

Annual Report 2023/24



hull yfc

Youth • Faith • Community



Trustees Annual Report

Writing looking back a year is always tricky. Saying something different after 30 years could be even harder. The year we are now half through (2024) is our 30th year on the Boulevard. If I don't mention it in this 2023 report, it will have passed!

The YFC bit may have changed, but the Hull bit of the name remains. But, for pretty much half the life of what started as Hull Youth for Christ, 60 or so years ago, we have been on the Boulevard. What have we done? Well you can read back to know that. What difference has it made? That's much harder to say.

Our national economy, our levels of 'investment' in 'disadvantaged' areas has gone way up, and for 18 years now, has been going steadily down. When we started here, there was a worshipping Anglican congregation, a vicar in the vicarage and a pharmacy in the Parish Hall paying all the bills; no more. Other local churches are smaller unless they are presently having a boost through migration. So the Christian tide, like the money tide, has been going out for a long time. You could probably add more tides going in the wrong direction: 'loneliness and isolation' is relatively recent 'discovery', for instance.

I want to say that, against those tides, we – that is rather, the staff over all these years – have done a remarkable job, or rather lead remarkable lives, in pushing back against neglect, poverty, damage, alone-ness, lost-ness, hopelessness, sometimes even faithlessness. I don't know if there is more Jesus-shaped answer to those things than there was 30 years ago, but I do know that there would a ton more of the deadly effects of that list that many people would be carrying now.

Latterly, getting going after Covid was very hard; so much damage was done. But as we have reported since, we have stepped up, been given some real opportunities, developed some new things, built some important new relationship. 2023 saw some of that coming to fruition.



***Andy Dorton family and friends
in the late 90's***

Trustees Annual Report

We started spending on the Parish Hall; we enabled Sycamore to flourish by moving to Girescope with Rich Newby (thanks Rich); we started working more closely with the Thrive schools trust which took over the Boulevard secondary school; and best of all for me, Gemma joined the team. You can read about Gemma elsewhere in our newsletters.

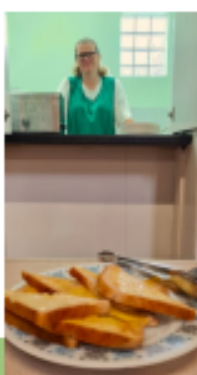
I'm not sure the world's cavalry is coming any time soon. We think however that we are in decent shape to make good use of the gifts God has given us on the Boulevard; and maybe in some respects, with others, we can if not turn the whole tide, surf some waves to make hope, joy, faith, peace, love more of a part of more people's daily experience 'around here'. And in that mix, there have been! and there will be!! miracles.

A last thought; the Boulevard isn't Hull. I alluded to this near the start. The tide has gone out, massively, on youth work, community work, all over Hull. We have always wanted – starting as we did in the same year as 'the Eden network' – to have a wider affect. We were and are only about Hull and environs though. We have started and supported work elsewhere in Hull, but some years ago now. There is little inter-relationships between church related youth orientated organisations. We have some treasure to share. Pray with us about considering what we should do about these things in future.

Well, really last thought: thank you. We are still much more heavily reliant on the generosity of our individual and church supporters than any other organisation I know. Without your support, of all sorts, we are weak and would be gone.

Andy Dorton (Chair of Trustees)

Highlights from 2023



Interview

We asked one of regular Breakfast Club volunteers how their family have benefited from being part of our community.

When my daughter first started she was scared - she had no confidence. Even when she joined Breakfast Club she had nothing. So to see her now is like, she would go horse riding every week. It brought out the girl we know from being around people, joining clubs getting involved with other young people, it's brought her out massively. It's the same with our son now at keep fit, we have seen a difference in him from last year to now. It is a big change and we said to him that he has come back to the person we know. Before he had lost himself. Chris taking him places and doing stuff with him it has brought him back to who he is.

He was withdrawn didn't have no motivation, couldn't be bothered with anything. Part of it was Covid especially my daughter where she isolated herself completely but with our son I think it was his age. He asks me to make sure he is up on a Saturday for keep fit and when it is not on he still asks me to get him up so he can do some exercise to keep it up. Which is good thing. Last couple of months its been a massive change and down to the clubs. That's down to you guys!

He has recently applied for Uni at Coventry to do car design. Our daughter is going to college at Wyke to study criminology law, sociology and art. She wants to be a forensic scientist.

I've seen her progressing from a shy kid who came at first who wouldn't speak. When she comes in now and sees friends etc she is totally different. He was a shy little boy the same really. Even our older daughters enjoy coming along and being involved.

I enjoy seeing the bairns from babies to nursery and I like to see the smile on their faces and being happy. I like helping them read and I'm getting used to my new job on the register. It has helped my confidence too. My husband tells me I have gained confidence and come out of myself more by taking on something different. Like the food hygiene training I did. I thought I can't do this but I got 95% so I can do it!

The domestic violence training opened up a lot how I was treated and how my kids have been treated by their partners. You can spot everything and you realise it's not right. I would be happy to talk with other women going through it and listen to them. Not telling them what to do just helping. It has made me a better person being part of Hull YFC.

