

# BODMIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1196016

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-10-01

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF BODMIN AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

**Activities:** Work with other community groups to benefit the Bodmin community/

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Cornwall

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31		£0	£1,147	-
2024-03-31	£1,093	£2,807	-	-
2023-03-31	£0	£1,218	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Carol Randall</b>	Chair	2024-04-15
Carolyn Ann Screech		2024-04-15
Fintan Roland Irwin-Bowler		2022-04-12
Laine Alan Gynn		2024-04-15
Nigel Bolt		2024-04-15
Susan Alsworth		2024-04-15
Susan Joy Tune		2022-04-12
Thomas Frank George Thrussell		2022-04-12

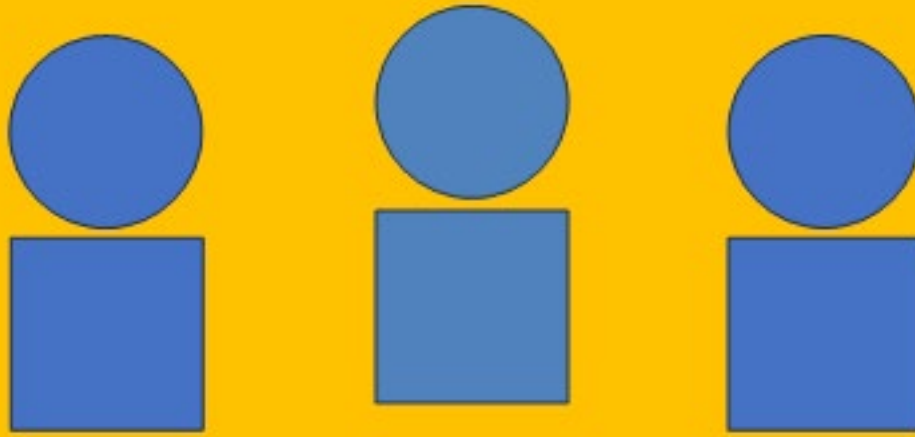
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# ***Bodmin Working Together***

**Bodmin Community Association**

**Bodmin Community Association (Charity No. 1196016)**

**Trustees Report for period**

**1st April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Trustees**

Carol Randall

Carolyn Screech

Fintan Roland Bowler Irwin

Laine Gynn

Nigel Bolt

Susan Alsworth

Susan Joy Tune

Thomas Frank George Thrussell

## **Recruitment of New Trustees**

At the beginning of the period BCA was transitioning into a new management structure and 5 more trustees were recruited. These were

Carol Randall

Carolyn Screech

Laine Gynn

Nigel Bolt

Susan Alsworth

The original intention was for Fin Irwin and Thomas Thrussell to resign once the bank account was sorted and new signatories were arranged. This had not happened by the end of the period. Su Tune continued as a Trustee. Towards the end of the period several of the trustees were unable to spend time on the BCA work because of ill health and increased workload which did affect what we were able to achieve in the last quarter.

## **Financial**

Opening balance for this period was £22,568.03

There was no income in this period

Total expenses - £1146.69

Website invoice – Wix - £115.20

Website domain - £29.95

Insurance - £96

Games and equipment for Kinsman Family Day and launch- £92.83

Tables and covers for launch - £93.89

Sweets and drinks for Kinsman Family Day and launch - £103.89

Tabards and clothes - £179.33

Printing of banners, stickers and flag – £290.40

Darcie Albrighton singer at event - £30

The closing balance for the period was £21421.34

## **Kinsman Family Day**

The Kinsman Estate is a social housing estate in one of the most deprived areas of Bodmin. The Kinsman Hub community group holds an event every summer for Kinsman families to enjoy. We donated drinks and games equipment for the event and ran fun tug of war contests for the children.

## **Launch event – Fun in the Park – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

We launched the new BCA at the Fun in the Park event held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. It is organised annually by a community group (CIC) called KBSK. It is free to attend, and everything is free, including food and all activities.

We had a small marquee stocked with free drinks and sweets and free games. The weather was excellent and approx. 3000 people, mostly families, were estimated to have attended. Many of Bodmin's community groups came along and it was a very successful event and a great example of what can be achieved through collaboration.



