



Focus
on Young People
in Bassetlaw

Annual Report 2023-2024

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Introduction



Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw is a registered charity established in 1996. This year marks 27 years that the charity has been in operation, it continues to support young people and settings within Bassetlaw. The charity strives to reach a wide range of young people to support. It is keen to support the most vulnerable young people within the Bassetlaw area, responding to need through the partners it works with.

The charity supports young people between the ages of 8 and 25 years assisting them to participate in purposeful activities, this may be as an individual or as a group. The charity encourages positive engagement as this not only raises self-esteem and confidence but it also develops transferrable skills that are beneficial in everyday life and work.

The charity's work helps young people to realise their worth and value within the community, this in turn builds respect. Data shows that young people engaging in positive activities are less likely to become engaged in anti-social behaviour.

“Between April 2023 and March 2024, the charity supported 8 organisations and 24 individuals totalling 321 young people benefitting from funding”.

Monitoring and evaluation of the charity's work has shown that we do make a difference amongst young people in Bassetlaw. Case studies can be seen on the website. This report shows the work that the charity has undertaken in the last 12 months.

As young people have returned to everyday activities, the charity has seen an increase of young people volunteering. Our aim is to build on the success of this work, continually improving our offer to meet the needs of all young people across Bassetlaw. We strive to increase our visibility reaching out to new partners whilst strengthening ongoing relationships. We know this will continue to develop as we further engage with young people through our networks.

We will continue to listen to what young people want and need, be aware of the challenges they face and act upon it where appropriate with the support of our partners.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report.

Noelle Barron
Development Manager

Aims and Objectives

Aims

Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw aims to enable young people in Bassetlaw realise their aspirations and support their ambitions so that they can reach their full potential. To do this the Charity can provide funding and information to individuals and young people's organisations, including some projects within schools.

The Funding Programme can assist young people aged 8 - 25 with projects, ideas and experiences that will help develop them personally, increasing skills that help prepare them for life and future employment.

Objectives

- To help young people recognise and value their worth.
- To help young people develop transferrable skills for everyday life and future employment.
- To give opportunities to young people that will help them achieve their goals and reach their full potential.
- To offer financial support through an application to the Grant Giving Trust.

Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw works in many ways

- As a facilitator of events to engage young people, particularly within the community.
- As a voluntary sector agency, working with partners to help deliver key messages, new initiatives and assist with the development of services to support young people in the area using consultation as a tool.
- As a Grant Giving Trust which assists young people and their organisations to engage in a variety of projects.
- As a resource that is able to offer information and signposting. To work with other agencies in a consultancy role.
- Shares information about the work it does (in line with GDPR). Attends steering groups and planning meetings and has a valued input to decision making within task groups.
- Supports local and district needs, helps a wide variety of agencies deliver key messages and initiatives to young people.



Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has 10 active members who represent local businesses, statutory and voluntary organisations and young people. All Trustees support the Development Manager and the Admin/Events Coordinator with the work of FoYPiB.

The charity supports young people through the Grant Giving Trust; this may be as an individual applying for funding or an organisation that engages with young people.

The Board of Trustees meet 6 times each year to consider the applications received. These are considered in line with the criteria set out to ensure equal opportunities are adhered to for all who apply.

Alison Swan-Parente MBE, President
Sarah Machin, Vice President
Linda Jackson, Vice President
Sue Shaw, Chair
Joel Johnston, Treasurer
(Trustee, stepped down from Treasurer Jan 24)
Cllr Callum Bailey, Trustee
(Appointed by BDC)
Fran Walker, Trustee
Glyn Davies, Trustee
Heather Widdup, Trustee
Lisa Brunt, Trustee
(Treasurer since Feb 2024)
Ray Kinsey, Trustee
(resigned 7 July 2023)
Sarah Farncombe, Trustee
Cllr Tony Eaton, Trustee
(Appointed by BDC)



Staff of the Charity



Noelle Barron, Development Manager
(22hrs)
Employed by FoYPiB



Ali Gordon, Admin and Events Coordinator
(8hrs)
Self Employed

Financial Assistance & Fundraising

Financial Assistance

The charity needs approximately £39,000 per year to run and cover its core costs. Included in this is a part time Development Manager and a part time Admin/Events Coordinator, totalling 30 hours per week.

