



Bude Stratton Community Project

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

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CHAIRS REPORT

What a year! 2024/25 brought change, challenges and curveballs—but in true BSCP spirit, our amazing staff, volunteers and trustees met them with energy and heart. It's my first year as Chair, and stepping into Hilary Workman's shoes has been no small task. Her legacy is inspiring, and I'm doing my best to keep pace!

The headline? The launch of Berries Community Café in April 2024—months of dreaming, planning and fundraising brought it to life. It's been a huge step, full of learning and adapting. Now, we're proud to offer a warm, welcoming space with home-cooked food, opportunities to socialise, learn, volunteer and connect. It's quickly become a true community hub, with local partners also on site offering support and services.

We're hugely grateful to the Reaching Communities Lottery Fund for their £228,000 grant over three years, and to NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly and Volunteer Cornwall for funding hub activities like the Pain Café, Stroke Support Group, Cuppa Companions and Craft & Wellbeing workshops. And to the Bude and Stratton community—thank you for embracing Berries with such warmth and enthusiasm. You've made all the difference

We said goodbye to David Mitchell, our long-serving caretaker, and Vika Bundy, our dynamic Volunteer & Events Coordinator. We wish them both well. We've also welcomed some brilliant new faces: Emma Edwards, our café chef, a previous volunteer brings warmth and creativity; Kate Stark joins as Volunteer Coordinator with fresh ideas; Angus de Lisle Bush, a long-time volunteer, now takes on the caretaker role; and Cleo Stanley has stepped up as our first-ever Marketing Officer—helping raise BSCP's profile.

Neetside Community Centre remains a trusted, well-used space for over 50 charities, groups and hirers. Huge thanks to Debby and Amanda for keeping both sites running smoothly, and to Miranda, whose passion and local connections give BSCP a strong voice and real influence.

Our Trustees deserve a big shout-out too—for their hands-on support, event help and everyday involvement. Their commitment keeps BSCP grounded and growing.

All in all, I'm proud—and humbled—to be part of this vibrant, ever-evolving project. The future's bright.

Mary Greener - Chair
Bude-Stratton Community Project

VISION

Our vision is for a thriving local community

MISSION

Bude Stratton Community Project exists to provide well serviced spaces for hire, supporting organisations and individuals for the benefit, well-being, education, social welfare and enrichment of the local community and its environs in North Cornwall. Neetside thrives on the diversity of our community and strives to be an actively inclusive setting for all, with the needs of our community at the heart of everything it does.



YEAR IN REVIEW



55 different hirers throughout the year at Neetside

68%

68% occupancy rate at Neetside



16 different partner organisations at Berries



31 volunteers, 2,139 hours at Berries

1,100+ activity attendances at Berries



4,324 customers at Berries Community Cafe



TRUSTEES



Mary Greener (Chair) 2022 -
Jan Hunt 1994 -
Brian Dixon 2009 -
Jackie Thorpe (Vice Chair) 2019 -
Heather Smith 2012 -
Clare Hicks (Minutes Secretary) 1994 -

Julie Gray 2015 -
Tony Harper 2016 -
Chris Jewell 1995 -
Glyn Collen 2021 -
Hilary Workman 2006 -
Rachel Martin 2022 -

STAFF

Miranda Clarke (Manager) 2017-
Debra Thorpe (Office and Finance Administrator) 2023 -
Amanda Baker (Marketing and Promotions Administrator) 2022 -
Vika Bundy (Volunteer and Events Co-ordinator) 2022 -
Jodie Harper (Volunteer Co-ordinator) 2024-25
Emma Edwards (Chef) 2025 -
Cleo Stanley (Administrator) 2024 -
David Mitchell (Caretaker) 2015 - 2025
All staff are part time.

VOLUNTEERS



**69% of volunteers feel
more confident**

**"I've made friends.
I feel I belong."**

**83% of volunteers
gained new skills**

**"I was supported and now I'm the
one supporting others."**

FINANCE

Summary of Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2025

	£
Total Income	208,737
Total expenses	179,716
Net surplus	26,323
Total funds brought forward	670,621
Total assets less current liabilities	696,944
Unrestricted funds	232,944
Endowment funds	464,000
Total	696,944
Tangible fixed assets	511,432
Staff Costs	106,915

During the year incoming resources amounted to £208,737, a substantial increase from the previous year. The CIO obtained lottery funding to run the Berries project. The income generated by the Neetside project also increased to £87,222, with a further increase of £12,100 in restricted funds to undertake a capital project.

The outgoing expenditure and costs in the year amounted to £179,716, the increase being wholly in the Berries project.

At the year end the total fund balance was £696,444 with the unrestricted fund standing at £232,944, £Nil on the restricted fund and £464,000 on the endowment fund. The only movement in the endowment fund is for the annual depreciation charge. The transfer between the restricted and unrestricted fund relates to the externally funded costs of the capital projects

ACHEIVEMENTS

April 2024 opened
Berries Community
Cafe

Held a Community
Sausage Sizzle open
to all 70+ attended -
Sept 24

BSCP attended a
Community Event
visited by Duchess of
Cambridge

Installed 40 Solar Panels
at Neetside with £12k
match funding from
National Lottery

Awarded £1500 from
BSTC towards a
community store which
hosts Bude Community
Larder at Berries

March 2025 hosted
community lunch for 30
organisations and the
High Sheriff of Cornwall



Awarded £228k over
3 years to develop
Berries Community
Cafe

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