

Action for Autism Barnsley

England & Wales · Charity number 1197465

Details

Other names	AFAAB – ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNSLEY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-01-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AMONG ADULTS WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY OR PARTS OF SOCIETY AS A RESULT OF THEIR AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT, DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR ART-BASED THERAPIES, ADVICE AND SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT ISOLATION AND ENCOURAGE SOCIAL INTERACTION.

Activities: We are a small charity based in Barnsley, that provides social activities for adults with autism. Through our programme, we promote participation in meaningful and fun activity, nurture wellbeing and social connectivity and help reduce isolation and loneliness for individuals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Barnsley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,338	£25,068	-	-
2024-03-31	£29,772	£29,423	-	-
2023-03-31	£32,898	£31,350	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rhona Bywater	Chair	2018-12-21
BENJAMIN HARVEY-WADE		2018-12-21
JOANNE DAVINA MCCAUSLAND		2024-11-15
SIMON DAVID TEWSON		2021-06-23

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Trustees: Rhona Bywater (Chair)
Ben Harvey-Wade (Treasurer)
Joanne McCausland – *appointed 15 November 2024*
Simon Tewson (Secretary)

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ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Chair's Report of Activities and Achievements during the reporting period

I am pleased to be writing this introduction to our fourth Annual Report.

It has been another busy year for the charity, and we have had to respond to some challenges that we realised needed specialist help to resolve. We sought help from The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO); they put us in touch with LawWorks, a company that provides pro bono (free) advice to charities. In addition to advising on the specific issue we asked about, they provided a written report with recommendations on policies and procedures, and this has formed the basis of a work plan that the Board are working through.

Our core work continues to be supporting adults with Autism Spectrum Conditions; adults on the Autism Spectrum often lead isolated lives that can lead to poor mental and physical health. Our aim is to provide opportunities for social interaction that has a positive impact on health and wellbeing. We do this by providing a range of creative and fun social activities that encourage joining in and having a go. This year, the team have been innovative and resourceful as ever in providing a range of imaginative weekly sessions that members enjoy taking part in. Both the Monday Meet-up at the Cooper Gallery, and AfAB Active at the YMCA continue to be well-attended and are attracting more members. The summer days out programme has seen the group visit Liverpool, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and other favourite activities, including ten pin bowling at Barnsley Bowl.

In November 2023, we hosted another cohort of Sheffield University medical students. The students are the GP's and medical professionals of the future, so learning about Autism and raising awareness about the challenges people with Autism face in their lives should help them to consider how they could better support patients and improve their medical practice. We hope to continue this mutually beneficial arrangement with Sheffield University in future.

We now invite two group members to attend our quarterly Trustee meetings on rotation so that all those who want to attend can do so. We feel that moving forward it's important for members to understand how AfAB is run, and also provide an opportunity for them to ask questions and make suggestions about activities.

Special thanks to the staff team:

Katrina who manages the grant programmes and oversees the staff team and session planning as well as maintaining the valuable relationships with stakeholders that lead to innovative collaborative projects for AfAB. One example of this is a Cooper Gallery project that will see the group collaborate to take on the role of curators for an up and coming exhibition at Cooper Gallery.

Rob continues to lead on the AfAB active sessions. The weekly quiz has become a focal point, with members taking turns to set the questions, resulting in some specialist subjects and cryptic lines of thought!

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Carol is a new member of the staff team, and has stepped in at short notice to lead the Monday social group and also the summer outings this year. She is a welcome addition to the team and brings lots of creative ideas and plans for future projects. Welcome Carol!

We have all been devastated by the death of Louise, who passed away in August following a battle with cancer. Louise was a founder member of AfAB and led the Monday Meet-up until earlier this year. She was loved and respected by everyone who knew her, and her absence is keenly felt. In her memory and as part of her legacy, we are setting up the Louise Edwards Fund that will be used to support group members who may need a small grant to pursue an interest or hobby. The group remember how she encouraged individuals to follow their interests and about how she believed in them and their abilities. We are also looking into planting a memorial tree, that can be decorated by the group at various times throughout the year.

