

# Befriending Networks Befriending Statistics Report

Jun 2022



Befriending  
Networks

## *Befriending Statistics for the year to June 2022*

### **Introduction**

Statistics for the previous year are gathered from organisations that are current members of Befriending Networks, the data sought as follow:

- Number of people supported through
  - 1:1 face to face befriending
  - Group befriending
  - Telephone befriending
- Number of Befrienders supported
- Number of hours of befriending provided

The data was collected on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with current membership at 367, and 255 members (69%) had provided input.

When estimating the value of befriending hours provided, the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2021 (ASHE) Median Hourly Rate of £15.63 for adult males and females has been applied.

## *Befriending Statistics for the year to June 2022*

### **Observations**

The data shows that a significant number of people across the UK, and beyond, have benefited from befriending relationships, one-to-one, in groups, and by phone and other virtual means, over the year.

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 and the start of the first lockdown, befriending organisations made huge efforts to maintain befriending matches, supporting volunteers and befriendees to manage their relationships remotely. The number of people interested in volunteering also significant increased during the period because of the campaigns encouraging volunteering during the pandemic.

As things started to ease, 1:1 face to face befriending showed an increase while group befriending continued to decrease Vs last year possibly due to some projects or individuals being cautious when resuming large gatherings. Telephone befriending also recorded a decrease as some of the services were based on one-off funding that are now discontinued. Number of befrienders supported showed an increase while it would require further tracking to fully observe the impact when more and more people are returning to work.

## Befriending Statistics - Full Membership

Our full membership includes 367 members across the UK as well as in Australia, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Ireland, Jersey, and Malaysia. Our members cover both urban and rural areas, servicing older people, children and young people, and also many other condition specific groups.

### Members' Profile

• Number of Members	367
• Number of Members Provided Input	255 (69%)
• Average Number of People Supported	178
• Average Number of Befrienders Supported	64
• Average Number of Befriending Hours Provided over the Past Year	2,968

### Estimated Impact for Full Membership

• Number of People Supported	65,204
• 1:1 Face to Face Befriending	18,907
• Group Befriending	17,628
• Telephone Befriending	28,669
• Number of Befrienders Supported	23,665
• Number of Befriending Hours Provided	1,089,249
• Value of Befriending Hours Provided	£17,024,959

## Befriending Statistics - England

### Members' Profile

• Number of Members	175
• Number of Members Provided Input	120 (69%)
• Average Number of People Supported	200
• Average Number of Befrienders Supported	64
• Average Number of Befriending Hours Provided over the Past Year	3,025

### Estimated Impact for Full England Membership

• Number of People Supported	35,015
• 1:1 Face to Face Befriending	8,685
• Group Befriending	10,945
• Telephone Befriending	15,385
• Number of Befrienders Supported	11,287
• Number of Befriending Hours Provided	529,377
• Value of Befriending Hours Provided	£8,274,166



## Befriending Statistics - Scotland

### Members' Profile

• Number of Members	162
• Number of Members Provided Input	114 (70%)
• Average Number of People Supported	120
• Average Number of Befrienders Supported	41
• Average Number of Befriending Hours Provided over the Past Year	1,816

### Estimated Impact for Full Scotland Membership

• Number of People Supported	19,520
• 1:1 Face to Face Befriending	4,960
• Group Befriending	5,585
• Telephone Befriending	8,976
• Number of Befrienders Supported	6,643
• Number of Befriending Hours Provided	294,154
• Value of Befriending Hours Provided	£4,597,627

## *Befriending Statistics – Wales, Northern Ireland, Ireland, and Rest of World*

### Members' Profile

• Number of Members	73
• Number of Members Provided Input	49 (67%)
• Average Number of People Supported	241
• Average Number of Befrienders Supported	76
• Average Number of Befriending Hours Provided over the Past Year	3,661

### Estimated Impact for Full Wales, Northern Ireland, Ireland, and Rest of World Membership

• Number of People Supported	17,583
• 1:1 Face to Face Befriending	5,536
• Group Befriending	5,628
• Telephone Befriending	6,419
• Number of Befrienders Supported	5,555
• Number of Befriending Hours Provided	267,231
• Value of Befriending Hours Provided	£4,176,820