## Community Group Meetup – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

On the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> September, we invited representatives from local community groups to a meeting to discuss what community groups need in order to thrive.

The attendees were asked to rate 8 possible supportive ways that the Bodmin Working Together (BWT) programme could help the local community groups. The ratings given were from 1 to 5 with 1 being Not at all helpful and 5 being Very helpful.

1. *Practical advice and guidance about starting up a community group*
2. *Bring community groups together and facilitate collaboration*

3. *Have a small stock of useful equipment that groups can borrow e.g. Sum Up machines, poster and banner frames, trestle tables etc.*
4. *Raising awareness of groups and unmet needs*
5. *Fundraising – arranging collaborative bids for commonly needed resources*
6. *Make small grants to help with funding needs*
7. *Help with governance and grant funding applications*
8. *Help to find venues and volunteers*

There were 16 responses and the average score for all of these possible services was 4 so they were all considered to be helpful. The open discussion placed an emphasis on letting people know what groups there are and what they do so this would appear to be a sensible priority. We had just launched the BWT website [www.bodminworkingtogether.org.uk](http://www.bodminworkingtogether.org.uk) so we planned to use this as a central place to access information about the groups that exist and other useful information. We also launched the Bodmin Working Together Facebook Group to aid collaboration and information sharing.

The discussion about the challenges that groups are facing highlighted the need for most of the groups to make people aware that they exist and what they offer so that they can attract new members. Some groups also need volunteers to allow them to do more. Fundraising was also a challenge for many of the groups. Advice on how to start a group, help with paperwork and bidding for grants were also mentioned as being useful.

It was agreed that the lack of affordable and accessible transport prevented many people from participating in groups and other community activities, especially the elderly and those on low incomes. We are aware that there is an opportunity being worked on to get a bus for local community use but getting a minibus is the straightforward part. Finding a safe place to garage it, maintaining it, insuring it and finding reliable drivers, booking systems etc. are all issues that need to be organised and funded.

Another transport related problem identified was that some residents are unable to collect and deliver things. So, although there are often free items available, arranging for them to be collected can be very expensive.

There was a lot of interest in the idea that we could set up a stock of items that groups could borrow rather than having to buy them. Items mentioned included trestle tables, chairs, card readers, audio equipment and display boards. Some groups said they would be willing to share equipment assuming that things would be securely managed.

After the workshop invitations were sent out to approximately 50 community group leaders and stakeholders to join the free BWT together with a questionnaire to obtain group information for the website. Despite chasing the response was disappointing with only 4 groups submitting their information. Subsequent conversations with group members did not provide us with a reason for this lack of engagement.

## **Support for Community Bus project**

In November 2024 we began discussions with the leaders of the local Community Bus project, a partnership between intoBodmin and Lanivet One for All, both local community groups. This project was to create a sustainable, community-led transport network to improve mobility for residents in Bodmin, Lanivet, and the wider Camel Valley. The project will help to provide

- **Reliable Transport – Connecting rural villages with key services.**

- Stronger Communities – Reducing isolation and improving well-being.
- Sustainability – A scalable model with volunteer drivers, hireable services, and long-term funding strategies.

Many people in rural Cornwall face limited transport options, high travel costs, and social isolation. This project addresses these challenges by coordinating three community buses to provide regular routes, hireable services, and volunteer-driven transport, ensuring that everyone—especially older adults, people with disabilities, and families—can access essential services, leisure activities, and social opportunities. Bodmin has two neighbourhoods with high levels of deprivation and affordable and reliable transport is critical for those residents in particular.

The project needed funds to

- Expand the fleet – 12 seat minibus and an additional 16-seat electric community bus
- Grow the team – recruiting a Project Coordinator and volunteer drivers.
- Build partnerships – Accessing funding, sponsorship, and local collaboration to ensure long-term success.

The plan was for a fully functioning bookable community bus service to be operational by the summer of 2025.

In February 2025, we agreed to support the project with £5000 to provide match-funding for a grant application for additional funds. The payment was not made in this period but in June 2025.

