

New Forest Disability Information Service



Annual Review

April 2006 to March 2007

Mission Statement:

**'to empower people living with disabilities
in the New Forest and its surrounding
area to enable them to lead active
and fulfilling lives integrated
in society'**

Board of Trustees Report:

Twelve months ago our Chairman of the Board reported that it was becoming harder to obtain grant funding, little did we know then, that we were just beginning to see how difficult this was to become. It is fair to say that this has been the most financially challenging year that the NFDIS has had since conception in 1998, and that despite making funding bid applications to the few grants available it has been a case of too little money to spread amongst too many worthwhile charities. With our previous Big Lottery grant having just one month left to run at the beginning of this financial year, we were well on our way to making our next application, and this we duly presented for consideration. We were taken all the way to the last selection round only to be told recently that due to over subscription grants were being awarded geographically - a bitter disappointment for everyone and endangering to our future viability.

But to return to the start of this financial year; we decided to place staff in caretaker posts in line with our expansion plan, however we regrettably had to take the decision to make everyone redundant in July 2006; and because of changes in employment law (staff having originally being employed on fixed term contracts) this cost us approximately £11,500. This was an extremely testing time for everyone concerned and a tribute must be made to many of the loyal staff who remained at their posts on a voluntary basis (and still do to this day) certainly showing true commitment; we have also recruited more volunteers during the year who are training to give information and advice, or contribute in supporting roles.

We have not been untouched by changes on the Board of Trustees and we have said goodbye to Marie Morgan, our Chairman for several years, and thank her for all her time and effort so freely given. We have welcomed new members Andrew Hayward-Wills, (who has taken over as Chairman) Molly Deaton and Michael Lanning and bid farewell to Chris Lynott, Douglas Rogerson and Clare Sedgeley.

We now look forward to strengthening our Board and working with our dedicated staff team to re-group, regain financial stability and embrace the future for this much needed charity that helps so many people. In order to survive in this difficult financial climate we must become more self sufficient financially and embrace a modern business approach to future challenges thereby ensuring a united and secure future.

Barbara Keeling
Company Secretary

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Statistical data is presented from our Head Office, New Milton, Hythe & Ringwood Offices, Library, GP Surgery & Community Links.
 In line with the ethnicity of the New Forest 99.2% of clients were white.

chart a: number of clients, enquiries, client contacts & hours used per annum. (NB: the way data is collated has been improved 2006/7)

