



The Public Benefit delivered by The Harpur Trust Schools during 2010/11

Introduction

The Bedford Charity (Harpur Trust) pursues its three charitable objects – **education, relief** and **recreational facilities** – by grant making, providing almshouses, social policy work and operating independent schools, working with maintained schools and also through community work.

Grant Making. 2010/11 once again saw continued growth and improvements in the Charity's community grant making with £1,741,079 awarded to local organisations and individuals. Full details of our grants programme and the public benefit it delivered last year are outlined in our Annual Report of Trustees and Accounts.

Almshouses. We provide 38 almshouse dwellings for frail and older residents. Our schools also become directly involved in the almshouse activity. Every year pupils and staff organise an annual Almshouse Summer Party for older people across the Borough, including residents of our almshouses. Pupils not only provide the entertainment they also serve guests afternoon tea, engage in conversation and also escort them to their transport at the end of the party. In this way, the public benefit directly as elder citizens are celebrated and treated as valued members of the community. Indirectly, the public benefits from many young people becoming aware of the needs and talents of their elders. Such inter-generational activity has significant potential benefits for the future of the community as a whole.

The Charity's Schools. We administer the Harpur Trust Schools including Bedford School, Bedford Girls' School, and Bedford Modern School who between them educate 3,616 boys and girls from the ages of 7 to 18; 3,356 of these pupils are from the UK. Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School is also part of the Harpur Trust and educates 383 pupils from age 3 to 8.

All of our schools offer high quality education to pupils via their comprehensive curricular and co-curricular programmes. Access is also offered to the International Baccalaureate (IB), boys' boarding facilities and single sex education all of which are not as freely available in maintained schools.

Our schools are also able to offer families on lower incomes the opportunity to apply for help with our schools' fees through a means-tested bursary programme. During 2010/11 we spent £2,140,000 supporting 300 pupils with their school fees and 64 of these received full fee remission. Our bursary programme allows us to widen the opportunity for more children to benefit from a Harpur Trust school education. The amount of money spent on bursaries will increase to 5.5% of gross fees by 2015 and a series of communications campaigns will also help to promote the bursary programme to a wider spectrum of local families.

In addition to providing a high quality educational provision, and assisting with the funding of education, both pupils and staff from our schools, and the main Harpur Trust Office, are actively involved in a range of community activities that help to promote and support education.

The Public Benefit offered by our Schools in 2010/11

The following is a summary of the public benefit our schools offered to the local community between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011. The Charity's three objects – education, relief and recreation - have been used as headings to help illustrate the breadth of the public benefit provided by our schools. Whilst some of the activities our schools undertake will contribute to more than one charitable object each one has been listed only once under the object to which greatest benefit is delivered.

For the purpose of this report our schools have been given the following codes:

BHSG Bedford High School for Girls*

DAHS Dame Alice Harpur School *

BS Bedford School

PS Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School

BMS Bedford Modern School

BSSC Bedford School Study Centre

(* merging to form Bedford Girls' School in September 2012)

Promotion of Education

Taking education beyond our schools ...

