8,774.52</u>

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We have an excellent group of volunteers with different skills and talents who jointly plan the activities for each session. We continue to attract about 18 clients and 8 carers each week. There has been an increase in the number of wheelchair users attending and the volunteers work hard to ensure the planning caters for the needs of this group of clients.

Highlights 2023-24

A few of our activities and themed days during the last year were based around the key sporting events which took place during 2024 including the football Euros, Wimbledon and the Olympics. Clients had an opportunity to improve their kicking and throwing skills during the Euros, their racket skills during Wimbledon and everyone took part in a sports day during the Olympics.

The clients continued to enjoy the gardening project and helped to plant Spring flowering bulbs during the Winter and tomato plants and Cosmos in the early Summer.

Special themes focused on the 'Solar System' where we learned the names of the planets and then created a display with the sun, the planets, stars and space rockets. Another theme was 'Under the Sea' where we talked about different types of fish and then made brightly coloured fish and sea creatures for our display.

We celebrated St George's day, did some Scottish country dancing on St Andrews day and made turkeys for Thanksgiving Day and talked about the things we are thankful for. We held a Macmillan coffee morning in October where the group raised £96 from a cake sale and a raffle.

In preparation for Christmas, we made cards and decorations and during the last session of 2023, we had our Christmas party where we played games, joined together in singing Christmas carols and had a visit from Father Christmas who had presents for everyone.

Financial Review

The unaudited financial statements show net income over expenditure for the year totalling £1,695.53. The charity holds funds of £22,816.12. Of this, £6742.42 is restricted funds for

purchasing specific items to support the club and £16,071.70 unrestricted funds to support day to day running costs and activities. £668.71 has been spent on our insurance premium, website and essential expenditure. Fundraising during the year raised £10,000 in grants for which we are very grateful. This additional funding has put us in a much stronger financial position.

Future Plans

We continue to run the club with volunteers and this is working very well. However, during holiday periods we would benefit from having a few extra people to call on, so recruiting new volunteers continues to be a priority.

This year, we will purchase more sensory equipment to stimulate our more disabled clients, many of whom are non verbal. We also plan to replace some of the display boards which are used regularly to showcase the theme based craft activities produced by the group throughout the year.

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**Open House Bedford
Unaudited Financial Statements
Year Ending 30 September 2024**

**Open House Bedford
Balance Sheet
for year ending 30/09/2024**

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand	310.35	190.83
CAF Bank Account	<u>22,505.77</u>	<u>20,929.76</u>
	<u>22,816.12</u>	<u>21,120.59</u>
Debtors Loans and prepayments	-	-
Creditors and provisions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>22,816.12</u>	<u>21,120.59</u>
Represented by		
Brought forward from previous year	21,120.59	14,654.81
Excess of Income over expenditure	<u>1,695.53</u>	<u>6,465.78</u>
	<u>22,816.12</u>	<u>21,120.59</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	6,744.42	8,033.91
Unrestricted Funds	<u>16,071.70</u>	<u>13,086.68</u>
Total Charity Funds	<u>22,816.12</u>	<u>21,120.59</u>

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the books of the Charity and agree that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year and the Balance Sheet presented above give a true and fair representation of the financial position

Signed



Mr J Williams

Dated 27.11.24.

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**Open House Bedford
Income and Expenditure Account
for year ending 30/09/2024**

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Income		
Day Centre Donations	1,427.37	1,235.75
Other Donations	100.00	-
Grants (1)	7,187.06	10,000.00
Other income	60.09	28.99
Total Incoming Resources	<u>8,774.52</u>	<u>11,264.74</u>
Expenditure		
Day Centre Service Provider	-	-
Day Centre Supplies	1,109.83	908.14
Day Centre Room Rental	1,810.96	1,626.24
Activity Items	1,289.49	1,021.91
Fundraising Expenses	2,200.00	700.00
Misc Expenses	668.71	542.67
Total Resources Expended	<u>7,078.99</u>	<u>4,798.96</u>
Income Less Expenditure	1,695.53	6,465.78
	<u>8,774.52</u>	<u>11,264.74</u>

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Since resuming in August 2022, Open House has been going from strength to strength with about 20 clients attending each session, some accompanied by their carer. We have been successful in attracting some new clients this year and although there is a wide range of disabilities, the club strives to meet their varied needs.

The session continues to run for four hours with a break at midday for everyone to enjoy their packed lunch. The format of the session remains largely unchanged with regular activities including our 'circle of news', gentle exercise, physical activity, crafts and this year clients have enjoyed more singing and musical activities. In addition to our regular schedule, there have been some special events and theme days including:

October – bulb planting

November – Remembrance Day crafts and Children in Need

December – Christmas crafts and Christmas party

January – Chinese New Year

February – Valentines Day and Pancake Day, making fat balls for the birds

March – Easter activities

May – Coronation activities

June – painting Open House planters and sewing cosmos seeds

August – Line dancing

September - coffee morning and raffle which raised £124.57p for Macmillan.

