High Hopes for Halliwell-being



Creating new opportunities, celebrating life & faith, improving quality of life, strengthening community

CIO Charity No.1182385

Business Plan period 3-5 years

This plan is for High Hopes for Halliwell-being, known throughout this as 'High Hopes'. The Plan reflects the needs and desires of the local community and is fundamentally based on the intention to properly involve all sections of society, particularly those most vulnerable or disadvantaged.

1.1 Vision, Mission and values

Vision

To create new opportunities, celebrating life & faith, improving quality of life, strengthening community.

Mission

To create diverse opportunities for the residents of Halliwell, Crompton and surrounding areas, to improve their quality of life, become healthy and prosperous, with increased social mobility within an empowered, cohesive and vibrant community.

Values

- Respect we will treat everyone with dignity and politeness, valuing the contribution they make and listening to what they have to say.
- Collaboration we will actively play our part and work together all who want the very best for in achieving the very best for the residents of Halliwell & Crompton.
- Compassion we will treat everyone with kindness, patience and understanding. We will seek to understand them, their needs, views and understanding.
- Courage we will accept challenges and difficulties with a can do attitude and a brave determination to find solutions and ways of achieving the very best for the residents of Halliwell & Crompton.
- Integrity we will be honest, open, and consistent with what we say and what we do. We will seek to build trust through our consistent actions and reliability.

1.2 Background history –

High Hopes began life as the steering group in 2017 to take forward the partnership of Community Projects HBS (Halliwell Befriending Service), HAFWAY (Halliwell Action for Work Alongside Youth) and St Paul's Church, Halliwell (part of the West Bolton Team of Churches). The Community Projects are based in the St Paul's Community Centre, Halliwell Road, Bolton. The centre was refurbished in September 2018 following securing Lottery funding under their Reaching Communities awards programme. High Hopes became a CIO on 8th March 2019 with trustees appointed from each partner organisation.

Between March 2020 and March 2022, growth was limited as a result of the COVID pandemic. When lockdown occurred, 2 staff members were furloughed and the Communications Workers hours were reduced to 4 hrs per week. Funding was secured to prevent the permanent closure of the community centre which was put at risk part way through the pandemic.

1.3 **Current position** – organisational structure and legal status

High Hopes is a registered CIO (Charity number 1182385); it was originally registered as an Association and have now changed this to a Foundation with the Charity Commission.

There are currently 6 Trustees and three paid members of staff.

- Community Development Worker 22hrs per week
- Group Activities Development Worker 21hrs per week
- Communications Worker 4hrs per week

19 active volunteers; including Trustees, are involved in the outworking of High Hopes, and more volunteers are being actively sought. We do not operate a membership system but recognise and collaborate closely with our key stakeholders; HBS and HAFWAY.

High Hopes is 3 years in to a 10-year lease for St Paul's Community Centre; our landlord being The West Bolton Team of Churches. High Hopes is responsible for insuring the building, staff, volunteers and activities.

A key challenge remains funding for some of the core costs that aren't covered by room and office rent.

1.4 Aims (impact goals) and objectives

The aims of High Hopes are two-fold.

- 1. To achieve, in co-ordination with partner organisations, the effective use, maintenance, and development of the Community Centre and to fill the need gap not met by our partners.
- 2. In consultation with the residents of Halliwell, Crompton and surrounding areas, High Hopes seeks to develop groups and activities which help residents to gain new skills, grow in self confidence and self-esteem, to live more active lives, to reduce isolation and loneliness and to increase community cohesion.

There are long-standing issues in this deprived area related to low aspirations, high unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, anti-social behaviour and health issues. By providing a diverse range of activities and opportunities, we support local people to feel connected to others, their peers, and other generations. We want people to feel a sense of belonging and pride in their area, knowing that they are valued and can contribute to their community through volunteering, supporting events and getting involved in groups and activities.

We therefore seek to create multiple opportunities to improve quality of life and strengthen community for the people living in Halliwell, Crompton and surrounding

areas of Bolton. And we seek to be a focal point for all age groups which promotes social relationships and mutual support.

Objectives

High Hopes charitable objects as described in our constitution are;

- I. To further or benefit the residents of Halliwell, Crompton and the surrounding areas, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.
- II. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Our specific business objectives for the next 12 months are;

Operational objectives;

- 1. The building will be used and managed at least 3 evenings a week.
- 2. An increased use of the building by attendees in 18-50 age bracket.
- 3. The capacity of the core staff team is increased with an additional minimum of 4 hours paid staff time.