School	Activity	Public Benefit
BMS	A teacher gave Latin lessons to pupils from a range of local maintained schools at weekends with an average of 10 pupils per class.	Providing the opportunity for pupils to learn Latin that would be unavailable in their own school.
BMS	Teachers and sixth form pupils gave Spanish lessons to 20 pupils from Edith Cavell Lower School.	Allowing young children the chance to learn an additional language not currently taught in their own school and to learn from and work with older pupils.
BMS	Information evening for potential Oxbridge students.	Providing an opportunity for 20 sixth form pupils from Biddenham and Sharnbrook Upper Schools to attend an information evening about applying for a place at Oxbridge in order to provide them with additional information and guidance on the University and application process.
DAHS	24 Year 3 & 4 pupils from Shortstown Lower School took part in the Food in Schools Partnership programme.	Pupils learnt the importance of balanced meals, food hygiene and were able to design and make their own pizza from healthy ingredients. An opportunity that was unavailable in their school.
DAHS	Pupils from Cauldwell Lower School took part in a creative arts projects with staff from DAHS.	Giving pupils an opportunity to develop their creative art skills with the aid of resources not normally available in their own school.
DAHS/BGS	Local schools were offered the loan of French books.	Aiding teaching and learning of French within local schools.
BS	UCAS Interview technique workshops for four students from Sharnbrook Upper School.	Teaching students key skills for successful university application interviews.
BS	Video conferencing and web lectures with Sheffield, Birmingham, London and Bristol Universities, attended by pupils from Biddenham, Hastingsbury and Wootton Upper Schools and the Bedford Academy (5 pupils from each).	The online lectures involve various schools and universities nationally and seek to widen participation in Higher Education and raise aspirations.
BS	Harpur Science Forums held throughout the autumn and spring term, with talks and lectures from a variety guest speakers & professors from the scientific community, to approximately 200 pupils from Biddenham, Hastingsbury and Wootton Upper School and the Bedford Academy.	Giving pupils an opportunity to expand their knowledge and learning in Science.
BS	Engineering lecture, on lifts, and attended by three local schools: Hastingsbury, St Thomas More and Sharnbrook Upper.	Open to local students with an interest in science, maths or engineering as a career.
BS	A Geography Association meeting with 24	Providing facilities for the meeting

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	geography staff from Biddenham, Hastingsbury and Wootton Upper Schools and the Bedford Academy.	that enables local geography teachers to share best practice and ideas.
BS	60 pupils from schools including Wootton and Biddenham Upper Schools and St Thomas More attended a lecture on 'Hazards' from Rev. Dr. David Chester, University of Liverpool Dept. of Geography.	Giving pupils an opportunity to expand their knowledge and learning in Geography.
BS	10 pupils from Mark Rutherford and Biddenham Upper School attended mock Oxbridge Maths interviews at BS, including advice and guidance on interview techniques.	Supporting local pupils with their Oxbridge applications.
BS	Exploring books project where the BS librarian visited Year 3 and 4 pupils from Springfield, Hazeldene, Willington, Cauldwell, Shortstown and Camestone Lower Schools and introduced them to a variety of books and authors.	The schools benefited from the loan of 6 copies of 6 different books for 6 weeks, plus the librarian's support to encourage children to explore a wider range of books, complete book reviews and, as a result, improve their literacy and comprehension.
BS	The School organised and hosted a World Book Day evening attended by the entire English department at the Bedford Academy.	Promoting World Book Day and the importance of literature within education.
BS	Astronomy courses at the Observatory.	Attended by 49 local pupils and adults, the short courses provide delegates with a brief introduction to astronomy.
BS	Children from Cople Lower School enjoyed a 15 week programme of design and technology from the Head of Design and Technology at Bedford School.	Children learnt how to design and make a variety of items throughout the course with materials supplied by BS. The programme concluded with an outstanding display of their achievements at a dedicated exhibition attended by 400 guests.
BS	Pupils from Year 3 and 4 at Cauldwell, Priory, Shackleton and St John Rigby Lower Schools attended a Spanish afternoon hosted by the Head of Languages at BS.	The opportunity to practise Spanish during an afternoon of fun activities and also learn alongside pupils from other local schools.

Making our facilities available to the community

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BMS	The Chairman and representatives from four schools from the Local Education Partnership (Edith Cavell, Livingstone, Scott and Priory Lower) used a room at the school to hold regular meetings.	Providing free facilities for this local education partnership to conduct its meetings and continue with its strategic development plans.
BMS	The King Room was used by Bedford Council of Faiths for a three day Faith Festival. Music for the opening ceremony was provided by 12 pupils from BMS. In total 416 pupils attended from 11 local lower and middle schools including Goldington	The Festival was part of 'Celebrating RE' month and helped those attending to broaden their knowledge and learning of different faiths by

