

Burnley Boys and Girls Club Impact Report

The objects of the charity are to help and educate boys, young men, girls and young women through leisure-time activities so to develop their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

The organisation's work focuses on young people aged between 5 - 19 years. The board ensures this group's needs are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the committee and its advisors. This enables the club to keep up to date with all relative changes and industry standards.

The board are familiar with the practical work of the club. The board have served the organisation as members and volunteers, their experience and encouragement to attend practical training sessions help maintain the board's skills base, this is reflected throughout the staff and volunteers who are also encouraged as part of the lifelong learning strategy and continued professional development.

The club is affiliated at board level to the Lancashire Boys' and Girls' Club, intern members of the National Association of Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

The club works closely with other organisations for aid and support. These include:

Children and Family Wellbeing Services

Burnley Borough Council

Ribble Valley Borough Council

Lancashire County Council

Diocese of Blackburn

Mental health charity Young Minds

Teenage suicide prevention charity Papyrus

Unity Trust Vulnerable Women's Organisation

Eastern European Umbrella Network

OTT (adults with learning difficulties)

NHS

Barden Primary School

Holly Grove Special School

Sir John Thursby High School

Chlitheroe Grammar

Daneshouse Football Club

Burnley Football Club in the Community

Rosewood Primary School

The Heights Academy

Electricity North West

Violence Reduction Network

Police & Crime Commissioner

Lancashire Constabulary

Hope for Justice (Modern Slavery)

Institute for Youthwork

Significant Activities

There has been two extremely successful projects this year that have really stood out and it has given extra confidence to the management and the team in supporting young people, firstly the addition of our satellite club in the Ribble Valley has grown from strength to strength supporting over 250 young people across a six mile radius within a six month period, the second was the HAF summer project that was delivered over the school holidays, supporting 736 young people age between 8-16 daily with breakfast and lunch, fun and activities, this also has led to us making new friends and many more members with the current membership of Burnley now totaling 800 along with Whalley 250.

The Covid pandemic has still had a drain on our services this year, yet all the team have pulled together to meet the demands of the wider community and our members, the collaborative work with the local and county authorities including us becoming a Laterl Flow testing site has really helped to support a smoother delivery of services especially to the more vulnerable, although we have only lost a few weeks to closure the impact of staff shortages has been the most apparent that a new crisis management policy has been introduced to support the running of all the sessions and facilities in an ever facing uncertain world.

The level of partnership work the organization is now engaging in has truly cemented the development of the Charity, working with front line organisations to support young people has helped us to secure the ethos of the organization that has supported Burnley and now the wider area of Lancashire for, almost, 125 years.

FUTURE PLANS

Despite all of the great work from everyone concerned the facilities at Barden are now looking a little dated and tired, sustainability, security and safety for all of the users of the club is paramount and the plan to start redeveloping the site and facilities is now coming to fruition, the building of a Tree Trek Trail in the gardens to the side on Barden Lane will commence in early March next year along with other projects to develop the toilet facilities and sports hall that has all been suggested by the members to make their space that little bit more special for generations to come.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The organisation is an unincorporated association governed by its constitution dated 24th July 2019 and is registered with the Charity Commission, no: 525035.

Risk Management

The organisation has developed a strong core of activities and safer development plans to assist in the long term security of the charity, this work is ongoing and is supported with the knowledge of the long term lease and new partnership work with the freeholder, Burnley Borough Council.

We continue to develop and grow and the support of front-line staff, management and the board working together collaboratively helps reduce our risks.

We continue to develop our risk framework, including safeguarding.