

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCHE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales · Charity number 1058434

Details

Other names AYFC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-10-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELISATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE. TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS

Activities: youth work, in churches, schools and on the street

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ASHBY DE LA ZOUCHE AND ENVIRONS
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£51,838	£54,555	-	-
2024-07-31	£46,794	£53,981	-	-
2023-07-31	£66,216	£61,642	-	-
2022-07-31	£39,381	£51,378	-	-
2021-07-31	£48,890	£51,853	-	-
2020-07-31	£38,582	£40,778	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Noreen Mewies	Chair	2011-09-04
Ed Holbrook		2014-02-05
Emily Angelica Ruth Darlington		2023-05-01
Ivan Hallam		2024-01-10
James Peregrine Curtois		2019-10-10
Jean Margaret Harrison		2023-05-01
Richard Stanley		2018-01-14

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Ashby de la Zouch Youth for Christ (AYFC)
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Report of the AYFC Trustees to the Annual Meeting 1st August 2024 - 31st July 2025

The trustees are drawn from the local Christian community and are elected into office at the AGM. All have knowledge and expertise relevant to the work of the organisation; they make major decisions and carry out, or enable, practical projects. All must feel able to sign The Youth for Christ Statement of Faith. The officers, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are appointed annually by the AGM from within the elected trustee membership.

The trustees usually meet twice during each school term; meetings were held in Ashby Methodist Church which accommodates the AYFC office.

The 2023-2024 AGM was held on Wednesday 12th March 2025 at Ashby Methodist Church at 7.00pm

The trustees are supported in their work by a Council of Reference who meet twice each year, members are drawn from several local churches, they meet to hear an update from the Centre Director, ask relevant questions, and provide invaluable prayer support to the trustees and staff. In addition, they promote AYFC in their own churches, and are a point of contact in the local community.

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AYFC adopts all policies and reviews all governing documents in line with British Youth for Christ; we also adhere to all new government laws as they are introduced.

AYFC is compliant as far as possible with GDPR, AYFC appointed Rev Mike Firbank as Data Protection Officer in January 2019, there has been no change to this appointment.

Safeguarding is of major importance, all staff and trustees are D.B.S. checked, and AYFC is compliant with BYFC standards, staff and trustees all receive regular Safeguarding Training. Our Centre Director has recently completed the YFC Safeguarding Leadership training, we are therefore in a good place to go forward. Noreen Mewies and Richard Stanley (trustees) have responsibility for overseeing this. Safeguarding is on the agenda for every trustee meeting.

As the National Charity continues to evolve and develop AYFC continues follow their lead in developing our five key areas.

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Serving the needs of young people in the community

Developing a culture of prayer

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Increasing financial sustainability

All of these key points are reconsidered at every trustee meeting as they form the basis for our Centre Directors Report, we as trustees believe that AYFC continues to make excellent progress in all of these areas.

The mission of AYFC is to take the good news relevantly to every young person in Ashby de la Zouch and surrounding area. In every club we run, or lesson we lead, we show the young people we work with Christ's love and provide them with every opportunity to question, explore and respond to the challenges of the Christian faith.

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Demonstration - Sharing God's love through what we do

Declaration – Talking about God and his son Jesus.

Discipleship – Supporting those who want to become Christians

Decision – Inviting a response to the challenges of Christ.

AYFC Centre Director continued to oversee the work of a full time Senior Youth Leader, sadly in August 2024 our part-time youth leader was appointed to a full-time position with another charity. However, we were fortunate to recruit a local Gap Year Student, with a Christian family background, who, following all the relevant checks and training fitted in extremely well and proved to be a most valuable asset. It has been a joy to watch her grow in confidence, take on all challenges and fit easily into our team. We thank her and wish her every success in the future as she leaves us to take up her university place.

The trustees are very fortunate to have enthusiastic and dedicated staff working for AYFC. Staff and a large team of volunteers run three weekly youth clubs, one of which is a football session on a local Astro Turf pitch, this attracts a large number of young men 16 – 25 years, and sometimes a few young women. Although the cost of pitch hire has increased substantially over the last couple of years, we are still able to offer the activity free of charge.

The other two clubs attract young people aged 11 - 18 from across the local area, including those who are not in education, and some of who have been permanently excluded from their school due to their misbehaviour.

We are also able to offer small group and one-to-one mentoring sessions in both primary and secondary schools locally. This support is very valuable to young people who are struggling with many difficult issues in their lives, often situations at home and/or in school, mental health issues, or who may just need the support of someone with the time to listen to their needs.

AYFC is fortunate to have a highly qualified staff member keen to lead Outdoor Activities. The necessary insurance cover is in place with liability of up to £10,000,000.

This work is steadily increasing with more young people able to enjoy the experience, it also offers an opportunity for staff to talk to the young people on a one-to-one basis in a relaxed informal way, we plan for this to continue.

The Licence, renewable every two years, enables us to take individuals and small groups into the countryside to take part in challenging activities including climbing, paddleboarding kayaking and mountain biking. These activities give young people the opportunity to explore and try new things while building confidence and friendships.

Once again, we plan to hold outdoor activities during the summer school break (August 2025) similar events to those attended by young people in August 2024

We also hope to use these activities as a possible means of raising some funds to support the work.

Mentoring of pupils continued in Ashby Church of England Primary School with selected pupils in Year 6, and in Ashby Senior School where we also offer a lunchtime drop-in. We hope to rebuild our link with Ivanhoe College again from September 2025, both senior schools now take pupils from Year 7 – 11.

