SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03476766
Registered	1998-02-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ASSIST AND EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH SHROPSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA (THE AREA OF BENEFIT), IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AN INFORMATION AND ADVICE CENTRE AND OTHER SUCH SERVICES CALCULATED TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CAPACITIES IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND THAT THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED.

Activities: South Shropshire Youth Forum is a charity set up to help the young people in South Shropshire. SSYF aims to support young people through the transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, activities and themes that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people within the district.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTH SHROPSHIRE
- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£50,689	£57,815	-	-
2024-03-31	£84,368	£68,313	-	-
2023-03-31	£81,706	£76,313	-	-
2022-03-31	£67,236	£66,669	-	-
2021-03-31	£53,065	£42,112	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMANDA FURNISS		2016-11-02
Amy Webb		2022-01-20
Peter David Morris		2025-05-21
Robert Anthony Bluett		2020-12-02
Sarah Griffiths		2025-05-21

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

Annual Report 2024-25

Who are South Shropshire Youth Forum?

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YOUTH WORK

We offer weekly sessions Bishop's Castle, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms and Ludlow. We work with Schools, more recently in Bishop's Castle Community College, Bishop's Castle Primary School, Stokesay Primary, Church Stretton Secondary and Cleobury Primary School.

HERITAGE PROJECTS BASED ACTIVITIES

Activities based in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (now National Landscape) including Young Rangers and Young Rangers Outreach projects in Secondary Schools. We have delivered over 12 years of activity including woodland restoration, bushcraft, practical conservation, outdoor adventure, and rural skills training.

COMMUNITY WORK & DIVERSIONARY PROJECTS

We help represent the views of young people both at partnership meetings, and on a local strategic planning level. We feel that the views of young people should be heard, especially as they often feel they are unrepresented and not part of their community. More recently we have delivered, and hosted Youth Conferences in south Shropshire, and this has been an effective way of communicating the needs of young people.

Diversionary projects are delivered to engage young people in their own free time (usually holiday periods). Young people have developed their own ideas, and so projects, such as the Ludlow Garden Help Scheme has become established.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Youth Forum provides opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

Our ethos

South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) are an established and trusted youth based charity with a strong track record of delivering quality, value for money programmes for socially, and economically disadvantaged rural young people.

South Shropshire Youth Forum aims to meet young people's diverse needs through creating individual and group opportunities for participation, education and celebration. Its core services are based on delivering youth clubs & play schemes, diversionary projects, and helping to give young people a voice.

SSYF have different strategies and offer bespoke services depending on each market town area we work in (currently Bishop's Castle, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms, and Ludlow). More importantly young people refer themselves and so in effect they volunteer to get involved.

We have also been developing work for rural areas within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Activities are carried out through the normal channels of youth engagement but, more significantly through less traditional approaches such as diversionary activities, and youth participation schemes. These are shaped around new research carried out by the young people themselves through peer led consultations. We have established Youth Forums in the market towns, which have helped to improve local youth facilities, brought in specific activities, and have given the young people a direct link to local decision-making processes.



Our work 2024-25

Young Rangers

During 2024/25 SSYF continued to deliver Young Rangers in the Clee Hill area. This was despite the end of the 3 year Lottery funded Young Rangers grant. In addition we were able to team up once again, with the Shropshire Hills National Landscape (SHNL) to deliver a range of activities funded through a national programme called Generation Green. This project gave us the opportunity to reach young people who ordinarily wouldn't have the opportunity to do residentials, and farm visits. 85 young people accessed the Young Rangers/Generation Green project which included a residential at Long Mynd Adventure camp, 3 farm visits, night walks, and a wild camp experience. In total 16 activity experiences were offered.

Craven Arms Youth provision

Weekly sessions were delivered in Craven Arms (Tuesday evenings). Access to the local Community centre is still not feasible due to ongoing issues so we delivered detached sessions throughout the year. Activities including regular football sessions, cricket sessions, night walks, and other activities. In total 32 sessions were delivered from April 2023 to end March 2024.

511 contacts were made with young people (last year this was 425 on 34 sessions) with approximately 50 individual young people aged 9-17 participating on the various activities. The Tuesday night provision has the catalyst to start other project work and activities.

Ludlow Youth provision

Friday night detached sessions have continued to be delivered in Ludlow. We also delivered sessions in partnership with Wesley's cafe, providing 6 weeks as a drop-in.

We don't record individual's details but estimate between 100-120 individual young people accessing our service over the time but not all of these attend every week. The average age attending are mid-teens (13-16 year olds), which continued to be 80% of contacts made There was also a significant number of females visible socialising in and around the town. (nearly 40%)

439 contacts made with young people in total over 23 sessions.

Garden Help Scheme

Full day sessions started to be delivered in the Summer School Holidays. In total, 6 full days were delivered weekly across the summer.

We recruited young people through word of mouth, via Social media and advertised on detached youth sessions prior to the summer holidays. One young person was referred via Social Prescribing.

8 young people, aged 12-16 volunteered their time on the project. 5 of the group identified themselves as female.

'This service is an amazing service to all residents in Ludlow that require help. It not only keeps their gardens good for them but the community to be proud of them too'.

Local resident

Bishop's Castle Youth provision

Funding for the Youth programme at Bishop's Castle was extended due to money from the Town Council and Shropshire Council. A part time worker has been employed to deliver the project with sessional staff and volunteers. From May 2024 the sessions were run with the help of volunteers and the part time youth worker only.

After School club

After School Club at Bishop's Castle Primary School runs weekly in term time. From April 24 up until the end of the Summer term 91 children took part in the Creative Writing activity that SSYF ran. From October 24 through to March 25, creative writing session were delivered with 131 young people attending these sessions.

To add to this – from May 2025 a 6 week course was delivered to all year 6 pupils to prepare this group for the transition to Secondary School. 26 pupils took part weekly in these sessions

Youth Drop in

From April 24 through to March 25, Young people registered for activities at the drop-in totalled 29. Total contacts throughout the period were 381

The activities at the Drop in are the same weekly – the team normally have a cooking session every two weeks, but this was dropped to an occasional session from January 2025.

Games, indoor hockey and pool/table tennis are available.
Hot drinks and toasties are also on offer. Craft sessions happen weekly.
Outside of term time sessions included an overnight camp, with two days of activities including the longest zip wire in England!. The group also put together a survey regarding the town's recreation park. What improvements are needed. The results of the completed surveys were handed over to Friends of the Park.

Cleobury Mortimer Youth provision

SSYF was commissioned to do a youth consultation in 2021 and as a direct result of this outreach sessions started in January 2022.

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From April 2024 to end March 2025 we engaged with 55 young people aged 10-13 with 35 sessions being delivered. (this included 24 pupils from the Primary school)

Totals of young people attending over sessions was 525.
The percentage of females attending was 26%



Shropshire Hill stories project

A two-year project delivered in partnership with Piece of String media designed to work with (up to 40) rurally-isolated young people aged 11-18, across three areas in South Shropshire, to enable them to create a series of (up to 16) short films — about their experiences and perspectives of local places and stories with the aim to share with their local communities and online. To date 21 young people have participated on 8 project days. 16 films have been produced. The project is duet to finish in June 2026.

Ongoing consultation with young people

We continue to listen to young people and try to respond to their changing needs. This is continuing to be done as we deliver services direct with young people, while encouraging them to help shape the service we offer.









Chair's report 2024/25

This year we welcome 2 new trustees to the Youth Forum, bringing new skills and experience to support the development of our services for young people across South Shropshire. Our regular trustee meetings have been held online this year to ensure all can attend across the county, with regular Officers Meetings held in person where possible. This year we have focused again on reviewing and updating policies and procedures, and bringing job descriptions up to date as well as supporting our Chief Officer and the work of the Forum, attending events, conferences and fundraising opportunities. We are always looking for new trustees, with new skills and ideas, so please do get in touch if you are interested in supporting the Youth Forum, and making a difference to young people across the region.

Funding continues to be a challenge in the current climate. At present we have only 1 permanent staff member, the Chief Officer, along with part time and sessional youth workers. Despite this, we are still meeting local need and delivering services in Church Stretton, Craven Arms, Bishops Castle, Cleobury, and Ludlow. There are a wide range of activities for young people to be involved in, including film projects, drop ins, after school clubs, garden help scheme, detached sessions, Young Rangers, residentials, networks and consultations, all outlined in this report. The success of these services is testament to the dedication, and hard work of everyone involved, who have created diverse opportunities for learning and celebrating young people, and their voices. The strength of the voluntary sector is that we can respond to need, and be creative, diversifying in times of change and financial challenges, as the Youth Forum has done successfully for nearly 3 decades.

After 4 years as Chair, I will be stepping down at our AGM and hope the Youth Forum will continue to make a difference to young people's lives, for the next 30 years! I would like to thank our Chief Officer for all his work this year, along with all part time staff, trustees, partners and funders, and of course the young people, who have enabled all these projects and activities to develop and who keep the Youth Forum moving forwards.

Mandy Furniss

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Professional Charges	Net	% VAT	VAT	Total
In supplying SAGE Software for the months January, February and March 2026.	30.00	20.00	6.00	36.00

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INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

SSYF provide a South Shropshire Youth Network for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people. The network officially ran until May 2024.

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Our work 2023-24

Young Rangers

During 2023/24 SSYF continued to deliver Young Rangers in the Clee Hills and Church Stretton/Craven Arms areas, in partnership with Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty Partnership (Now National Landscapes). The Lottery funded programme finished at the end of 2023, so there was no delivery beyond that.

In the two and a half years we helped to deliver a programme with 153 young people registering onto Young Rangers and activities were hosted at a range of countryside and heritage sites in the Shropshire Hills National Landscape. Most of these were publicly accessible sites and/or those owned by countryside service providers including National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Shropshire Council. 38 young people also achieved a John Muir Award.

Between April 2023 and March 2024 SSYF delivered 18 full day sessions; and a summer holiday residential in the Peak District. A total of 27 individuals participated on the 18 sessions. Sessions included farm visits, bushcraft, foraging, boardwalk construction, discovery walks, path clearance and footpath repairs. The residential included 3 days of climbing, scrambling, kayaking and team building challenges.