Organisational objectives;

- 1. An additional x 2 trustees are recruited with suitable experience/skills to support finance, funding, and HR key functions.
- 2. High Hopes and local business links are fostered.
- 3. We will explore the internal design of our building and scope the 'art of the possible' to maximise it use and appeal to the groups we serve.

2. Current activities

2.1 List of current projects and activities:

Fortnightly (Monday morning) Walking group: 14-20 people aged 50+

Weekly (Tuesday morning) Parent & toddler Group: 25-30 people, ages between 0-75 that include parents, carers and grandparents.

Weekly (Wednesday morning) Chair Yoga and slimming support group: 15 - 20 people, aged between 35 and 93.

Fortnightly Thursday Friends: games afternoon (bingo, quiz, play your cards right, etc) light lunch included, 10-16 people, aged between 36-80

Weekly (Friday morning) Line Dancing: 8-10 people, aged between 56 – 79.

8 x weekly sessions Creative Writing, twice per year: 6-8 people, aged mainly over 50.

Short-term plans;

- 1. We considered starting a line dancing class on a Friday morning because of the recently conducting consultation. We have identified a tutor to take the class and have now started this class on a Friday morning.
- 2. We are planning to restart our Creative writing sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. We have funding for 8 weeks but will need additional resources to continue beyond this. Historically we have never made a charge for these; apart from tea and coffee but are currently considering charging a fee for these sessions.
- 3. We have a number of trips out planned; including trips to green spaces with the walking group.

3. Evidence of need

3.1 Anecdotal evidence and statistical evidence

There are long-standing issues in Halliwell and Crompton, historically related to low aspirations, high unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, anti-social behaviour, and health issues.

Information taken from an area profile for Crompton and Halliwell reveals the following;

- Almost half (47.4%) of all pensioners within the neighbourhood are living alone. This is one of the highest proportions we observe in the town and is rightfully viewed locally as a very serious issue.
- Within the neighbourhood 1,090 people are currently providing 50 or more hours of unpaid care.
- Inequalities persist across Bolton with older people living in the most deprived areas, more likely to develop long-term conditions, rely on Adult Social Care, have more emergency admissions in their old age.
- Halliwell and Crompton rank in the most deprived 10% such areas in the country according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- Net weekly income in the neighbourhood is around £400 which is the lowest level in Bolton.

- Mental health problems and depression are associated with high levels of deprivation for all age groups, but treatment for mental health problems can adversely affect physical health in vulnerable older people. Both physical and mental health difficulties can affect an individual's ability to care for themselves independently and potentially have major implications for their way of life and their need for services.
- Depression incidence is recorded to be at 10.2% of the population, which is just higher than typical for Bolton (9.1%), with a register size of 2,400.
- Severe mental illness across Bolton is recorded as 0.9%. Halliwell and Crompton have a similar rate at 1.1%, equating to 330 patients within GP practices that have a recorded mental health issue.

3.2 Consultations

This started in October 2021 to present date and is ongoing. Large community consultation, via a questionnaire, this is online, and we have a paper version. We have over 180 responses at the moment. People are wanting trips out, exercise activities, for example, line dancing, keep fit. Saturday film club, quiz and bingo nights and lots of social events.

Some of the statistics to illustrate responses:

Ages of people who filled in the forms ranged from 12-93

Some of the activities that people already attend:

Summer Fayre 31.3% Christmas Fayre 40.3% Coach Trips 25.4% Thursday Friends 11.2% Walking group 14.9%

Some of the activities that people want to do at the centre:

Line dancing 26.1% Keep fit 29.1% Saturday film club 18.7% Concerts 42.5%

What do you enjoy about living in the Halliwell / surrounding

area? 178 responses to this question Countryside community spirit Friendly playgroup, church shops & community centre going to community centre good area and good neighbours convenience and friends local shops and doctors Quiet Like it, connections Freedom countryside Reconnecting with community convenience Local for everything Good Place to go for a walk at Moss Bank Park Pretty, like the people at church, got to know my neighbours. It's close to town Pleasant