The trustees continue to monitor the level of unrestricted funds in order to ensure that the bank balance does not fall below 3 – 6 months working capital, there has been no change to this policy, Funds have continued to decline over the year, fortunately not as large a deficit as we anticipated, we are thankful for this position but not complacent, we have a small number of new regular donors, but are conscious of the lack of successful grant applications.

Trustees take the matter very seriously, reviewing the financial situation meeting by meeting, we are acutely aware of the need for a robust strategic plan to see AYFC through the coming year and beyond.

Although we have sufficient funds for 2025 -2026 trustees will continue to communicate with supporters, look for grant raising opportunities and fundraise to ensure our future.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken and regularly reported to the Trustees.

The trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives.

Noreen Mewies
Chair of AYFC Trustees
September 2025

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025.

Summary of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	Note	FY2025	FY2024
Regular Giving	1	£34,952	£32,722
Other Donations	2	£7,210	£2,775
Other Income	3	£8,925	£10,718
Agency Donations	4	£751	£579
Total Receipts		£51,838	£46,794

PAYMENTS	Note	FY2025	FY2024
Staffing	5	£45,987	£46,492
Operating Costs	6	£8,567	£7,488
Agency Donations	4	£0	£0
Total Payments		£54,555	£53,981

Net Income/Expenditure in Year		-£2,717	-£7,187
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Cash in Bank Accounts

Cash at bank and in hand at 01-Aug	FY2025	FY2024
Lloyds current account	£4,325	£2,303
Lloyds charity account	£23,293	£32,501
Account totals	£27,618	£34,805
Cash at bank and in hand at 31-Jul	FY2025	FY2024
Lloyds current account	£6,287	£4,325
Lloyds charity account	£18,614	£23,293
Account totals	£24,901	£27,618
Net Account Movement in Year	-£2,717	-£7,187

Commentary

- AYFC holds funds more than the reserves policy, although we are getting closer to this limit, although at a much slower rate than in previous years. We have also revised the limit down after we did not replace a staff member who left us to pursue other exciting opportunities.
- We are very thankful that we have seen an increased level of giving this year. We are especially thankful for a 6.3% increase in giving from via regular donations, which includes a number of new supporters.
- While continuing to explore opportunities to spend on new initiatives, especially short-term ones that can be financed by current funds, there is continued concern that our regular income from donors continues to be significantly lower than our expenditure, over 80% of which is the cost of staffing. With

this in mind, the AYFC team and trustees continue to look to control expenditure to ensure the ongoing survival of AYFC. However, we continue to rely on God's provision, including grants and other extra income.

- Regular giving increased by over 15% in FY2025 – with both individual donations and support from local churches increasing. Whilst this is great news, the regular giving remains insufficient to match regular spending, which remained relatively stable during the year.

Acknowledgements

We extend our sincere gratitude to the following individuals and organisations:

- **Ken Garner** – Following his retirement as AYFC Treasurer and Trustee, Ken continued to manage our payroll for over a decade, concluding this service in April 2025. We deeply appreciate his longstanding support and dedication.
- **Darcey and Bate Accountants Limited** – Special thanks to Kayleigh Bate, Harry Woods, and their team for generously assuming responsibility for our payroll at no cost. Their contribution to the local community is greatly valued.
- **Steve Clowes** – We are grateful for Steve's ongoing support, particularly in his role as independent examiner for these accounts.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashby Youth for Christ (Charity No. 1058434) for the financial year ended 31 July 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The AYFC Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
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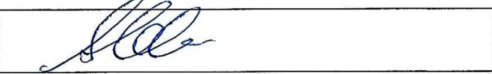
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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:  Date: 20/5/2026

Name: STEPHEN CHOWES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: ACMA (Resigned)

Address: 24 WINDSORLEY GARDENS ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH.

Income Notes

1. Regular Giving

Category	FY2025	FY2024
Regular Donations	£22,975	£21,618
Donations from local Churches	£12,772	£11,105
	£35,747	£32,722

2. Other Donations

Category	FY2025	FY2024
One Off Gifts ⁽¹⁾	£6,415	£2,075
Bursary Donations ⁽²⁾	£0	£700
	£6,415	£2,775

⁽¹⁾ Other donations from individuals, including gifts made on an ad-hoc basis.

The one-off gifts are roughly in line with normal years. Included in this is a total of over £4000 from an anonymous donor, for which we are very grateful.

⁽²⁾ In FY2024, a bursary fund was set up, funded by some generous donations, to provide opportunities to young people in Ashby the opportunity to take part in activities that they would not normally be able to afford to attend.

3. Other Income

Category	FY2025	FY2024
Gift Aid Reclaimed ⁽¹⁾	£4,890	£3,955
Grants & Charities ⁽²⁾	£1,450	£3,225
Event Contributions ⁽³⁾	£1,646	£1,244
Fundraising ⁽⁴⁾	£255	£1,606
Adventurous Income ⁽⁵⁾	£684	£689
Paddleboarding Equipment ⁽⁶⁾	£0	£0
	£8,925	£10,718

⁽¹⁾ Gift aid reclaimed was up when comparing FY2025 to FY2024. About a quarter of the difference seen was due to about £1000 of Gift Aid that was claimed in FY2025 that was attributed to FY2024 giving, compared to about £700 from FY2025 giving that will be claimed in FY2026.

⁽²⁾ Grants were gratefully received from local organisations in FY2025. Many thanks to Ashby Educational Foundation, Ashby Rotary Club and Ashby Steam for their continued support.

⁽³⁾ Event Contributions are funds received by individuals towards support for individual events.

⁽⁴⁾ The team and a number of supporters took part in some great fundraising events in FY2025.