SSYF also piloted a Young Rangers Outreach course at Church Stretton School. The project is designed to help pupils raise their self-esteem and confidence, develops individual negotiation and communication skills, and provides opportunities to work as part of a team. There is also a strong focus on getting pupils to be reflective and to develop coping mechanisms into their lives. Pupils will be referred because they are not achieving their potential because of feelings of social anxiety and low self-esteem, and bullying or other emotional issues. Many, if not all the pupils will have anxiety issues. 10 females, aged 13-14 were referred onto the project

Craven Arms Youth provision

Weekly sessions were delivered in Craven Arms (Tuesday evenings). Access to the local Community centre is still not feasible due to ongoing issues so we delivered detached sessions throughout the year. Activities including regular football sessions, cricket sessions, night walks, and marshalling for community events, such as the Community Bonfire. In total 34 sessions were delivered from April 2023 to end March 2024. 425 contacts were made with young people with approximately 50 individual young people aged 9-17 participating on the various activities. The Tuesday night provision has the catalyst to start other project work and activities. Young people were recruited to join the Young Rangers programme, and also young people were recruited to volunteer at the community bonfire event and assisted the Santa Sleigh. Some of the Moldovan children living in Craven Arms have participated in our Ukrainian Refugee project in Ludlow.

Ludlow Youth provision

Friday night detached sessions have continued to be delivered in Ludlow. We also delivered 21 drop-in cafe sessions at Hands Together between March to April 2023 and also from October 2023 to April 2024.

We don't record individual's details but estimate approximately 100 individual young people accessing our service over the time but not all of these attend every week. The average age attending are mid-teens (13-16 year olds), which rose to make up 82% of contacts made (last year it was 75%). The majority of contacts made were new to us and the project. This is significantly up from previous years. There was also a significant increase in the numbers of females visible socialising in and around the town.

680 contacts made with young people in total over 41 sessions.

Other activities

At the request of a local partner we have delivered some pilot football sessions for Ukrainian young people. 4 sessions have been delivered at Ludlow Football club. We may offer more sessions as and when the facilities become available at Ludlow FC

Drop-in sessions/Garden Help Scheme

We were offered a cafe space at Hands Together who are located in the town. However, the times the space was available was quite limited 4.30-6pm. In total we delivered 21 sessions over the winter. Despite various approaches we had very little uptake but for a short time we did have a small core of about 5 young people attending regularly. As a result of this core group meeting we managed to relaunch our Garden Help scheme. 8 young volunteers helped deliver the project over the School summer Holiday. The Garden Help Scheme was awarded a High Sherriff Award in 2024.

Bishop's Castle Youth provision

Funding for the Youth programme at Bishop's Castle was extended due to money from the Town Council and Shropshire Council. A part time worker has been employed to deliver the project with sessional staff and volunteers.

After School club

After School Club at Bishop's Castle Primary School runs weekly in term time. From April 23 up until the end of the Summer term 123 children took part in the cooking activities that SSYF ran. From October 23, creative writing session were delivered with 76 young people attending these sessions.

Youth Drop in

From April 23 through to March 24, there has been a huge increase in young people attending.

Young people registered for activities at the drop-in totalled 29. Total contacts throughout the period were 327

The activities at the Drop in are the same weekly – the team normally have a cooking session every two weeks, games, indoor hockey and pool/table tennis are available.
Hot drinks and toasties are also on offer. Craft sessions happen weekly.
Outside of term time sessions included climbing, and day trips. A two day camp in the Shropshire Hills was also delivered.

Cleobury Mortimer Youth provision

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From April 2023 to end March 2024 we engaged with 26 young people aged 10-13 with 28 sessions being delivered. Totals of young people attending over those sessions was 413.
In addition we delivered sessions at Cleobury Primary school, increasing the numbers worked with to 56.

Ongoing consultation with young people

We continue to listen to young people and try to respond to their changing needs. As part of our Infrastructure Support we have been able to bring together organisations and together we have pooled resources to continue structured consultation with young people.

Following on from last year's residential, where we trained 9 young people in campaigning techniques we worked on a series of workshops that would help enable young people to design their own 'realistic' services. In Spring 2023 we organised another residential and young people designed a game called 'Youth Chance' that others could use to design their own ideas. A prototype is currently being designed and has been tested, and was played at the Youth Conference in July 2023.



South Shropshire Youth Network

South Shropshire Youth Network is a peer network of individuals (paid/unpaid), community and voluntary organisations working with young people aged 8-25 in that area. The aim of the network is to exchange good practice, collaborate, put in joint funding bids, and for organisations to become stronger and more sustainable. The network is essentially a Youth Partnership for the south of Shropshire. The SLA with Shropshire was extended until March 2024. Rural Media agreed to help manage the service and meetings and newsletters were sent out to network members. Attempts to keep the network going beyond May have proved to be problematic. We still aim to continue in some capacity but, may need specific funding to enable us to do this.

By the end of March 2024 we 38 network members.







Chair's report 2023/24

This year we have consolidated our trustee group to 6 and have continued to hold regular Officers Meetings with the Chief Officer, Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, complementing our full trustee meetings. This year we have focused on reviewing and updating policies and procedures. We are always looking for new trustees however, with new skills and ideas, to cover the whole of South Shropshire, so please do get in touch if you are interested in supporting the youth forum and making a difference to young people across the region.

As a small charity with only 1 permanent staff member, The Chief Officer, now working 4 days a week and several part time and sessional youth workers, the range of activities, film projects, events, residentials, networks and consultations outlined in this report , is remarkable, with youth provision offered across South Shropshire in Cleobury, Bishops Castle, Craven Arms and Ludlow. The success of our established projects, such as the garden help scheme , film projects, young rangers, football and cricket sessions, as well as residentials and conferences, is testament to the dedication, hard work and flexibility of everyone involved. We are proud to have been awarded the High Sheriff's Outstanding young citizen award this year, for the garden help scheme, an intergenerational project involving young people helping to support older people to tidy their gardens. The new film produced with Shropshire Hills National Landscape and the young people involved with SSYF is a fabulous collaboration, creating diverse opportunities for young people to learn new skills, be creative, have fun, meet new people and improve their confidence. It is a strength of the voluntary sector that we can adapt, respond to need and demand and be creative, succeeding even in times of financial pressure and funding challenges.

I will close by thanking our Chief officer for all his hard work, along with all part time staff, all our trustees, partners and funders and of course the young people, who have enabled all these projects and activities to develop and who keep the youth forum flourishing, moving forwards and making a difference to young people's lives across South Shropshire.

Mandy Furniss

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Charity's objectives are to assist and educate young people in South Shropshire and the surrounding area (the area of benefit) in particular but not exclusively by the provision of vocational training, an information and advice centre and other such services calculated to develop their physical and mental capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

SSYF aims to support young people through the transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, activities and themes that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people in the district.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The following paid staff carried out SSYF activities in the period 2023/24:

3 Sessional Youth Workers, self-employed occasional staff, a Part-time Finance and Administration Officer, a Part-time Infrastructure Support Officer, a part time youth leader, and a Full-time Chief Officer.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

SSYF also relies on a committed group of volunteers, working alongside paid staff, to fulfil its aims and objectives.

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Achievements and performance

Activities in the year up to 31st March 2023 and further into 2024 have included:

YOUTH WORK

Weekly youth sessions at Bishop's Castle, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms and Ludlow. We work with schools, more recently in Bishop's Castle Community College, Bishop's Castle Primary School, Stokesay Primary, Church Stretton Secondary and Cleobury Primary School.

COMMUNITY AND DIVERSIONARY PROJECTS

We help represent the views of young people at partnership meetings and on a local strategic planning level. We feel that the views of young people should be heard, especially as they often feel they are unrepresented and not part of their community. More recently we have delivered and hosted Youth Conferences in South Shropshire and this has been an effective way of communicating the needs of young people.

Diversionary projects are delivered to engage young people in their own free time (usually holiday periods). Young people have developed their own ideas and so projects such as the Ludlow Garden Help Scheme has become established.

HERITAGE BASED ACTIVITIES

Activities based in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (now National Landscape) including Young Rangers and Young Rangers Outreach projects in Secondary Schools. We have delivered over 10 years of activity including woodland restoration, bush craft, practical conservation, outdoor adventure, and rural skills training.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

SSYF provide a South Shropshire Youth Network for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people. The network officially ran until May 2024.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Youth Forum provides opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

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Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

Our unofficial 'strategic' business plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following strategic goals:

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. It's website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It has found a new registered office base and has been actively recruiting new trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientele. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF, has, until recent years; been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed. This situation has improved recently with SSYF being Ludlow Mayor's charity. This has enabled us to build our 'unrestricted' funds.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

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Trustees' Report

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Mandy Furniss

Jack Martin

Amy Webb

Robert Bluett

Matthew Reeve

Sandra Edwards

Diane Lyle (appointed 20 March 2024 and resigned 6 November 2024)

Chairman:

Mandy Furniss

Robert Bluett

Secretary:

Richard Morley

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. We have recruited (and lost) trustees throughout the year. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Chief Officer and trustees. The main recruitment drive though is through word of mouth.

Induction and training of trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

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Trustees' Report

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration for the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A now part time Chief Officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Wider Network
SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Relationships with related parties

Related Parties
SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Town Councils, Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow Cook Learn, Wild About Westhope, Titterstone Clee Heritage Trust, Hands Together and local schools and colleges.
Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity’s policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities
The trustees (who are also the directors of South Shropshire Youth Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

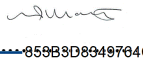
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:



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Richard Morley
Company secretary

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of South Shropshire Youth Forum as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 by:
Kaye Richardson
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27 November 2024

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	33,424	54,197	87,621
Other income		75	-	75
Total income		33,499	54,197	87,696
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	(33,243)	(35,070)	(68,313)
Total expenditure		(33,243)	(35,070)	(68,313)
Net income		256	19,127	19,383
Net movement in funds		256	19,127	19,383
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		3,353	24,861	28,214
Total funds carried forward	11	3,609	43,988	47,597

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	21,497	60,183	81,680
Other income		27	-	27
Total income		21,524	60,183	81,707
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	(16,980)	(59,334)	(76,314)
Total expenditure		(16,980)	(59,334)	(76,314)
Net income		4,544	849	5,393
Net movement in funds		4,544	849	5,393
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		4,874	17,947	22,821
Total funds carried forward	11	9,418	18,796	28,214

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 11.

