

Bushy Leaze Family Support Annual Report 2022-2023

Type of Governing Document

Charity Deed

How the Charity is Constituted

Charitable Trust

Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are selected for their values through their links to Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre and the Alton community; they are nominated by members of the Board of Trustees.

Additional Governance Issues

Bushy Leaze Family Support exists to maintain and address the gaps in family support services and early-years intervention in Alton (Hampshire) and its surrounding area. 2022-2023 was the first full financial year operating as a CIO which was set up to succeed our Trust - Bushy Leaze Family Support (BLCFS - Registered Charity Number 1195659) to allow for more involvement in the running of these support services and develop financial sustainability. The majority of BLCFS's assets (£88,000) were transferred to BLFS during this financial year. This figure included reserves held by the charity and grants received for ongoing costs. Donors were informed and future grant payments were transferred to BLFS.

The Charity is governed by a board of Trustees supported by relevant stakeholders from the local community. The board meets a minimum of four times per year or more often if necessary. It receives reports from local family support services and reviews their work providing funding and support, funding a Family Support Team at Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre who achieve our aims and objectives. BLCFS works to manage and limit risk. It reviews its practices against the Charity Commission's "Internal Financial Controls for Charities" document regularly. All payments require two signatures. All receipts are banked promptly.

Objects and Activities

The objects of the Charity are:

- To enhance the development and education of children, primarily under the age of five, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups
- The preservation and protection of health by the provision of good quality childcare, a resource and advice centre and the education of the public in parenting skills

- The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time activities for families with young children in the interests of social welfare, with a view to improving conditions of life

Summary of activities undertaken in relation to these objects:

The Charities activities work towards ensuring vulnerable and at-risk families have access to the support they need in our area of operation, occupying a gap in family support and early-years service provision in East Hampshire. The area, which formerly had five Early-Years Centres, now has only one - Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre, where we are based. We have proactively raised funds to support the continuation and development of the provision of those services to best achieve our Objects.

The financial year 2022-2023 was a successful first full year for our charity which continued to build on the success of the Trust, allowing the Charity to fully meet its aims and fulfill its objects. The Charity received significant contributions from grant giving bodies and a stable level of support from the community. We went on to:

- Fully fund a Family Support Team who provided one-to-one and group-based intervention to around 400 families with children under the age of five facing significant barriers to parenting
- Fund several family support programmes, enhancing the development and education of families with children under the age of five. These are expertly staffed and bring together local families to provide a network of support
- Contribute towards the running of Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre, a former Sure Start centre. The Centre, which we use to deliver our services, provides outstanding rated childcare, a resource and advice centre, and the education of the public in parenting skills, thus improving conditions of life for families in need in our area of operation

The BLFS trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and the creation of the succession CIO. We believe the funded activities to be of optimal benefit to families in need of support in Alton and wider East Hampshire.

Brief Statement on the Charities Reserves

The Charity aimed to hold in reserve sufficient money in our general funds to continuation of our Family Support Team to deliver a programme of family support for the community. We aim to hold an equivalent to six months of Family Support Team expenditure to mitigate risk. 2022-23 was the first full year of the charity, in which we took on the assets of BLCSF including

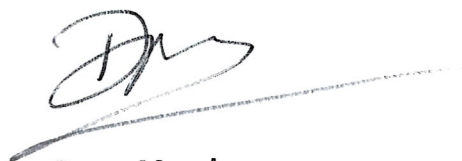
c.5 months of reserves. This year fundraising targets were met allowing us to build reserves to mitigate risk. Reserves were held at level of £61,869.60 which represents around six months Family Support Team running costs these will be transferred to BLFS during the next financial year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2022-2023 was a very successful year for the Charity and its beneficiaries. All fundraising targets were met, and objects realised. Through a combination of donations from our community and grant-giving bodies we raised an appropriate level funds to fully maintain family support provisions provided by Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre for families in Alton and its surrounding area. BLFS worked with Bushy Leaze Children and Families Centre to ensure the continuation of a high-quality family support provision.

Meetings were held by the trustees to establish procedures for assessing the effectiveness of these provisions and the optimal use of funding to support our beneficiaries. All Charity spend was on key activities and administration to support our objects and ensured the service can continue to offer its outstanding rated services for families.

The Charity raised £136,670 during the year £91,484 raised by BLFS, £45,814 were funds raised in-year by BLCSF and transferred to the new CIO, a further £42,186 of reserves was transferred from BLCSF. BLFS are grateful for the support of its grant funders, including Garfield Weston Foundation, Goodall Foundation, East Hampshire District Council Supporting Communities, Alton Town Council and The National Lottery Community Fund among others.



Dawn Murphy
Chair of Trustees
Bushy Leaze Family Support



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bushy Leaze Family Support

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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					
Transfer from BLCSE	88,000	-	-	88,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	57,819	-	57,819	-
Grants	-	18,376	-	18,376	-
Fundraising	250	-	-	250	-
Donations	1,340	-	-	1,340	-
Donations BLCSE	13,700	-	-	13,700	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103,290	76,195	-	179,485	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,290	76,195	-	179,485	-
A3 Payments					
Core Projects	-	107,100	-	107,100	-
Admin & Fundraising	10,468	-	-	10,468	-
Bank Charges	47	-	-	47	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,515	107,100	-	117,615	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,515	107,100	-	117,615	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	92,775	- 30,905	-	61,870	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	92,775	- 30,905	-	61,870	-

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	61,870	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	61,870	-	-

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Lorraine Temple
Dawn Murphy


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DAWN MURPHY

30/11/23
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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;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

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Signature	
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Date	11th September 2023