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	Green, Cople, Ursula Taylor, Ravensden, Bromham, Shackleton, Scott and Livingstone Lower Schools and Beauchamp and Newnham Middle Schools.	talking to people from various local faith groups.
BMS	Castle Lower School used the sports facilities at BMS for their Year 3 and 4 sports day.	Supporting part of the School's sports curriculum and team building initiatives.
BMS	Examination centre for the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music, Trinity/Guildhall and Rock School.	Providing a local venue to allow 150 pupils over the course of the year to take their music school exams.
DAHS	School facilities were used by the local Geographical Society for their meetings.	Providing free facilities for a local community group.
BHSG	Providing free use of the school playground to enable local residents and community groups to raise money for local charities.	Supporting fundraising events in the local community.
BS	Observatory and Planetarium made widely available throughout the school year for visitors and for use by local astronomy clubs.	Visitors this year included: Bedford Astronomical Society, Frontier Club, Children's University, St Andrew's Church Group, Lincroft School, Wootton Guides, Brickhill Guides, Harrold Cubs, Alban Middle School, Turvey Cubs, Biddenham Guides, Wilstead Cubs, Riseley Men's Group, Hills Road Lower School, Oakley Cubs, Putnoe Scouts, Queen's Park Community Group, Astrium, Biddenham School and Brickhill Cubs.
BS	School facilities provided free of charge for the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) gifted and talented weekend.	This was part of a national event, and was hosted by Bedford School with funding from the Bedford Charity with children between the ages of 4 and 15 attending from a range of local schools.
BS	Hosted the English Speaking Union Competition involving Queens Park, Cauldwell, Putnoe, Priory, Springfields and Goldington Lower Schools.	Promoting the importance of communication and helping to build pupils skills and confidence.
BS & BHSG	BS & BHSG hosted the Kempston Educational Trust (KET) Gifted and Talented Day for 218 students aged 11 to 16 from four local schools. Organised by the KET and the Bedford Charity office and also supported by the Bedfordshire and Luton Fire and Rescue Service.	Providing students with an outstanding opportunity to take part in a variety of activities and lessons throughout a fun-packed day that enhance team building, confidence and learning skills.

Helping others to promote education ...

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BMS	Hosted the Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) Automobile Division Formula Student Schools Event, attended by 32 pupils including some from St Thomas More and Wootton Upper Schools.	An excellent opportunity for GCSE and A level pupils to learn more about the work of student and professional engineers, to encourage them to consider a

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		career in engineering.
BMS	A music teacher from BMS offered advice and support to the Head of Music at Daubeney Middle School.	Imparting knowledge and sharing ideas with another teacher to enable her to enhance her teaching of Music Technology within her own school.
DAHS	Meeting facilities provided for the AQA Network exam meeting for the School's Examination Officers.	Supporting education.
DAHS	Professor Richard Pring gave a talk to staff and Heads from local maintained schools (Biddenham and Wootton Upper attended) on curriculum innovation.	Supporting and promoting educational initiatives.
PPPS	The School provided facilities for the local BeeZee Bodies group to run their family weight management programme for children aged 7 to 15. 28 families attended the programme between February and July 2011.	Supporting a local group set up to educate, support and encourage overweight children and their families to change their behaviour relating to weight and exercise.
BSSC	Providing a week's work experience placement for a Year 11 pupil from Biddenham Upper School.	Supporting pupils from local maintained schools.
BS	Three boys offer support to teachers at Priory Lower School during German and French classes every Wednesday afternoon during term time.	Younger children receive additional support within their language lessons and are therefore able to progress faster or to a higher level.

Enriching and broadening the experience of education ...