2023 in Photographs



Financial Statement 2023

Income (£)	Total 2023	Total 2022	Expenditure (£)	Total 2023	Total 2022
Church Gifts	2,926	2,341	Wages	61,591	71,527
Individual Gifts	28,843	25,215	Other personnel	2,339	876
Trust Gifts	33,568	24,814	Office/Admin	6,784	5,352
Event Contributions	1,641	1,179	Youth/Family	14,360	10,323
Regular Activity Charges	980	542	Matt's House	5,560	6,000
Fundraised	115	140	Orts	2,973	2,609
Tax Reclaim	2,081	2,257	Parish Hall	4,856	0
Matt's House	5,195	5,563	Sycamore G'ing	38,273	20,893
Orts	7,515	4,650	Total	136,736	117,580
Parish Hall	3,797	0			
Sycamore Gardening	44,803	38,413			
Interest	611	338			
Total	132,075	105,452			

	Total Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Funds Brought Forward	67,162	54,095	121,257	133,385
Surplus/(Deficit) on year	(10,536)	5,875	(4,661)	(12,128)
Funds Carried Forward	57,686	58,910	116,596	121,257

Our unrestricted reserves are allocated for future recruitment, project development and building works.
Our thanks to Andy Pike for auditing and preparing our annual accounts.

Financial Report 2023

Just like everyone else, 2023 has been in some ways a tough year for Hull YFC due to the impact of rising prices, especially such as consumables for Breakfast Club and travel costs. Despite the difficulties though, God always provides for everything we need. We are extremely grateful to all our supporters who have carried us through with their generosity – both financial and prayerfully.

Salaries have always been our biggest cost and this is growing due to increases in the minimum wage but this year we have received several grants to support our team. These have been from the Sir James Reckitt Charity and The Tribune Trust (Stuart), The Joseph & Annie Cattle Trust (Iona), the Imagine Foundation (Orts) and JF Brignall Trust (Ian) have provided wage security for the team, not just for this years but for the next three in some cases. Grants have also been received from the Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust for two Breakfast Club trips in the summer, the Two Ridings Foundation towards activities for Parents group and The Tribune Trust for activities with Youth Club. We are again very grateful for all of the churches who support us with cereals and donations including this year churches from the Elloughton and Brantingham Circuit.

Sycamore Gardening covered all of it's costs for the year and also contributed into the wider work financially for which we are grateful to Rich and team for their hard work.

One new category for us in 2023 is the Parish Hall as YFC has now taken on ownership and responsibility for what we hope will be a major community asset in the years ahead.

Although our total expenditure has increased considerably in 2023, so has our total income which more or less covered the increase, leaving only a small deficit over the year.

Despite the current economic outlook, we have confidence in God's promise to provide us with all we need and in the love and support of the Hull YFC family to encourage and support us in whatever lies ahead. Thank you to you all for your love and prayers throughout the year.

Jill Keegan, Administrator

Many thanks to the Trusts and Organisations that supported us in 2023

J F Brignall Trust
Camellia Trust
The Tribune Trust
Evangelical Trust
One Stop Boulevard

Sir James Reckitt Charity
Joseph & Annie Cattle Trust
The Two Ridings Foundation
Greggs the Bakers
Churches in Hull & East Riding

The Imagine Foundation
Hull & ER Charitable Trust
Joseph & Annie Cattle Trust
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Vision, Mission and Values

Our Vision

A flourishing, resourced and resourceful, interdependent community where - out of their relationship with Jesus - people live a more expansive life, full of grace, peace, hope, purpose and love.

Our Mission

To invest our lives in under-resourced, marginalised, urban communities, using Jesus' incarnation as our model. We look to nurture the assets of the community, working together to: address its needs, heal its wounds, pay particular regard to its often ignored young people, and attentively partner in God's transforming work.

Core Values

To be Christ centered
To live and work holistically
To work relationally
To promote justice
To live simply
To serve and be served
Love!

Staff Team

Ian and Iona Dyson - Team Leaders
Stuart Brown - Youth & Community
Gemma Ahmed - Youth & Community
Chris & Anna Hembury - CMS Mission Partners
Jill Keegan - Administrator

Patron

Appointment Pending

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Board of Trustees

Andy Dorton (Chair)
Jill Barton (Safeguarding)
Stephen Moore (Treasurer)
Andy Tillotson

Registered Charity

1050216

Partnerships



UrbanExpression
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Financial Report (Financial year Jan - Dec 2023)

Hull YFC

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023

Registered Charity No. 1050216

	Total Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Brought forward	67,162	54,095	121,257	133,385
Receipts	Total Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Church Gifts	1,365	1,561	2,926	2,341
Individual Gifts	21,364	8,994	30,358	25,865
Trust Gifts	1,000	38,568	39,568	28,814
Event Contributions	351	1,290	1,641	1,179
Regular Activity Charges	980	0	980	542
Fundraised	0	115	115	140
Tax Reclaim	2,081	0	2,081	2,257
Matt's House	0	5,195	5,195	5,563
Parish Hall	3,797	0	3,797	0
Sycamore Gardening	44,803	0	44,803	38,413
Interest	611	0	611	338
Total	76,352	55,723	132,075	105,452
Expenditure	Total Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Wages	52,982	8,609	61,591	72,337
Other personnel	2,339	0	2,339	876
Office/Admin	6,784	0	6,784	5,352
Activity Costs	6,099	21,650	27,749	39,015
Sycamore Gardening	18,684	19,589	38,273	0
Total	86,888	49,848	136,736	117,580
Surplus / Deficit on Year	(10,536)	5,875	(4,661)	(12,128)
Fund Transfers	1,060	(1,060)	0	0
Carried Forward	57,686	58,910	116,596	121,257

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Total Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
HSBC Bank	32,275	500	32,775	49,985
CO-OP Bank	14,878	18,410	33,288	20,983
Shawbrook	0	40,000	40,000	40,000
Charity Bank	10,525	0	10,525	10,288
Petty Cash	8	0	8	1
Total	57,686	58,910	116,596	121,257



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
HULL YFC

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1050216

Set out on pages

ATTACHED

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

20 JUNE 2024

Name:

ANDREW PYKE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.