

The
disability forum
basingstoke and district



Annual review 2016/17

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Our year at a glance

- Over 200,000 views worldwide of our disability awareness videos on YouTube.
- 34 Signpost Service sessions held at a range of venues provided assistance to 245 people.
- New Disability Connections informal get togethers launched for anyone affected by disability.
- Bespoke disability awareness presentations and training delivered to local schools and Basingstoke & District Borough Council.
- Developed new accessible website.
- Hosted the Basingstoke Roll 3, as well as two disability information and awareness public events.
- Increased membership across all levels - individual, organisational and corporate.

Message from the Chair

Dear colleague,

It has been another busy and positive year for Basingstoke and District Disability Forum.



Our vision is a district where everyone is equal, and this vision has remained at the heart of everything we have done this year.

As the main, membership-based organisation in our community for anyone affected by any type of disability, we continue to run a series of projects and events which support disabled people and their carers, as well as fellow charities and local businesses.

By undertaking a range of activities we promote inclusion and opportunities for anyone with a disability, by providing information and bringing people together.

In the past year alone our fantastic services have included:

- a **signpost service** providing a free and confidential service with information on local and national support groups, agencies and organisations
- a series of **films** and free **leaflets** listing details of local and national sources of help and support
- informal get togethers called **Disability Connections** providing a great opportunity to meet new people and hear from expert speakers on topical issues concerning people affected by disability
- delivering bespoke disability **awareness training** to other organisations, schools and companies
- popular **Disability Awareness Days** with our partners in the local community to raise awareness of disability issues to the general public
- redesigned **e-newsletter**.

As well as running these initiatives, ably assisted by the Forum's Facilitator, it has also been a year of change for our organisation.

We have seen longstanding members of the board stand down to take on new ventures, and new board members with new skills join us.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the trustee board for their hard work in overseeing the work of the organisation, and their contribution to the services we offer.

As a small local charity, fundraising is very important to us to ensure we survive the difficult financial climate and obtain funding to do all the great things we do.

We are very grateful for the continued support of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and other local funders.

As well as their generosity, each year we host the Basingstoke Roll, where teams are sponsored to take part in a treasure hunt whilst in a wheelchair. This year's event will be held in Castle Square (outside Primark) on Saturday 1 July and promises to be bigger and better than ever before!

Finally, I would like to thank our members be they individuals, organisations or corporates.

Without your continued support to the Forum and all our work, we would not be able to provide the valuable services our organisation provides or the outcomes we seek to reach across Basingstoke and Deane.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. J. M.', with a horizontal line underneath.

Review of Basingstoke Roll 3

BDDF's annual fundraising event

Last summer, teams from local companies and groups started out in Market Square in the Top of the Town, before following clues around the town on a special treasure hunt in which one member of each team is in a wheelchair.

The aim of the Roll is to highlight the difficulties faced by wheelchair users at the same time as having fun and raising money for BDDF.



Winner of the Basingstoke Roll 3 were the team from Dingley's Promise, who finished the treasure hunt in just over 90 minutes. The Simpsons team won best dressed, while Debenhams' team raised the most money for the event.

During the presentations, we also awarded our 2016 Basingstoke Disability Hero Award to Lin Lisle-Fenwick. The story of her kindness towards a family in Morrison's went viral.

Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Councillor Jane Frankum and Basingstoke MP Maria Miller were among the crowd cheering the teams on.

Mrs Miller said: "It is tremendous to see how the support for this event has gone from strength to strength.

"It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic participants and organisers. The Basingstoke and District Disability Forum should be congratulated on ensuring that this event is such a success."

All the money raised from the event was used to help support people with disabilities in the area.

Our 2017 Basingstoke Roll 4 will be held on 1 July in Castle Square (outside Primark). See the Events section on our website (www.bddf.org.uk) for more details.

Basingstoke Disability Connections

Our regular informal get-togethers run on the first Tuesday of the month at Basingstoke Discovery Centre from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. In addition to our regular sessions, we plan to take the meetings out to other areas around Basingstoke during 2017.

Each session offers free refreshments, an opportunity to meet new people and hear a talk from a guest speaker on a topic relevant to anyone affected by disability.