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

(Registration number: 03476766)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	8	64,743	48,745
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,200)	(6,541)
Total assets less current liabilities		63,543	42,204
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(15,945)	(13,990)
Net assets		47,598	28,214
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		19,127	849
Revaluation reserve		24,861	17,947
Total restricted funds		43,988	18,796
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		257	4,544
Revaluation reserve		3,353	4,874
Total unrestricted funds		3,609	9,418
Total funds	11	47,598	28,214

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

(Registration number: 03476766)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

The financial statements on pages 9 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Mandy Furniss
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Mandy Furniss
Chairman and trustee

Signed by:
Robert Bluett
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Chairman and trustee

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
c/o Clee Hill Recreation Rooms
22a High Street
Clee Hill
Ludlow
Shropshire
SY8 3LZ

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 27 November 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

South Shropshire Youth Forum meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Depreciation and amortisation

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures & fittings	20% Reducing balance

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	33,424	54,197	87,621
Total for 2024	33,424	54,197	87,621
Total for 2023	21,497	60,183	81,680

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Allocated support costs		33,243	35,070	68,313

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Allocated support costs		16,980	59,334	76,314

	Allocated support costs £	Total 2024 £
Costs of generating donations and legacies	68,312	68,312

	Allocated support costs £	Total 2023 £
Costs of generating donations and legacies	76,314	76,314

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5 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
General	257	(1,521)
Restricted	18,517	6,914

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	64,743	48,745

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	1,113
Other creditors	1,200	5,428
	1,200	6,541

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	15,945	13,990

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	3,353	33,499	(33,243)	3,609
Restricted funds	24,861	54,197	(35,070)	43,988
Total funds	28,214	87,696	(68,313)	47,597

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	4,874	21,524	(16,980)	9,418
Restricted funds	17,947	60,183	(59,334)	18,796
Total funds	22,821	81,707	(76,314)	28,214

12 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	48,745	15,998	64,743
Debt due within one year	(6,541)	5,341	(1,200)
Debt due after more than one year	(13,990)	(2,566)	(16,556)
Net debt	28,214	18,773	46,987

	At 1 April 2022 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	35,374	13,371	48,745
Debt due within one year	1,054	(7,596)	(6,542)
Debt due after more than one year	(13,608)	(381)	(13,989)
Net debt	22,820	5,394	28,214

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairman

Mandy Furniss

Robert Bluett

Secretary

Richard Morley

Charity Registration Number

1068321

Company Registration Number

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Charity's objectives are to assist and educate young people in South Shropshire and the surrounding area (the area of benefit) in particular but not exclusively by the provision of vocational training, an information and advice centre and other such services calculated to develop their physical and mental capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

SSYF aims to support young people through the transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, activities and themes that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people in the district.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The following paid staff carried out SSYF activities in the period 2023/24:

3 Sessional Youth Workers, self-employed occasional staff, a Part-time Finance and Administration Officer, a Part-time Infrastructure Support Officer, a part time youth leader, and a Full-time Chief Officer.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

SSYF also relies on a committed group of volunteers, working alongside paid staff, to fulfil its aims and objectives.

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Achievements and performance

Activities in the year up to 31st March 2023 and further into 2024 have included:

YOUTH WORK

Weekly youth sessions at Bishop's Castle, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms and Ludlow. We work with schools, more recently in Bishop's Castle Community College, Bishop's Castle Primary School, Stokesay Primary, Church Stretton Secondary and Cleobury Primary School.

COMMUNITY AND DIVERSIONARY PROJECTS

We help represent the views of young people at partnership meetings and on a local strategic planning level. We feel that the views of young people should be heard, especially as they often feel they are unrepresented and not part of their community. More recently we have delivered and hosted Youth Conferences in South Shropshire and this has been an effective way of communicating the needs of young people.

Diversionary projects are delivered to engage young people in their own free time (usually holiday periods). Young people have developed their own ideas and so projects such as the Ludlow Garden Help Scheme has become established.

HERITAGE BASED ACTIVITIES

Activities based in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (now National Landscape) including Young Rangers and Young Rangers Outreach projects in Secondary Schools. We have delivered over 10 years of activity including woodland restoration, bush craft, practical conservation, outdoor adventure, and rural skills training.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

SSYF provide a South Shropshire Youth Network for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people. The network officially ran until May 2024.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Youth Forum provides opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

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Trustees' Report

Plans for future periods

Aims and key objectives for future periods

Our unofficial 'strategic' business plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following strategic goals:

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. It's website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It has found a new registered office base and has been actively recruiting new trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientele. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF, has, until recent years; been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed. This situation has improved recently with SSYF being Ludlow Mayor's charity. This has enabled us to build our 'unrestricted' funds.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

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Trustees' Report

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Mandy Furniss

Jack Martin

Amy Webb

Robert Bluett

Matthew Reeve

Sandra Edwards

Diane Lyle (appointed 20 March 2024 and resigned 6 November 2024)

Chairman:

Mandy Furniss

Robert Bluett

Secretary:

Richard Morley

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. We have recruited (and lost) trustees throughout the year. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Chief Officer and trustees. The main recruitment drive though is through word of mouth.

Induction and training of trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

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Trustees' Report

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration for the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A now part time Chief Officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Wider Network
SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Relationships with related parties

Related Parties
SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Town Councils, Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow Cook Learn, Wild About Westhope, Titterstone Clee Heritage Trust, Hands Together and local schools and colleges.
Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity’s policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities
The trustees (who are also the directors of South Shropshire Youth Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

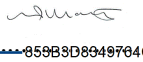
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:



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Richard Morley
Company secretary

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of South Shropshire Youth Forum as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 by:
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27 November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	33,424	54,197	87,621
Other income		75	-	75
Total income		33,499	54,197	87,696
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	(33,243)	(35,070)	(68,313)
Total expenditure		(33,243)	(35,070)	(68,313)
Net income		256	19,127	19,383
Net movement in funds		256	19,127	19,383
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		3,353	24,861	28,214
Total funds carried forward	11	3,609	43,988	47,597

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	21,497	60,183	81,680
Other income		27	-	27
Total income		21,524	60,183	81,707
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	(16,980)	(59,334)	(76,314)
Total expenditure		(16,980)	(59,334)	(76,314)
Net income		4,544	849	5,393
Net movement in funds		4,544	849	5,393
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		4,874	17,947	22,821
Total funds carried forward	11	9,418	18,796	28,214

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 11.

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

(Registration number: 03476766)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	8	64,743	48,745
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,200)	(6,541)
Total assets less current liabilities		63,543	42,204
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(15,945)	(13,990)
Net assets		47,598	28,214
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		19,127	849
Revaluation reserve		24,861	17,947
Total restricted funds		43,988	18,796
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		257	4,544
Revaluation reserve		3,353	4,874
Total unrestricted funds		3,609	9,418
Total funds	11	47,598	28,214

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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South Shropshire Youth Forum

(Registration number: 03476766)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

The financial statements on pages 9 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Mandy Furniss
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Mandy Furniss
Chairman and trustee

Signed by:
Robert Bluett
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Chairman and trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:
c/o Clee Hill Recreation Rooms
22a High Street
Clee Hill
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Shropshire
SY8 3LZ

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 27 November 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

South Shropshire Youth Forum meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Depreciation and amortisation

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures & fittings	20% Reducing balance

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	33,424	54,197	87,621
Total for 2024	33,424	54,197	87,621
Total for 2023	21,497	60,183	81,680

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Allocated support costs		33,243	35,070	68,313

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Allocated support costs		16,980	59,334	76,314

	Allocated support costs £	Total 2024 £
Costs of generating donations and legacies	68,312	68,312

	Allocated support costs £	Total 2023 £
Costs of generating donations and legacies	76,314	76,314

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5 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
General	257	(1,521)
Restricted	18,517	6,914

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	64,743	48,745

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	1,113
Other creditors	1,200	5,428
	1,200	6,541

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	15,945	13,990

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	3,353	33,499	(33,243)	3,609
Restricted funds	24,861	54,197	(35,070)	43,988
Total funds	28,214	87,696	(68,313)	47,597

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	4,874	21,524	(16,980)	9,418
Restricted funds	17,947	60,183	(59,334)	18,796
Total funds	22,821	81,707	(76,314)	28,214

12 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	48,745	15,998	64,743
Debt due within one year	(6,541)	5,341	(1,200)
Debt due after more than one year	(13,990)	(2,566)	(16,556)
Net debt	28,214	18,773	46,987

	At 1 April 2022 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	35,374	13,371	48,745
Debt due within one year	1,054	(7,596)	(6,542)
Debt due after more than one year	(13,608)	(381)	(13,989)
Net debt	22,820	5,394	28,214

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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Annual Report 2022-23

Who are South Shropshire Youth Forum?

Set up as an independent registered Youth based charity in 1997, South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) have been aiming to support young people in their transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, themes and activities that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people within this sparsely populated area.

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Youth activities outreach and detached youth work.

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GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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Our ethos

South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) are an established and trusted youth based charity with a strong track record of delivering quality, value for money programmes for socially and economically disadvantaged rural young people.

The aims of SSYF are to support young people in their transition to adulthood. SSYF provides a variety of projects, themes and activities that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people within the sparsely populated area of rural south Shropshire.

SSYF have different strategies and offer bespoke services depending on each market town area we work in (currently Bishop's Castle, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms and Ludlow). More importantly young people refer themselves and so in effect they volunteer to get involved.

We have also been developing work for rural areas within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Activities are carried out through the normal channels of youth engagement but more significantly through less traditional approaches such as diversionary activities and youth participation schemes. These are shaped around new research carried out by the young people themselves through peer led consultations. We have established Youth Forums in the market towns, which have helped to improve local youth facilities, brought in specific activities and have given the young people a direct link to local decision making processes.



