



Access Bedford Annual Report 2019/2020

Access Bedford the Charity

Access Bedford's aim is to work with the D/deaf and hard of hearing community to make Bedford more accessible. Access Bedford is set up to promote social inclusion among members of the D/deaf and hard of hearing community living in Bedford and the surrounding area. We will do this by;

- ▶ Raising public awareness of the issues affecting D/deaf people
- ▶ Campaigning for the promotion of British Sign Language to be on an equal footing to spoken and written English
- ▶ Providing recreational facilities and opportunities for D/deaf people These are known as our Charity Objects.

We will empower, support and involve the D/deaf community to improve services locally.

The organisation started in April 2014 as a constituted group, moving to registered charity status in July 2015 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

In 2019/20 Access Bedford had 3 trustees, who operated as voting members of the CIO. Chair Catherine Wright Treasurer Helene Bolton Secretary Claire Jones

Within the CIO constitution for Access Bedford, the three trustees can serve until the AGM in 2020. They meet as a committee every 4 – 6 weeks and make decisions on the work of the charity to help meet the charity objects. There are no paid staff employed by Access Bedford.

During 2019/20, there have been four non-voting members who have supported the charity and their work by attending meetings and supporting events. They are Peter Cooke, Ally Tree , Shelley Caswell and Joanne Robison. Non-voting members will be elected at each AGM.

Trustees and non-voting members are supported through induction and training. Meetings are in BSL with a voice over where needed.

Chairs Report



Its been another amazing year for me as Chair, we continue to be recognised by businesses and services in Bedford as being important to the deaf community.

We are regularly approached by other community groups and businesses looking for advice regarding accessibility issues. We have members who sit on other Forums such as the BBPCF, The Higgins community engagement panel, attend SEND meetings and have a voice through Bedford and Inclusive Town.

We were a charity partner for the Bedford Half Marathon weekend in 2019 and provided BSL support across the whole event which was amazing! We will be doing it all again this year.

We have provided BSL Interpreters at events such as Soup Fest, Book Fest, Theatre performances and Bedpop.

Our BSL Café is going from Strength to strength thanks to Helene and Ally's hard work and Peter has delivered some fabulous BSL art tours.

The Young at Heart group continues to be an important part of our monthly events along with Deaf Space and Quiz Nights.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has had an impact on how we carry out our activities, however the amazing committee have once again risen to the challenge and moved our services on line.

Deaf space continues to be the place where people can come for a whole range of issues.

I want to thank all our volunteers that have made Access Bedford a success in the last year.

Thank you!

The Money

Access Bedford does not have any debts, guarantees or liabilities. An asset log detailing equipment is maintained by the trustees. Charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties. Access Bedford does not have a reserves policy in place at present. The annual income does not meet the threshold for external auditing.

Detailed accounts can be shared on request or can be viewed at our website

<https://accessbedford.wordpress.com>

Access Bedford Account

Starting balance 01.04.19 **£6843.29**

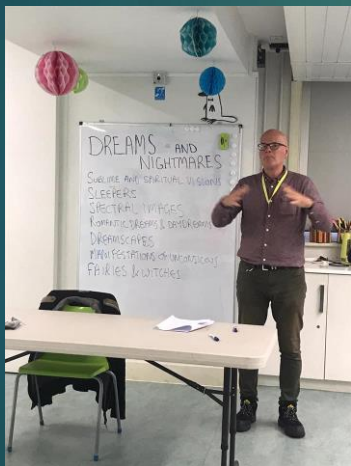
Closing balance 31.03.19 **£10,036.69**

Youth Club Account

Starting Balance 01.04.19 **£44.49**

Closing Balance 31.03.20 **£44.49**

Our Year



**BSL TOUR AND
WORKSHOP**
7TH DEC 2019 11AM - 1PM



DISCOVER ARTISTS'
DEPICTIONS OF DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES.
EXPLORE SPIRITUAL VISIONS, SPECTRAL IMAGES, FAIRIES,
WITCHES AND ROMANTIC DREAMS. THERE IS
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
IN DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES.





To Our Funders

**NATIONAL LOTTERY
FUNDS FOR ALL.**

JUST GIVING.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS



Access Bedford

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

This Year

Last Year

Receipts [In]

Ad hoc donations	£181.00	£250.21
Young at Heart	£10.00	£0.00
Halloween	£0.00	£120.00
Bedford Half Marathon	£40.00	£151.00
Just Giving	£2,013.03	£855.86
Yumma	£600.00	£0.00
Eventbrite	£207.50	£0.00
Bedford Deaf Association	£0.00	£1,011.96
Quiz	£180.00	£0.00
Lottery	£6,895.00	£0.00

Totals	£10,126.53	£2,389.03
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Payments [Out]

AGM	£572.56	£87.50
General Running Costs / Promo	£49.66	£18.40
Young at Heart	£41.50	£0.00
Hustings	£231.58	£0.00
BSL Yoga 2018	£0.00	£70.00
BSL Café	£419.50	£0.00
Deaf Space	£3,046.93	£0.00
Newsletter	£169.70	£322.40
Ad Hoc	£144.40	£543.06
Yumma	£258.07	£0.00
Bedford Half Marathon	£712.01	£1,205.00
Quiz	£212.14	£0.00
Workshops	£670.83	£333.00

Totals	£6,528.88	£2,579.36
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Surplus or (deficit) for the year	£3,597.65	-£190.33
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Balances brought forward	Bank -1	£6,601.64	£6,791.97
	Bank -2	£44.49	£44.49
	Cash	£0.00	£0.00
		£6,646.13	£6,836.46

Balances in hand	Bank -1	£9,992.20	£6,601.64
at year end	Bank -2	£44.49	£44.49
	Cash	£0.00	£0.00
		£10,036.69	£6,646.13

Assets and Liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances Access Bedford have assets and liabilities to the value of £0.00 there are no other assets or liabilities.