⁽⁵⁾ Adventurous Income were contributions by third parties making use of the outdoor activities provided by AYFC.

⁽⁶⁾ A large grant for the purchase of Paddleboarding Equipment was received in FY2023. The equipment has continued to be used during FY2025 on a number of occasions, and continues to be a great resource. The final payment for paddleboarding equipment was spent in FY2024.

4. Agency Donations

Category	FY2025	FY2024
Agency Donations Received	£751	£579
Agency Payments Made	£0	£0

Donations made by a giver to be passed on to help the work in of other organisations, such as Moldova YFC that has been supported by AYFC staff and others over the years. These will be transferred in FY2026 thus reducing the cost of money transfer.

Expenditure Notes

5. Staffing

Category	FY2025	FY2024
Staff Expenses	£325	£98
Staffing Costs ⁽¹⁾	£44,995	£45,713
Staff Training & Conferences	£667	£682
	£45,987	£46,492

⁽¹⁾ Staffing costs are wages & pensions for Helen Davis, Vernon Bayliss.

6. Operating Costs

Category	FY2025	FY2024
Office & Admin ⁽¹⁾	£1,355	£1,688
Activity and Event Expenses	£1,164	£779
Insurance ⁽²⁾	£2,639	£2,507
Resources/Equipment	£898	£181
Football	£1,056	£860
Donation to YFC National	£1,200	£1,200
Fundraising Costs	£54	£18
Paddleboard Equipment ⁽³⁾	£0	£175
Bursary Payments	£200	£80
	£8,567	£7,488

⁽¹⁾ Office costs include Phone, Internet and Web Site Charges, Stationery, Printing & Postage and License fees.

⁽²⁾ Insurance fee consists Combined Commercial Insurance only and Outdoor Activities Insurance.

⁽³⁾ A large grant for the purchase of Paddleboarding Equipment was received in FY2024, the bulk of which was spent in that year. The remaining money was spent in FY2025, adding to the resource available from the grant.

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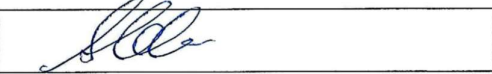
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Other Donations	2	£2,075	£15,126
Other Income	3	£11,418	£21,683
Agency Donations	4	£579	£440
Total Receipts		£46,794	£66,216

PAYMENTS	Note	2024	2023
Staffing	5	£46,492	£45,300
Operating Costs	6	£7,488	£15,582
Agency Donations	4	£0	£760
Total Payments		£53,981	£61,642

Net Income/Expenditure in Year		-£7,187	£4,574
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Cash in Bank Accounts

Cash at bank and in hand at 01-Aug	2024	2023
Lloyds current account	£2,303	£1,969
Lloyds charity account	£32,501	£28,261
Account totals	£34,805	£30,230
Cash at bank and in hand at 31-Jul	2024	2023
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Commentary

- AYFC holds funds more than the reserves policy, although this limit might be breached in the next financial year if we rely solely on our regular giving. While continuing to explore opportunities to spend on new initiatives, especially short-term ones that can be financed by current funds, there is continued concern that our regular income from donors continues to be significantly lower than our expenditure, 74% of which is the cost of staffing. With this in mind, the AYFC team and trustees continue to look to control expenditure to ensure the ongoing survival of AYFC. However, we continue to rely on God's provision, including grants and other extra income.

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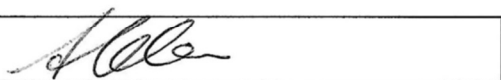
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Signed:  Date: 15/4/2025

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: ACMA RESIGNED

Address: 24 WILLESLEY CROFTS, ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH LE65 2QF

Income Notes

1. Regular Giving

Category	2024	2023
Regular Donations	£21,618	£19,519
Donations from local Churches	£11,105	£9,448
	£32,722	£28,967

2. Other Donations

Category	2024	2023
One Off Gifts ⁽¹⁾	£2,075	£15,126
Bursary Donations ⁽²⁾	£700	£0
	£2,775	£15,126

⁽¹⁾ Other donations from individuals, including those applicable for Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), and those from organisations where Gift Aid claim is not applicable.

The one-off gifts are roughly in line with normal years. The 2023 figure includes a large donation in the form of a bequest from the estate of David Watson – a great supporter and active volunteer with AYFC over many years. He continues to be greatly missed.

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3. Other Income

Category	2024	2023
Gift Aid Reclaimed ⁽¹⁾	£3,955	£6,868
Grants & Charities ⁽²⁾	£3,225	£1,260
Event Contributions ⁽³⁾	£1,244	£1,059
Fundraising ⁽⁴⁾	£1,606	£2,846
Adventurous Income ⁽⁵⁾	£689	£395
Paddleboarding Equipment ⁽⁶⁾	£0	£9,256
	£10,718	£21,683

⁽¹⁾ Gift aid was down when comparing FY2024 to FY2023. However, this was due a total of £3227 received from HMRC in September 2022 relating to Gift Aid on donations made in FY2022. There is also about £1000 of Gift Aid still to be claimed from FY2024, which will be claimed in FY2025.

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4. Agency Donations

Category	2024	2023
Agency Donations Received	£579	£440
Agency Payments Made	£0	£760

Donations made by a giver to be passed on to help the work in of other organisations, such as Moldova YFC that has been supported by AYFC staff and others over the years. In FY2024 payments will be made in FY2025, to include the bulk of the FY2025 payments, thus reducing the cost of money transfer.

