



IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023



**ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WILL
HAVE A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITY**



WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR & CEO

Portland Charity enjoyed a really amazing year in 2022-23, despite beginning on a very sad note with the death of our long-standing Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who actually laid the foundation stone as long ago as 1949. We achieved Ofsted Outstanding for our Further Education provision in January 2023, followed by a visit from the Duke of Edinburgh in March and we rounded the year off by winning a national award for Innovative Use of Technology with our Maples SMARTHome teaching facility.

Whilst it is very encouraging to achieve this external recognition, what really matters to us is making sure our Charity is making a positive difference every day in the lives of disabled people to support them in achieving their goals.

Our happiness curriculum is now embedded across all Further Education programmes and we measure two key well-being indicators to ensure our learners have improved physical and mental well-being.

Our community offer in Nottinghamshire, Pathways, is helping hundreds of people to transform their lives through improving their mental well-being. Every year dozens of Pathways participants are getting paid jobs, often for the first time in many years.

Our Newstart Activities programme reaches out to hundreds of disabled people who can take part in regular social activities, sport and arts when otherwise they might be stuck at home with few opportunities.

Pollyteach School continues to grow every year and achieved a great Ofsted result in June 2023 with Outstanding in the category of personal development. Our mission is simple, to re-engage young people who have stopped going to school for whatever reason - to give them a vital chance to realise their potential and not get left behind as they move towards adulthood.

It's thanks to the dedication and resilience of our fabulous learners and citizens, the hard work of our wonderful staff and volunteers, the support of our main funding partners, local employers who offer work placements and the generosity of trusts, grant making bodies and individual supporters, that we continue to have such a lasting impact on people with disabilities.



Dr Dawn Green
Chair



Dr Mark Dale
Principal & CEO

PORTLAND COLLEGE

In January 2023, Portland College was graded Outstanding in every category by Ofsted.



Total learners



Achievement Rates for Accredited Qualifications



Around **40%** of all Nottinghamshire children with SEND live in Mansfield and Ashfield.

“PORTLAND HAS BEEN WONDERFUL, IT’S HELPED ME STAY CALM AND BE MORE HAPPY AND CONFIDENT. I’M LOOKING FORWARD TO STARTING MY JOB AT ROB RECYCLING.”
Learner

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Ofsted



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR DAVID STROUGHTON

Each term, Portland runs an enrichment week on campus, giving learners the opportunity to try out new activities.

Looking for something different, learner David Stroughton took part in a powerlifting session. He caught the eye of tutor Stevie and visiting coaches and was invited to continue with sessions at the Old Tyme Strength gym.

Fast forward just a few weeks and David competed to become National Powerlifting Champion, qualifying for the European and Commonwealth Championships. His amazing success continued, with David winning the European and Commonwealth Championships and qualifying for the World Championships taking place later this year.

David commented "My reward for pushing myself past my limits is I am happy and proud to say I am a European and Commonwealth Champion. I could not have got here without my coach and Portland introducing me to the opportunity."

PORTLAND FREEDOM CITIZENS

Number of young people supported through our CQC registered care services.

16

Residential Learners

87

Short Breaks

105

Day Service

32

Independent Living



PORTLAND PATHWAYS

Our community employment and mental health service based in Mansfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Worksop and Newark.

PREPARING FOR WORK

SUPPORTING EMPLOYERS

REBUILDING MENTAL HEALTH

355 referrals

UP 17%

67 new job starts

UP 26%

198 Rebuilding Mental Health course enrolments

UP 49%

304 1:1 counselling hours delivered

UP 100%



Pathways' Rebuilding Mental Health student Jim proudly shows off his certificate after completing both courses.

Jim who is autistic, completed level 1 and 2 at the Pathways hub at the Crossing in Worksop and benefited from the knowledge he gained but also the social skills of being in a group of learners from different walks of life.

The courses are designed to help attendees to better understand their own mental health, develop ways to manage their well-being and resilience, increase confidence and get the most out of future opportunities.



PORTLAND COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERING

6972 volunteering hours

UP 77%

£69K in value added savings

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

£43K in donations of equipment, services and funding

UP 67%

NEWSTART ACTIVITIES

Our inclusive community activities programme is open to everyone and includes sessions in Badminton, Boccia, Cooking, Football, Drama, Open Voices Choir, Walesby Forest and our Friday Night Club Night.

Participants **1778**

UP 63%



POLLYTEACH SCHOOL

Alternative provision for key stages 2-4.

84 learners in total

40 learners with Education, Health and Care Plans

WOODLAND ADVENTURE ZONE

Our fully accessible forest adventure.

1641 participants



SUPPORTERS

1st September 2022 - 31st August 2023

Thanks to the following supporters for their generosity:

Donkey Assisted Therapy

- Severn Trent Community Fund

Portland Pathways

- National Lottery Community Fund
- Ashfield District Council Towns Fund
- Boots Charitable Trust

Manufacturing Centre

- Ashfield District Council Towns Fund
- Landlords National Purchasing Group
- The Wolfson Foundation

Woodland Adventure Zone - Archery

- Hemswell Coldstore
- The Elizabeth Heath Charity
- The Fifty Fund
- Nottinghamshire Freemasons

Other

- Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

As a charity, we rely on the generosity of our supporters to help us continue developing our services to benefit our young people. There are many ways you can get involved:

Individuals:

- Donations
- Fundraising challenges
- Volunteering with us
- Leaving a legacy
- Generate free funds shopping online through Give as You Live

Businesses:

- Choose us as your Charity of the Year
- Fundraising challenges
- Work experience placements for our learners
- Staff volunteering days



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Ofsted

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CAMERON HAS BEEN AT
PORTLAND, YOU HAVE
MASSIVELY IMPROVED HIS
WELL-BEING, INDEPENDENCE AND
COMMUNICATION. ”

Parent



WORKSOP

MANSFIELD
& ASHFIELD

OUR
LOCATIONS

NEWARK

NOTTINGHAM
CITY CENTRE



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