

## ***What has Odd Down Community Association (ODCA) done for our Community? @ September 2025***

Odd Down Community Association is a local charity started in 2008 to keep our local Youth & Community Centre in Odin's Road open, and used more by children, young people and our Community in response to the Council's then plan to reduce youth services.

### **The initial aims of the Association were:**

- To support and contribute to the development and sustainability of the area called Odd Down in the south of Bath and to work together for the benefits of the residents of Odd Down
- To manage the building known as the Odd Down Youth Centre as a Community Building for the benefit of both Odd Down residents and those living in B&NES in partnership with Bath Area Play Project.

But as part of the application to be a Charity the following aims were adopted as more inclusive in November 2010:

*To further or benefit the residents of Odd Down in South Bath and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said residents and the local authority, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. ODCA (Charity Commission No: 1139206).*

For over 15 years ODCA has supported investment into our Community for its community, particularly for its children and young people. Invested into the Youth & Community Centre with support from Bath & North East Somerset Council over maintenance. It is the base for, and managed by, Bath Area Play Project Charity who run play and holiday activities for children and families across B&NES, including particularly those with special needs.

**Funds & Grants:** ODCA has applied for grants on behalf of our community over the years being successful in a number of ways, and in turn given grants to local groups and activities as shown on pages 2 & 3. Particularly initially in 2011/12 in reaching agreement with Bath & North East Somerset Council to help allocate a grant of £55,600 ('section 106') to be spent '*for the purpose of improving youth and community facilities within the immediate vicinity of the application land*' at Pulteney View (former Clarks site). This helped met the costs of improving and renovating the Centre. Our local Councillors have enabled their annual local grant to be held by ODCA for distribution as shown on pages 2 & 3..

### **Family Fun Day**

In 2023 ODCA joined with Better.GLL to initiate a local Family Fun Day in July on the Odd Down Sports Ground which was so successful the fund raising event has now become an annual event raising further funds for nominated charities. Attendance estimated 1,500 average.

6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Funds raised £1771 (£500 donation each to charities 'All Cycling' Bath and Radio Bath). Sponsors CURO £500 & Cross engineering £100.

7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Funds raised £1,930 (£500 donation each to charities Julian House & Wiltshire Air Ambulance). Sponsors CURO £500 & Cross Engineering £100.

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 Funds raised £1,287 (£430 each to charities Cancer Research & Voices (Domestic Abuse). Sponsors CURO £500.

## **Grants activity involving ODCA from September 2025 back to 2008.**

**2025** Odd Down History Society( £102). Funding for Youth Project started June with Youth Connect South West and B&NES (£2,000 reserved). Grant for Learning Materials to primary schools St Philip's & St Martin's Garden £500). Bleed Kit set up on Banwell Rd (£238). *Received grant £2,000 from B&NES Councillor's Fund..*

**2024** Grants to Cancer Research & 'Voices' charity (£430 each from Fun Day 1), Hampset Youth (£250) and St Philip's Institute for Youth Flat (£500). July 2024. Grants to Julian House (£500) and Wiltshire Air Ambulance (£500). Purchased Defibrillator Corston View (£750) Odd Down Garden project (£200). Supported St Martin's Burial Ground Project (costs were £1989 and ODCA contributed £389).

**2023** Youth sessions Connect South West (partly funded by ODCA) commenced a programme of 6 sessions of focused Youth Work at the Centre from November 2022. Funding was awarded via B&NES for 7 Coronations Street Parties in Odd Down. Grant to Thursday Toddlers group (£100) meeting at the Centre. *Received grant of £500 from CURO to help fund Odd Down Community Fun Day I which raised £1,287.*

**2022** Grants awarded £2,375. *Received B&NES Councillor's grant: £2,000.*

**Bath Area Play Project Family Fun** contribution towards costs Wheelie Day July at Cycle Track £250 & Screen printing/Spray Art workshop at centre for disabled teenagers £250. **Jubilee celebrations local events:** help towards costs 6 'parties' total grants £375. **Autism Compass** @ Community Centre: £500 for suitable play & educational equipment for pre-school. **Sunshine pre-school Playgroup:** £500 staff support for 2 with children special needs. **St Martin's Workhouse Burial Ground** contribution to Information Board £500.

**2021** *Received B&NES Councillor's grant: £2,000 & National Lottery £500.*

Awarded £1,000. **Hampset Youth Cricket** contribution to costs of new practice nets £500. **Brownies, Rainbows & Guides:** £500 for play & activities equipment

**2020** *Received National Lottery funding.* Total grants awarded £2685

**St Martin's School Food Pantry** contribution to setting up costs £500

**Triangle Garden:** contribution to tree and flower planting £150

**Youth Club equipment** @ Centre new TV & Audio, Trampoline repairs £1535

**Youth Club (Friday after school)** contribution to staffing costs £500.

**2019 Youth club.** ODCA commissioned Friday Youth club with Bath Youth for Christ *Successfully applied for Police Commissioner's Grant £3,000 with ODCA additional £1,000. Grants received from National Lottery 'Awards for All', St Philip's Church £500 & CURO £500 for Youth equipment supporting grant from Police Commissioners Fund.* **BAPP Wheelie Day** at Cycle track grant £500.

**2018:** total grants awarded £1761.

**Good Companions** (meet at St Philip & St James Church) activities and transport costs £576. Corston View Community Club and **Bloomfield Allotment Holders**

£185. **Bath Area Play Project Family Fun** Wheely Day July 31 contribution to costs

£500. **Odd Down Walking Football Club** contribution to kit and equipment Grant

£400. **Youth Club** staffing costs £500.

**2014** *Grant from Bath & North-East Somerset Council £3,000.*

**Previous Funds & Grants:** in 2011/12 ODCA reached an agreement with Bath & North-East Somerset Council to help allocate a grant of £55,600 originating from Pulteney View housing development to be spent *'for the purpose of improving youth and community facilities within the immediate vicinity of the application's land at Pulteney View (former Clark's site)*. This grant has been used by the following groups and centres: **At the Youth & Community Centre (Odin's Road):** £18,000 spent on improving facilities in 2012 allowing increased use.

**Youth Music Project:** £8,669 to create a specific music facility at the Centre for young people. **Manna House:** this new Youth & Community Centre opened in 2011 next to St Philip's Church received a contribution of £20,333 towards the building costs of approximately £100,000. An additional grant £1,900 was made to provide audio/visual equipment for the young people using the Centre

**All-weather Play Surface at St Philip's School:** contribution of £1,920 towards a total cost £23,018 opening up an all-weather grass play space for Infants since 2012.

**Odd Down Football Club Youth Team:** new football strip - grant of £500 in 2012.

**Brownies, Guides and Rainbows (24<sup>th</sup> Rush Hill):** £960 grant on a large party tent, new portable cooking equipment, music books, arts and craft materials, and games.

**Parents & Toddler Groups** who meet at the Salvation Army: £960 grant on a Bouncy Castle, Trampoline, Football goal posts and other items with a shed for their safe storage.

**The Wednesday Children's Club** at the Salvation Army: £570 grant for games and activities.

**Sunflower Toddlers Play Group** grant of £1745 for play, educational equipment and safety improvements at the Youth & Community Centre.

**After-school activities at Community Centre:** grant £500 in 2015 and for various Youth activities and club nights 2012 to 20

as at August 4<sup>th</sup> 2025