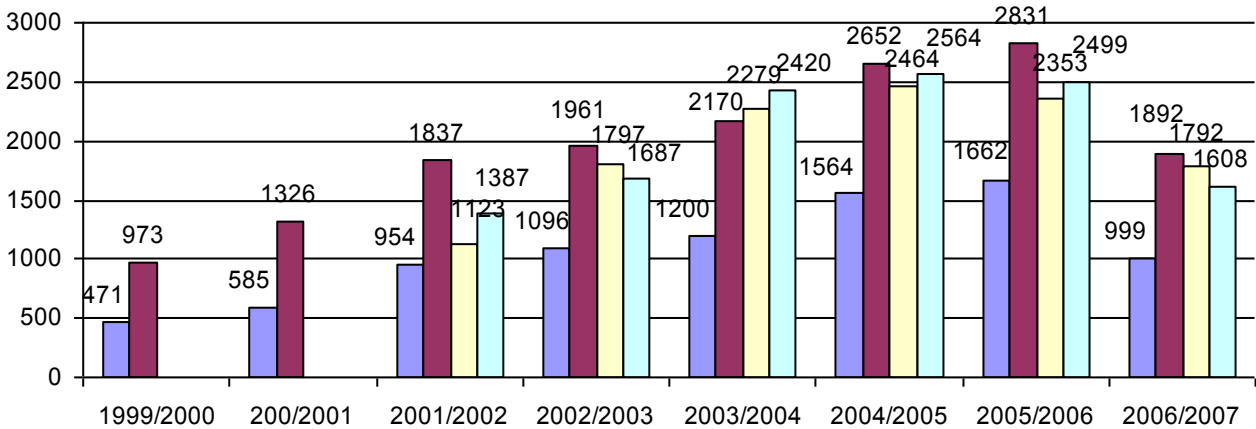


chart b: %client contacted for themselves/another

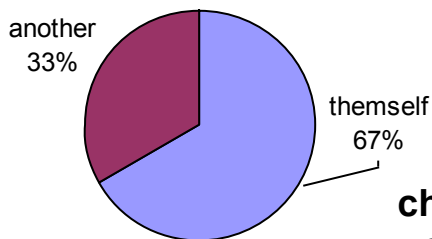


chart c: % client female/male

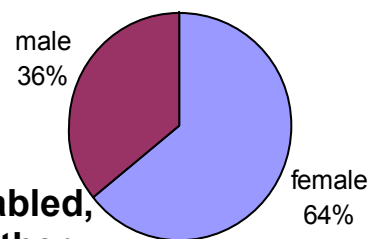


chart d: %clients are disabled, carers, professionals, other

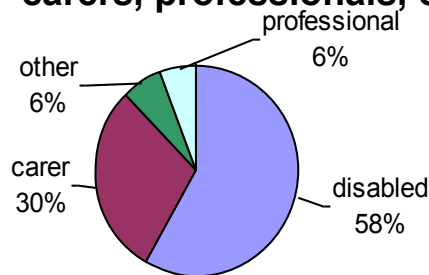


chart e: % clients for children, adults, OAPs

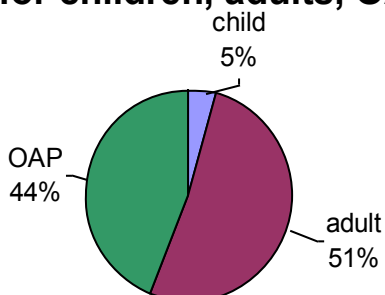
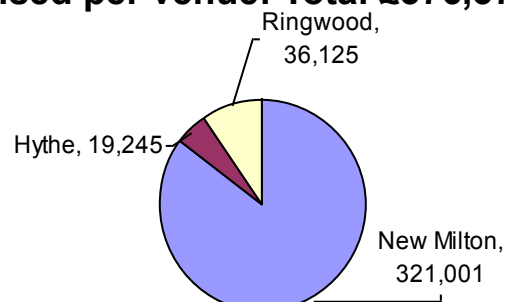


chart f: amount of new benefit raised per venue: Total £376,371



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chart g: amount of new benefit raised per annum

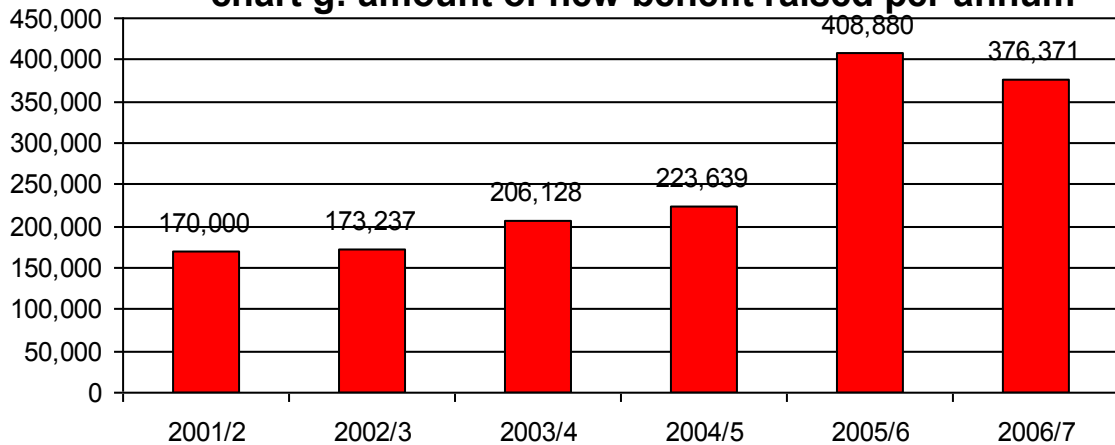


chart h: client method of initial contact

(NB: New Milton Office data April - Sept 2006)

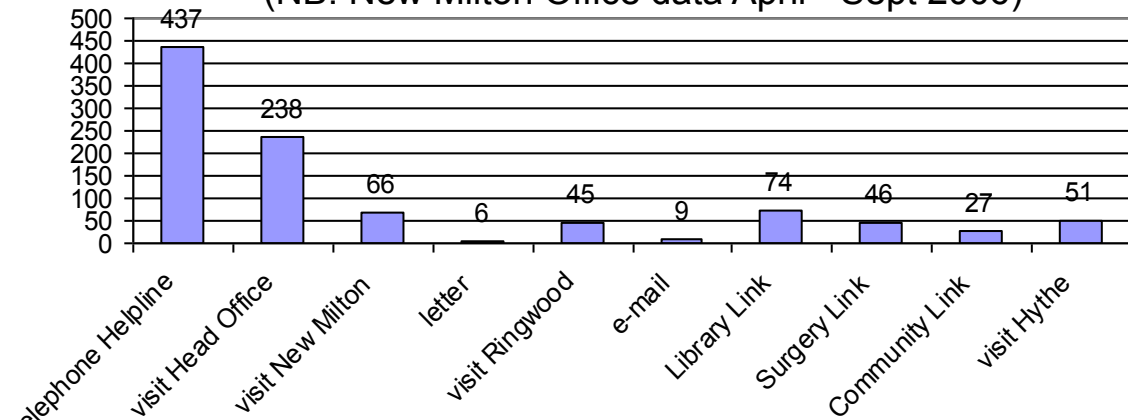
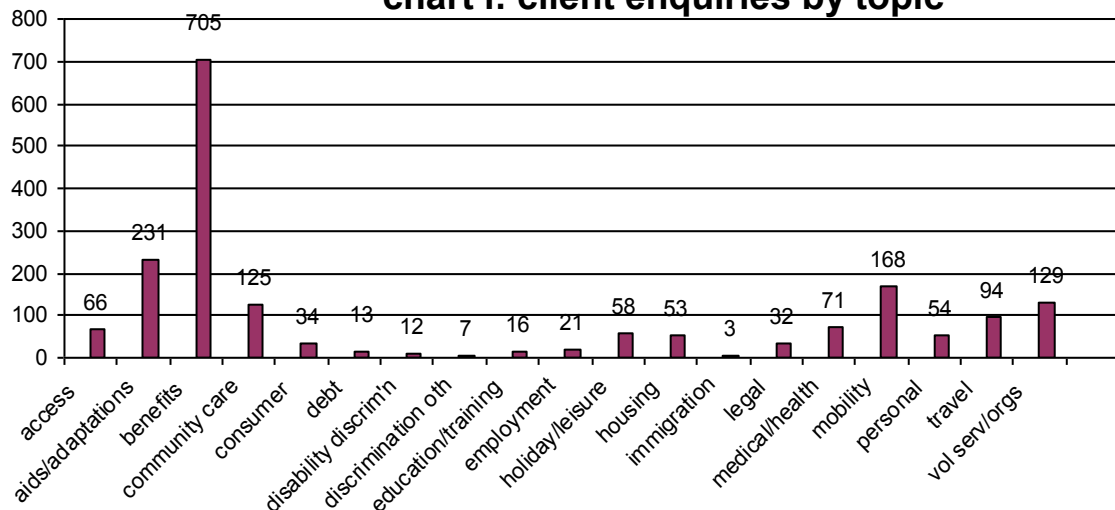