Thanks to my fellow Trustees, Ben and Simon. As our Treasurer, Ben deserves a special mention. He keeps the financial records of the grants, donations, income and expenditure as well as day to day banking. He does this in addition to his busy day job and we are as ever grateful for his steadfast support. This year, I'm delighted to report that we have a new Trustee. Jo McCausland, who volunteers with the AfAB Active group, is already a valued member of the team and it's great that she has agreed to join the Board. She brings a wealth of experience from her work in health and the public sector. Welcome Jo!

Rhona Bywater, Chair

Future Plans

The membership has steadily grown over the last few months, with new enquiries happening on a regular basis. To accommodate this growth plans are in place to establish a fourth weekly session, this session will take place in the Library at the Lightbox in the town centre and will be a quieter drop-in session for those that want to spend some structured social time together.

We will also re-establish some project work and links with Barnsley Museums (following the departure of some key staff that we had previously worked with on a number of projects). We will kick start this work with a heritage based project at Experience Barnsley.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

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Financial Review

The Charity's policy on reserves

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- i. its beneficiaries, to ensure the continuation of essential services
- ii. the charity's responsibilities as an employer, to hold sufficient funds to meet obligations to staff and to provide proper notice and redundancy payments in the event of closure. (NB. The charity does not employ staff at the present time, therefore currently there is no liability for redundancy).

At the current level of activity, the trustees calculate the desired level of reserves to be £5,700. At the year-end, the balance of the General Reserve was £15,602 (2024:£19,549). The trustees will use any excess reserves to further the charitable activities.

Financial Review of the Year

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 13. The charity received total income of £32,338 in this financial year. Grants make up 90% of total income, full details of grants received during the year are provided on page 12 of this report. Total expenditure for the year was £25,068, giving a surplus for the year of £7,270. The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £34,807 (2024: £27,537). This consists of balances on restricted grants of £19,205 and the unrestricted reserve of £15,602.

Statement of Trustee responsibility

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: 

Date: 22nd June 2025

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 29 June 2025

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
22 Brocklehurst Avenue, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 3EE

 | Licensed
Accountant

Angela Hayes is licensed and regulated by
AAT under licence number 1006755

ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations & Fundraising	3,067	-	3,067	700
Grants Received	3 400	28,871	29,271	23,976
Student Placement	-	-	-	5,096
Total receipts	3,467	28,871	32,338	29,772
Payments				
Staff Costs	4,449	15,450	19,899	24,345
Room Rent	177	2,008	2,185	1,720
Insurance	273	-	273	251
Activities & Events	384	266	650	1,323
Materials & Equipment	734	175	909	866
Marketing, Publicity & Website	245	-	245	245
Admin Expenses	69	-	69	72
Accountancy Fee	450	-	450	450
Other Expenditure	378	10	388	151
Total payments	7,159	17,909	25,068	29,423
Surplus/(Deficit)	-3,692	10,962	7,270	349
Balance brought forward	19,549	7,988	27,537	27,188
Transfer between funds	(255)	255	-	-
Total funds	15,602	19,205	34,807	27,537

ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Total 2025	Total 2024
Monetary Assets:		
Virgin Money Current Account	£34,807	£27,537
Cash in hand	-	-
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£34,807</u>	<u>£27,537</u>
 Represented by funds:		
Unrestricted Reserve	£15,602	£19,549
Restricted Funds	£19,205	£7,988
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£34,807</u>	<u>£27,537</u>
 Other Assets:		
iPad x 4		
 Liabilities:		
Accountancy fee (£450)		

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 22nd June 2025

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis which summarises the movement of cash in and out of the organisation. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, such as bank accounts where cash can be readily available to pay debts as they fall due. This format of accounts is available to non-company charities with gross annual income of £250,000 or less.

Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund that represents funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from general donations, grants of a general nature, fees for service provision and payment for service delivery contracts.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes and fundraising for specific projects.

2. Gifts in Kind

Use of the Sadler Room at the Cooper Gallery, was provided for our weekly sessions and meeting rooms at the Town Hall for quarterly trustee meetings were provided free of charge.

