

Chair's Report 2023

This year we have managed to meet more in person.

Playscheme has supported a record number of families with a large waiting list for 2023. Those who did attend had a great time. Ofsted visited and made a few small recommendations which were made the same day.

Sparkle Club has continued to grow and now is also open on Tuesdays .

Signpost Volunteers continue to meet at a Different Brew once a month for careers . They have continued to make grants. Anne Tombs has moved away and we wish her well and thank her for all she did over the years.

Smiley Club has yet to reopen.

My thanks to all on the committee for their continued help and support.

Vanessa Wilson

BEDFORD & DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

(Affiliated to The Royal Mencap Society.

Charity Commission No 218689)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<u>INCOME</u>					
Minibus	1	802	~	802	909
Donations	2	22,782	~	22,782	1,993
Subscriptions		423	~	423	453
Gift Aid - tax refunds		151	~	151	0
In memory of deceased members		53	~	53	470
Weekly Bonanza - income	925				
less:prizes paid out	<u>210</u>	715	~	715	750
Interest		362	100	462	42
Sparkle Club Income	4	~	2,710	2,710	0
Summer Playscheme income	5	~	53,260	53,260	48,205
Held for Smiley Club	6	~	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Income		<u>25,288</u>	<u>57,494</u>	<u>82,782</u>	<u>52,822</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Grants for Holidays		~	200	200	700
Signpost Volunteers:- grants & expenses		400	-	400	400
Grant: Ridgeway School		~	-	~	500
Minibus:- running costs	1	1,884	-	1,884	1,576
Administration		34	-	34	237
Insurance/Affiliation		802	-	802	318
To Royal Mencap	3	~	-	~	6,426
Miscellaneous		81	-	81	125
Sparkle Club costs	4	~	4,457	4,457	1,991
Summer Playscheme costs	5	~	<u>62,643</u>	62,643	<u>46,494</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>3,201</u>	<u>67,300</u>	<u>70,501</u>	<u>58,767</u>
Net incoming/outgoing Resources		<u>22,087</u>	<u>(9,806)</u>	<u>12,281</u>	<u>(5,945)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

	<u>30th Sept 2023</u>		<u>30th Sept 2022</u>	
Note	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Scottish Widows 3 month notice a/c	10,784		10,689	
CafBank Deposit Account	29,590		12,227	
CafBank Current Account	5,455		10,632	
Cash in hand	58		58	
		<u>45,887</u>		<u>33,606</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>				
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	7			
- balance brought forward	11,107			
plus: excess of income over expenditure	<u>22,087</u>	33,194		11,107
<u>Restricted Funds</u>	8			
- balance brought forward	22,499			
less: excess expenditure over income	<u>(9,806)</u>	12,693		<u>22,499</u>
		<u>45,887</u>		<u>33,606</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
1 <u>MINIBUS</u>			
The net running costs for the minibus were	1,082		667
2 <u>DONATIONS RECEIVED</u>			
Dorothy Boyd Trust	11,000		
North Beds Toy Library	11,682		
<u>Other donations (2)</u>	<u>100</u>	22,782	1,993
3 <u>PAYMENT MADE TO ROYAL MENCAP</u>			
This payment to Royal Mencap Society (made in the previous financial year) related to Marathon sponsorship monies which were mistakenly made to ourselves instead of to the Royal Society and thus had to be paid over to the Royal Society. There was no financial impact on our Society - we paid over what we had already received.			
4 <u>SPARKLE CLUB</u>			
<u>Income</u>			
Subs	1,735		
Tuck shop sales	<u>975</u>	<u>2,710</u>	0
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Tuck shop purchases	925		
Leader - salary	1,853		
Rent	1,020		
Miscellaneous	<u>659</u>		
Total Expenditure		<u>4,457</u>	<u>1,991</u>
<u>Excess of Expenditure over Income</u>		<u>(1,747)</u>	<u>(1,991)</u>

5 SUMMER PLAYScheme

<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Grants: Bedford Borough & Central Beds Councils	19,860	19,860
<u>Raised by Bedford Mencap:</u>		
Personal gifts	285	300
Interest	100	0
Parental payments	<u>33,015</u>	<u>28,045</u>
Total Income	<u>53,260</u>	<u>48,205</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Staff salaries + N.I.	47,983	39,825
Transport	3,877	706
Volunteers' expenses	374	254
Admin costs	636	0
Toys and equipment	265	190
Entertainment	1,970	970
Rent & Registration fee	5,044	3,040
Training costs	424	142
Miscellaneous	<u>2,070</u>	<u>1,367</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>62,643</u>	<u>46,494</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>(9,383)</u>	<u>1,711</u>

6 SMILEY CLUB

These items are sponsorship money earmarked for Smiley Club, using our Just Giving page. Since the year end, Smiley Club has closed down, paying over to this Society its remaining assets, and we have agreed to set up a new Club for children with Learning Disabilities in the Bedford area

7 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

<u>Accumulated Fund (Unrestricted Fund)</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		£	£
Balance brought forward	3,107		
plus: excess of income over expenditure	22,087		
plus: transfer from New Minibus Fund	<u>8,000</u>	33,194	3,107
 <u>New Minibus Fund (Designated Fund)</u>			
Balance brought forward	8,000		
Fund closed by transfer to Accumulated Fund	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,000</u>
		<u>33,194</u>	<u>11,107</u>

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

<u>Jim Nickson Holiday Fund</u>			
Balance brought forward	8,280		
plus: interest	100		
less: grants made	<u>(200)</u>	8,180	8,280
<u>Summer Playscheme</u>			
Balance brought forward	9,932		
less: excess of expenditure over income	<u>(9,383)</u>	549	9,932
<u>Sparkle Club</u>			
Balance brought forward	4,287		
less: excess of expenditure over income	<u>(1,747)</u>	2,540	4,287
6 <u>Held for Smiley Club</u>	1,424	<u>1,424</u>	<u>~</u>
		<u>12,693</u>	<u>22,499</u>

Reserves Policy

The Executive Committee has established a policy whereby the Unrestricted Funds not committed or held in a Designated Fund should be maintained at a level between 6 and 9 months of annual expenditure so that the activities of the Society would be able to continue should there be a significant drop in funding. Clearly, the Unrestricted monies held at the year end far exceed this requirement, caused by 2 completely unexpected events:-

firstly, the receipt of £11,000 from the disbursement of the Dorothy Boyd Trust and

secondly, the receipt of £11,682 following the sad closure of the North Beds Toy Library

In addition, after the year end, our Minibus was stolen, completely wrecked, and written off by our insurers.

Given the increasing decline in the use of the Minibus and the very expensive cost of buying a new vehicle, the difficult decision was taken not to do so. A fair offer from our insurers was accepted as the write off

value, and this amount will appear in the current year's Accounts. In the meantime, the balance held in the New

Minibus Fund (£8,000) has been transferred to the Accumulated Fund, further increasing the amount held here

Your Committee will carefully consider ways in which these monies can best be used for the benefit of

People with Learning Disabilities in the Bedford area.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF BEDFORD & DISTRICT SOCIETY FOR
PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Registered charity: 218689

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30th September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

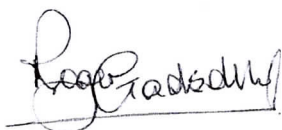
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Roger Gadsden

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Date: 2nd July 2024.