Our work 2022-23

Young Rangers

During 2022/23 SSYF continued to deliver Young Rangers in the Clee Hills and Church Stretton/Craven Arms areas. The project is delivered in partnership with Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty Partnership and aims to continue to the end of 2023. In September 2020 we negotiated the use of a 4 acre woodland site for use by our Young Rangers groups that is owned by SWT and work has continued to be developed on the site. Various activities including a survey of the fauna and flora have been conducted and a compost toilet has been built.

Between April 2022 and March 2023 we delivered 21 full day sessions; and a summer holiday residential in mid Wales. A total of 32 individuals participated on the 21 sessions. Sessions included coppicing, discovery walks, creative music, green woodworking, climbing, haymaking, apple pressing, storytelling, path clearance and footpath repairs. The residential included 3 days of mountaineering, and caving.

Craven Arms Youth provision

Weekly sessions were delivered in Craven Arms (Tuesday evenings). Access to the local Community centre was not feasible due to ongoing issues and a mixture of detached sessions and a pilot after school club for year 5-6s in the Winter. Activities during after school included den making, a night walk, pan cake making and making pizzas. In total 44 sessions were delivered from April 2022 to end March 2023. 646 contacts were made with young people with approximately 50 individual young people aged 9-17 participating on the various activities.

Ludlow Youth provision

The project aims to provide a safe environment for the young people of Ludlow. We are looking to provide a mixture of outreach/detached sessions including a youth cafe (whether indoors or out), and informal football sessions at Ludlow Town FC. We will aim to try to work to set up a small group of young people who are keen to get a Forum set up of their own to potentially attend Town Council meetings and address some of the concerns they have. 36 sessions were delivered in the period. Some sessions had to be cancelled due to the weather. 611 contacts were made over the period with over 50 individual young people supported.

We were pleased to work with local youths and the Town Council to install a replacement youth shelter for Wheeler Road. It took a lot of hard work to get the support we needed to get a shelter back, and thanks to Hands Together we were able to pilot a new drop-in session for young people on Fridays.



Bishop's Castle Youth provision

12 months funding was secured via Bishop's Castle Town Council for a youth work programme to start in the new financial year. A youth worker was appointed in May 2022 and the work has continued to be developed. The project is a partnership between the Town Council and SSYF. We are pleased to announce that a further 12 months funding was secured beyond May 2023. To date a weekly Youth drop-in has been running, and after school sessions at Bishop's Castle Primary School delivered during term time.

23 After School club ran sessions from May 22 - May 23 with 173 young people aged 8-11.

32 Drop in youth cafe sessions started in the Summer holidays 2022. 78 young people aged 11 - 16 years of age attended.

Youth forum - evening sessions have also been delivered once a month, 12 young people attended from October 22 - May 23

Cleobury Mortimer Youth provision

SSYF was commissioned to do a youth consultation in 2021 and as a direct result of this outreach sessions started in January 2022. Sessions developed over that time resulting in SSYF targeting year 6-7s. Working with Cleobury Mortimer Primary School the project was a hit with young people. Monday evenings are allocated to provide access to local sporting facilities and the local sports Social club was opened exclusively for this group for a trial period. The project is being extended into 2023 and beyond.

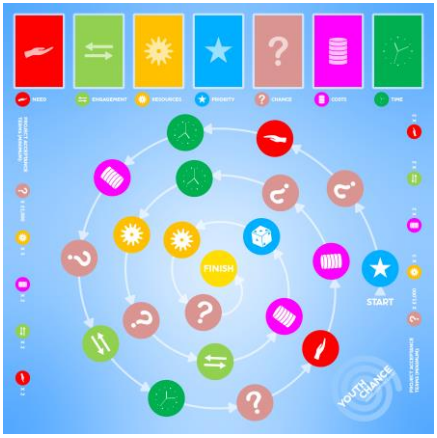
From April 2022 to end March 2023 we engaged with 56 young people aged 10-17 with 41 sessions being delivered. Totals of young people attending over those sessions was 443.

Ongoing consultation with young people

We continue to listen to young people and try to respond to their changing needs. As part of our Infrastructure Support we have been able to bring together organisations and together we have pooled resources to continue structured consultation with young people.

Following on from last year's residential, where we trained 9 young people in campaigning techniques we worked on a series of workshops that would help enable young people to design their own 'realistic' services. In Spring 2023 we organised another residential and young people designed a game called 'Youth Chance' that others could use to design their own ideas. A prototype is currently being designed and has been tested. Young people form this group have also been actively involved in the designing of a Youth Conference for the area.





South Shropshire Youth Network

South Shropshire Youth Network is a peer network of individuals (paid/unpaid), community and voluntary organisations working with young people aged 8-25 in that area. The aim of the network is to exchange good practice, collaborate, put in joint funding bids, and for organisations to become stronger and more sustainable. The network is essentially a Youth Partnership for the south of Shropshire. It is now almost two and a half years old.

By the end of March 2023 we 38 network members.

Subgroups were developed over the last 12 months including; developing rural youth hubs, supporting young LGBTQ+ people, and building a volunteer base of young people, and a committee to work together to develop a South Shropshire Youth Conference.

Our work continues to support members, sending out newsletters & newsflashes, organising network meetings, regular attendance at Community Connectors' meetings for Ludlow, Bishop's Castle & Clun, at the 0-25 Summit, at Strategic Youth Lead meetings for West Midlands, and irregular at the Community Connectors' meeting for Much Wenlock & area and Early Help meetings for both southwest and southeast Shropshire – we work with members in subgroups. This ensures member engagement in between network meetings.



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH NETWORK

A PEER NETWORK FOR ANYONE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

38 NETWORK MEMBERS

OF WHICH

11 community organisations
20 charities
5 faith based
4 partnerships
2 sports clubs
4 individuals & 2 other

CONTACTS SINCE JULY 22

5 NEWSLETTERS, 8 NEWS FLASHES
3 NETWORK MEETINGS, 7 SUBGROUP MEETINGS

Attendance @ meetings: 169
Newsletter subscribers: 84
Twitter followers: 293
Articles in other newsletters: 22
Town & Parish Councils contacted: 2x 56



NEEDS

ALL MEMBERS NEEDS ASSESSED



13 Recruiting volunteers
29 Working together
19 Access to funding
9 Access to training
28 Networking
12 Covid & 6 Other

22 Advice & Support youth provision

ACTIVE SUPPORT SINCE JULY 22

22 ORGANISATIONS WITH 176 ISSUES

Good practice: 6
Volunteer recruitment: 11
Training: 16
Partnership working: 21
Signposting: 24
Funding: 18
Networking: 38
Marketing: 18
Facilitation: 5
Other: 19



IMPACT

HIGHLIGHT



SSYN helped Bishop's Castle Town Council gain £15k & another £5k in match funding, securing their youth services for at least another 12 months

FUTURE DATES

Residential: 5-7 May
Network meeting: end of May
Youth Conference: 24 June

INTERESTED?

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Chair's report 2022/23

This year we have consolidated and grown our trustee group to 6 and have started regular Officers Meetings with the Chief officer, Chair, Vice Chair and new Treasurer, who we welcome on board. We are always looking for new trustees however, with new skills and ideas, to cover the whole of South Shropshire, so please do get in touch if you are interested in supporting and developing the Forum and young people across the region.

We have said goodbye this year to our Infrastructure Support Officer and Finance and Admin worker, who have both moved on to other positions, and we thank them for many years' service to the Youth forum. We are now adapting and developing the Finance Officer role, thanks to extra funding from being the Mayors nominated charity and hope to appoint soon. We were pleased and surprised to be nominated as The Mayors charity for a second year running and thank the Councillors for all their hard work organising events this year and ones to come. We had a particularly well run and attended Quiz night at Ludlow Brewery and Mayor's Supper, which raised money for the Forum and increased our profile in the community. I was humbled and grateful to see how much support there was for the Youth Forum.

As a small charity with only 1 full time staff member, The Chief Officer and several part time and sessional youth workers, the range of activities, projects, events, residentials, networks, consultations and youth provision outlined in this report is amazing. It is testament to the dedication, hard work and flexibility of everyone involved. It is a strength of the voluntary sector that we can adapt, respond to need and be creative, succeeding even in times of great financial pressure and challenges with funding. I especially enjoyed hearing about our fantastic intergenerational gardening project, with young people working together and learning new skills to support those in the community who are not able to upkeep their own gardens. The board game developed by young people at a residential this year, called 'Youth chance' is also really impressive, as it aids learning about how services are funded and developed and has a lot of potential.

So I will end by thanking our Chief Officer for all his hard work, along with all part time staff, trustees, partners and funders and of course the young people, who have enabled all these projects and activities to develop and who keep the Youth Forum flourishing, moving forwards and making a difference to young people's lives across South Shropshire.

Mandy Furniss

Youth Forum income expenditure over the last 5 financial years (April – March)

	Income	*Expenditure*
2018/19:	**£58,998**	**£49,363**
2019/20:	**£51,461**	**£48,225**
2020/21:	**£53,065**	**£42,112**
2021/22:	**£67,236**	**£66,669**
2022/23	**£81,706**	**£76,313**

Partners

Arthog Outreach
Bishop's Castle Town Council
Caring for God's Acre
Church Stretton School
Church Stretton Town Council
Cleobury Mortimer Primary School
Craven Arms Mosque
Craven Arms Town Council
Craven Arms Youth Partnership
Hands Together
Hereford Diocese
Ludlow Town Council
National Trust - Cardingmill Valley
Rural Media
Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership
Shropshire Council
Shropshire Hills Discovery centre (Grow, Cook, Learn)
Shropshire Wildlife Trust
Teme Leisure - Cleobury
The Furniture scheme
Wesley's
Westhope College
West Mercia Police
YOUNG PEOPLE!