## **Support for Bodmin Revival CIC Creative Studio and Gallery project**

In December 2024, the Trustees resolved to pledge a donation of £5000 to Bodmin Revival CIC for the purpose of helping to establish a Creative Studio and Gallery in Bodmin town centre.

Bodmin Revival CC is a new organisation set up to help regenerate the town. The Creative Studio and Gallery was the first project. The goals for this project are to begin to regenerate the town centre sustainably, to give opportunities to local people, develop skills, support our young people and attract footfall with interesting events and products that people can't buy online or at a retail park. It will also be used as a public engagement hub in the town centre for the CIC so that people can pop in and see what is happening and make sure that people are given the chance to voice their opinions.

The payment was not made within this period, until June 2025.

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance	Purchases
14/05/2024	Darcie Allbrighton	£30.00		£22,538.03	Singer set at event
18/07/2024	Carol Randall Reimbursement	646.96		£21,891.07	Reimbursement for wix invoice - £115.20 Insurance - Zurich Insuramce - £96 Website domain - £29.95 Games Equipment - £92.83 Tables and covers - £93.89 Sweets and drinks -£103.89
12/08/2024	Carol Randall Reimbursement	469.73		£21,421.34	Reimbursement for printing of banners etc - £290.40 Tabards and sweatshirts - £179.33
	Opening balance for period April 2024 to End March 2025			£22,568.03	
	Closing balance for period April 2024 to End March 2025			£21,421.34	

Reimbursement necessary as severe delays from bank changing signatories for new trustees

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**1st April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Trustees**

Fintan Roland Bowler Irwin  
Susan Joy Tune  
Thomas Frank George Thrussell

## **Project ended to provide premises for community group use.**

At the beginning of the period BCA was facilitating the premises at 81a and 81B Fore Street as a community space. The Skillshare initiative of the Light and Life Church and the Bodmaxx creative team from intoBodmin CIC were two of the not-for-profit organisations using the space. The premises is now changing ownership and this project has been concluded.

## **Financial**

Opening balance for this period was £24,281.88.

The final transfer of cash from the old Bodmin Community Association of £596.32 was made in October 2023.

Costs for the period were £2807.15 with the utilities bills for 81a and 81b and consultant fees for the research to be undertaken about community groups and spaces being the main costs. This included a donation of £380.99 made to the Blue Tits, a local not for profit volunteer group, to repair bench seats that had been damaged.

The closing balance for the period was £22,568.03.

## **Community Space Audit and research about community groups**

In 2023, the BCA completed a thorough audit of the supply and demand of community space venues available in Bodmin. The resulting report has been used as input to local planning work and has been made available to community groups to be used as evidence for grant funding bids to meet unmet needs in the town.

Building on this we undertook research into the community groups that exist in the Bodmin area. This research has enabled us to develop a new programme called Bodmin Working Together, that offers practical support and encouragement to existing and start-up community groups.

The plan is to recruit more Trustees to enable the charity to further its mission and contribute to the community, in alignment with our values and collaborative approach. The aim is to provide more help for residents of the Bodmin area by building a stronger, more connected community in Bodmin. The BCA is one that values collaboration and this will be a critical aspect of the work of the BCA as we develop our programme.

BCA believes that grass root community groups form the bedrock of a strong community. They empower communities and minority groups by providing them with a voice. They have a deep understanding of local problems and can quickly spot unmet needs. They can work together with other organisations to find solutions that work effectively in a local context.

At their best, being part of a group provides social connections, friendship, and practical and emotional support. They can help us see the world in new ways and provide perspective. Involvement in community groups can enrich the lives of people and help individuals overcome obstacles and find their place within their wider community.

However, setting up and sustaining small community groups and helping them grow and flourish is a difficult task. When speaking to community group leaders in our recent research we found much anecdotal evidence to support our belief that people wanting to start community groups face many problems to start out and sustaining the groups can be a struggle too.

The vision, and principal aim, for the new programme will be to build social capital in Bodmin by *facilitating, initiating, encouraging, and enabling* collaborative charitable, voluntary and community activities. Building social capital will develop a happier, healthier, kinder, safer, and more prosperous community in Bodmin.