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3. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	2024 £
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	16,250	16,250	10,000
SWYPT/BCVS	-	-	-	2,500
SWYPT: Creative Minds	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
SYCF: Green Social Prescribing	-	6,996	6,996	-
Shaw Lands Trust	-	1,500	1,500	-
Tesco (Groundworks)	-	1,125	1,125	-
Cloverleaf Advocacy	-	-	-	3,000
Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	1,000
Barnsley MBC	-	-	-	996
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
Making a Difference Locally (NISA)	400	-	400	-
Barnsley CVS - 'Your Voice, Your Views'	-	-	-	480
Total	400	28,871	29,271	23,976

The prior year (2024) D'Oyly Carte and Barnsley CVS grants were unrestricted funds. All other prior year grants were restricted funds.

5. Independent Examination and Accountancy Services

A fee of £450 was paid to Angela Hayes, Community Accountant, for the Independent Examination of accounts and final accounts preparation. (2024: £450).

6. Trustee Remuneration

There were no payments, remuneration or expenses made to trustees during this, or the previous, accounting period.

7. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in this, or the previous, accounting period.

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8. Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
BMBC Better Barnsley Bond	1,519	-	(1,815)	296	-
The National Lottery: Getting Social	6,160	-	(6,160)	-	-
The National Lottery: Connect	-	16,250	(2,309)	-	13,941
SYCF: Green Social Prescribing	-	6,996	(2,737)	-	4,259
Shaw Lands Trust	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
SWYPFT: Creative Minds	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tesco (Groundworks)	-	1,125	(120)	-	1,005
SYPFT/BCVS	270	-	(268)	(2)	-
Yorkshire Building Society	39	-	-	(39)	-
Total	7,988	28,871	(17,909)	255	19,205

BMBC Better Barnsley Bond – funding to support the delivery of the Monday Meet-Up, the focus during this project was health and learning.

The National Lottery Awards for All: Getting Social – a grant to support a range of activities including the Social Central weekly group, the weekly Games and Hobby Group and the weekly ukulele session.

The National Lottery Community Fund: Connect – grant funding for group running costs, including venue hire, project management and activities.

SYCF: Green Social Prescribing – a grant to fund the walking group, outdoor trips and excursions.

Shaw Lands Trust – a grant used for staff costs for the running of Friday Hobby and Games sessions.

SWYPFT: Creative Minds – a grant toward the cost of the Monday Meet-up.

Tesco: Groundworks – a grant to support the delivery of the Monday Meet-up.

SWYPFT/BCVS: Your Voice - participation in research with group members that explored issues around Adult Social Care.

The Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation – grant funding for materials and equipment that have been used across all project activity.

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Activities and Achievements during the reporting period

Another successful year for Action for Autism Barnsley has passed and our regular weekly and bi-weekly group have continued to be popular with our members.

Monday Meet-Up has been delivered by Louise Edwards and Katrina Whale, and a range of creative activities taken place that have encouraged group members to develop their creative skills whilst discussing and sharing thoughts and ideas. These sessions are a great way for members to build their social connections with one another whilst exploring their imaginations. During the winter we hosted a handful of sessions for Barnsley Youth Theatre and members contributed some quite magical ideas for their show, Spooky Campfire Tales, that they were working on. During the summer we had our usual break from weekly sessions and enjoyed trips out and about to Sheffield, Locke Park, Bowling and Old Moor. We continue to be grateful to Barnsley Museums for providing in-kind use of the Sadler Room at the wonderful Cooper Gallery.

Being Social which takes place at the YMCA is fast becoming our best attended weekly session, and we are delighted that we to have had new members join this group during the year. These social sessions have an emphasis on members choosing their own activities, the scrabble table has become a firm favourite with a handful of members and setting and leading the end of session quiz has also become very popular. It is great to see members taking the lead and stepping up to the challenge of leading activity. These sessions have been run by Francesca Cutts and Rob Whale. We have also been blessed by the regular volunteer support from Jo McAustland, who has made herself well and truly part of the group and is a fantastic and valuable addition to the team.

The smaller Hobby and Game session continues to be a favourite for members that enjoy a quieter session, and the bi-weekly walk group seems to suit those who like some morning activity, which is not everyone! These sessions have also been led by Francesca and Rob.