Funders & contributors

Anonymous
Awards for All – Lottery Fund
Bishop's Castle Town Council
Churches Together – Ludlow
Cleobury Mortimer Town Council
Craven Arms Town Council
Craven Arms Youth Area Partnership
Euro Quality Trust
Hall Garth Charitable Trust
Hereford Community Foundation *(Teme Valley Youth Fund)*
Heritage Lottery Fund
Ludlow Town Council
Old Downton Lodge
Shropshire Hills ANOB Partnership
Shropshire County Council
Shropshire Hills Discovery centre (Grow, Cook, Learn)
Staffs Community Foundation
West Mercia Police Crime Commissioner Fund

South Shropshire Youth Forum

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FOR

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's Objects are to assist and educate young people in South Shropshire and the surrounding area (the area of benefit), in particular but not exclusively by the provision of vocational training, an information and advice centre and other such services calculated to develop their physical and mental capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

SSYF aims to support young people through the transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, activities and themes that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people in the district.

Significant activities

The following paid staff carried out SSYF activities in the period 2022/23:

3 Sessional Youth Workers, self-employed occasional staff, a Part-time Finance and Administration Officer, a Part-time Infrastructure Support Officer, a part time youth leader, and a Full-time Chief Officer.

Volunteers

SSYF also relies on a committed group of volunteers, working alongside paid staff, to fulfil its aims and objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Activities in the year up to 31st March 2022 and further into 2023 have included:

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

External factors continue to play a significant part in how our organisation is able to deliver its services and how we are shaped. SSYF have seen cuts to local services, changes to funding streams, the new statutory Youth Service. It's good to know that the organisation is flexible and adaptable enough to maintain its vital service to young people. Over the years we have been used to changeable working conditions, to make cuts where they are needed, and have got some really good working partnerships in place, all this has helped us to be more resilient, and flexible to change.

The continuation of our Infrastructure Support programme has provided vital internal support for the development of the organisation as well as providing a support network for organisations who, work with or aspire to work with young people.

Strategically, SSYF still remains in a strong position in terms of expertise and being able to deliver and get results. Capacity to deliver projects remains a problem with the lack of resources available.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

Reserves policy

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

FUTURE PLANS

Our unofficial 'strategic' Business Plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following Strategic Goals

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. Its website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis. Opportunities arise very quickly and now we are running the Infrastructure Support network in the south of the County, which enables us to hear of opportunities with better notice and allow us to work more closely with partners.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It needs to find a new registered office base and has been actively recruiting new trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in the resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientele. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF , has, until recent years; been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. We have recruited (and lost) trustees throughout the year. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Chief Officer and trustees. The main recruitment drive though is through word of mouth.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration of the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A Full time Chief Officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

Wider network

SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Related parties

SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Town Councils, Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow, Cook, Learn, West Mercia Police, Caring for God's Acre and local schools and colleges.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03476766 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1068321

Registered office

Clee Hill Recreation Rooms
22a High Street
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Trustees

A Furniss - Chair
R Bluett - Vice Chair
Miss S E Pearce (resigned 23.11.22)
A Webb
S Edwards
J Martin
M Reeve (appointed 23.11.22)

Company Secretary

R D Morley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29/11/23 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
R D Morley - Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

N I Kimberlee

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Date: 29/11/23

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.23 Total funds £**	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**21,496**	**60,183**	**81,679**	67,236
Investment income	2	**27**	**-**	**27**	-
Total		**21,523**	**60,183**	**81,706**	67,236
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		**16,980**	**59,333**	**76,313**	66,669
NET INCOME		**4,543**	**850**	**5,393**	567
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**4,874**	**17,947**	**22,821**	22,254
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**9,417**	**18,797**	**28,214**	22,821

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	-	-	-	5,751
Cash at bank		**11,393**	**37,352**	**48,745**	35,374
		11,393	**37,352**	**48,745**	41,125
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	**(1,976)**	**(4,565)**	**(6,541)**	(4,696)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**9,417**	**32,787**	**42,204**	36,429
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**9,417**	**32,787**	**42,204**	36,429
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	**(13,990)**	**(13,990)**	(13,608)
NET ASSETS		**9,417**	**18,797**	**28,214**	22,821
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				**9,417**	4,874
Restricted funds				**18,797**	17,947
TOTAL FUNDS				**28,214**	22,821

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24/11/23 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Furniss - Trustee



R Bluett - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	27	-

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

4. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**56,237**	46,215
Social security costs	**3,091**	2,781
	59,328	48,996

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
COST	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	**29,198**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	**29,198**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	-
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6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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Trade debtors	-	5,751

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Trade creditors	**1,112**	15
Other creditors	**5,429**	4,681
	6,541	4,696

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

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Other creditors	**13,990**	13,608

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**4,874**	**4,543**	**9,417**
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	**17,947**	**850**	**18,797**
TOTAL FUNDS	**22,821**	**5,393**	**28,214**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
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TOTAL FUNDS	**81,706**	**(76,313)**	**5,393**

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There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
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Donations and legacies		
Donations	**81,679**	67,236
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	**27**	-
Total incoming resources	**81,706**	67,236
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	**56,237**	46,215
Social security	**3,091**	2,781
Sundries	**16,985**	17,673
	76,313	66,669
Total resources expended	**76,313**	66,669
Net income	**5,393**	567

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03476766 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1068321

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FOR

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's Objects are to assist and educate young people in South Shropshire and the surrounding area (the area of benefit), in particular but not exclusively by the provision of vocational training, an information and advice centre and other such services calculated to develop their physical and mental capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

SSYF aims to support young people through the transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, activities and themes that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people in the district.

Significant activities

The following paid staff carried out SSYF activities in the period 2022/23:

3 Sessional Youth Workers, self-employed occasional staff, a Part-time Finance and Administration Officer, a Part-time Infrastructure Support Officer, a part time youth leader, and a Full-time Chief Officer.

Volunteers

SSYF also relies on a committed group of volunteers, working alongside paid staff, to fulfil its aims and objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Activities in the year up to 31st March 2022 and further into 2023 have included:

DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES, YOUTH CLUBS & PLAYSCHEMES
Youth activities outreach and detached youth work.

HERITAGE PROJECTS & WORKING WITH SCHOOLS
REACH projects at Church Stretton School and natural heritage projects with partner organisations such as Caring for God's Acre and Shropshire Hills AONB partnership.

COMMUNITY WORK
Local Youth consultations, Forum's, Young volunteer scheme at the
Shropshire Hills Discovery centre & Political Speed Dating events.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
SSYF provide a South Shropshire Youth Network for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
The Youth Forum provides opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

External factors continue to play a significant part in how our organisation is able to deliver its services and how we are shaped. SSYF have seen cuts to local services, changes to funding streams, the new statutory Youth Service. It's good to know that the organisation is flexible and adaptable enough to maintain its vital service to young people. Over the years we have been used to changeable working conditions, to make cuts where they are needed, and have got some really good working partnerships in place, all this has helped us to be more resilient, and flexible to change.

The continuation of our Infrastructure Support programme has provided vital internal support for the development of the organisation as well as providing a support network for organisations who, work with or aspire to work with young people.

Strategically, SSYF still remains in a strong position in terms of expertise and being able to deliver and get results. Capacity to deliver projects remains a problem with the lack of resources available.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

Reserves policy

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

FUTURE PLANS

Our unofficial 'strategic' Business Plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following Strategic Goals

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. Its website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis. Opportunities arise very quickly and now we are running the Infrastructure Support network in the south of the County, which enables us to hear of opportunities with better notice and allow us to work more closely with partners.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It needs to find a new registered office base and has been actively recruiting new trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in the resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientele. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF , has, until recent years; been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. We have recruited (and lost) trustees throughout the year. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Chief Officer and trustees. The main recruitment drive though is through word of mouth.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration of the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A Full time Chief Officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

Wider network

SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Related parties

SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Town Councils, Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow, Cook, Learn, West Mercia Police, Caring for God's Acre and local schools and colleges.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03476766 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1068321

Registered office

Clee Hill Recreation Rooms
22a High Street
Clee Hill
Ludlow
Shropshire
SY8 3LZ

Trustees

A Furniss - Chair
R Bluett - Vice Chair
Miss S E Pearce (resigned 23.11.22)
A Webb
S Edwards
J Martin
M Reeve (appointed 23.11.22)

Company Secretary

R D Morley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29/11/23 and signed on its behalf by:

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R D Morley - Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

N I Kimberlee

Kimberlee & Co
Chartered Accountants
Hunt House Farm
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Tenbury Wells
Worcestershire
WR15 8JY

Date: 29/11/23

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.23 Total funds £**	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**21,496**	**60,183**	**81,679**	67,236
Investment income	2	**27**	**-**	**27**	-
Total		**21,523**	**60,183**	**81,706**	67,236
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		**16,980**	**59,333**	**76,313**	66,669
NET INCOME		**4,543**	**850**	**5,393**	567
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**4,874**	**17,947**	**22,821**	22,254
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**9,417**	**18,797**	**28,214**	22,821

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	-	-	-	5,751
Cash at bank		**11,393**	**37,352**	**48,745**	35,374
		11,393	**37,352**	**48,745**	41,125
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	**(1,976)**	**(4,565)**	**(6,541)**	(4,696)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**9,417**	**32,787**	**42,204**	36,429
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**9,417**	**32,787**	**42,204**	36,429
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	**(13,990)**	**(13,990)**	(13,608)
NET ASSETS		**9,417**	**18,797**	**28,214**	22,821
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				**9,417**	4,874
Restricted funds				**18,797**	17,947
TOTAL FUNDS				**28,214**	22,821

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24/11/23 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Furniss - Trustee



R Bluett - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	27	-

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

4. STAFF COSTS

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1068321

Accounts



South Shropshire Youth Forum

Annual Report 2021-22

Who are South Shropshire Youth Forum?

Set up as an independent registered Youth based charity in 1997, South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) have been aiming to support young people in their transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, themes and activities that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people within this sparsely populated area.

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Our ethos

South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) are an established and trusted youth based charity with a strong track record of delivering quality, value for money programmes for socially and economically disadvantaged rural young people.

The aims of SSYF are to support young people in their transition to adulthood. SSYF provides a variety of projects, themes and activities that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people within the sparsely populated area of rural south Shropshire.