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BMS	Battle of the Bard Shakespeare Festival for 60 pupils in Years 7 to 11 from local middle and upper schools, including pupils from Lincroft, Margaret Beaufort and Goldington Middle Schools and Mark Rutherford Upper School.	By providing a local venue for the Festival more pupils are able to benefit from this experience, build new friendships, learn from others and practise their performing skills, whereas in previous years pupils have had to travel to other counties to take part.
BMS	BMS pupils took part in the production of The Trial at The Palace Theatre, Bedford. Tickets were offered at a discounted price to local schools and 24 pupils from Mark Rutherford School attended (plus another 31 pupils from other private schools).	Providing local pupils with an opportunity to experience and learn from a local production of a set, classic text to enhance and expand their in-class learning.
BMS	BMS pupils visited Mark Rutherford Upper School to perform The Trial to 90 Year 11 pupils.	Providing local pupils with an opportunity to experience and learn from a local production of a set, classic text to enhance and expand their in-class learning.
BMS	Senior school pupils performed the Wizard of Oz production to a variety of audiences, including 223 local school children and 29 staff. Local schools who attended included; Edith Cavell, Livingstone and Ursula Taylor Lower Schools.	Encouraging younger children to attend and enjoy a theatre production and develop their broader educational experiences.
BMS	Art workshops run by the School's Art staff to 15 local pupils aged 7 to 9 from Goldington Green Lower School.	Children learnt how to make clay bowls and became more aware of multi-cultural art as part of this art enrichment session.

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BMS	Hosted the Maths Quantum Theatre show attended by 221 Year 3 and 4 pupils from Scott, Edith Cavell, Ursula Taylor and Livingston Lower Schools.	Promoting and encouraging younger children to take part in maths activities to enhance their learning and improve their ability.
BMS	Six Open University Maths Masterclasses were run on Saturdays during the autumn term with 30 Year 9 students from maintained and independent schools across the County invited to attend.	Promoting and encouraging pupils to take part in Maths activities to enhance their learning and develop their ability.
BMS	Nine pupils and four members of staff from Goldington Green Lower School attended a felt making workshop run by a teacher from BMS's art department.	Giving pupils an opportunity to develop their art/textile/design skills, by using a medium and technique not available in their own school.
BMS	84 Year 4 pupils from Castle Lower School and 56 Year 3 pupils from Bromham Lower School attend the Lower Schools Technology Week workshops with five members of the BMS Design & Technology department.	Pupils were given the opportunity to design and use DT equipment that would not normally be available to them at their own school, therefore enhancing their education and learning.
BMS	15 pupils from Bedford Academy joined BMS students at a talk and creative writing workshop by visiting author Malcolm Rose.	The chance to meet a renowned author and participate in his creative writing workshop demonstrating how to develop an idea into a story.
BMS	60 students from Year 12 at Bedford Academy, Biddenham and St Thomas More Upper Schools attended a careers day at BMS.	Providing students with information, advice and guidance on potential career opportunities so they can start to make an informed choice about their future.
DAHS	15 students from Bedford Academy joined girls from DAHS on a Science, Engineering, Technology & Mathematics (STEM) Challenge Day.	Students benefited from the experience of designing and construction their own wind turbines and broadening their educational experiences.
DAHS	15 students from Bedford Academy joined Year 9 girls from DAHS on a 'Developer for a Day' careers event.	Together students from both schools worked together on this careers day aimed at raising awareness of the transferrable skills and opportunities available to women in the construction industry. Students worked with Young Enterprise and Young Ambassadors from the construction industry.
PPPS	The School's Able, Gifted & Talented and Music teacher invited three local lower schools (Shackleton, Cauldwell and Goldington) to nominate four children with an ability, talent or interest in singing, to attend an enrichment singing afternoon and performance.	Schools shared facilities, equipment, skills and ideas to promote, support and develop the children's talents.
BS	National Science Week lectures attended by pupils from Biddenham, Hastingsbury and Wootton Upper Schools and the Bedford Academy.	Providing additional learning opportunities.
BS	Royal Institute's Family Fun Day lectures attended by approx. 300 people including pupils from Biddenham, Hastingsbury and Wootton Upper Schools and the Bedford Academy.	Providing additional learning opportunities in a fun environment.

Relief of those who are sick, in need, hardship or distress.

Our schools also contribute to the charitable object of relief through a variety of activities.

The pupils at our schools develop a strong sense of civic duty and a clear understanding of the value of public service, which forms a direct, intangible benefit to society as a whole, as does the sense of self-discipline and concern for others that is actively encouraged by the schools.

The matrix that follows lists some of the initiatives at the individual schools.

