



Time Period

Year ending April 2023

Organisation name

Building Foundations

Document

Annual Report

## Establishing the charity

Building Foundations was established as a charity to teach building and construction skills to local people who are not in employment, education and training. It was decided that the service would also prioritise those with additional and mental health needs. The vision was to equip service users with some basic skills, but also to provide them with ongoing mentoring support, valuable life skills and the confidence they need to enter into the workplace.

After setting up an office and workshop at The Warehouse community hub in Rogerstone, Newport, volunteers cleared an area of land to create an outside workspace. Some equipment for the workshop was donated by local firms. A brand identity, Facebook page and some initial publicity materials were developed, advertising the opportunities available and promoting ongoing fundraising initiatives.

After reaching out to a number of local organisations, including Job Centre Plus, Newport Youth Offending Service, local schools and a handful of relevant charities, Building Foundations started to take on its first students. Social media was used as the main channel for recruiting students and promoting fundraising initiatives.

## Positive impact

The charity put on sessions for groups of up to 10 participants, with some attending regularly on specific days, while others attended one-off sessions. During its busiest month, The Warehouse was visited by up to 40 individuals taking part in Building Foundations activities and additional volunteers were recruited to help out with running sessions.

From the participants who attended Building Foundations sessions, one went on to take up a job in the building industry, while another used their skills to take up a role in hospitality. A further four students have gone on to take up vocational training courses at local colleges. One student with severe learning difficulties attended courses for more than six months, making Building Foundations the longest running activity they had attended since leaving mainstream education. Another student demonstrated so much progress that they started attending as a volunteer, helping out with other sessions.

In February 2023, Building Foundations met with the head of Tredegar Park Primary School, a one-class intake school serving a deprived area of Newport. The charity agreed to run a series of sessions for groups of pupils, some at the school's premises and some at The Warehouse. Approximately 60 pupils benefited from these sessions.

### **Review and restructure**

In April 2023, Building Foundations trustee and only paid employee announced his intention to resign his position to restart his old building company. The charity continued to offer sessions for regular attendees, using volunteers to deliver the construction skills element, but not at the level previously achieved. Building Foundations ended its financial year by launching a search for additional trustees and completing a review of its operating model and constitution.

Date	Details	Transaction Type In	Out	Balance		
21/03/2022	Cash Deposit	Counter deposit	130	130		
29/04/2022	ATM Cash Withd	Royal Bank of Scotland plc (Store)	250	9339.32		
29/04/2022	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	9589.32		
29/04/2022	738407-MAIN G	f BACS Payment f	9500	9584.32		
28/04/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	9578.32		
22/04/2022	VIKING PRINT S	NEWPORT GBR	36	9548.32		
21/04/2022	SumUp Faith C	Newport GBR GBR	3.68	126.32		
30/05/2022	Cheque Issued	800002	800	7035.84		
27/05/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	7835.84		
20/05/2022	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	7841.84		
20/05/2022	WHAT	NEWPORT GBR	6.99	7836.84		
19/05/2022	WHAT	NEWPORT GBR	5.39	7843.83		
13/05/2022	RISCA BUILDING	NEWPORT GBR GBR	20.1	7849.22		
10/05/2022	MFG NEWPORT	NEWPORT GBR GBR	60	7869.32		
04/05/2022	Cheque Issued	800001	1350	7929.32		
03/05/2022	COMMERCIAL S	NP116E 886049 GBR	60	9279.32		
24/06/2022	Colleen Gough B	Inward Payment	5	5963.07		
23/06/2022	Cheque Issued	800004	800	5958.07		
16/06/2022	WHAT	NEWPORT GBR	1.79	6758.07		
10/06/2022	DNH GODADDY	GODADDY.COM GBR GBR	20.38	6759.86		
07/06/2022	Cheque Issued	800003	255.6	6780.24		
28/07/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	5772.07		
14/07/2022	Cheque Issued	800005	200	5778.07		
08/07/2022	Jade Symonds c	Inward Payment	5	5978.07		
08/07/2022	VIKI PRI ST T/A	‡ Inward Payment	5	5973.07		
01/07/2022	Katherine Thom	‡ Inward Payment	5	5968.07		
30/08/2022	WHAT	NEWPORT GBR	1.99	4966.08		
26/08/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	4968.07		
26/08/2022	L James Cat	Inward Payment	30	4974.07		
18/08/2022	RISCA BUILDER	NEWPORT GBR	28	4944.07		
09/08/2022	Cheque Issued	800006	800	4972.07		
28/09/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	3330.1		
22/09/2022	COMMERCIAL S	NP116E 886049 GBR	20	3336.1		
22/09/2022	Cheque Issued	800008	800	3356.1		
20/09/2022	AMZNMktplace	£ amazon.co.uk GBR GBR	9.98	4156.1		
06/09/2022	Cheque Issued	800007	800	4166.08		
28/10/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	2544.1		
28/10/2022	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	2550.1		
28/10/2022	Jade Symonds C	Inward Payment	15	2545.1		
14/10/2022	Cheque Issued	800009	800	2530.1		
28/11/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	1636.61		
25/11/2022	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	1642.61		
21/11/2022	SHELL CASNEW	NEWPORT GBR	20	1637.61		
18/11/2022	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	1657.61		
17/11/2022	ATM Cash Withd	149 COMMERCIAL STREET NEW	60	1652.61		
14/11/2022	SQ VIKING PRI	II Rogerstone WA GBR	30	1712.61		
11/11/2022	Cheque Issued	800010	800	1742.61		
09/11/2022	WHAT	NEWPORT GBR	1.49	2542.61		
28/12/2022	Account Maintenance Fee		6	830.61		
13/12/2022	Cheque Issued	800011	800	836.61		
27/01/2023	Account Maintenance Fee		6	39.61		
27/01/2023	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	45.61		
19/01/2023	O Leverton BF O	Inward Payment	10	40.61		
12/01/2023	Cheque Issued	800012	800	30.61		
28/02/2023	Account Maintenance Fee		6	164.51		
28/02/2023	TESCO-STORE	£ NEWPORT GBR GBR	4.1	170.51		
17/02/2023	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	10	174.61		
10/02/2023	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	164.61		
08/02/2023	Cash Deposit	Counter deposit	100	159.61		
02/02/2023	O Leverton BF O	Inward Payment	20	59.61		
28/03/2023	Account Maintenance Fee		6	183.74		
17/03/2023	Linda Reynolds	F Inward Payment	5	189.74		
16/03/2023	O Leverton BF O	Inward Payment	25	184.74		
10/03/2023	Linda Reynolds	F Inward Payment	5	159.74		
10/03/2023	SCREWFIX DIR	RISCA1872 GBR	14.77	154.74		
03/03/2023	Linda Reynolds	† Inward Payment	5	169.51		
03/04/2023	WHAT	NEWPORT GBR	12.88	170.86	exspediture	income
28/04/2023	Account Maintenance Fee		6	164.86	9739.14	9910