

**Busy B-asement!**

It's already been a busy Summer for the Basement team, with a Ragley Hall Adventure Day, the Open Day and BBQ and the AGM in June, an amazing piece of artwork added to the garden, and visits from our local re-elected MP Sajid Javid and representatives from one of our major funders, the BLF. In addition CEO Jackie and Trustee Sheila Nunnerley were invited to a Buckingham Palace garden party to recognise the work of the Basement. Some pictures are shown below:



Jackie and Sheila at Buckingham Palace



Marina with "BBQ King" Steve Fitter from A-Plan



CEO Jackie and Finance Manager Carole (centre) with our BLF support team



CEO Jackie with MP Sajid Javid

More pictures overleaf

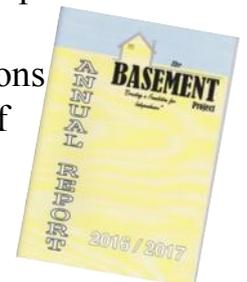
Right: Fun at the Ragley Hall Nina & Kennedy took 5 clients to Ragley Hall, starting the day with team building exercises and learning some new skills and then held an archery competition, ending the day raft building and kayaking across the lake! A day thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Founder member/trustee Sheila "hooks a duck"!

### AGM News

On Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> we held our AGM at which our Chairperson, Ann Holmes, explained the role of the Management Committee and answered the question "Have we fulfilled the role?"; Finance Director, John Perks, reported on a financially satisfactory year although pointed out possible future problems relating to government cut backs, and CEO Jackie explained how the Basement had supported young people and reported on partnerships with organisations like Rooftop and Nightstop. Much of this information, together with a wide range of enlightening case studies, feedback from clients, photos and other information is included in this year's Annual Report which can be obtained from the office as a printed copy of a PDF file. Please contact [info@basementproject.org.uk](mailto:info@basementproject.org.uk)



**Keep informed and join the fun!**





As usual we have many people to thank for donations and financial support, including (but not limited to): Bromsgrove Lions (a donated Easter Bunny helped raise £76); Co-op Community Fund £3,795.98; Nationwide - Bromsgrove - £500 (to pay for Ragley Hall Adventure Day and other events); 1st Bromsgrove Cubs - £350.50 (sponsored event); Broad Street DIY £328.54; Donation In memory of Mrs J Raggett (via Giles Funeral Director) £180.43; Marlbrook Gardens garden opening £220 and Waitrose , Homebase, Aldi , Leigh Johns, Butchers and A-plan Insurance for food for the open day



Left: Alan and Lynn Nokes presented a cheque for £220 through sales of refreshments when theirs and Dave & Di Morgan's gardens were open for the National Gardens Scheme



Right: A cheque from Bromsgrove Lions being presented to CEO Jackie.

### More pictures of our Summer events



Volunteers Biff and Dean work on the garden artwork. They were helped by clients James and Kaine

## Other News

### More Summer fun!

We have a trip to Weston Super Mare planned for July 27th for our clients and children with lunch provided then a Teddy Bears Picnic to be held on Aug 10th from 11.00 to 2.00 p.m at Sanders Park. Teddies are welcome to bring their humans along for fun, games and a picnic. Both events are free.

### Future Workshops

There are many Workshops planned covering a wide variety of subjects including 'Plot to Plate Cooking' 'Creating Personalised Bunting' and 'Personal Safety'. Some are AQA accredited and give our clients the opportunity to gain an Entry Level qualification. See the website for more details.



Marina presents a certificate of thanks to volunteer Theresa during Volunteers' Week



### Good luck Nat!

Sadly Nat has left us to fulfil an ambition to go backpacking for a year.

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