Expenditure Notes

5. Staffing

Category	2024	2023
Staff Expenses	£98	£476
Staffing Costs ⁽¹⁾	£45,713	£43,655
Staff Training & Conferences	£682	£1,169
	£46,492	£45,300

⁽¹⁾ Staffing costs are wages & pensions for Helen Davis, Vernon Bayliss, Katie Johnson.

6. Operating Costs

Category	2024	2023
Office & Admin ⁽¹⁾	£1,688	£320
Activity and Event Expenses	£779	£612
Insurance ⁽²⁾	£2,507	£2,503
Resources/Equipment	£181	£141
Football	£860	£1,658
Donation to YFC National	£1,200	£1,200
Fundraising Costs	£18	£67
Paddleboard Equipment	£175	£9,081
Bursary Payments	£80	£0
	£7,488	£15,582

⁽¹⁾ Office costs include Phone, Internet and Web Site Charges, Stationery, Printing & Postage and License fees. The provision of a phone landline was seen as superfluous this year, and so was discontinued.

⁽²⁾ Insurance fee consists Combined Commercial Insurance only and Outdoor Activities Insurance.

⁽³⁾ A large grant for the purchase of Paddleboarding Equipment was received in FY2023, the bulk of which was spent in that year. The remaining money was spent in FY2024, adding to the resource available from the grant.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashby Youth for Christ (Charity No. 1058434) for the financial year ended 31 July 2024

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Signed:  Date: 15/4/2025

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ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 1058434

Accounts

Ashby de la Zouch Youth for Christ (AYFC)
Registered Charity Number 1058434

Report of the Trustees to Charity Commission for year 1st August 2022 - 31st July 2023

The trustees are drawn from the local Christian community all have knowledge and expertise relevant to the work of the organisation; they make major decisions and carry out or enable practical projects. All must feel able to sign The Statement of Faith.

The officers, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are elected from within the trustee membership.

The trustees usually meet twice during each school term, meetings were held in Ashby Methodist Church which accommodates the AYFC office.

The 2021-2022 AGM was held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at Ashby Methodist Church at 7.30pm

The trustees are supported in their work by a Council of Reference, members are drawn from several local churches, they meet to hear an update from the Centre Director and provide invaluable prayer support to the trustees and staff.

Youth for Christ in Ashby de la Zouch is a charity federated to similar charities bearing the same name, and sharing the same ethos and direction as the central charity British Youth for Christ. AYFC adopts all policies and reviews all governing documents in line with British Youth for Christ; we also adhere to all new government laws as they are introduced.

AYFC is compliant as far as possible with GDPR, AYFC appointed Rev Mike Firbank as Data Protection Officer in January 2019, there has been no change to this appointment.

Safeguarding is of major importance, all staff and trustees are D.B.S. checked, and AYFC is compliant with BYFC standards, staff and trustees receive regular Safeguarding training. Noreen Mewies and Ivan Hallam (trustees) have responsibility for overseeing this.

As the National Charity continues to evolve and develop AYFC continues follow their lead in developing our five key areas.

Increasing evangelism

Serving the needs of young people in the community

Developing a culture of prayer

Developing our ministry to minorities

Increasing financial sustainability

All of these key points are reconsidered at every trustee meeting as they form the basis for our Centre Directors Report, we as trustees believe that AYFC continues to make excellent progress in all of these areas.

The mission of AYFC is to take the good news relevantly to every young person in Ashby de la Zouch and surrounding area. In every club we run, or lesson we lead, we show the young people we work with Christ's love and provide them with every opportunity to question, explore and respond to the challenges of the Christian faith.

Our work is 4D

Demonstration - Sharing God's love through what we do

Declaration – Talking about God and his son Jesus.

Discipleship – Supporting those who want to become Christians

Decision – Inviting a response to the challenges of Christ.

AYFC Centre Director continues to oversee the work of a full time Senior Youth Leader and part-time Youth Leader.

The trustees consider they are very fortunate to have these enthusiastic and dedicated staff working for AYFC.

Staff run three weekly youth clubs, one of which is a football session on a local Astro turf pitch. All of our clubs attract young people aged 11 - 18 from across the local area, including those who are not in education, some of whom have often been permanently excluded from their school due to their misbehaviour.

We also offer small group and one to one mentoring sessions in both primary and secondary schools locally. This support is valuable to young people who are struggling with issues in their lives, often at home who may often need a listening ear, and someone with the time to listen to their needs.

AYFC is fortunate to have a highly qualified staff member keen to lead Outdoor Activities. The necessary insurance cover is in place with liability of up to £10,000,000.

This work is steadily increasing with more young people able to enjoy the experience, it also offers an opportunity for staff to talk to the young people on a one-to-one basis in a relaxed informal way, we plan for this to continue.

The Licence, renewable every two years, enables us to take individuals and small groups into the countryside to take part in challenging activities including climbing, paddleboarding kayaking and mountain biking.

These activities give young people the opportunity to explore and try new things while building confidence and friendships.

Mentoring of pupils continued in Ashby Church of England Primary School with selected pupils in Year 6, and Ashby and Ivanhoe Schools both of which now take pupils from Year 7 – 11. This work will continue to expand during 2023-2024.

The trustees continue to monitor the level of unrestricted funds in order to ensure that the bank balance does not fall below 3 – 6 months working capital, there has been no change to this policy, Funds have continued to decline over the year due to a small decrease in donations and worrying lack of successful grant applications.

Trustees are taking the matter very seriously reviewing the financial situation meeting by meeting, we are acutely aware this cannot continue and are working on a robust strategic plan to see AYFC through the coming year and beyond.

AYFC was fortunate to receive a legacy from a very loyal supporter which secured our work during 2022 -2023.