We created our outdoor Open House garden this year. One of our volunteers made planters which the group enjoyed painting and the clients planted tomato plants and cosmos seeds. Throughout the Summer and Autumn we all enjoyed a colourful display of flowers and an abundance of tomatoes.

Financial Review

The unaudited financial statements show net income over expenditure for the year totalling £6,465.78. The charity holds funds of £21,120.59. Of this, £8,033.91 is restricted funds for purchasing specific items to support the club and £13,086.68 unrestricted funds to support day to day running costs and activities. £542.67 has been spent on our insurance premium, website and essential expenditure. Fundraising during the year raised £10,000 in grants for

which we are very grateful. This additional funding has put us in a much stronger financial position.

Future Plans

A priority for last year was to secure a paid leader for Open House. We were not able to find a suitable candidate and the Trustees decided to continue to run the club with volunteers as this was working very well. This arrangement will be reviewed at regular intervals.

We have an excellent group of volunteers, with different strengths and areas of expertise which contributes to the smooth running of the club. We are very grateful for their ongoing commitment and the huge contribution they make to Open House. Although we have sufficient volunteers, there are times during holiday periods when it would be helpful to have a few more people we could call on to help. We will continue to try and attract more volunteers.

Our focus this year is to place greater emphasis on the provision of training for our volunteers. A priority will be to ensure that everyone has completed their safeguarding training.

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Open House Bedford
Unaudited Financial
Statements
Year Ending 30 September 2023

Open House Bedford
Balance Sheet for year

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand	190.83	305.10
CAF Bank Account ending 30/09/2023	20,929.76	14,349.71
	21,120.59	14,654.81
Debtors Loans and prepayments	-	-
Creditors and provisions	21,120.59	14,654.81
	21,120.59	14,654.81
Represented by		
Brought forward from previous year	14,654.81	15,576.85
Excess of Income over expenditure	6,465.78	-922.04
	21,120.59	14,654.81
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	8,033.91	8,033.91
Unrestricted Funds	13,086.68	6,620.90
	21,120.59	14,654.81
Total Charity Funds	21,120.59	14,654.81

Independent Examiners Report

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Signed

Mr Jims



Williams

Dated 17.11.23.

Open House Bedford Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 30/09/2023	2022/2023	2021/2022
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Income		
Day Centre Donations	1,235.75	
Other Donations		194.00
Grants (1)	10,000.00	
Other income	28.99	6.09
Total Incoming Resources	<u>11,264.74</u>	<u>200.09</u>
Expenditure		
Day Centre Service Provider		
Day Centre Supplies	908.14	234.56
Day Centre Room Rental	1,626.24	184.80
Activity Items	1,021.91	89.65
Fundraising Expenses	700.00	
Misc Expenses	542.67	613.12
Total Resources Expended	<u>4,798.96</u>	<u>1,122.13</u>
Income Less Expenditure	6,465.78	-922.04
	<u>11,264.74</u>	<u>200.09</u>

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Open House resumed on the 3rd August 2022 with a new co-ordinator and team of volunteers. The majority of clients have returned and are very pleased to be back. They have very quickly adapted to the new team and are enjoying the range of activities on offer. The morning session includes a 'circle of news' where clients take it in turn to tell the group something that has happened during the week, chair based exercise to music and a physical activity – usually skittles, quoits or football. After lunch, clients enjoy a range of craft activities. In August they made a large banner of the Open House logo. In addition to the routine activities, there are some special events or theme days included on the calendar. In September, the group raised £124.57p by holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning where members of the local community were invited in for a cup of tea / coffee and a cake.

Financial Review

The unaudited financial statements show net income over expenditure for the year totalling £-922.04.

No fundraising has taken place during the past twelve months. The charity still holds £14,654.81. Of this, £8,033.91 is restricted funds for purchasing specific items to support the club and £6,620.90 unrestricted funds to support day to day running costs. £613.12 has been spent on our insurance premium, website and essential expenditure. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient funds to continue to operate in the short term, so securing additional funding is now a priority.

Future Plans

During 2022-2023 we plan to recruit a paid leader to be responsible for the management of Open House as well as more volunteers to assist with the running of the club, particularly during peak holiday times. Now that Open House is running smoothly with the new team in place, we will actively promote it with the aim of attracting more clients. Fund raising will resume again to ensure we are able to cover our running costs and secure the future of Open House Bedford.

