

Newsletter

Welcome to our latest Newsletter, much has happened since our last one.

Covid Update

Whilst government advice is to relax COVID restrictions we would ask all members to be considerate of your fellow members health status by:

- Not attending HIP events if you have any Covid symptoms
- Not attending if you have had a positive LFT or PCR Test within the last 10 days

Thank you for continuing to comply with our precautions.

Events



Face to Face Coffee morning went ahead at:-

Hotel Ibis in Crewe on
Friday 4th March 2022

and at

Trinity Church in Ellesmere Port on
Friday 11th March 2022.

It was nice to see all that attended.

Note for your diary

Zoom Virtual Coffee Morning
Thursday 7th April 2022 at 10.30am



Office Move

We are delighted that space has opened up in the Acorn Suite, enabling us to relocate our office from Ellesmere Port. We are now on the Countess of Chester Hospital site, close to the Acquired Brain Injury Service. 3 cheers for Beth, Andrea, Nick and Ross, who provided the muscle and wheels to complete the office move in one morning.



Trustees and Staffing

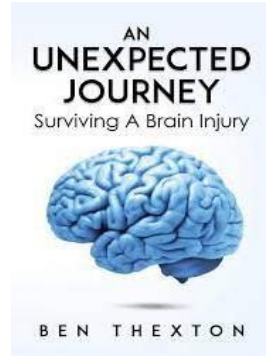
A huge **THANK YOU** to Irwin Mitchell and Deirdre Healy for providing 2 years match funding for our part time Activities Co-Ordinator position that will be going out to advert in the near future.



We're very pleased to announce that Ben Thexton will be taking on the role of treasurer.



I joined the board trustees in October 2020 after working with the charity over the previous couple of years. After suffering a traumatic brain injury in 2012 I had support from the Cheshire Acquired Brain Injury Service team during 2015/16. I then wrote a book about my experiences and from sales and talks of the book I have raised funds for the charity. I am a chartered accountant so will be helping the charity with its finances and to strengthen its position in the coming years.



Finance report

Since we last had an AGM there have been 2 financial years for which there has not been a report. The accounts are all on-line at the Charity Commission and a up to date summary can be found on our website. The last two years during the Covid pandemic were challenging for us financially.

2019/2020

We received Covid specific grants and a total of £16,620.00 from the Steve Morgan Foundation, National Lottery and Cheshire Community Fund. Stanlaw Abbey Business Centre also reduced our rent for 12 months.

2020/2021

With staff leaving at Christmas 2020, 6 months of salary costs were saved, and small grants were obtained from The Williams Family Foundation, Co-op Giving Fund, Chatwins collection tins and a small amount from Amazon Smile and Ebay/Paypal.

Our 'financial year' goes from August to July so below are the figures for the 2 years.

| | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | Total for the 2 years |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Income | £61,236 | £6,168 | £67,424 |
| less expenditure | £36,554 | £20,619 | £57,173 |
| Totals | £24,682 (profit) | £14,431 (loss) | £10,251 (profit) |

2021/2022

Total funds £22,126 plus 2 years joint funding from Irwin Mitchell (approx. £10,000)

As always, a huge thank you to all our members for your continued support

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