The charity has secured UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) of £10000 for the period January 2024 through to March 2025. This is to support community events and increase volunteer numbers. It also receives funding from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Community Funding of £5450 annually until 2026. This does not cover all core costs; we are therefore keen to attract additional funding. If you can support or know of an organisation or individual that may be able to assist, please contact **Noelle Barron**.

Individual donations, Nottinghamshire County Council, local Councillors, Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw Freemasons, Worksop and Retford Rotary Clubs and 4 Charitable Trusts have supported the charity over the last 12 months. Local supermarkets have supported by way of discounts and donations of resources for raffle prizes. A list of supporters can be found in this report.

The charity needs funds to cover core costs to facilitate events, to enable it to raise funds for the Grant Giving Trust. This funding is key for the charity to continue to assist the hundreds of young people it supports each year.



Fundraising

The charity hosts events annually to raise funds. In addition to this, we strive to attract funding from community members who may offer donations and in addition we apply to Charitable Trusts to support with event costs. We rely on volunteers to support fundraising events. Many volunteers and supporters offer 'gifts in kind' their time and skills are an asset to the charity.

All events help to build community capacity and engagement. Each event is marketed at every opportunity through our networks and partners and through the **website** and **Facebook**. The charity supports young people through the Grant Giving Trust; this may be as an individual applying for funding or an organisation that engages with young people. Applications are received via the charity's website. Organisations supported during 2023-2024 are included in this report.

Throughout the last 12 months we have found that although many young people are suffering from mental ill health, isolation and post pandemic disengagement, they are now gradually returning to activities. Over the last 12 months, applications for funding have increased with March 2024 alone receiving 10 Individual applications for support. The Development Manager offers help to individuals and organisations needing support to complete a funding application.

Visits to organisations and groups have been productive. This has meant we have been able to reach out to young people and inform them of the work we do and how we can support them as an individual or as a group/organisation. Trustee Board Meetings are in person with the option to join electronically if necessary.

Events Facilitated During 2023/2024

Young Carer Easter Activities

A number of young carers attended an activity afternoon. They had a fabulous time making Easter decorations. A children's entertainer went down a treat as he interacted with the young people, showing magic spells, balloon making and a cute puppet called Lewis!

Easter eggs were donated by the Freemasons of Bassetlaw and the event was supported by the partnership of Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw (FoYPIB), Barnsley Premier Leisure (BPL), Home Instead and Tu Vida.



Welbeck 10K Fun Run/Walk

This event is much loved by everyone. It was great to see people out and about and taking part in the amazing grounds of Welbeck. **The atmosphere was very uplifting and the event raised the huge amount of over £3500.** This amount included a donation of £1000 from Your Health Notts, as they referred clients to the event.

The team brought a smoothie bike and gave out lots of information regarding healthy lifestyles. Worksop Rotary Club supported on the day, marshalling, registering, manning water stations and handing out medals.

Volunteers and staff from Carlton and Valley Young People's Centre supported the event with refreshments, safety briefings and distributing water supplies. A total of 20 people supported this event including 6 young people.

Nottinghamshire County Council provided a mini bus to transport young people.

"The event is so well organised"

"Beautiful for a run or walk" **"Everyone is so friendly"**

"Fabulous grounds, we actually saw a deer"

"I have done this for 9 years and still enjoy it!"

Kilton Forest Golf Competition

Kilton Forest Golf competition took place on Saturday 24 June 2023. A total of 12 teams of 4 took part in the competition, including 6 young people. It was a great day and thoroughly enjoyed by the golfers.

Holes were sponsored across the course by local businesses and 4 balls were donated by several golf clubs, including the first prize of a 4 ball at Lindrick. **The event raised £1800 to support the charity's work.**

Staff at BPL supported enormously to make the day a huge success. Sandwiches were donated for the halfway house by Samworth Brothers Worksop and were very much appreciated! A total of 5 volunteers supported with registration and halfway house. A golf bag was donated by PING and won by a junior participant.



"We like to support a local charity"

"The course is in great condition" "Excellent prizes to be won"

"Great refreshments at halfway house"

Quiz Night

During November 2023 the charity facilitated a Quiz evening at Retford Oaks Academy. **This was very well received, raising £1200.** It was a great evening with 29 teams taking part. Everyone enjoyed the brilliant atmosphere created on the night. Feedback was also extremely positive.