We welcomed the opportunity for members and families to get involved in Barnsley Council's 'Your Voice' research and share views and knowledge about Adult Social Care. Being involved in the research highlighted some of the challenges ahead for our members and was serious food for thought.

Hosting the three and a half week placements for Sheffield University medical students was a welcome experience, again this year. It is always refreshing to have some younger people with us for a while. Our group members were ever generous in sharing their experiences of being neuro-diverse with them, reflecting on home life, school experiences and interactions with the medical services. As ever the students leave with a greater understanding and insight, which hopefully they take forward into their future careers.

We have continued to benefit throughout the year from the support of Barnsley Museums and were sad to see the departure of Lynn Dunning, Head of Service and Gaby Lees, Community Art Officer, who have been ever supportive of the group and brought wonderful experiences our way. We look forward to working with new members of the museum team over the coming year.

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Financial Review of the Year

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: 

Date: 03 June 2024

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

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I have no concerns and I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *A Hayes*

Date: 03 June 2024

Angela Hayes, FMAAT
Community Accountant
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Accountant

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ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations & Fundraising	700	-	700	14,217
Grants Received	4 3,480	20,496	23,976	15,450
Student Placement	5,096	-	5,096	5,096
Total receipts	9,276	20,496	29,772	34,763
Payments				
Staff Costs	5,165	19,180	24,345	27,925
Room Rent	180	1,540	1,720	1,805
Insurance	251	-	251	240
Activities & Events	333	990	1,323	2,558
Materials & Equipment	58	808	866	641
Marketing, Publicity & Website	-	245	245	263
Accountancy Fee	450	-	450	400
Other Expenditure	71	152	223	386
Total payments	6,508	22,915	29,423	34,218
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,768	(2,419)	349	545
Balance brought forward	17,086	10,102	27,188	-
Transfers-in 01.04.2022	2 -	-	-	26,643
Transfer between funds	(305)	305	-	-
Total funds	19,549	7,988	27,537	27,188

ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Monetary Assets:		
Virgin Money Current Account	£27,537	£27,188
Cash in hand	-	-
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£27,537</u>	<u>£27,188</u>
 Represented by funds:		
Unrestricted Reserve	£19,549	£17,086
Restricted Funds	£7,988	£10,102
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£27,537</u>	<u>£27,188</u>
 Other Assets:		
iPad x 4		
 Liabilities:		
Accountancy fee (£450)		

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 03 June 2024

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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Funds structure

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund that represents funds that are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from general donations, grants of a general nature, fees for service provision and payment for service delivery contracts.

Restricted funds may be provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes and fundraising for specific projects.

2. Transfers-in

The following funds were transferred to the CIO from Action for Autism and Aspergers Barnsley (Unincorporated Association) on 1st April 2022:

General unrestricted funds - £7,699

Restricted grants - £18,944

3. Gifts in Kind

Use of the Sadler Room at the Cooper Gallery, was provided for our weekly sessions and meeting rooms at the Town Hall for quarterly trustee meetings were provided free of charge.

ACTION FOR AUTISM BARNSLEY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
SWYPT/BCVS	-	2,500	2,500	-
SWYPT: Creative Minds	-	3,000	3,000	6,000
Cloverleaf Advocacy	-	3,000	3,000	-
Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Barnsley MBC	-	996	996	-
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000	-
Barnsley CVS - 'Your Voice, Your Views'	480	-	480	-
SYCF Jubilee fund	-	-	-	2,450
The Freshgate Foundation Trust	-	-	-	2,000
BMBC Better Barnsley Bond	-	-	-	5,000
Total	3,480	20,496	23,976	15,450

All prior year grants (2023) were restricted funds.

5. Independent Examination and Accountancy Services

Fees of £450 were paid to BCVS Services Limited for the Independent Examination of accounts. (2023: £400).

6. Trustee Remuneration

There were no payments, remuneration or expenses made to trustees during this, or the previous, accounting period.

7. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in this, or the previous, accounting period.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8. Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
BMBC Moving Mental Health Forward	-	996	(996)	-	-
BMBC Better Barnsley Bond	5,000	-	(3,481)	-	1,519
Cloverleaf Advocacy	-	3,000	(3,004)	4	-
The National Lottery : Social Connections	942	-	(942)	-	-
The National Lottery : Getting Social	-	10,000	(3,840)	-	6,160
SYPFT Creative Minds	2,160	3,000	(5,160)	-	-
SYPFT/BCVS	-	2,500	(2,230)	-	270
Yorkshire Building Society	-	1,000	(961)	-	39
The Freshgate Foundation Trust	2,000	-	(2,301)	301	-
Total	10,102	20,496	(22,915)	305	7,988

BMBC Moving Mental Health Forward – a grant to fund one-to-one and small group social walks for members.

BMBC Better Barnsley Bond – funding to support the delivery of the Monday Meet-Up, the focus during this project was health and learning.

Cloverleaf Advocacy – funding for the Social Central weekly session at the YMCA and bi-weekly Mind Miles walks.

The National Lottery: Awards for All (Building Social Connections) - this was a multi-layered project to enable the weekly Active session to continue and to support introduction meet-ups and one-to-one sessions.

The National Lottery: Awards for All (Getting Social) – a grant to support a range of activities including the Social Central weekly group, the weekly Games and Hobby Group and the weekly ukulele session.

SYPFT Creative Minds – a grant to support the 'Out and About' project which involved several outings and linked creative activities that took place as part of the Monday Meet-up sessions.

SYPFT/BCVS: Your Voice - participation in research with group members that explored issues around Adult Social Care.

The Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation – grant funding for materials and equipment that have been used across all project activity.

The Freshgate Foundation Trust – A grant to fund the Meet Up Next Step project.

Action for Autism Barnsley

England & Wales - Charity number 1197465

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ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNLEY

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNSELY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Full Name: ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNSELY

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Phil Davies (Secretary) - *Resigned 23.07.2021*
Ben Harvey-Wade (Treasurer)
Simon Tewson (Secretary) - *Appointed 22.09.2021*

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ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNSELEY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2022.

Structure, governance and management

Action for Autism and Asperger's Barnsley is an unincorporated charitable association governed by its constitution, adopted 28 March 2019.

Membership of the Group is open to any individual who is:

- Interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims
- Willing to abide by the rules of the Group and
- Willing to pay any subscription agreed by the Management Committee

The group is administrated by a Management Committee of not less than three and not more than twelve individuals, elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (A.G.M).

The Officers of the Management Committee are the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

At the year-end, the charity was in the process of changing its legal status. A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 12 January 2022, 'AFAAB - Action for Autism and Asperger's Barnsley', registered Charity Number 1197465. The activities of the unincorporated charity, together with all remaining assets and liabilities will transfer to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 1st April 2022.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are the members of the Management Committee and are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing these accounts, are listed on page 3 of this report.

Related Parties

There are no related parties to the organisation.

Charitable Objects

The objects of the Group are:

To promote the wellbeing of isolated adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder by the provision of creative meet-up sessions, physical activity sessions and outings and trips to prevent isolation and encourage social interaction in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life and enabling them to enrich their lives, social skills and confidence.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the group is to bring adults with Asperger's and Autism in Barnsley together as a social group with the aim of building confidence, developing meaningful connections and reducing isolation. We strive to run a programme of social outings and get-togethers where people can enjoy doing new, creative and fun activities as part of a peer support group.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Specific Aims

- To provide adults with autism in Barnsley an opportunity to meet up with other people with the same condition as themselves.
- To enable group members to develop their sense of individuality and identity by engaging in activity independently from their families. The group can help support a sense of purpose and connection; this is extremely beneficial when individuals may feel unconnected without direction.
- To give members a chance to develop their social skills and build friendships.
- To provide opportunities to reduce isolation – it is notable that the majority of the group live socially isolated lives. The group meet-ups provide a rare opportunity to spend time with other people.
- To help people to achieve 'small wins' such as building confidence and self-esteem, which provide the basis for longer term outcomes.
- To offer a chance to build confidence through experiencing new and different activities in the safety of a group setting. This includes travel to and from different places using public transport as well as the activities themselves.
- To enable life-enriching experiences that can be shared and talked about with family members. To give their life structure and purpose.
- To provide a range of new experiences that individuals may choose to engage in further outside of the group.

