

Berinsfield Information and Volunteer Centre

Chair Trustees report 2018/19

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The promotion of any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community of Berinsfield, Oxfordshire and the surrounding area, by the advancement of education, the protection of health, the relief of poverty, sickness and distress.

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS


During the past year Berinsfield Information and Volunteer Centre has continued to carry out its main activity providing help and support to the community of Berinsfield and the surrounding areas. On-going changes to the benefit system and Universal Credit bring challenges to both clients and the volunteers, which involves a considerable amount of time and resources.

I was appointed as the new chair in February 2019, as a result of the resignation of Sue Hurley. One new volunteer adviser has been recruited during this last 12 months.

Good links have been established with other agencies and work is carried out in partnership and/or collaboration with SODC, SOHA, the Health Centre, Aspire, Riverside, AgeUK, Wallingford Food Bank, the local Youth Centre, The Berin Centre and the Schools. We also work with the local council and bus club to provide information for parents whose children need a school bus to school.

The centre continues to produce and deliver the Village Voice magazine and runs monthly coffee mornings, which not only provides a funding opportunity, but more importantly is a meeting place for villagers and help to combat loneliness and isolation. The centre also runs a good neighbour scheme and is continuing to try and set up a driving scheme, which has proved difficult. Vouchers for the local Food Bank are distributed, which is a much needed facility in the area and the numbers applying have increased by 36.6% in the past year.

Funding for the centre is becoming harder to obtain and a great deal of time is spent trying to find alternative sources. Caroline and Nicky have worked together looking for other grants to apply for and activities to raise much needed money. The centre relies on the goodwill of the volunteers and the generosity of the funders. The trustees thank all of those who have contributed either financially or with their very valuable time.



Liz Rhodes, MBE

Trustees Chair

**BERINSFIELD INFORMATION & VOLUNTEER CENTRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £	2018 Total Funds £
Income					
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Grants	2	36,381	-	36,381	38,500
Fundraising		5,478	-	5,478	3,851
Donations		665	-	665	785
Village Voice		-	-	-	321
Rent		600	-	600	600
		<u>43,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,124</u>	<u>44,057</u>
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Interest		38	-	38	20
Total Incoming Resources		<u>43,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,162</u>	<u>44,077</u>
Expenditure					
Raising Funds		2,150	-	2,150	-
Charitable Activities	3	44,558	-	44,558	33,980
Governance Costs		323	-	323	351
Total Resources Expended		<u>47,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,031</u>	<u>34,331</u>
Net Income		(3,869)	-	(3,869)	9,746
Transfers Between Funds		<u>18,250</u>	<u>(18,250)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		14,381	(18,250)	(3,869)	9,746
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 January 2018		<u>11,541</u>	<u>18,250</u>	<u>29,791</u>	<u>20,045</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 December 2018		<u>25,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,922</u>	<u>29,791</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

BERINSFIELD INFORMATION & VOLUNTEER CENTRE

I report on the accounts of Berinsfield Information & Volunteer Centre for the year ended 31 March 2019 which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

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 under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) do not apply 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 our attention.

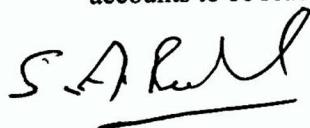
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 of 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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