Students from Worksop Post 16 presented the questions to quizzers, they did an excellent job even though neither of them had ever done anything like this before! They enjoyed it so much they volunteered their services again at the Focus on You event! ***"This is something that I never thought I had the confidence to do 12 months ago. Now I feel empowered to do it again, thank you for the experience."***



The donation of Stichelton cheese from the Welbeck Farm Shop was delicious and very much appreciated by all. A total of 12 volunteers supported this event. The winning team was ***"When Ali met Sally"***.



"So lovely to see regular quizzers again!"

"Great evening for a great cause"

"Brilliant evening and very well organised"

Giant Hogweed Event

This event was held at Retford Town Hall. The band played for free and the Town Hall was also free of charge from the Mayors allocation. A total of 5 volunteers supported the event.

There was a good turnout on the night, fabulous popular music was played by the band and everyone had the opportunity to dance. **The event raised over £1200 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.**



"So nice to get together with people and have fun"

"Fabulous venue"

"The Giant Hogweed played great music to dance to"

"So nice to meet friends, to dance and have such fun"



Focus on You

Focus on You is another event we facilitate annually. The show is refreshing diverse and celebrates young people's skills, talents and creativity. The show displays a true reflection of the young people within the Bassetlaw community.

In attendance there were 2 college groups, 4 school groups, 3 youth clubs, three soloists, an LGBTQ+ support group and a drama group over 145 participants in all. Over 300 people were in the audience it was a fabulous show and raised over £1200 to support the charity's work. A total of 20 volunteers supported this event including 5 young people.

The audience were absolutely thrilled by what they saw, the atmosphere was superb and all the participants were thoroughly engaged, enjoying every minute of their time performing. This is such a great event as it is both inspiring and aspirational.

"I enjoyed being myself, having lots of fun with my friends & choir"

"I liked doing my make-up as it's one of my hobbies"

"The memories"

"I like music it makes me relax"

"Meet new people"

"Being on stage, overcoming fear"

"I loved the audience clapping & cheering"

"I have enjoyed being part of this it has made me more confident"

"Practicing new dances & learning new skills"

In addition to the events the charity has facilitated this year, it has supported partner organisations from health, youth groups and clubs. The Staff and the Chair of the charity attended the dog races at Owlerton Stadium, a Brass Band Concert organised by Bassetlaw Freemasons and performances from local drama groups including The Little Drama Group, Staples Dance Academy and The Mob. Bassetlaw Bulldogs Rugby Club invited the Development Manager to present medals at an awards evening. Lindrick Golf Club have chosen FoYPIB to be their chosen charity to support from January 2024 for 12 months.

Over the last 12 months the Mayor of Retford's focus has been young people. Raising awareness of their health, wellbeing, challenges they face whilst celebrating opportunities they may have and their success within the area. The Mayor, has taken every opportunity to promote the charity to a wide range of audiences.

Partnership is key to all the work the charity undertakes and it is thankful that organisations within the community recognise the importance and impact of our work and are happy to support us with time and funding.

Applications supported between April 2023 – March 2024:

Prime 8 Education, Retford Amateur Boxing Club, Girl Guiding Retford, Bassetlaw Bulldogs Rugby Club, Valley Young People's Centre, Sir Edmund Hillary School, Bassetlaw Swim Squad, The Mob, plus 23 Individuals.

62 volunteers have supported the charity this year 15 of which were young people

Case Studies

Case Study from Prime 8 Education: *"We received funding of £300 and this enabled us to purchase a 3D printer and the filament to run the machine – this has enabled myself as the Design Technology Tutor to introduce our students to a wide variety of employment opportunities available in this field. Initially the students were very excited to see the printer in operation and this led to myself introducing the software programme Tinkercad.*

Students have excelled in learning very quickly – they have been able to work actually print their designs and see what has worked and learn from errors in the design process. As students' progress I am sure their abilities will continue to advance and new students will be encouraged to engage in learning.

We currently have an older student who has embraced the learning whole heartedly and he is now in a position to help younger students as an expert in lessons. From a young man who arrived with little confidence he is now engaging with fellow students and talking confidently about what he would like to do when he leaves education".

Case Study from Lucy who volunteered in Ghana: *"I speak from my heart when I say there is no way I would have been able to gain all the experience from all the things I did if it hadn't been for the support, I received from people like yourselves.*

I hope you can see the pure happiness in my smile and in doing so realise that the small impact you feel you have made has had a humongous impact on me as an individual! I truly believe this trip has changed my life and I look forward to seeing how it positively impacts my training / medical practice going forward".



