



Vision 4 Growth
Creating opportunities for people with sight loss

Annual Report

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VISION 4 GROWTH LIMITED

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Mission Statement

Our purpose is to help blind and visually impaired people lead healthy and independent lives. We achieve this through sports and other activities that build life skills, encourage health awareness and tackle social exclusion

Trustee's and Management Information

Charity Trustees

Chair	Alexander Wheen
Treasurer	Ian Yenney
Beneficiaries Representative	Emma Meade

Management

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Registered Address

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Welcome

This report covers the period in which Vision4Growth CIC converted to a registered charity as Vision4Growth Limited. We would like to thank our funders, supporters and our partners for their support throughout this period.

This report highlights some of the key work operated during this period. For a more comprehensive understanding of our work please see our website www.vision4growth.org.uk

Our Funders

Nr.	Name of organization/funder	Amount
1	Cambridge City Council	£2000.00
2	Awards For All (The National Lottery)	£8796.50
3	Tesco/Groundwork UK	£7500.00
4	Broxbourne Council	£198.80
5	Cambridge Community Foundation	£6000.00
6	The Tennis Foundation	£2868.45
7	Richard Darton Tennis Foundation	£1000.00
8	The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust	£2237.00
9	Tennis4Cambridgeshie	£350.00
10	Donations	£3236.41
11	Fees received	£3026.28

Our Work

During this period we ran the following projects:



VI Tennis Cambridge

This project involved delivering weekly VI (Visually Impaired) tennis sessions for blind and partially sighted adults at Hills Road Sports and Tennis Centre. The sessions were consistently run by qualified vi (visually impaired) tennis coaches supported by a team of volunteers. During this period we also engaged one of these volunteers on a Level 1 training course through the Tennis Foundations Disability Grant Award scheme.

An inter-club game was also delivered, for more information visit:
<http://www.vision4growth.org.uk/visually-impaired-tennis/vi-tennis-ipswich/>

Insight Training

Working with various partners across Hertfordshire and Suffolk we delivered support for organisations providing activities for blind and partially sighted people

For more information please click here
<http://www.vision4growth.org.uk/projects-2/projects/insight-training/>

VI Tennis Camp

Supported by Tennis Foundation to encourage new players and volunteers to experience vv i tennis before entering a tournament, this was delivered on June 11, 2016, at Hills Road Sports and Tennis Centre, Cambridge. Over 20 adults and children engaged with this project

For more information please click here

<http://www.vision4growth.org.uk/visually-impaired-tennis/vi-tennis-camp/>

Vision4Growth VI Tennis Tournament 2016



“It was the highest participated VI tennis tournament of 2016”
Tennis Foundation

This event was kindly supported by The Tennis Foundation, The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust and Tennis4Cambridgeshire. This event was held at the Hills Road Sports and Tennis Centre. Over 40 beneficiaries took part in this event. Subway sandwiches, Sainsbury’s and Tesco’s provided support with refreshments throughout the day.

Matches were played on specially marked out courts in accordance with International Blind Tennis Association rules for both, B1 (totally blind) and B2-B5 (partially sighted) players. For the first time the LTA provided official Umpires to support the tournament, along with a Tournament Referee.

A team of trained Vision4Growth volunteers supported the event.

Please click here for more information

<http://www.vision4growth.org.uk/visually-impaired-tennis/blind-visually-impaired-tennis-tournaments/east-of-england-regional-tennis-tournament-2016/>

Creation of 17th Century Disability Garden

The Tesco's Bags of Help allowed Vision4Growth to develop a new Garden specifically for disabled people in Cedars Park, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire. This engaged with Broxbourne Council, Friends of Cedars Park and other voluntary groups. The work was carried out by a local voluntary group The Wednesday Group using a design made by Vision4Growth incorporating 17th Century designs and plants.

The gardens were planted in October with the help of Tesco local stores, Seed Harvest Organization, Aid4Disabled and volunteers from Vision4Growth. A volunteer worked on designing signs and a structure of the bed's planting list. External funding was supplied by Kings Seed Ltd <http://www.vision4growth.org.uk/projects-2/projects/17th-century-disability-garden/>

Jingle Balls

A Christmas VI (Visually Impaired) tennis tournament was enjoyed by 12 participants and 6 volunteers. <http://www.vision4growth.org.uk/jingle-balls/>

Speed of Sound

Speed of Sound is a weekly radio show run by blind and partially sighted people both in UK and Australia. It features various sports and activities in the UK. From January 2017, the show was re-launched with a new co-host, Harshadha Bala. It now has a more interactive format through social media, website content and the introduction of new topics for the weekly show. This resulted in more interest being received through social media which was reaching our target audience.

<http://www.vision4growth.org.uk/projects-2/projects/disability-sports-network/>

Supplying Soundballs

During this period we supplied over 50 soundballs to provide blind partially sighted people the opportunity to play v i tennis

Outreach Work

Davis Cup Tour 2016

Tennis4Cambridgeshire invited some of our beneficiaries to take part in a small exhibition and view the Davis Cup Trophy. Special permission was granted for Vision4Growth beneficiaries to touch the cup.

For more information please click here. <https://youtu.be/7r0y6O5CNNE>

Supernova 2016

Vision4Growth supported this Broxbourne Council led project with coaches and volunteers to deliver VI (Visually Impaired) tennis to children and young adults. Over 50 people attended this multi-disability sport event.

Make a Difference Day

With the help of Tesco local stores, Barclays Bank, and other small charities we planted our new beds in Cedars Park. This was part of Broxbourne Councils initiative to involve local. For more information please click here <https://youtu.be/LHwjRHWae-A>

Our Future

Over the coming year we are seeking to compile a more comprehensive plan to support our main project; VI Tennis Cambridge. We aim to secure more funding and to incorporate our beneficiaries in to the co-ordination of the project.

In 2017 we aim to deliver a larger structured tournament based on feedback received from blind and partially sighted people who supported our 2016 VI Tennis Cambridge Tournament. We will also look to encourage more volunteers to support the admin and on court work within VI tennis.

We aim to work with local groups in Hertfordshire to promote our 17th Century Disability Garden within Cedars Park.

Our Accounts

A copy of our most recent accounts is available by contacting fionam@vision4growth.org.uk

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