

Access Bedford Annual Report 2018/2019



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 2018/19 Access Bedford had 3 trustees, who operated as voting members of the CIO. Chair Catherine Wright
Treasurer Alison Crook Secretary Helene Bolton

Within the CIO constitution for Access Bedford, the three trustees can serve until the AGM in 2019. 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 2018/19, there have been three non-voting members who have supported the charity and their work by attending meetings and supporting events. They are Peter Cooke, Ally Tree and Shelley Caswell. 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 were nominated for a sports award for the access we provide every week at Parkrun.

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 and The Higgins community engagement panel.

We were a charity partner for the Bedford Half Marathon weekend in 2018 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, Bedpop and Outing the past.

Our BSL Café is going from Strength to strength thanks to Shelley'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 Pubs and Quiz Nights.

Deaf space has got off to a great start and we hope that this will 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/annual-accounts-and-return/>

Access Bedford Account

Starting balance 01.04.18 £6791

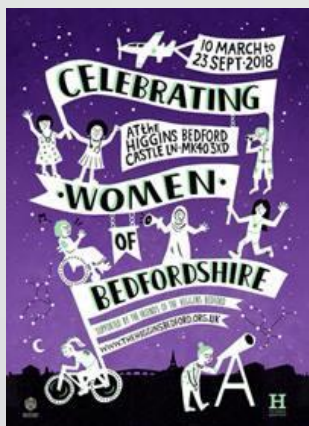
Closing balance 31.03.19 £6843.29

Youth Club Account

Starting Balance 01.04.18 £44.49

Closing Balance 31.03.19 £44.49

Our Year



Where:
Albero Lounge Café
Bedford - Upstairs.
When: 11am - 1pm
4th November 2018
9th December 2018

NEW BSL CAFE



The first half hour will be activities for new learners on fingerspelling and level 1 vocabulary run by our volunteer committee member, Shelley. Following this will be a social space for D/deaf and BSL users of all levels. Please pop in!

Sp Adobe Spark





To Our Funders

Bedford Association of the Deaf

£1013.96

Generously Donated

RunTogether
HLB RUNNERS

£180.00

Held a Charity Raffle

Graham Hoare raised

£63.30

*by selling Homemade Quince
Jelly & Blueberry Jam*

Clare Woods and the HLBRunners
Maulden Breakfast 5k run

£235.00



Access Bedford

1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

Receipts [In]

	This Year	Last Year
Waitrose	£0.00	£223.00
First Give	£0.00	£250.00
Y@H Christmas 2017	£0.00	£221.50
Ad hoc donations	£250.21	£268.21
Youth Club	£0.00	£400.00
Deaf Ball 2017	£0.00	£1,374.00
Halloween 2018	£120.00	£342.00
BSL Yoga 2018	£0.00	£240.00
Bedford Half Marathon 2018	£151.00	£0.00
Just Giving	£855.86	£0.00
Bedford Deaf Association	£1,011.96	£0.00
Totals	£2,389.03	£3,318.71

Payments [Out]

AGM	£87.50	£612.56
Training	£0.00	£175.00
General Running Costs / Promo	£18.40	£1,368.39
Y@H Christmas 2017	£0.00	£194.50
Youth Club	£0.00	£160.00
Deaf Ball 2017	£0.00	£1,391.64
Halloween 2017	£0.00	£475.38
BSL Yoga 2018	£70.00	£130.40
Dementia 2017	£0.00	£436.56
Newsletter	£322.40	£132.77
Ad Hoc	£543.06	£12.41
Bedford Half Marathon 2018	£1,205.00	£0.00
Workshops	£333.00	£0.00
Totals	£2,579.36	£5,089.61

Surplus or (deficit) for the year

-£190.33 **-£1,770.90**

Balances brought forward	Bank -1	£6,791.97	£8,562.87
	Bank -2	£44.49	£444.49
	Cash	£0.00	£0.00
		£6,836.46	£9,007.36
Balances in hand at year end	Bank -1	£6,843.29	£6,791.97
	Bank -2	£44.49	£44.49
	Cash	£0.00	£0.00
		£6,887.78	£6,836.46

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.

Prepared by: _____ Signature & Date: _____

Reviewers Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and receipts of **Access Bedford** for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

Reviewed by: _____ Signature & Date: _____

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