SSYF have different strategies and offer bespoke services depending on each market town area we work in (currently Bishop's Castle, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms and Ludlow). More importantly young people refer themselves and so in effect they volunteer to get involved.

We have also been developing work for rural areas within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Activities are carried out through the normal channels of youth engagement but more significantly through less traditional approaches such as diversionary activities and youth participation schemes. These are shaped around new research carried out by the young people themselves through peer led consultations. We have established Youth Forums in the market towns, which have helped to improve local youth facilities, brought in specific activities and have given the young people a direct link to local decision making processes.

Our work 2021-22

Young Rangers

During 2021/22 SSYF continued to deliver Young Rangers in the Clee Hills and Church Stretton/Craven Arms areas. scheme has expanded to 2 groups. The project is delivered in partnership with Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty Partnership and aims to continue to the end of 2023 at least. In September 2020 we negotiated the use of a 4 acre woodland site for use by our Young Rangers groups that is owned by SWT and work has continued to be developed on the site. Various activities including a survey of the fauna and flora have been conducted and a compost toilet has been built.

Between April 2021 and March 2022 we have delivered 31 full day sessions; 14 with the Clee group, 16 with the Craven Arms/Stretton group and 1 wild camp as a combined group. A total of 54 individuals participated on the 31 sessions. Sessions included coppicing, discovery walks, producing a film, wildlife surveys and the building of infrastructure at the 4 acre woodland site on Clee Hill.

Craven Arms Green team volunteer programme

based at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre – the project was affected by the closure of the centre for the majority of 2020/21. The project will continued in 2022. To date 20 young people have participated in stewarding for the Community Fireworks event and the Shropshire 80k,

assisted in helping to improve the trails on the Onny Meadows and designed an Activity pack for other young people and families visiting the centre.

Volunteering in Sacred Spaces

A partnership programme delivered with Caring for God's Acre. The project involved young people helping to enhance and conserve wildlife habitats through practical conservation tasks in local burial grounds. The project had to seek an extension due to the lockdowns. The project was finally completed in October 2021. In total 5 full project days were delivered during 2021/22 with 13 young people participating.

Craven Arms & Ludlow Youth nights

Weekly sessions were delivered in Craven Arms (Tuesday) and Ludlow (Friday). Both projects have successfully engaged young people with a mixture of outreach but predominately detached youth work. In total we delivered 66 outreach/detached sessions between April 2021 and March 2022 with a total of 1098 contacts made with young people. (38 sessions in Craven Arms and 28 in Ludlow).

Bishop's Castle Youth provision

12 months funding was secured via Bishop's Castle Town Council for a youth work programme to start in the new financial year. A youth programme leader was appointed in May 2022. To date (November 22) junior youth sessions have started in the local Primary School and a weekly after school youth cafe/drop-in set up. A Youth Forum is also being developed.

Cleobury Mortimer Youth provision

SSYF was commissioned to do a youth consultation in 2021 and as a direct result of this outreach sessions started in January 2022. Young people wanted access to local leisure facilities and so the local astro football pitch was hired one evening a week. The project aims to engage with young people who are at risk of exploitation. From January to end March we engaged with 20 young people aged 13-17 with 8 football sessions being delivered.

Rockspring Homework club

A space for children aged 8-11 a place to get support to do their homework. The sessions also provide time to do some basic food preparation and play some games. This project provides SSYF with an opportunity to intervene with children at an early age and many former participants are still involved with Youth Forum activities. The project was stopped during the pandemic and the remaining funding was used to deliver a playscheme at Rockspring in the summer 2021. Unfortunately with the closure of the Rockspring centre we have no plans to reopen the club.



REACH project

An established Personal development programme offered to local Secondary Schools. The 10 week programme restarted in December 2021 after having to stop because of Covid. The project then finished at the start of 2022, and funding needs to be secured to restart the project.

Ongoing consultation with young people

We continue to listen to young people and try to respond to their changing needs. Over the last 12 months we have consulted young people about the work in Ludlow and have done youth consultations in Bishop's Castle and Cleobury Mortimer. A survey on the effects of Covid and the way it impacted on the lives of young people was also conducted. Through the South Shropshire Youth Network the Youth Forum, were part of a wider consultation looking at the needs and issues facing young people in the south of the County. 9 young people were also trained in campaigning techniques and helped to form the structure for a Youth Conference for the area.

South Shropshire Youth Network

We set up South Shropshire Youth Network in November 2020. Anyone in the area working with young people aged 8-25 years can join for free as it's Shropshire Council funded. By the end of March 2022, 33 organisations and individuals had signed up. The aim of the network is to exchange good practice, collaborate, put in joint funding bids, and for organisations to become stronger and more sustainable.

Regular network meetings are held and under the slogan of 'The more you put in, the more you get out' members take tasks on working in subgroups on specific topics.
One such subgroup for instance ran a youth consultation in May – June 2021 using surveys, focus groups and detached conversations. Some of the outcomes were discussed at two online

conference events in July 2021, attended by County, Town and Parish councillors amongst others.



In the autumn of 2021, the consultation outcomes were shared far and wide in the 'Your next generation are talking, are you listening?' report and a short video. These are available on the SSYN webpage which was launched at the same time. The report was sent to all Town & Parish Councils in south Shropshire and we followed up with a number of them. In response, Bishop's castle Town Council for example put forward £6k for a youth shelter. We also helped them use the report to successfully apply for £20k to start a Junior Youth Club, Youth Drop-in and Town Council Youth Voice.

Also in response to the consultation, another subgroup organised a residential in March '22 to upskill young participants in campaigning and influencing. The network's Infrastructure Support Officer worked with Youth Focus West Midlands to get the weekend accredited – with 18 certificates as a result.

At the end of March '22 subgroups were working on Setting up Rural Youth Hubs in south Shropshire, Exploring an LGBTQ Youth Group and organising another Youth Conference in June 2022.



SSYN

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH NETWORK

A PEER NETWORK FOR ANYONE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

33 NETWORK MEMBERS

OF WHICH

14 community organisations
17 charities
5 faith based
4 partnerships
2 sports clubs
2 individuals & 1 social enterprise

CONTACTS SINCE JULY 21

16 NEWSLETTERS/FLASHES, 2 WORKSHOPS
3 NETWORK MEETINGS, 10 SUBGROUP MEETINGS

Attendance @ meetings: 150
Newsletter subscribers: 64
Twitter followers: 234
Articles in other newsletters: 8
Town, parish & village councils contacted 3x: 55

NEEDS

ALL MEMBERS NEEDS ASSESSED

12 Recruiting Volunteers
26 Working together
17 Access to funding
7 Access to training
25 Networking
10 Covid & 5 Other

18 Advice & Support youth provision

ACTIVE SUPPORT SINCE JULY 21

23 ORGANISATIONS WITH 102 ISSUES

New youth provision: 2
Volunteer recruitment: 1
Capacity building: 3
Parternship working: 23
Funding: 22
Networking: 34
Marketing: 15
Digital support: 2

IMPACT

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

9x AQA accredited certificates in Effective Communication & 9x in Campaigning & Influencing

"The work you're doing is incredibly important & desperately needed, speaking from experience as an LGBTQ+ young person growing up in Shropshire."

FUTURE DATES

End May Network meeting
25 June Youth Conference

INTERESTED?

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Newsletter
@SouthShropYF

Chair's report 2021/22

The last year has seen several changes with the Board of Trustees. After 2 years of meeting only online, we have started to meet face to face again. Many of us had only met over Zoom! Due to lockdowns and communicating only online, we were operating with a reduced team of 3 Trustees, with several people stepping down after many years as trustees. Thanks go especially to Lesley McKnight, outgoing chair last year, with over 16 year's involvement with the Forum.

After a successful recruitment campaign, we are moving forward and are very pleased to welcome 3 new Trustees and a new Treasurer, to join and build our team over the coming year . In order to develop, we have also held our first Away day, at our base at The Rec rooms on Clee Hill. This was a chance for staff and Trustees to meet and get to know each other, looking back at the achievements of the Forum over the last 25 years, focusing on our vision and purpose and planning for the future.

This year we are proud to be The Mayor of Ludlow's nominated charity . Cllr Ginger and other Councillors have kindly organised a variety of fundraising events to raise funds for and raise awareness of The Youth Forum. We thank The Mayor for his support, which will help us continue to support young people and offer a variety of detached and outreach activities. This will enable young people to learn new skills, have their voices heard and receive support in their transition to adulthood.

Many thanks to Rich, the Staff, Volunteers, our Vice Chair and Trustees, for all their hard work, support and dedication this year; making a difference to the lives of young people in South Shropshire.

Mandy Furniss

Youth Forum income expenditure over the last 5 financial years (April – March)

	Income	*Expenditure*
2017/18:	**£43,100**	**£50,627**
2018/19:	**£58,998**	**£49,363**
2019/20:	**£51,461**	**£48,225**
2020/21:	**£53,065**	**£42,112**
2021/22:	**£67,236**	**£66,669**

Partners

Arthog Outreach
Bishop's Castle Town Council
Caring for God's Acre
Church Stretton School
Church Stretton Town Council
Craven Arms Mosque
Craven Arms Town Council
Craven Arms Youth Partnership
Hands Together
Ludlow Town Council
National Trust - Cardingmill Valley
Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership
Shropshire Council
Shropshire Hills Discovery centre (Grow, Cook, Learn)
Shropshire Wildlife Trust
Teme Leisure - Cleobury
The Furniture scheme
Wesley's
Westhope College
West Mercia Police

YOUNG PEOPLE!

Funders & contributors

Anonymous
Awards for All – Lottery Fund
Bishop's Castle Town Council
Churches Together – Ludlow
Cleobury Mortimer Town Council
Craven Arms Town Council
Craven Arms Youth Area Partnership
Euro Quality Trust
Hall Garth Charitable Trust
Hereford Community Foundation *(Teme Valley Youth Fund)*
Heritage Lottery Fund
Ludlow Town Council
Old Downton Lodge
Shropshire Hills ANOB Partnership
Shropshire County Council
Shropshire Hills Discovery centre (Grow, Cook, Learn)
Staffs Community Foundation
Wesley's

South Shropshire Youth Forum

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Registered Charity number: 1068321
Company number: 3476766

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03476766 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1068321

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FOR

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's Objects are to assist and educate young people in South Shropshire and the surrounding area (the area of benefit), in particular but not exclusively by the provision of vocational training, an information and advice centre and other such services calculated to develop their physical and mental capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

SSYF aims to support young people through the transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, activities and themes that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people in the district.