Our pupils and staff working in the community

School	Activity	Public Benefit
BMS	Donation of £212.76 to St John's Hospice from the sale of programmes for the Junior School Christmas production.	Charity fund raising to support a local group.
BMS	Year 6 pupils donated £130 to the Marston Vale Community Forest in connection with project work they were doing during the summer term.	Supporting initiatives within the local community.
BMS	The Year 6 Christmas Card recycling club donated the £100 they raised from the sale of Christmas cards and gift tags to the Marston Vale Community Forest.	Supporting initiatives within the local community.
BMS	Harvest Festival produce was distributed to residents at St Christopher's Home and Gladys Ibbett House and also older people who came to the School's afternoon drop-in sessions.	Supporting and caring for older people in the community.
BMS	Two members of staff worked with 36 Year 12 and 13 students to organise a series of voluntary work placements in the community including: Oxfam and Red Cross charity shops, Langslade House and The Mallards residential homes, Haven 2000 Nursery, and the Hospice Day Care Centre.	Offering support and assistance in the community and broadening the educational and intergenerational experience of our students.
BMS	The £885.91 raised from the School's MUFTI days, tuck shop sales and donations was given to the Bedford Hospital Stroke Unit Sensory Garden.	Charity fund raising to support a local group.
DAHS	The Harvest Festival produce collection was donated to clients at BECHAR and the Kings Arms Project. Residents from the Charity's Almshouses also attended the Harvest Festival event.	Providing local groups with charitable donations and also offering older people the opportunity to attend local, social events.
BS	Hosted the Swimathon with Bedford Rotary Club with BS boys taking part in the event and raising £650 for St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.	Charity fund raising to support a local group.
BS	Non-school uniform (MUFTI) day raised £630 for Headway at Bedford Hospital.	Charity fund raising to support a local group.
BS	5K Santa fun run to raise money for Keech Hospice Care.	Charity fund raising to support a local group.
BS	Christmas Card Tree with the donations collected given to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.	Charity fund raising to support a local group.
BS	Four students worked at the Headway unit in Bedford Hospital every Wednesday afternoon during term time.	Supporting people recovering from head and brain injuries with their rehabilitation.

Making our facilities available to the community

School	Activity	Public Benefit
DAHS	The University of the Third Age (U3A) holds its fortnightly literature meetings at the school.	Supporting educational/recreational initiatives for older people.
BMS	Grange Special School used the BMS swimming pool for four 40 minute swimming lessons introducing children to swimming.	Providing swimming facilities for children with special education needs.
BHSG	The School's pool was used for four, two hour swimming sessions by the local Mencap group.	Providing local people with learning disabilities with the chance to enjoy regular swimming sessions.
BS	Marlin's Special Needs Water Activities Club used the pool on Thursday evenings for swimming sessions.	Supporting educational/recreational initiatives for people with disabilities.

Enriching community life

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BMS	60 students from Years 7 to 13 performed musical pieces for the High Sheriff's Service for Her Majesty's Judges.	Supporting local community events and providing extra-curricular opportunities for students.
BMS	20 students from Years 9 to 13 performed in the Charity Concert for the Rotary Club at St Paul's Church, Bedford.	Supporting local community events and providing extra-curricular experiences for students.
BMS	Loaning musical equipment to the Bedford Hospital Charity for their concert at St Paul's Church, Bedford.	Supporting local community events.
BMS	20 students from Year 9 to 13 joined fellow students from the Bedford Academy at a concert for the Academy Students and their families.	Supporting extra-curricular programmes at local maintained schools.
DAHS	74 guests from Sight Concern, and their carers, attended a party in their honour at the school with girls providing the musical entertainment and refreshments.	The provision of free social events for a local group.
BHSG	Girls provided entertainment at the Harpur Trust's Almshouse Summer Party hosted by BMS.	Supporting a social event for older residents.
BS	Boys provided musical entertainment at the Harpur Trust's Almshouse Summer Party hosted by BMS.	Supporting a social event for older residents.