What don't you enjoy about living in the Halliwell / surrounding

area? 56 responses to this question traffic litter Nothing Noisy with Traffic Other than church/community centre not much community, live on main road. Find Halliwell ok **GREEN SPACE UNDER THREAT** doesn't feel safe drug addicts Litter anti-social driving buses people untidy, litter, no pride parking Vandalism, theft, antisocial behaviour, not enough green spaces misbehaving teens Most people, Crime The people, constant roadworks Crime, Hygiene of the area and some people/locals Presence of intimidating influences e.g. drugs and gang activity Nearly getting run over All the fly tipping and fast cars racing around at night Too much crime, cars being stolen, racing around the streets and fly tipping Dirty area, fly tipping, speed cameras needed, like a racetrack in the evenings

Do you have any other comments on needs within our

community? 48 responses to this question none family music classes Not Sure Crafts - Knit and natter Tai chi fine lovely So friendly and welcoming Boardgames, chess and woodwork very clean, happy place Nice big space, clean and tidy, nice outside area. (Community centre) excellent I like it and I feel happy when I'm here Halliwell Road needs more zebra crossings and speed cameras Bolton needs a BMX racing track More crossings needed at top end of the road near the community centre. Speed cameras

Key learning bullet points from Consultation:

Some people need help with filling in the forms Don't get much uptake from door knocking asking people if they could fill in the forms. Online was a great way to get the information

We need to investigate getting a crossing near the centre Need to organise more community clean ups

We will look at working with HBS on some projects and work with HBS and HAFWAY on community events.

3.3 **PESTLE analysis**

Political	Economical
Recognising the general trend towards including super-local groups In the supply chain for the delivery of local service to people who are vulnerable.	The increases in cost of living; particularly energy costs, will affect both us and our service users. This will restrict the charges we can consider for attending our events and activities.
Recognise the need to build lines of communication with local ward councillors, the council cabinet member for communities, and the local MP.	We will engage with any 'Warm Spaces' initiatives this winter.
	We recognise that local business may

SociologicalTechnologicalThe people we serve live in an area of deprivation, ranging from the most 2% - 12% deprived areas. We are aware of costs pressures on working families and will endeavour to shape our offer to increasingly engage with this demographic.Digital exclusion is regrettably not uncommon amongst our service users. We therefore continue to assess how effective our communications are, and how we support our service users to take small steps towards greater digital literacy and the utimate destination of digital inclusion.Our EDI monitoring reveals the majority of service users are white British, and the number of non-white services users is lower than the demographic profile of the area.We will carry out an audit of our current IT equipment, skills and practice; recognising that we must mitigate against being left behind in own digital engagement working practices.The pandemic reduced the interfaith activities in the area and we now note a limited number of inter-racial activities. We note the existence of provision for the BAME members of our community and we will seek to work with other organisations and not duplicate efforts. We will play our part in promoting integration and shared opportunities across racial and faith demographics.We have noted some racial comments from a small number of our older service users. We recognise the role we play in educating, increasing understanding, tolerance, and valuing the contribution of all community members.EnvironmentalLegalEnvironmental	Housing associations hold a very prominent place in meeting local needs beyond the traditional housing needs and therefore a working connection will be fostered. We continue to benefit from business rate exemptions due to our charitable status. We will monitor this to ensure we are aware of any changes that might be being considered by the Local Authority.	 value the opportunity to be active partners in the type of community wealth building which are activities can generate. We will be proactive in seeking two-way beneficial partnerships with our business community. We have an active Golf Club within Halliwell and we will approach them to explore future sponsorship potential. Currently we are not being charged Business rates on our centre.
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	Legal	Environmental

We note that the Charities Act 2022 has made it easier for charities to amend governing documents, dispose of land or carry out mergers.	We agree that we must be proactive in our response to the global climate crisis.
We will ensure our governing document enables the use of online and hybrid trustee meetings to facilitate our board's effectiveness and functionality.	We will regularly review our energy usage and efficiency and as part of a reassessment of the internal design of our building we will consider the use of renewable energy sources and ways energy efficiency may be improved.
	We will be proactive in the greening of our immediate environment and be supportive of local initiatives that improve a cleaner, greener and more bio-diverse environment for Halliwell, Crompton and surrounding areas.