Although we have sufficient funds for 2023 -2024 trustees will continue to communicate with supporters, look for grant raising opportunities and fundraise to ensure our future.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken and regularly reported to the Trustees.

The trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives.

Prepared by Noreen Mewies
Chair of AYFC Trustees
September 2023

ASHBY YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Registered Charity Number 1058434

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2023.

Summary of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	Note	2023	2022
Regular Giving	1	£28,967	£29,685
Other Donations	2	£15,126	£2,785
Other Income	3	£21,683	£6,731
Agency Donations	4	£440	£180
Total Receipts		£66,216	£39,381

PAYMENTS	Note	2023	2022
Staffing	5	£45,300	£43,529
Operating Costs	6	£15,582	£7,849
Agency Donations	4	£760	£0
Total Payments		£61,642	£51,378

Net Income/Expenditure in Year		£4,574	-£11,997
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Cash in Bank Accounts

Cash at bank and in hand at 01-Aug	2023	2022
Lloyds current account	£1,969	£1,517
Lloyds charity account	£28,261	£40,710
Account totals	£30,230	£42,227
Cash at bank and in hand at 31-Jul	2023	2022
Lloyds current account	£2,303	£1,969
Lloyds charity account	£32,501	£28,261
Account totals	£34,805	£30,230
Net Account Movement in Year	£4,574	-£11,997

Commentary

- AYFC holds funds more than the reserves policy. While continuing to explore opportunities to spend on new initiatives, especially short-term ones that can be financed by current funds, there is continued concern that our regular income from donors continues to be significantly lower than our expenditure, 74% of which is the cost of staffing. With this in mind, the AYFC team and trustees continue to look to control expenditure to ensure the ongoing survival of AYFC. However, we continue to rely on God's provision, including grants and other extra income.
- Regular giving reduced again in 2023 by 2.5% (on top of 1.5% in 2022). Individual donations continued to hold relatively stable, reducing by 0.6%, compared to a 6% decrease in support from local churches. Regular giving remains insufficient to match regular spending.

- While our net income exceeded income by about £4,500, an extra £3227 was received in gift aid in FY2023 for donations made in FY2022. In addition, we have been blessed by a sizable bequest which ensured that we were able to continue our work throughout FY2023 while we continue to look for more ways to balance income and expenditure.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashby Youth for Christ (Charity No. 1058434) for the financial year ended 31 July 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The AYFC Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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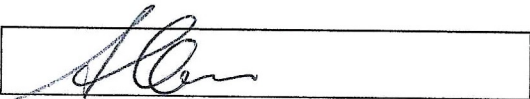
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Signed:  **Date:** 10/4/2024

Name: STEPHAN CHOULES

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Income Notes

1. Regular Giving

Category	2023	2022
Regular Donations	£19,519	£19,631
Donations from local Churches	£9,448	£10,054
	£28,967	£29,685

2. Other Donations

Category	2023	2022
One Off Gifts	£15,126	£2,785
	£15,126	£2,785

Other donations from individuals, including those applicable for Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), and those from organisations where Gift Aid claim is not applicable.

This includes a large donation in the form of a bequest from the estate of David Watson – a great supporter and active volunteer with AYFC over many years. He will be greatly missed.

3. Other Income

Category	2023	2022
Gift Aid Reclaimed ⁽¹⁾	£6,868	£1,451
Grants & Charities ⁽²⁾	£1,260	£745
Event Contributions ⁽³⁾	£1,059	£157
Fundraising ⁽⁴⁾	£2,846	£1,536
Adventurous Income ⁽⁵⁾	£395	£1,260
Government Employment Relief ⁽⁶⁾	£0	£1,582
Paddleboarding Equipment ⁽⁷⁾	£9,256	£0
	£6,731	£17,683

⁽¹⁾ Gift aid was up when comparing FY2023 to FY2022. However, this was due a total of £3227 received from HMRC in September 2022 relating to Gift Aid on donations made in FY2022. The accounting system which AYFC now uses includes a mechanism to speed up the claiming of Gift Aid, meaning that gift aid is now claimed more regularly, meaning that only the only gift aid due at the end of FY2023 was from donations made in July.

⁽²⁾ Three grants were gratefully received from local organisations in FY2023. Many thanks to Ashby Educational Foundation, Ashby Rotary Club and Ashby Lions for their continued support. In addition to this, a large grant for Paddleboard equipment was received, as discussed in point 7.

⁽³⁾ Event Contributions are funds received by individuals towards support for individual events. These were severely restricted at the start of FY2023.

⁽⁴⁾ The team and a number of supporters took part in some great fundraising events in FY2023.

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⁽⁷⁾ A large grant for the purchase of Paddleboarding Equipment was received in FY2023. The equipment has been used over the year on a number of occasions, and should be a great resource over the years.

4. Agency Donations

Category	2023	2022
Agency Donations Received	£440	£180
Agency Payments Made	£760	£0

Donations made by a giver to be passed on to help the work in of other organisations, such as Moldova YFC that has been supported by AYFC staff and others over the years. In FY2022 and FY2021 no payments were made – hence the increase in YF2023.

Expenditure Notes

5. Staffing

Category	2023	2022
Staff Expenses	£476	£150
Staffing Costs ^{(1) (2)}	£43,655	£43,098
Staff Training & Conferences	£1,169	£281
	£45,300	£43,529

⁽¹⁾ Staffing costs are wages & pensions for Helen Davis, Vernon Bayliss, Katie Johnson.

⁽²⁾ Staffing Costs were offset by £1,582 furlough payments in FY2022, paid by HMRC – shown as income in this report.