Recreational facilities with a social welfare purpose

All of our schools actively seek out ways in which their facilities can be put to use for the benefit of the wider community. Society also benefits indirectly from the high level of academic, sporting and artistic achievements attained by the pupils and facilitated by the staff at our schools.

Making our facilities available to the community

School	Activity	Public Benefit
BMS	Hosted the Annual Christmas Party for 110 local older people with BMS students and staff serving lunch and providing entertainment.	Providing a social event for local older people where they can catch-up with friends and make new ones.
BMS	Approximately 40-50 local older people attended fortnightly Friday afternoon social events at the school with entertainment and refreshments served by students.	Providing a social event for local older people where they can catch-up with friends and make new ones.
BMS	Hosted the Harpur Trust's Almshouse Summer Party and provided refreshments and entertainment.	A social event bringing together older people from the Harpur Trust's almshouse and other residential homes in the Bedford.
BMS	Providing rooms for the local Neighbourhood Watch Association Roadshow.	Supporting local community events.

Supporting sport, recreation and the arts in the community

School	Activity	Public Benefit
BMS	Providing meeting facilities for the Bedfordshire School's Cricket Association.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Providing sports facilities to enable 50 boys aged 7 to 12 to take part in a training session run by the Bedfordshire School's Cricket Association.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Facilities provided to the RFU for a rugby teaching conference.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Use of cricket facilities by Bedfordshire School's Cricket Association for U13s cricket day. 10 staff and 100 children attended from Woodside, Lincroft, Marston Vale, Newnham, Beauchamp and Westfield Middle Schools.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Use of outdoor cricket nets by Bedfordshire Young Cricketers for training sessions. 15 children attended on a weekly basis for 15 weeks.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Meeting room provided to the Bedfordshire Hockey Association Schools and Youth group.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Hosted the Year 6 rugby sevens tournament for 24 pupils from Lincroft, Robert Bloomfield and Margaret Beaufort Middle schools.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Hosted the Year 8 rugby sevens tournament for 28 pupils from Lincroft, Harrold and Margaret Beaufort schools.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BMS	Provided a venue for the British Red Cross fundraiser – Dance for Life Competition with approximately 60 competitors from local schools and dance groups.	Supporting and promoting sport in the local community.
BHSG	Providing the use of school facilities, free of charge, to the Bedford Camera Club for their summer exhibition.	Supporting and enabling a local group of amateur photographers to exhibit their work.
PPPS	Providing facilities to enable R&D Coaching to run sessions for local children to take part in a range of activities to enhance their football skills. 11 children attended an hours training session each week.	Supporting sport within the local community.
BS	Weekly Thursday lunchtime music concerts.	Local community invited to attend free of charge.

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BS	St Celia's Day Concert.	Local community invited to attend free of charge.
BS	Hosted the Voces8 concerts in October 2010 & April 2011.	Local community invited to attend free of charge.
BS	Prep School concert.	Local community invited to attend free of charge.
BS	Chapel Choir Masterclass by Mark Williams of Jesus College, Cambridge.	Local community invited to attend free of charge.
BS	Musical concert by the School's Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble.	Local community invited to attend free of charge.
BS	Art Exhibitions.	Open to the public free of charge.
BS	Gilbert Lloyd lectures attended by approximately 70 people.	Open to the public free of charge.
BS	Bedfordshire Historical Society meetings held throughout the year in the school library and Memorial Hall.	Supporting local community groups.
BS	Bedford Cerebral Palsy Association used the Schools' Ickwell Bury Field Centre during summer 2010 with the Forest School Project.	Supporting local community groups.
BS	Hosted the local Rotary Club Young Musician competition.	Supporting and promoting music and local community groups.
BS	Royal British Legion reception held in the Great Hall and grounds.	Supporting a local community groups by offering facilities free of charge.
BS	St George's Day Parade by the local Scouts groups.	Supporting a local community groups by offering facilities free of charge.
BS	School grounds used, free of charge, for the High Sheriff's Twenty20 cricket match.	Supporting and promoting sport within the local community.