Accounts 2016/17

From a financial point of view, the year was not a great success. Our expenditure exceeded our income by £8,134. This is mainly due to the fact that we did not have an income stream during the year. It was suggested that we would be able to obtain grants of up to £15,000 which would have covered our core costs.

However, although we have been successful in obtaining several grants for projects we were only able to obtain £2,300 from the Basingstoke & Deane Council towards core costs which was the last of the traditional Community Grants.

Our Disability Awareness Day, although very successful, did not generate any income and, disappointingly, our Basingstoke Roll last July only raised around £400.00.

We are hoping that we may be able to negotiate further financial help this year in view of the very necessary services we provide.

Looking to the future, as grants become even more difficult to win, we need to look at generating our own income stream, at least in part. To this end we are looking at supplying Disability Awareness Training to Councils, Colleges and large and small companies. We are also putting a lot of effort into obtaining more corporate members at a cost of £100 per year.

We were lucky enough to obtain a lottery grant to help us stage The Basingstoke Roll 4 next July and part of this is being used for the services of a Project Manager. We hope that this will ensure that we are able to raise at least £2,000.

One of the skill sets missing from our Board is that of a corporate fund raiser. If anyone would be interested in helping, we would be pleased to hear from you. Just email us at info@bddf.org.uk for more information.

Profit and loss

Year ending 31 March 2017

Turnover

BasRoll4 grant	£351.00
Donations	£101.75
Events	£1,801.01
Grants	£2,976.88
HYSG 2016-7	£1,000.00
Interest income	£0.69
Membership	£345.00
Training	£700.00

Total turnover **£7,276.33**

Cost of sales

Direct expenses	£61.40
Total cost of sales	£61.40

Gross profit **£7,214.93**

Administrative costs

Advertising/marketing	£116.40
Audit/accountancy fees	£120.91
Catering	£173.94
Cleaning	£2.00
General expenses	£792.60
Insurance	£177.62
IT software/consumables	£441.35
Payroll services	£130.00
Photocopying	£283.10
Postage, freight and courier	£56.63
Printing and stationery	£358.93
Rent	£2,868.08
Salaries	£9,426.26
Staff training	£40.00
Telephone and internet	£210.92
Travel – national	£150.24
Total admin costs	£15,348.98
Operating profit	- £8,134.05

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2017

Assets

Bank

Bas & District	£3,791.37
BDDF community	£5,987.22
Total bank	£9,778.59

Current assets

Accounts receivable	£575.00
Petty cash	£27.26
Prepayments	-£4,241.10
Total current assets	-£3,363.84

Total assets **£6,139.75**

Liabilities

Current liabilities

Accruals	£168.37
NIC payable	£73.68
Total current liabilities	£242.05

Total liabilities **£242.05**

Net assets	£5,897.70
Equity	
Capital	£14,031.07
Current year earnings	- £8,134.05
Retained earnings	£0.68
Total equity	£5,897.70



The year ahead

As the Forum looks to the year ahead, we want to build on our successes in the past year, continue to deliver the range of projects which are making an impact on the communities and beneficiaries we serve and find new ways of engaging the communities which make up Basingstoke and Deane.

We have recently invested in a new website – providing clear information about our day-to-day work and how the organisation is run. Our regular newsletter keeps members and supporters up to date on what we're doing.

A key priority for us in the year ahead will be to secure funding to continue our core work.

Without this we will be unable to deliver the range of projects we have been able to establish in recent years. We need a team of fundraisers and doers to help us become more sustainable longer term. If you can help with this, please contact our facilitator (info@bddf.org.uk).

Acknowledgements

Basingstoke and District Borough Council

Four Lanes Trust

Big Lottery Fund

BCBN

The Breeze

The Mayor's Community Chest

Irwin Mitchell

AXA Medical

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Basingstoke Roll teams and supporters

Individual, organisational and corporate members

BDDF's team of dedicated volunteers

Our patron Lady J Colman

We would also like to say a special thank you to Basingstoke & Deane Mayor Jane Frankum and Deputy Mayor Cllr Paul Frankum, who have supported us at many of our events this year.



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