3.4 SWOT analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
 Our community building – it's accessibility, location and profile. The outside space adds options to our offer. Staff/trustees and volunteers – community building skills, local knowledge, connectivity and dedication to our mission. High Hopes are fully networked into the agencies and organisations working into the local area and local community. High Hopes has a strong track record and reputation for providing safe places, and engaging activities. 	 The internal configuration of the building offers limited privacy for service users. Lack of storage within the building. Our building gets mixed up with the Parish Centre. Lack of parking Halliwell Road is a barrier, it is very busy and crossing it is difficult
Opportunities	Threats
 Further networking and working with other charities on projects in order to share resources and avoid duplication. Connections with local businesses to generate support in kind and sponsorships. Recent change in circumstances 	 Limited time remaining on the current lease Cost of living driving up core costs not covered within current funding arrangements.

room and/or office.

4. Operational Plan

4.1 Review costings, timescales and responsible staff member.

Objective	Timescal e	Lead	Resources required	Costs (£)
The building is used and managed at least 3 evenings a week.	Year 1-2	SB	Funding for room hire tutor and staff member	5670
An increased use of the building by attendees in 18-50 age bracket.	Year 1-3	SB and Trustees	Staff member to open up at night for working people ¹ / ₂ nights per week	750- 1500
The capacity of the core staff team is increased with an additional minimum of 4 hours paid staff time.	Year 1	Trustees/SB	Trusttee and staff time recruit	2267.2 0
An additional x2 trustees are recruited with suitable experience/skills to support finance, funding and HR key functions.	Year 1-3	All Trustees and staff	Trustee and staff time to recruit	Staff time
HHHB and local business links are fostered.	Year 1-5	SB and Trustees	Time	Staff time
Explore the internal design of our building	Year 2	Trustees and Staff	Time	Staff time

and scope the 'art of the possible' to maximise its use and appeal to the		
groups we serve		

5. Financial overview

5.1 Draft expenditure budget – Review figures

	lst year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	
Expenditure						
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Salaries	34742	37174	39033	40204	41410	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Utilities	6136	6566	6894	7101	7314	inc
Rent	6000	6000	6000	6000	6000	
Payroll						7%,5%,3%,3%
Admin/Accountant	907	970	1019	1050	1081	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Bldg Maint	3300	3531	3708	3819	3933	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Cleaning	1852	1982	2081	2143	2207	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Post,Print,Stationery	60	64	67	69	72	inc
High Hopes Activity						
Costs	6000	6420	6741	6943	7152	
	58997	62707	65542	67328	69168	

Income						
Room Hire						
HBS Office (large and						7%,5%,3%,3%
small)	4160	4451	4673	4813	4957	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
HBS Activities	6000	6420	6741	6943	7152	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Brownies & Rainbows	2000	2140	2204	2270	2270	inc
High Hopes activity						7%,5%,3%,3%
costs	6000	6420	6741	6943	7152	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Sewing Group	600	630	649	668	688	inc
						7%,5%,3%,3%
Harvest Church	2500	2675	2809	2893	2980	inc
Funding						
Lottery funding	22909	22900	22500	0	0	
Alan Lane Foundation	1500	1500	0	0	0	

Anticipated funding					
from Grants, etc	10000	10000	10000	35000	35000
Anticipated new activities/originations	1840	1932	2500	3580	4800
Anticipated fundraising	2500	2750	3785	4230	4670
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	0	61818.00	62602.10	67339.96	2
Deficit	-1012	889	2940	-12	-500

5.3 Funding strategy

- Grants, Trusts, Foundations, Central or Local Government
- Fundraising: quiz nights, bingo nights, sponsored (walks, runs, weight loss), Community fun days, Christmas Fayres, raffles, disco nights.
- Sponsored events, disco nights,
- Donations From our local community, businesses.

5.4 Reserve's policy

We aim to carry in reserve a sum of money equivalent to 3 months of unrestricted spending costs in order to;

- Provide a level of working capital that protects the continuity of our core work,
- Provide a level of funding for unexpected opportunities,
- Provide cover for risks such as unforeseen expenditure or unanticipated loss of income

This policy and the financial figures will be reviewed annually and reported on by our board of trustees

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

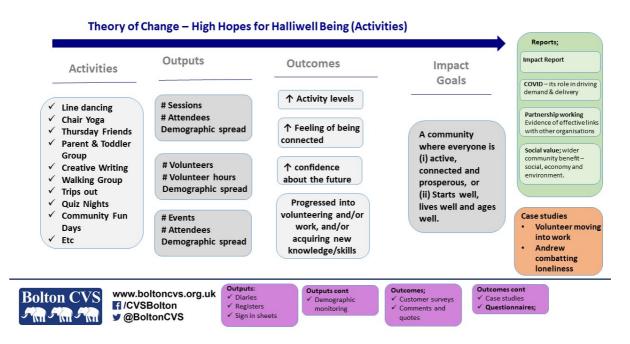
6.1 Outcomes Frameworks

We will monitor and evaluate the difference that we are making and how successful we are being in making progress towards our stated aims. We will review and assess the data and evidence gained to;

