



Cecil Green Arts CIC 11632672

## **Annual Report for the financial year 01.04.20 - 31.03.2021**

Obviously, the impact that Covid-19 has had on the company's ability to work with communities to deliver large and small scale events and work in person with people has been severely limited in the last financial year.

We have been able to deliver some arts activities over zoom with PHAB, Mind the Gap and through our social media pages. We have also had some input into arts projects such as 'Bags of Creativity'. Our annual lantern parade and other large scale community arts events have not been able to happen due to restrictions. We were however able to send out 400 lantern making packs to members of the community following successful funding applications from Bradford MDC so people could make lanterns in their own homes.

Following some successful Arts Council Emergency Response Funding, we have also been able to focus on some internal work as a company by engaging professional organisational development individuals to work with us to develop our thinking around our future, our priorities and the development of a business plan.

We were able to engage a design company to redesign our logo and brand and have worked with a web developer to develop our new website.

In the Autumn of 2020, we started working on an exciting project to develop three mythical beast street acts making large scale illuminated puppets on the theme of Bradford mythological stories, following a successful bid to Bradford Producing Hub with support from Bradford 2025, Bradford MDC and the Arts Council. The project has involved us working with Director Andrew Kim to develop the making of the beasts, costume designer Naomi Parker, commissioning composer Eddie Kean, working with puppeteers and filmmakers and photographers to record the whole process. We hope to perform them to a public audience once restrictions allow.

We have also engaged with wide ranging training and support from BPH, Walk the Plank, NASA and Wild Rumpus.

We have been able to keep the core group of Bradford Belles engaged through on line activities, regular posts on a closed facebook group and whatsapp messaging. New on line tap dancing lessons have started up too.

We would like to thank the following funders:

Arts Council England  
Bradford MDC  
Bradford Producing Hub

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Bradford Culture Company