Significant activities
The following paid staff carried out SSYF activities in the period 2021/22:

3 Sessional Youth Workers, self-employed occasional staff, a Part-time Finance and Administration Officer, a Part-time Infrastructure Support Officer, and a Full-time Chief Officer.

Volunteers
SSYF also relies on a committed group of volunteers, working alongside paid staff, to fulfil its aims and objectives.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Activities in the year up to 31st March 2021 and further into 2022 have included:

DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES, YOUTH CLUBS & PLAYSCHEMES
Youth activities outreach and detached youth work in Craven Arms and Ludlow.

HERITAGE PROJECTS & WORKING WITH SCHOOLS
REACH projects at Church Stretton School and natural heritage projects with partner organisations such as Caring for God's Acre and Shropshire Hills AONB partnership.

COMMUNITY WORK
Local Youth consultations, Forum's, Young volunteer scheme at the Shropshire Hills Discovery centre & Political Speed Dating events.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
SSYF provide a youth support network in the south of the County for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
The Youth Forum provides opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

External factors continue to play a significant part in how our organisation is able to deliver its services and how we are shaped. SSYF have seen cuts to local services, changes to funding streams, the new statutory Youth Service. It's good to know that the organisation is flexible and adaptable enough to maintain its vital service to young people. Over the years we have been used to changeable working conditions, to make cuts where they are needed, and have got some really good working partnerships in place, all this has helped us to be more resilient, and flexible to change.

The continuation of our Infrastructure Support programme has provided vital internal support for the development of the organisation as well as providing a support network for organisations who, work with or aspire to work with young people.

Strategically, SSYF still remains in a strong position in terms of expertise and being able to deliver and get results. Capacity to deliver projects remains a problem with the lack of resources available.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

Reserves policy

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

FUTURE PLANS

Our unofficial 'strategic' Business Plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following Strategic Goals

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. Its website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis. Opportunities arise very quickly and now we are running the Infrastructure Support network in the south of the County, which enables us to hear of opportunities with better notice and allow us to work more closely with partners.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It needs to find a new registered office base and has been actively recruiting new trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in the resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientele. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF , has, until recent years; been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. We have recruited (and lost) trustees throughout the year. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Chief Officer and trustees. The main recruitment drive though is through word of mouth.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration of the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A Full time Chief Officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

Wider network

SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Related parties

SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow,Cook,Learn, West Mercia Police, Caring for God's Acre and local schools and colleges.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03476766 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1068321

Registered office

Rockspring Community Centre
Sandford Road
Ludlow
Shropshire
SY8 1SX

Trustees

J Smithers (resigned 6.9.21)
L McKnight - Chair (resigned 24.11.21)
A Furniss - Chair
I Hankinson (resigned 24.11.21)
T Evans (resigned 27.5.21)
l Allan-Smith (resigned 24.11.21)
R Bluett - Vice Chair
Miss S E Pearce
A Webb (appointed 20.1.22)
S Edwards (appointed 20.1.22)
J Martin (appointed 20.1.22)
M Reeve (appointed 23.11.22)

Company Secretary

R D Morley

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21/12/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
R D Morley - Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

N I Kimberlee
Chartered Accountant
Kimberlee & Co
Chartered Accountants
Hunt House Farm
Frith Common
Tenbury Wells
Worcestershire
WR15 8JY

Date: 21/12/22

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.22 Total funds £**	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**16,686**	**50,550**	**67,236**	53,065
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		**960**	**65,709**	**66,669**	42,112
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**15,726**	**(15,159)**	**567**	10,953
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**(10,852)**	**33,106**	**22,254**	11,301
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**4,874**	**17,947**	**22,821**	22,254

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.22 Total funds £**	31.3.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-	**5,751**	**5,751**	9,864
Cash at bank		**16,686**	**18,688**	**35,374**	38,787
		16,686	**24,439**	**41,125**	48,651
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	**(11,812)**	**7,116**	**(4,696)**	(14,589)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**4,874**	**31,555**	**36,429**	34,062
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**4,874**	**31,555**	**36,429**	34,062
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	**(13,608)**	**(13,608)**	(11,808)
NET ASSETS		**4,874**	**17,947**	**22,821**	22,254
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				**4,874**	(10,852)
Restricted funds				**17,947**	33,106
TOTAL FUNDS				**22,821**	22,254

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21/12/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
A Furniss - Trustee



.....
R Bluett - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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3. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**46,215**	33,848
Social security costs	**2,781**	797
	48,996	34,645

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Management and administration	**-**	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
COST	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	**29,198**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	**29,198**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	**-**
At 31 March 2021	-

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	**5,751**	931
Other debtors	**-**	8,933
	5,751	9,864

continued...

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	15	16
Other creditors	4,681	14,573
	4,696	14,589

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other creditors	13,608	11,808

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(10,852)	15,726	4,874
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	33,106	(15,159)	17,947
TOTAL FUNDS	22,254	567	22,821

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,686	(960)	15,726
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	50,550	(65,709)	(15,159)
TOTAL FUNDS	67,236	(66,669)	567

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(9,832)	(1,020)	(10,852)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	21,133	11,973	33,106
TOTAL FUNDS	11,301	10,953	22,254

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(1,020)	(1,020)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	53,065	(41,092)	11,973
TOTAL FUNDS	53,065	(42,112)	10,953

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

10. MEMBERS LIABILITY

The company does not have share capital but is limited by guarantee. In the event of winding up the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £10.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**67,236**	53,065
Total incoming resources	**67,236**	53,065
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	**46,215**	33,848
Social security	**2,781**	797
Sundries	**17,673**	7,467
	66,669	42,112
Total resources expended	**66,669**	42,112
Net income	**567**	10,953

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's Objects are to assist and educate young people in South Shropshire and the surrounding area (the area of benefit), in particular but not exclusively by the provision of vocational training, an information and advice centre and other such services calculated to develop their physical and mental capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

SSYF aims to support young people through the transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, activities and themes that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people in the district.

Significant activities
The following paid staff carried out SSYF activities in the period 2021/22:

3 Sessional Youth Workers, self-employed occasional staff, a Part-time Finance and Administration Officer, a Part-time Infrastructure Support Officer, and a Full-time Chief Officer.

Volunteers
SSYF also relies on a committed group of volunteers, working alongside paid staff, to fulfil its aims and objectives.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Activities in the year up to 31st March 2021 and further into 2022 have included:

DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES, YOUTH CLUBS & PLAYSCHEMES
Youth activities outreach and detached youth work in Craven Arms and Ludlow.

HERITAGE PROJECTS & WORKING WITH SCHOOLS
REACH projects at Church Stretton School and natural heritage projects with partner organisations such as Caring for God's Acre and Shropshire Hills AONB partnership.

COMMUNITY WORK
Local Youth consultations, Forum's, Young volunteer scheme at the Shropshire Hills Discovery centre & Political Speed Dating events.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
SSYF provide a youth support network in the south of the County for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES
The Youth Forum provides opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

External factors continue to play a significant part in how our organisation is able to deliver its services and how we are shaped. SSYF have seen cuts to local services, changes to funding streams, the new statutory Youth Service. It's good to know that the organisation is flexible and adaptable enough to maintain its vital service to young people. Over the years we have been used to changeable working conditions, to make cuts where they are needed, and have got some really good working partnerships in place, all this has helped us to be more resilient, and flexible to change.

The continuation of our Infrastructure Support programme has provided vital internal support for the development of the organisation as well as providing a support network for organisations who, work with or aspire to work with young people.

Strategically, SSYF still remains in a strong position in terms of expertise and being able to deliver and get results. Capacity to deliver projects remains a problem with the lack of resources available.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

Reserves policy

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

FUTURE PLANS

Our unofficial 'strategic' Business Plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following Strategic Goals

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. Its website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis. Opportunities arise very quickly and now we are running the Infrastructure Support network in the south of the County, which enables us to hear of opportunities with better notice and allow us to work more closely with partners.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It needs to find a new registered office base and has been actively recruiting new trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in the resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientele. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF , has, until recent years; been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. We have recruited (and lost) trustees throughout the year. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Chief Officer and trustees. The main recruitment drive though is through word of mouth.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration of the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A Full time Chief Officer is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

Wider network

SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Related parties

SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow,Cook,Learn, West Mercia Police, Caring for God's Acre and local schools and colleges.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03476766 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1068321

Registered office

Rockspring Community Centre
Sandford Road
Ludlow
Shropshire
SY8 1SX

Trustees

J Smithers (resigned 6.9.21)
L McKnight - Chair (resigned 24.11.21)
A Furniss - Chair
I Hankinson (resigned 24.11.21)
T Evans (resigned 27.5.21)
l Allan-Smith (resigned 24.11.21)
R Bluett - Vice Chair
Miss S E Pearce
A Webb (appointed 20.1.22)
S Edwards (appointed 20.1.22)
J Martin (appointed 20.1.22)
M Reeve (appointed 23.11.22)

Company Secretary

R D Morley

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21/12/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
R D Morley - Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

N I Kimberlee
Chartered Accountant
Kimberlee & Co
Chartered Accountants
Hunt House Farm
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Tenbury Wells
Worcestershire
WR15 8JY

Date: 21/12/22

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.22 Total funds £**	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**16,686**	**50,550**	**67,236**	53,065
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		**960**	**65,709**	**66,669**	42,112
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**15,726**	**(15,159)**	**567**	10,953
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**(10,852)**	**33,106**	**22,254**	11,301
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**4,874**	**17,947**	**22,821**	22,254