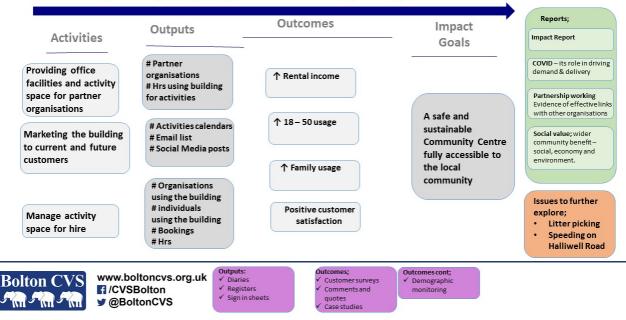
• Prove the difference we are making to all appropriate stakeholders,

- Improve the quality of what we are doing in light of what the data and evidence is telling us as to what is and what isn't working
- Report regularly on our impact.

The following outcomes frameworks demonstrates the link between our activities and our organisational impact goals and therefore describes our 'Theory of Change (TOC).



Theory of Change – High Hopes for Halliwell Being (Building)



6.3 Social Value statement

As a local community organisation, we are committed to understanding and improving our positive impact in the widest of senses. We are committed to doing what we do best in ways that not only benefit our beneficiaries in terms of their mental and physical wellbeing, but also brings benefit to the wider area in which we operate, our local community, local economy and the local environment. We understand that this describes the 'social value that we seek to create as responsible employers, community members, and stewards of the spaces that we work in and work from.

This in practical terms means that in line with our mission we support our clients to be active and connected members of the community in which they live, recognising that they in turn through their engagement, add real value to those communities and local economy.

In addition to this, we seek to bring additional social value by;

- Investing time, effort and practical resources in making our volunteers experience as rewarding, fulfilling and effective as we possibly can; recognising that their contribution and wellbeing has an additional positive benefit to the local economy. We recognise that our volunteers have something to say as well as something to do. We actively encourage and then celebrate every progression that our volunteers make when progressing into other volunteering roles, educational opportunities or taking up paid employment.
- Committing to paying the Real Living Wage for all entry level roles. We are also committed to being good employers and embrace the principles of the Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter.
- Being good stewards of the natural resources that we use to run our building and activities. We seek to be increasingly environmentally friendly through recycling, sourcing local goods and services whenever we can, and developing working practices and policies that reflect our responsibility and intention to minimise our carbon footprint. We are committed to being carbon literate and to promoting carbon literacy at all appropriate opportunities.
- Partnership working, sharing resources and collaborating with groups or organisations that share similar objectives and values. We are committed to finding new ways of providing services that are as tailored to individual and local needs as is possible.

We therefore seek to embed social value throughout the life and development of our organisation. We will monitor, evaluate and report on our social value with a commitment to maximizing it at every practicable opportunity.

6.4 Reporting

Trustee report for each meeting and full annual report. Short report for the West Bolton Team annually.

7. Risks and Controls

7.1 Table of significant organisational risk against the controls that we seek to have in place.

Risk	Control
Governance eg. – Conflicts of interest – Skills gaps	 ✓ Conflicts of interest policy ✓ Annual skills review ✓ Recruitment process ✓ Ensure all policies are up to date
 Regulatory or compliance risks eg failure to meet necessary standards Safeguarding 	 ✓ Schedule of reporting ✓ Training register ✓ All trustees to undertake annual refresher ✓ Sign up to Bolton CVS TGI updates ✓ All staff to have DBS checks ✓ Undertake safeguarding training
Financial risks eg loss of major income source accounts 	 ✓ Ensure diverse income strategy ✓ All accounts to go through trustees to avoid conflict of interests ✓ Active board meeting
 Operational risks eg loss of key staff, poor quality of support given to vulnerable beneficiaries, Staff competency 	 ✓ Ensure operational knowledge is captured ✓ Create operations manual ✓ Training in place ✓ CPD
External risks eg changes to local or central government policy a public complaint bad press coverage 	 ✓ Membership of relevant networks ✓ Robust complaints policy and procedure ✓ Culture of learning