6. Operating Costs

Category	2023	2022
Office & Admin ⁽¹⁾	£320	£1,778
Activity and Event Expenses	£2,270	£1,763
Insurance ⁽²⁾	£2,503	£1,340
Resources/Equipment	£141	£202
Donation to YFC National	£1,200	£2,750
Fundraising Costs	£67	£16
Paddleboard Equipment	£9,081	£0
	£15,582	£7,849

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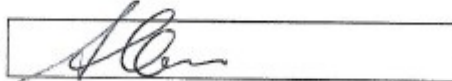
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Date:

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Name:

STEPHAN CHOWES

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ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 1058434

Accounts

Ashby de la Zouch Youth for Christ (AYFC)
Registered Charity Number 1058434

Report of the Trustees for year 1st August 2020 - 31st July 2021

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The officers, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are elected from within the trustee membership.

The trustees usually meet twice during each school term in Ashby Methodist Church which accommodates the AYFC office.

The AGM was held on 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

The trustees are supported in their work by a Council of Reference, members are drawn from several local churches, they meet to hear an update from the Centre Director and provide invaluable advice and prayer support to the trustees and staff.

Youth for Christ in Ashby de la Zouch is a charity federated to similar charities bearing the same name, and sharing the same ethos and direction as the central charity British Youth for Christ.

AYFC has adopted all Policies and Charter requirements in line with British Youth for Christ, and constantly review and update all governing documents, we adhere to all relevant government laws as they are introduced.

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A three-year license to increase Outdoor Activities was granted in April 2019, we have necessary Insurance cover to facilitate this work with liability of up to £10,000,000. The license is due to be renewed in 2022.

Starting this work has been delayed by Covid-19, plans are in hand to increase this work as it offers a wonderful opportunity for staff and young people to bond and be more open to learning about Jesus especially outdoors and in one-to-one situations.

AYFC Centre Director continues to oversee the work of a full time Senior Youth Leader a Youth Leader and Youth Worker. The trustees consider they are very fortunate to employ these enthusiastic and dedicated staff.

Work with young people continued outdoors when and where this was possible, once the Covid-19 restrictions started to relax opportunities to work in schools and re-start clubs in churches became available again.

During the time this wasn't possible meetings were held via zoom, while this worked in practice it proved not to be as successful as face-to-face meetings.

Due to the effects of the pandemic AYFC has lost income from fund-raising events and the unavailability of grants, and we have been greatly helped by the availability of the Government furlough scheme which enabled AYFC to retain all staff members with no redundancies.

Flexible furlough provided an opportunity for staff the enrol for on-line training, the most significant and important being School Chaplaincy which all staff are now equipped to do, they are available to go into schools should the need arise.

The trustees continued to monitor the level of unrestricted reserves following the introduction of a Reserves Policy in 2019, in order to ensure that the bank balance does not fall below 3 - 6 months working capital to securing the charity's future.

Whilst funds once again fell by around £4,000, we have enough money to continue through the 2021-2022 school year and will continue to seek grant application opportunities going forward.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken and regularly reported to the Trustees.

The trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives.

Prepared by Noreen Mewies
Chair of AYFC Trustees
October 2020

ASHBY YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Registered Charity Number 1058434

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2021.

Summary of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	Note	2021	2020
Regular Giving	1	£30,132	£29,401
Other Donations	2	£895	£2,184
Other Income	3	£17,683	£18,345
Agency Donations	4	£180	£180
Total Receipts		£48,890	£50,110

PAYMENTS	Note	£2,021	£2,020
Staffing	5	£44,804	£45,342
Operating Costs	6	£7,049	£6,964
Total Payments		£51,853	£52,306

Net Income/Expenditure in Year		-£2,963	-£2,196
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Cash in Bank Accounts

Cash at bank and in hand at 01-Aug	2021	2020
Lloyds current account	£1,683	£11,950
Lloyds charity account	£43,507	£35,436
Account totals	£45,190	£47,386
Cash at bank and in hand at 31-Jul	2021	2020
Lloyds current account	£1,517	£1,683
Lloyds charity account	£40,710	£43,507
Account totals	£42,227	£45,190
Net Account Movement in Year	-2,923	-£2,196

Commentary

- AYFC holds funds more than the reserves policy. The Trustees are continuing to explore opportunities to spend on new initiatives, especially short-term ones that can be financed by current funds.
- Giving in 2021 reduced by a further 10% and remains insufficient to match regular spending. The Centre Director and trustees are working to increase regular planned giving which is core to ongoing sustainable funding. In the meantime, the Trustees have continued to approve short-term initiatives based on the short-term funding that has been received.
- There was no Grant funding received in 2021 (as well as 2020) as no grants were obtained during the lockdown period.
- Making use of the Government furlough scheme during lockdown meant that we were able to continue to pay staff members, and only see a further reduction in assets by approximately £3000.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashby Youth for Christ (Charity No. 1058434) for the financial year ended 31 July 2021

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Signed:  Date: 30/3/2022

Name: STEPHEN CLOWES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: ACMA Retired

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Income Notes

1. Regular Giving

Category	2021	2020
Regular Donations	£19,716	£20,316
Donations from local Churches	£10,416	£9,085
	£30,132	£29,401

2. Other Donations

Category	2021	2020
One Off Gifts	£895	£2,184
	£895	£2,184

Other donations from individuals, including those applicable for Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), and those from organisations where Gift Aid claim is not applicable.