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**Open House Bedford
Unaudited Financial Statements
Year Ending 30 September 2022**

**Open House Bedford
Balance Sheet
for year ending 30/09/2022**

	2021/2022	2020/2021
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand	305.10	264.85
CAF Bank Account	14,349.71	15,312.00
	<u>14,654.81</u>	<u>15,576.85</u>
Debtors Loans and prepayments	-	-
Creditors and provisions	-	-
	<u>14,654.81</u>	<u>15,576.85</u>
Represented by		
Brought forward from previous year	15,576.85	15,805.04
Excess of Income over expenditure	-922.04	-228.19
	<u>14,654.81</u>	<u>15,576.85</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	8,033.91	8,033.91
Unrestricted Funds	6,620.90	7,542.94
Total Charity Funds	<u>14,654.81</u>	<u>15,576.85</u>

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Mr J Williams

Dated 10.1.23

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	2021/2022	2020/2021
	£	£
Income		
Day Centre Donations	-	-
Other Donations	194.00	200.00
Grants (1)	-	-
Other income	6.09	127.99
Total Incoming Resources	<u>200.09</u>	<u>327.99</u>
Expenditure		
Day Centre Service Provider	-	-
Day Centre Supplies	234.56	-
Day Centre Room Rental	184.80	-
Activity Items	89.65	-
Fundraising Expenses	-	-
Misc Expenses	613.12	556.18
Total Resources Expended	<u>1,122.13</u>	<u>556.18</u>
Income Less Expenditure	-922.04	-228.19
	<u>200.09</u>	<u>327.99</u>

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- providing opportunities to extend knowledge and learn new skills

Open House has not met in the last twelve months due to the pandemic. The trustees have kept the situation under constant review but due to the nature of the client group, they did not feel they could provide a safe environment to ensure the health and safety of all those who attend. The trustees have maintained contact with the clients.

In May 2021, Luton Training and Mentoring informed us that the leader who has responsibility for the operational running of Open House will be retiring and will no longer be able to support the club. This was disappointing as she was very popular with the clients. Luton Training and Mentoring are hopeful that they will be able to provide a new leader for Open House when the club re-opens. During the pandemic we have also lost two of our key volunteers. The trustees will advertise for new volunteers when a date for re-opening has been agreed.

Financial Review

The unaudited financial statements show net income over expenditure for the year totalling £-228.19.

No fundraising has taken place during the past twelve months. The charity still holds £15,576.85. Of this, £8,033.91 is restricted funds for purchasing specific items to support the club and £7,542.94 unrestricted funds to support day to day running costs. £556.18 has been spent on our insurance premium, website and essential expenditure. The trustees consider that the charity has sufficient funds to continue to operate once the club re-opens and at that point fundraising will resume.

Future Plans

We plan to resume Open House as soon as we feel confident that we can protect the health and safety of our service users. A full risk assessment will be carried out prior to re-opening.

During 2021-2022 we will seek to recruit more volunteers to assist with the running of the club; extend the range of activities and experiences on offer and continue to fund raise to ensure we are able to cover our running costs and secure the future of Open House Bedford.

Charity Registration Number 1180204

**Open House Bedford
Unaudited Financial Statements
Year Ending 30 September 2021**

**Open House Bedford
Balance Sheet
for year ending 30/09/2021**

	2020/2021	2019/2020
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash in Hand	264.85	264.85
CAF Bank Account	<u>15,312.00</u>	<u>15,540.19</u>
	<u>15,576.85</u>	<u>15,805.04</u>
Debtors Loans and prepayments	-	-
Creditors and provisions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>15,576.85</u>	<u>15,805.04</u>
Represented by		
Brought forward from previous year	15,805.04	3,894.60
Excess of Income over expenditure	<u>-228.19</u>	<u>11,910.44</u>
	<u>15,576.85</u>	<u>15,805.04</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	8,033.91	8,033.91
Unrestricted Funds	<u>7,542.94</u>	<u>7,771.13</u>
Total Charity Funds	<u>15,576.85</u>	<u>15,805.04</u>

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the books of the Charity and agree that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year and the Balance Sheet presented above give a true and fair representation of the financial position

Signed 

Mr J Williams

Dated 6/1/22.

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**Open House Bedford
Income and Expenditure Account
for year ending 30/09/2019**

	2020/2021	2019/2020
	£	£
Income		
Day Centre Donations	–	1,004.07
Other Donations	200.00	–
Grants (1)	–	23,988.36
Other income	127.99	–
Total Incoming Resources	<u>327.99</u>	<u>24,992.43</u>
Expenditure		
Day Centre Service Provider	–	1,278.75
Day Centre Supplies	–	869.60
Activity Items	–	5,277.17
Fundraising Expenses	–	4,809.87
Misc Expenses	556.18	846.60
Total Resources Expended	<u>556.18</u>	<u>13,081.99</u>
Income Less Expenditure	-228.19	11,910.44
	<u>327.99</u>	<u>24,992.43</u>

Notes

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