Activities and Achievements during the reporting period

Monday Meet-Up

This weekly session has continued to be the core focus of AfaAB programme. Most of our members attend this session and participate in a rich range of creative activities led by Louise Edwards. Barnsley Museums have continued to offer the group bespoke access to their engagement programme. A highlight was involvement in the National Gallery tour of the Jan Van Huysum's 'Flowers in a terracotta vase', where the group wrote a poem in response to the work that was displayed alongside it. Ignite Imaginations, Sheffield also invited the group to be part of their 'Mozart and Me' project. Creativity soared through this project as scripts and puppets were created and filmed in response to Flute Quartet No 1. This project culminated at a wonderful sharing event in Sheffield where the groups work was showcased.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

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Active

The weekly sessions were re-launched at the YMCA. The facilities here enable people to engage in gentle physical exercise such as table tennis, pool, and other games. This session is proving a popular first step into group activity for new members.

A positive spin-off from this session has been the opportunity to take group members to an inclusive gym session at the Metrodome leisure centre. A small number of members have embraced the opportunity to attend the gym independently and have individual membership and individual training programmes.

One to One Sessions

Covid-19 related funding has enabled AfAAB to continue to offer existing and new members one-to-one sessions. These have been an ideal way of keeping in touch with members during times of social distancing, giving members an opportunity to go for a walk or have a creative meet-up with a member of the AfAAB team. As well as having social benefit, the walks are a good way of providing physical activity.

We have also used one-to-one sessions as a way of engaging with potential new members who need a little support to build confidence and familiarity before joining group activity.

Hobby Groups

Two weekly hobby groups have been established, these are for small groups of people to gather, spend social time together whilst enjoying individual making and crafting projects.

Emerging from the Pandemic

As we emerged from the pandemic, we were delighted to start back up our group sessions and re-ignite our social based offer. We are continuing to build on the lessons learned during the pandemic, the valuable one-to-one work and the smaller group size for Monday Meet-up, that have now become regular features. We have also enjoyed continuing to work with partners Barnsley Museum and establish a new partnership with Ignite Imaginations, and look forward to more project work with them in the coming year.

We have also been delighted to welcome some new members, some of whom are participating in one-to-one sessions and others are attending group activity, it is great that AfAAB is reaching out to new people and lovely to have new members.

Financial Review

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The Charity's policy on reserves

At the financial year-end, the balance of the general reserve was £7,699 (2021:£1,325). The trustees view this to be acceptable as income is raised to be spent on the charitable activities and the liabilities and financial risk are considered to be minimal.

ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNLEY

TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

New Funds Received in the Year

The charity received the following new funds, full details of which can be found in note 5 to the accounts:

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council – Service User grant
- Yorkshire Sport – Tackling Inequalities Fund
- The National Lottery Loneliness Fund – Stay Connected
- The National Lottery Awards for all – Building Social Connections
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council – Moving Mental Health Forwards (Connections)
- South Yorkshire Community Foundation – Mayoral Fund
- South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner grant

Financial Review of the Year

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 13. The Receipts and Payments Account shows a surplus for the year of £1,548 (2021: £8,160). The total funds of the charity at year-end stand at £26,643 (2021: £25,095). The reserves of the charity, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £7,699 at the year-end (2021: £1,325).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: Ben Harvey-Wade Date: 20 June 2022

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNSLEY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	2021
Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations & Fundraising	510	-	510	725
Grants Received	5	26,120	26,120	25,517
Project Fees	1,172	-	1,172	50
Health Education England (Student Placements)	5,096	-	5,096	-
Total receipts	6,778	26,120	32,898	26,292
Payments				
Staff Costs	-	27,891	27,891	13,237
Room Rent	404	981	1,385	160
Insurance	-	242	242	240
Activities & Events	-	125	125	2,005
Materials & Equipment	-	911	911	1,027
Marketing, Publicity & Website	-	235	235	1,281
Accountancy Fee	-	325	325	-
Other Expenditure	-	236	236	182
Total payments	404	30,946	31,350	18,132
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,374	(4,826)	1,548	8,160
Balance brought forward	1,325	23,770	25,095	16,935
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	7,699	18,944	26,643	25,095

ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNLEY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
Monetary Assets:		
Virgin Money Current Account	£26,643	£25,095
Cash In hand	-	-
Total Monetary Assets	<u>£26,643</u>	<u>£25,095</u>


Other Assets:

iPad x 4
Huawei Honor 7S mobile phone
Bose docking station

Liabilities:

Accountancy fee (£400)

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 20 June 2022

Ben Harvey-Wade, Treasurer

ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNSELY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting policies

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2. Gifts in Kind

The charity received 2 iPads, a Huawei Honor 7S mobile phone and a Bose docking station, donated upon the closure of registered charity, Qdos Creates.