3. Other Income

Category	2021	2020
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£5,848	£3,942
Grants & Charities ⁽¹⁾		£2,795
Event Contributions ⁽²⁾		
Fundraising ⁽³⁾		
Adventurous Income ⁽⁴⁾		£80
Government Employment Relief ⁽⁵⁾	£11,550	£11,528
Schools ⁽⁶⁾	£285	
	£17,683	£18,345

⁽¹⁾ No grants were received in FY2021, or most of FY2020 (the £2,795 shown here was received in August 2019).

⁽²⁾ Event Contributions are funds received by individuals towards support for individual events. These were severely restricted in both FY2020 and FY2021.

⁽³⁾ No fundraising events were undertaken in FY2020 and FY2021 due to the COVID-19 lockdown

⁽⁴⁾ Adventurous Income were contributions by third parties making use of the outdoor activities provided by AYFC. Further events were curtailed by the COVID-19 lockdown.

⁽⁵⁾ Government Employment Relief ("Furlough Payments") were claimed for much of FY2020 and FY2021, when the AYFC staff were not able to undertake their normal activities. The trustees agreed to top-up these payments so that the staff continued to receive full salaries at this time. Some Furlough payments will also be received in FY2022, but these are being wound down as the AYFC staff get back to working their full hours.

⁽⁶⁾ Schools income is money received off local schools in payment for AYFC staff helping in their activities. In FY2021, this was due to AYFC staff providing Duke of Edinburgh Award supervision.

4. Agency Donations

Category	2021	2020
Agency Donations	£180	£180
	£180	£180

Donations made by a giver to be passed on to help the work in Moldova that has been supported by AYFC staff and others over the years.

Expenditure Notes

5. Staffing

Category	2021	2020
Staff Expenses	£190	£1,627
Staffing Costs ^{(1) (2)}	£43,992	£42,913
Staff Training & Conferences	£622	£802
	£44,804	£45,342

⁽¹⁾ Staffing costs are wages & pensions for Helen Davis, Vernon Bayliss, Kate George and Katie Johnson.

⁽²⁾ Staffing Costs were offset by £11,550 furlough payments (£11,528 in FY2020), paid by HMRC – shown as income in this report.

6. Operating Costs

Category	2021	2020
Office & Admin ⁽¹⁾	£1,303	£1,281
Activity and Event Expenses	£363	£719
Insurance ⁽²⁾	£1,016	£1,016
Resources/Equipment	£467	£48
Donation to YFC National	£3,900	£3,900
	£7,049	£6,964

⁽¹⁾ Office costs include Phone, Internet and Web Site Charges, Stationery, Printing & Postage and License fees.

⁽²⁾ Insurance fee consists Combined Commercial Insurance only. Outdoor Activities Insurance was not taken out in 2019 or FY2020 as it would not be used due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Insurance costs will increase significantly when such activities are re-started (estimated at £1,300 for FY2022).

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashby Youth for Christ (Charity No. 1058434) for the financial year ended 31 July 2021

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In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:  Date: 30/3/2022

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ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 1058434

Accounts

Ashby de la Zouch Youth for Christ (AYFC)
Registered Charity Number 1058434

Report to Annual Meeting for year 1st August 2019 - 31st July 2020

Youth for Christ in Ashby de la Zouch is a charity federated to similar charities bearing the same name, and sharing the same ethos and direction as the central charity British Youth for Christ.

Our mission is to take the Good News relevantly to every young person in the area served.

The trustees are elected from the local Christian all trustees have signed the British Youth for Christ Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct.

The officers, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are elected/re-elected annually from within the trustee membership.

During a normal year AYFC trustees would meet twice during each school term, this year due to Covid-19 they met as usual in September/November (Autumn Term) and again in January (Spring Term), these were face to face meetings at Ashby Methodist Church which accommodates the AYFC office.

Prior to the next planned meeting Covid-19 restrictions and lock-down came into force, the AYFC office and use of the church building were no longer available to us.

The following trustee meetings were held in June/July using Zoom.

The trustees are supported in their work by a Council of Reference, members are drawn from several local churches who meet once each term to hear an update from the Centre Director.

In addition, the members provide invaluable prayer support to the trustees and staff and keep churches updated on our work.

Unfortunately, the first meeting did not take place, then due to the Covid-19 restrictions the second planned meeting of Trustees and Council of Reference to meet together was also cancelled as the venue went into lock-down.

AYFC is compliant as far as possible with GDPR and Rev Mike Firbank was appointed as Data Protection Officer in January 2019, he has continued in this position during 2019/2020.

Following advice from British Youth for Christ we are looking to convert Ashby Youth for Christ to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, work has been long delayed and is now expected to be completed in year 2020/2021.

As the National Charity continues to evolve and develop AYFC continues follow their lead in developing our five key areas.

Increasing evangelism

Serving the needs of young people in the community

Developing a culture of prayer

Developing our ministry to minorities

Increasing financial sustainability

All of these key points are reconsidered at every trustee meeting as they form the basis for our Centre Directors Report, we as trustees believe that AYFC continues to make excellent progress in all of these areas.

The mission of AYFC is to take the good news relevantly to every young person in Ashby de la Zouch and surrounding area. In every club we run, or session we lead, we show the young people we work with Christ's love and provide them with every opportunity to question, explore and respond to the challenges of the Christian faith.

Our work is 4D

Demonstration - Sharing God's love through what we do

Declaration – Talking about God and his son Jesus.

Discipleship – Supporting those who want to become Christians

Decision – Inviting a response to the challenges of Christ.

A license for Outdoor Activities was granted in April 2019, Vernon is a highly qualified staff member keen to lead this work, several local schools are interested in taking this option up, but unfortunately this work has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. AYFC has been unable to work with schools since the March 2020 lock-down.