"I truly believe this trip has changed my life"



A Word From The Chair



It gives me great pleasure to present the annual report for 2023-24.

I must first give my heartfelt thanks to Noelle and Ali who have continued to work very hard to raise a record amount of money through fundraising events and to operate the management of the charity with such flare and commitment. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for all the continued hard work at events and demonstrating sound judgement at board meetings.

The board has been in a position to give out many grants to children and young people and it has been a pleasure to work together and continue the aim of the charity. The wonderful diverse range of events offers the opportunities for many different groups of individuals to attend and to generously support the charity. Huge thanks to everyone who has participated in any or all of the activities so that we can then provide children and young people with a step up to achieve their chosen goals and aspirations.

The charity is committed to working in partnership and understanding the needs of young people.

We are acutely aware of the impact of mental ill health continues to have on young people, along with feelings of isolation they may experience. The charity is committed to continue the support to those on the margins, those in care, care leavers and young carers through grant giving.

I want to thank the work of the team for applying and successfully receiving grants, as well as continuing to plan and deliver the much loved events such as the Welbeck Fun Run, with over 300 participants in May 2023, to the Golf Days and the Quiz Night; all of which are really well supported and raised a lot of money. The live music event at Retford Town Hall was also a great success once again. Focus on You was spectacular, giving young people the opportunity to celebrate live dance, music and the arts, performing on stage at North Notts Arena. I am so proud and privileged to Chair such a fantastic charity.

To all our Trustees and over 62 Volunteers, some of which were young people who have given their time to support us, I would like to offer my sincere thanks. To all funders and venues that have supported us together with our President Alison Swan-Parente and Vice Presidents, many thanks for your continued support to Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw. We look forward to raising funds, finding more opportunities for grant giving, and continuing to offer children and young people the opportunities they desire to grow and achieve in 2024-25.

Very Best wishes to you all,

Sue Shaw
Chair, Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw

Acknowledgements

Those who have assisted FoYPiB throughout April 2023 – March 2024

Asda Worksop
Barnsley Premier Leisure (BPL)
Bassetlaw CVS
Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire Freemasons
Bassetlaw Swim Squad
Carlton Young People's Centre
darbys Chartered Certified Accountants
Individual Bassetlaw District Councillors
Individual Nottinghamshire County Councillors
Individual supporters and volunteers
Jessie Spencer Charitable Trust
Lindrick Golf Club
Morrison's Worksop
Nottinghamshire County Council
Portland Charitable Trust
President and Vice Presidents of the charity
Retford Business Forum
Rotary Club of Retford
Rotary Club of Worksop
Samworth Brothers
Supporters of the FoYPiB Quiz Night
Tesco
The Jones Charitable Trust
Valley Young People's Centre
Welbeck Estates
Whitaker Charitable Trust



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Accounts: April 2023 - March 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw

I report on the accounts of Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw for the year ended 31st March 2024

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 for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my 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 explanations from you as 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 next statement.

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 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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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28th May 2024

Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Core Fund Account £	Charitable Aid Foundation Account £	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts				
Nottinghamshire County Council grant aid	5,700	-	5,700	5,450
Bassetlaw District Council grant aid	5,650	-	5,650	-
Business donations and pledges	-	-	-	1,090
Charitable trust donations and pledges	4,100	6,600	10,700	3,750
Other donations	3,987	10,000	13,987	2,152
Gift aid	1,619	-	1,619	1,148
Receipts to support cost of functions	500	-	500	1,400
Receipts from functions	9,836	60	9,896	9,968
Bank interest	9	1,167	1,176	202
Refunds	303	-	303	164
	31,703	17,827	49,530	25,324
Payments				
Bank charges	-	-	77	72
Grants - through charitable trust	4,137	-	4,137	2,720
Sponsorship	0	-	-	-
Salaries	22,478	-	22,478	22,533
Rent for office	0	-	-	-
Equipment	9	-	9	-
Promotion and event costs	5,877	-	5,877	5,293
Administration	6,604	-	6,604	6,861
	39,181	0	39,181	37,479
Surplus / (deficit)	-7,478	17,827	10,349.0	-12,154
Funds at 1 April	4,387	44,388	48,775	60,929
Transfers between accounts	9,072	-9,072	0	-
Funds at 31 March	5,981	53,143	59,124	48,775

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*"All our dreams can come true if we have the
courage to pursue them"* **Walt Disney**