



## **Pride in Belper (1202064), Trustees' Annual Report: Secretary**

**February 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

### Meetings of the Committee:

Between February 2023 and the end of September 2023 the committee met 14 times. All meetings had quorate attendance. Minutes were kindly recorded by Adrian Farmer and stored centrally.

### Trustees for 2022 to 2023:

At the formalisation of Pride in Belper as a registered charity in February 2023 until the end of the reporting year (September 2023), the named trustees were:

- Sarah Barley-McMullen (Chair)
- Mary McLean-Farmer (Treasurer)
- Helen Barley-McMullen (Secretary)
- Adrian Farmer
- Lyndsey Myers
- Neil Hunt

### Activities and Achievements:

Pride in Belper has stayed true to the constitution of the charity; seeking to inform and unify. During the period of February to September 2023 the charity has delivered/participated in:

- **Live Music 24/02/23** – Live band session held as a ticketed event at the local church for the purpose of promoting PiB and fundraising.
- **PiB local cinema take over 29/07/23** – Hosted a film event at the local cinema held as a ticketed event for the purpose of promoting PiB and fundraising.
- **Pride in Belper 05/08/23** – Large community event based on the celebration and education surrounding the LGBT+ family held in the heart of Belper and including the wider community of Belper. Despite the appalling weather, attendance was impressively estimated at two thousand for the parade. We faced the largest number of challenges yet, but due to flexible and effective planning and the resilience and dedication of our volunteers, it was still a great success.
- **Pride in Belper Fun Dog Show 06/08/23** – Fun dog show hosted by PiB and held in the centre of Belper
- **PiB attendance at or participation/involvement with:**
  - Local farmers market
  - Church fayre
  - Belper Town Council application for the Academy of Urbanism Awards

Submitted by: Helen Barley-McMullen, Secretary, Pride in Belper

Signed:

Dated: 18/01/2024



## Chair's Report

September 2023.

### Introduction:

1. Pride in Belper exists to normalise the visibility of LGBTQ+ people, encourage community inclusion, and celebrate the diversity of identity for everyone within our community.
2. We do this through the four pillars on which Pride in Belper was first developed: **Sustainability, Accessibility, Inclusivity and Diversity**. At each Pride event we hope these pillars are reflected clearly throughout the day, and throughout other events that we support throughout the year.
3. At Pride in Belper we believe that real inclusion should reflect an unedited community, and so we welcome EVERYONE to Pride, but we ask you to challenge and change beliefs and actions which exclude, diminish, and discriminate against others.

### Activities and Achievements:

1. Dragged up in Belper was a new addition to PiB this year. The event was held prior to Pride in Belper. We hired the local Cinema and encouraged the community to come to watch the film in 'Drag'.
2. We held a fundraising gig in St Peter's Church. A local band played for free and the Church only charged for heating. We had a good night, though we need to do better with the advertising if we do this again.
3. The Chair worked with two local secondary schools for the first time this year. One of them had just set up a Pride Club. We asked them to create a banner and lead the Strutt Parade.
4. We were invited to attend a community day in the next door town. We went with flag and stickers and had some really good conversation and created some good networking opportunities with a local school.
5. The weather at PiB this year was heavy rain all day. However, this did not deter the 2500 people who showed up for the Strutt Parade – which was a gin very moving.
6. The Dog Show on the day after PiB was again extremely well attended. A number of staff also attended and enjoyed the event.
7. We were invited to talk about Pride in Belper by the Belper in Bloom team when they had judges visit the town, to assess the town's presentation of flower beds. We talked about being part of St. Peter's Church flower

Festival and donating the flowers used at Pride in Belper to local care homes after the event.

8. We were also invited to speak with the judges from the Academy of Urbanism when they visited the town. The Judges were so impressed by Pride in Belper that they asked the Chair to give a presentation about Pride in Belper to their membership group in September. The presentation was received well.

### **Impact:**

1. The impact of Pride in Belper continues to grow. The event draws people in the town all year round as they know Belper is working to become an inclusive town.
2. Another LGBTQ+ Youth club has been established in the town, due to the visible level of inclusion PiB create.

### **Financial Overview:**

1. Please see the treasurer's report.

### **Governance and Management:**

1. There were changes to the make -up of the Committee this year, with one committee member stepping down. We now have 5 committee members and four associate members relating to:
  - a. Volunteers;
  - b. Children and families;
  - c. Sound and performance and
  - d. Drag.

### **Gratitude and Recognition:**

1. As a team we are grateful to all the local people and organisations who sponsored us this year, either with their time or money. The whole event is organised to continue the development of an inclusive culture within the town, no one involved in the organising or delivery of it is paid, and any profit that is made is ploughed back into planning and delivering the next LGBTQ+ event in Belper.
2. A huge thank you also needs to go to the committee and associates for giving their all to make pride a 'Welcome Protest' within our community.

### **Sarah Barley-McMullen**

Trustee and Chair of Pride in Belper



## **Treasurer's report for 23rd February 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The cost of living crisis has shown noticeable effects this year. Costs of First Aid and Insurance have risen since 2022 and fewer people are able to afford to make donations.

Our Grants Officer was able to procure some funding to allow us to provide a BSL signer this year. We again were able to supply a Mobiloo (now called Revolootion) and were able to hire No28 for an LGBT+ café.

We invested in a couple of Sum Up machines, as feedback from last year suggested cash purchases of merchandise were not as favoured post covid. Unfortunately we lost some cash from bad debit cards and we will be improving training for volunteers handling sales in future.

Heavy rain took our numbers down this year but the people who attended were grateful the event was free and that we still went ahead.

Mary McLean Farmer

Treasurer Pride in Belper

18/01/2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary McLean', is written over a faint circular stamp.

## **Pride in Belper Balance Sheet 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Brought forward	2933.13	Expenditure	10579.3
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<b>Income:</b>		At bank	7473.85
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Sponsorship	1224
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Donations	476.42
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Stalls	2195
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Grants (restricted funds)	7078
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Events & merch	3982.60
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Other	164
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Total Income	<b>£15120.02</b>
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Carried forward £ 7473.85

### **Expenditure:**

Flags, banners etc	649.63
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Concert St Peters	673.43
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Website	396
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Road /licenses/Signs/4x4 group	474.48
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Merchandise	535.68
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Events insurance	675.06
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Mobiloo	491
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No28/Ritz hire	401
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First aid	2650
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Stage hire	250
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Musicians	240
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Events sundries	2988.02
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BSL	155
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Total Expenditure	<b>£10579.3</b>
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