3. Trustee Remuneration

There were no payments, remuneration or expenses made to trustees during this, or the previous accounting period.

4. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in this, or in the previous accounting period.

ACTION FOR AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S BARNSELY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5. Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
BMBC Service User Grant	2,448	2,500	(2,496)	(119)	2,333
BMBC Resilience Fund	80	-	(76)	-	4
BMBC Moving Mental Health Forward	-	2,040	-	-	2,040
The National Lottery Awards for All	4,480	-	(4,480)	-	-
Sport England	6,110	-	(4,935)	-	1,175
Coop Community Fund	1,992	-	(669)	(1,323)	-
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	-	5,985	(3,045)	-	2,940
The National Lottery - Better Connected	2,405	-	(2,405)	-	-
The National Lottery - Stay Connected	-	2,500	(2,512)	12	-
The National Lottery - Social Connections	-	9,975	-	-	9,975
Yorkshire Sport Tackling Inequalities Fund	6,955	-	(6,478)	-	477
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	(700)	3,120	(3,850)	1,430	-
Total	23,770	26,120	(30,946)	-	18,944

BMBC (Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council) Service User Grant – A grant to contribute to the running of the support group and to cover some of the infrastructure costs such as website hosting, annual insurance and accountancy fees.

BMBC Resilience Fund – A grant for the purchase of iPads for two members who did not have suitable IT equipment to join the group online sessions.

BMBC Moving Mental Health Forward (Connections) – Connections will enable AfaAB to offer a series of one to one sessions and a series of buddying-up/small group activities.

The National Lottery Awards for All – A grant to fund the 'Kick Start' project. This fund was the keystone for being able to deliver a six-month programme of bespoke activity to meet members' needs during the Covid pandemic. Funding was utilised during the year to pay freelance staff to maintain good levels of contact through phone calls, text messaging and group online sessions. The group sessions have been a good vehicle for maintaining a wider sense of belonging and connectivity. When allowed, the group met up for an outing, this work was paid for by this fund.

Sport England – A grant to fund weekly physical based sessions. The fund is used to meet the running costs for weekly physical activity sessions that are delivered at Barnsley Town Hall or out in the community.

Coop Community Fund – This grant was to support the ongoing weekly activity and was also used to support the development of the new AfaAB website.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

South Yorkshire Community Foundation – A grant from the Mayoral Fund to contribute to staff and project costs.

The National Lottery Coronavirus Community Support Fund (Better Connected) – The grant enabled AfAAB to develop a further strand of activity that links to being active. The funding was used to work on a one-to-one basis with members who are not engaged with physical activity, encouraging individuals who might not ordinarily get outdoors to do so.

The National Lottery Loneliness Fund (Stay Connected) - This fund enabled the charity to offer members one to one session with a facilitator that aimed to give members a sense of connection and reduce isolation.

The National Lottery Awards for All (Building Social Connections) - This multi-layered project will enable the weekly Active session to continue and will also support introduction meet-ups and one-to-one sessions.

Yorkshire Sport - Tackling Inequalities Fund – The fund has enabled AfAAB to develop a further strand of activity that links to being active. Funding is being used to work on a one-to-one basis with members who are not engaged in physical activity. We are offering members a one-to-one creative-walk, this combination of creative and physical activity is encouraging individuals to be active and get outdoors, alongside the opportunity of building social confidence.

South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner –Grant funding to enable the charity to extend the programme of one-to-one activity, primarily walks and face-to-face meet-ups to be put in place. As Covid restrictions lifted members have been keen for in person contact and this fund has enabled this work to take place.