chart i: client enquiries by topic



Quality of Service

Clients were randomly surveyed for quality of service; of the 61% who responded: Asked overall how satisfactory they found the Service, 95% stated very/fairly satisfied. Asked how helpful they found the staff, 96% stated very/fairly helpful. Asked how useful they found the information given, 93% stated very/fairly useful.

99% stated that they would recommend the Service to family/friends.

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Statement of Financial Activities (Including income & Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2007

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2006
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from general fund				
Voluntary income				
Donations - general donations	2,022	-	2,022	708
Activities for generating funds:				
General fundraising	3,291	-	3,291	2,094
Commission on equipment sales	221	-	221	-
Investment income & interest	339	-	339	869
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Grants received	10,412	-	10,412	70,279
Total incoming resources	16,285	-	16,285	73,950
Resources expended				
Costs of charitable activities and Governance costs	30,194	13,748	43,942	80,929
Total resources expended	30,194	13,748	43,942	80,929
Net outgoing resources				
- Net expenditure for the year and net movement in funds	(13,909)	(13,748)	(27,657)	(6,979)
Total funds at 1 April 2006	20,713	13,748	34,461	41,440
Total funds 31 March 2007	6,804	-	6,804	34,461

**Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2007**

	2007		2006	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		5,148		5,812
Current assets				
Debtors	-		1,966	
Cash at bank and in hand	2,445		32,029	
	<u>2,445</u>		<u>33,995</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>789</u>		<u>5,346</u>	
Net current assets		1,656		28,649
Net assets		<u>6,804</u>		<u>34,461</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	6,804		14,713	
Designated funds	-		6,000	
	<u>6,804</u>		<u>20,713</u>	
Restricted funds		-		13,748
	<u>6,804</u>		<u>34,461</u>	

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007**

Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2006	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 March 2007
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	13,748	-	13,748	-
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds	6,000	-	6,000	-
General funds	14,713	16,285	24,194	6,804
	20,713	16,285	30,194	6,804
Total funds	34,461	16,285	43,942	6,804

Purposes of restricted funds

Grants from the Big Lottery Fund are to be used towards the salaries of the deputy service manager, the welfare benefits officer and new developments officer plus associated costs.

Other restricted grants are used towards developing various schemes as specified by the donors.

Purposes of designated funds

These funds have been designated for the replacement of computer equipment and essential building repairs.

Due to the financial position of the charity it is considered inappropriate to continue to designate funds. Therefore designated funds have been released into general funds.

With thanks to our supporters:

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New Milton Town Council

Hale Parish Council

Ringwood Town Council

Hordle Parish Council

Sway Parish Council

Hythe & Dibden Parish Council

Totton & Eling Town Council

Hampshire County Council

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To Tesco New Milton and all the generous shoppers who supported us on our collection days, we thank you all.

To Sainsburys at Christchurch we thank you and all the shoppers who so generously supported us on our collection day.

To all the supporters of our Wednesday Table Sales, thank you for buying and donating quality books and second hand goods.

To all our kind clients who show their appreciation with cheques, cash, cakes and chocolates, we thank you most sincerely.

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Board of Trustees: 2006/7

Marie Morgan	Chairman	
Kathy Gulliver	Vice-Chairman	Ret. Oct 2006
Douglas Rodgerson	Treasurer	
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Barbara Keeling	Company Secretary	
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