To facilitate this work AYFC will have the necessary insurance cover in place with liability of up to £10,000,000 as soon as this work is able to start.

Helen our Centre Director continues to oversee the work of a full time Senior Youth Leader a Youth Leader and Youth Worker. The trustees consider they are very fortunate to have these enthusiastic and dedicated staff working for AYFC.

In March 2020 all staff were placed on HMG furlough scheme as no work was available to them, this continued until the Senior Youth Leader was released for one week to make contact with supporters, schools, and socially distanced meeting with several young people to assess the situation.

From 1st July AYFC took up the option of the part-time furlough and brought back our Centre Director and Senior Youth Leader for five hours per week, this proved very successful.

All staff are currently flexibly furloughed.

During 2019/2020 AYFC continued to work in partnership with Holy Trinity Church Ashby and Transforming Lives for Good.

Our Centre Director and staff team are now working to develop similar mentoring sessions for selected young people in the Senior Schools in addition to Primary Schools.

Income continues to be closely monitored, our individual supporters, churches and organisations have remained loyal during the current Covid-19 pandemic, but at the moment we have no idea what this support will look like as we go forward into the new financial year.

The trustees have continued to monitor the current level of unrestricted reserves to ensure that the bank balance does not fall below 3 – 6 months working capital to secure the charity's future.

The Chair of Trustees and Treasurer were reappointed for 2019/2020, AYFC still seeks to appoint a Secretary, additional trustees were appointed to the board, Mr James Curtois and

Ms Helen Cloke at the AGM in October 2019, and Revd Catherine Booton from 1st January 2020, Catherine has since ceased to be a trustee.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken and regularly reported to the Trustees. The trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives and Ashby Youth for Christ is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its care.

I would like to thank our staff, trustees C of R, volunteers and supporters for your prayers and unstinting support during the past difficult year, I ask for your continuing support in what is proving to be an equally challenging 2020/2021 year.

Noreen Mewies
Chair of Trustees

ASHBY YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Registered Charity Number 1058434

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2020.

Summary of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	Note	2020	2019
Regular Giving	1	£29,401	£33,185
Other Donations	2	£2,184	£1,070
Other Income	3	£6,817	£23,927
Agency Donations	4	£180	
Total Receipts		£38,582	£58,182

PAYMENTS	Note	2020	2019
Staffing	5	-£33,814	-£46,378
Operating Costs	6	-£6,964	-£8,870
Total Payments		-£40,778	-£55,248

Net Income/Expenditure in Year		-£2,196	£2,934
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Cash in Bank Accounts

Cash at bank and in hand at 01-Aug	2020	2019
Lloyds current account	£11,950	£41,553
Lloyds charity account	£35,436	£2,899
Account totals	£47,386	£44,451
Cash at bank and in hand at 31-Jul	2020	2019
Lloyds current account	£1,683	£11,950
Lloyds charity account	£43,507	£35,436
Account totals	£45,190	£47,386
Net Account Movement in Year	-£2,196	£2,935

Commentary

- AYFC holds funds more than the reserves policy. The Trustees are continuing to explore opportunities to spend on new initiatives, especially short-term ones that can be financed by current funds.
- Regular giving in 2020 reduced by approximately 10% and remains insufficient to match regular spending. The Centre Director and trustees are working to increase regular planned giving which is core to ongoing sustainable funding. In the meantime, the Trustees have been approving short-term initiatives based on the short-term funding that has been received.
- Grant funding decreased in 2020 as no grants were obtained during the lockdown period.
- We were able to make use of the Government furlough scheme during lockdown, meaning that we were able to continue to pay staff members, and only see a reduction in assets by approximately £2000.

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23/4/2021

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Income Notes

1. Regular Giving

Category	2020	2019
Regular Donations (STO)	£19,336	£20,097
Regular Donations (xGA) ⁽¹⁾	£980	£1,603
Donations from local Churches	£9,085	£11,485
	£29,401	£33,185

⁽¹⁾ Regular Donations (xGA) refers to donations received direct to the AYFC bank through a third party where Gift Aid has already been claimed and applied to the donation.

2. Other Donations

Category	2020	2019
AYFC Donations (Personal)	£1,034	£910
AYFC Donations (GASDS)		£160
AYFC Donations (not GA)	£1,150	
	£2,184	£1,070

Other donations from individuals, including those applicable for Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS), and those from organisations where Gift Aid claim is not applicable.

3. Other Income

Category	2020	2019
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£3,942	£1,739
Grants & Charities ⁽¹⁾	£2,795	£23,014
Event Contributions ⁽²⁾		£130
Fundraising ⁽³⁾		£326
Adventurous Income ⁽⁴⁾	£80	
	£6,817	£25,209

⁽¹⁾ We are very thankful for the following grants received in 2019:

Date	Amount	From	Comments
04 Aug 2019	£2,795.00	Leicestershire Diocese	Growth Fund grant supporting "Transforming Lives for Good" project

⁽²⁾ Event Contributions are funds received by individuals towards support for individual events

⁽³⁾ No fundraising events were undertaken this year due to the COVID-19 lockdown

⁽⁴⁾ Adventurous Income were contributions by third parties making use of the outdoor activities provided by AYFC. Further events were curtailed by the COVID-19 lockdown.

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6. Operating Costs

Category	2019	2019
Office & Admin ⁽¹⁾	-£1,281	-£1,427
Activity and Event Expenses	-£719	-£848
Insurance ⁽²⁾	-£1,016	-£2,416
Resources/Equipment	-£48	-£38
Donation to YFC National	-£3,900	-£4,141
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