Many charitable and voluntary organisations based in, and active in, the Bodmin community area, share similar aims and would benefit from the opportunity to work collaboratively with others. Resources in such organisations are usually scarce and ensuring that all resources are used as efficiently and effectively as possible would benefit everyone in the community. Time is one of the scarcest of resources of all and it is not always possible for organisations to spend precious time, sharing plans with others. This can result in missed opportunities for collaborative efforts which can result in wasted resources and an inability to achieve the desired aims.

Bodmin is blessed with some great people who work hard to facilitate positive changes in the community and the outcomes of these efforts could be enhanced and optimised with prompt and practical support. Simply put, by working together we believe that we can achieve more with less.

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance	Comments
13/10/2023	EON NEXT ENERGY	£295.87		£22,568.03	Utilities
13/10/2023	BODMIN (770910)		£596.32	£22,863.90	Transfer of cash from old BCA
01/09/2023	CAROL RANDALL	£625.00		£22,267.58	Consultant fee for research
06/07/2023	THOMAS THRUSSELL	£17.45		£22,892.58	Accounting software
05/05/2023	CORNWALL COUNCIL		£88.21	£22,910.03	Council tax refund
05/05/2023	CORNWALL COUNCIL		£53.16	£22,821.82	Council tax refund
04/05/2023	SOUTHERN ELECTRIC	£719.31		£22,768.66	Utilities
03/05/2023	SWALEC		£355.61	£23,487.97	Utilities rebate
02/05/2023	CAROL RANDALL	£625.00		£23,132.36	Consultant fee for research
26/04/2023	SARAH J HORNE	£380.99		£23,757.36	Donation to Blue Tits for bench repair
11/04/2023	CORNWALL COUNCIL	£89.18		£24,138.35	Council tax
11/04/2023	CORNWALL COUNCIL	£54.35		£24,227.53	Council tax
	Opening balance for period April 2023 to End March 2024			£24,281.88	
	Closing balance for period April 2023 to End March 2024			£22,568.03	

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**Bodmin Community Association Trustees Report for period  
1st October 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Trustees**

Fintan Roland Bowler Irwin  
Susan Joy Tune  
Thomas Frank George Thrussell

## **Background to initial registration as CIO**

The Trustees of Bodmin Community Association (283123) (Fintan Irwin and Thomas Thrussell) decided to close the old, unincorporated charity and transfer its assets to a new CIO with the same aims, objectives and current Trustees (plus one new Trustee). Susan Tune became a Trustee of the new CIO.

The Trustees discussed the benefits of transitioning to a CIO. The decision was rooted in the recognition that such a legal structure offers distinct advantages for both the town and the Trustees involved. These included:

- Legal Clarity and Limited Liability
- Enhanced Governance and Accountability
- Financial Stability and Sustainability
- Credibility and Public Trust
- Flexibility in Asset Management

## **Transfer of assets**

After discussion and consideration, it was unanimously agreed that the transfer of assets is in the best interest of both the unincorporated charity and the new CIO. This decision is in accordance with the BCA constitution and aligned with the BCA's commitment to work creatively and collaboratively with local organisations, groups, and individuals who share our values.

By consolidating the resources into the new CIO, the aim was to offer enhanced space and opportunities to the broadest community in our town. This action reinforces our dedication to building a thriving Bodmin with culture, creativity, and community at its heart.

The transfer of assets did not happen immediately upon registration of the new CIO as it took some time to set up the new bank account and there was an ongoing project underway.

In February and March 2023, a total of £25,500 was transferred from the original Bodmin Community Association (283123) to the new CIO (1196016). The only expenditure in this period was for utility bills totalling £1218.12 leaving a balance at the end of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 of £24,281.88. There were no other assets other than the cash in the bank account.

It should be noted that, after taking advice from the Charity Commission, the cash transferred has not been recorded as income in the online submission as this would be a duplication of income recorded for 283123.

## **Plans for the Future**

The project of managing the premises at 81a and 81B Fore Street, Bodmin as a community space will end within the next year. There is a plan to recruit more Trustees to enable the charity to further its mission and contribute meaningfully to the community, in alignment with our values and collaborative approach.