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.22 Total funds £**	31.3.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-	**5,751**	**5,751**	9,864
Cash at bank		**16,686**	**18,688**	**35,374**	38,787
		16,686	**24,439**	**41,125**	48,651
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	**(11,812)**	**7,116**	**(4,696)**	(14,589)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**4,874**	**31,555**	**36,429**	34,062
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**4,874**	**31,555**	**36,429**	34,062
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	**(13,608)**	**(13,608)**	(11,808)
NET ASSETS		**4,874**	**17,947**	**22,821**	22,254
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				**4,874**	(10,852)
Restricted funds				**17,947**	33,106
TOTAL FUNDS				**22,821**	22,254

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21/12/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
A Furniss - Trustee



.....
R Bluett - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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3. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**46,215**	33,848
Social security costs	**2,781**	797
	48,996	34,645

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Management and administration	**-**	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
COST	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	**29,198**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	**29,198**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	**-**
At 31 March 2021	-

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	**5,751**	931
Other debtors	**-**	8,933
	5,751	9,864

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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	15	16
Other creditors	4,681	14,573
	4,696	14,589

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other creditors	13,608	11,808

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(10,852)	15,726	4,874
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	33,106	(15,159)	17,947
TOTAL FUNDS	22,254	567	22,821

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,686	(960)	15,726
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	50,550	(65,709)	(15,159)
TOTAL FUNDS	67,236	(66,669)	567

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(9,832)	(1,020)	(10,852)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	21,133	11,973	33,106
TOTAL FUNDS	11,301	10,953	22,254

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(1,020)	(1,020)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	53,065	(41,092)	11,973
TOTAL FUNDS	53,065	(42,112)	10,953

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

10. MEMBERS LIABILITY

The company does not have share capital but is limited by guarantee. In the event of winding up the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £10.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	**67,236**	53,065
Total incoming resources	**67,236**	53,065
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	**46,215**	33,848
Social security	**2,781**	797
Sundries	**17,673**	7,467
	66,669	42,112
Total resources expended	**66,669**	42,112
Net income	**567**	10,953

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1068321

Accounts



South Shropshire Youth Forum

Annual Report 2020-21

Who are South Shropshire Youth Forum?

Set up as an independent registered Youth based charity in 1997, South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) have been aiming to support young people in their transition to adulthood. It offers a variety of projects, themes and activities that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people within this sparsely populated area.

DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES, YOUTH CLUBS & PLAYSCHEMES

Youth activities outreach and detached youth work. Development of the Craven Arms Muslim Youth group and Rockspring playscheme with Ludlow Wildlife Trust.

HERITAGE PROJECTS & WORKING WITH SCHOOLS

REACH projects at Church Stretton School and natural heritage projects with partner organisations such as Caring for God's Acre and Shropshire Hills AONB partnership.

COMMUNITY WORK

Local Youth Forums, Young volunteer scheme at the
Shropshire Hills Discovery centre & Political Speed Dating events.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

SSYF provide a youth support network in the south of the County for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people.

Our ethos

South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) are an established and trusted youth based charity with a strong track record of delivering quality, value for money programmes for socially and economically disadvantaged rural young people.

The aims of SSYF are to support young people in their transition to adulthood. SSYF provides a variety of projects, themes and activities that are delivered to help address and support the needs of young people within the sparsely populated area of rural south Shropshire.

SSYF have different strategies and offer bespoke services depending on each market town area we work in (currently Church Stretton, Cleobury Mortimer, Craven Arms and Ludlow). More importantly young people refer themselves and so in effect they volunteer to get involved.

We have also been developing work for rural areas within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Activities are carried out through the normal channels of youth engagement but more significantly through less traditional approaches such as diversionary activities and youth participation schemes. These are shaped around new research carried out by the young people themselves through peer led consultations. We have established Youth Forums in the market towns, which have helped to improve local youth facilities, brought in specific activities and have given the young people a direct link to local decision making processes.

Our work 2020-21

Primarily all our youth based activities have been adversely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. All paid SSYF staff were furloughed between March and August 2020.

Young Rangers

During 2020/21 our Young Rangers scheme has expanded to 2 groups. The Craven Arms/Church Stretton group has been set up due to funds being secured through a collaborative bid with the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty Partnership. The funding has allowed us the opportunity to develop further partnerships with Forestry England and Shropshire Wildlife Trust (SWT). In September 2020 we negotiated the use of a 4 acre woodland site for use by our Young Rangers groups that is owned by SWT.

Between September 2020 and March 2021 we have delivered 7 full day sessions in Clee and 5 in Craven Arms/Stretton. A total of 47 individuals participated on the 12 sessions. 25 young people registered in Craven Arms (17 are aged 12-16) 22 young people registered in Clee Hill (12 aged 12-16). Sessions included coppicing, discovery walks, producing a film, wildlife surveys and the building of infrastructure at the 4 acre woodland site on Clee Hill.

Craven Arms Green team volunteer programme

based at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre – the project was affected by the closure of the centre for the majority of 2020/21. The project will continue into 2021/22. To date 16 young

people have participated in stewarding for the Community Fireworks event, assisted in helping to improve the trails on the Onny Meadows and designed an Activity pack for other young people and families visiting the centre.





Volunteering in Sacred Spaces

A partnership programme delivered with Caring for God's Acre. The project involves young people helping to enhance and conserve wildlife habitats through practical conservation tasks in local burial grounds. The project had to seek an extension due to the lockdowns. 1 full project day was delivered during 2020/21 with 5 young people participating. The full project is due to be delivered by the end of October 2021 with an additional 5 full days left to deliver.

Craven Arms Muslim Youth group

Following on from the successful *iwill* community project where the Muslim community in Craven Arms helped to raise money and put on a community event funding was secured to continue to support the development of the Muslim Youth group. With the support of the Imam and other adults within the community the group finally got together in the New Year with a local walk designed to get people socialising after the lockdown. Other activities were planned from Easter onwards. 11 young people participated in the first walk with 3 adult volunteers helping to support the session.



Craven Arms & Ludlow Youth nights

Sessions were suspended between March and August 2020 but started back up again during the School Summer holidays. Weekly sessions were delivered in Craven Arms (Tuesday) and Ludlow (Friday). As we could only meet outside and were following the strict Covid 19 guidelines we had to keep the indoor cafes closed. Instead we delivered detached sessions. In Craven Arms we did a series of night walks and also did a piece of work around the effects of Covid 19, the lockdowns and the effect the pandemic had on mental health. At the start of the New Year we had to put out an appeal to get laptops for some of the youths in Craven Arms as they told not to return to school. In Ludlow we continued to maintain contact with young people. Overall numbers in Ludlow were virtually the same as the previous year with 547 contacts with young people in total over 41 sessions compared to last year where 482 contacts were made over 37 sessions.



REACH project

An established Personal development programme offered to local Secondary Schools. We continue to support pupils on our 10 week programme with church Stretton secondary School. In 2019-20 19 pupils accessed 2 courses and delivered a community project in the town as well as experiencing working alongside adult volunteers and with the National Trust Rangers. Pupils also completed a certificated First Aid course. The project was stopped during the pandemic and has plans to restart in the Autumn 2021

Rockspring Homework club

A space for children aged 8-11 a place to get support to do their homework. The sessions also provide time to do some basic food preparation and play some games. This project provides SSYF with an opportunity to intervene with children at an early age and many former participants are still involved with Youth Forum activities. The project was stopped during the pandemic and plans were being made to use the remaining funding to deliver a playscheme at Rockspring in the summer 2021.

South Shropshire Youth Network

Just after the first wave of Covid19 SSYF applied for funding to Shropshire Council for setting up South Shropshire Youth Network comprising of individuals, community and voluntary organisations working with young people aged 8-25 years old in the area. The aim of the network is to exchange good practice, collaborate, put in joint funding bids, and for organisations to become stronger and more sustainable.

The project started in August 2020 with the external social landscape still changing quite rapidly. SSYF initiated the recruitment process for a Project Officer working from home and a mapping exercise at the same time. Marinke Fontein started as the Infrastructure Support Officer at the beginning of November 2020. In the first 6 months of her post the following was achieved.

So far, 24 organisations have signed up to the network. All of the members were contacted for an in-depth conversation about their needs, but time constraints and some workers still being furloughed meant a delay. Needs assessments generally result in follow up support via email and regular contact. Not all support needs could be accommodated yet. Network meetings were held in November, January and March. Under the slogan of 'The more you put in, the more you get out.' members take tasks on. We have established subgroups of network members to work on specific topics in between whole network meetings. Members engaged with these, moving the volunteer recruitment drive, youth consultation and area conference forward.

In February we offered a free online training event with West Mercia police on county lines, child sexual exploitation, adverse childhood experiences and so on. The graphic on the next page gives a good idea of all the outputs we've achieved.



SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH NETWORK

A PEER NETWORK FOR ORGANISATIONS WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

NETWORK MEMBERS



24 ORGANISATIONS OF WHICH

12 community organisations
13 charities
4 faith based
2 sports clubs
3 partnerships & 2 social enterprise

CONTACTS

5 MONHTLY NEWSLETTERS
3 NETWORK MEETINGS

Attendance @ meetings: 53
Newsletter subscribers: 40
Twitter followers: 123
Town, parish & village councils contacted: 55



NEEDS



16 ORGANISATIONS ASSESSED & 8 ASSESSMENT PENDING

9 Recruiting volunteers & 4 Access to training
10 Advice & Support youth provision
12 Working together & 12 Networking
11 Access fo funding
10 Covid19 & 2 Other

ACTIVE SUPPORT

19 ORGANISATIONS WITH 42 ISSUES

Networking: 8
Funding: 6
Recruiting volunteers: 5
Governance: 4
Marketing: 4
Safeguarding: 3
Other: 12



IMPACT



5 CPD CERTIFICATES - SOME QUOTES:

"I've put in a funding bid because of your newsletter."

"Thanks for directing me to another extremely helpful resource. I found the Safeguarding contacts and definitions especially informative."

FUTURE DATES

27 May Network meeting
May-Jun Recruitment drive
May-Jun Youth Consultation

INTERESTED?


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Newsletter

Manager's report 2020/21

The Youth Forum has overcome so many challenges over the years. Our work has constantly evolved and has had to be flexible due to the changing needs and new faces appearing as young people get older and move on. Like everyone else we had to adapt to the pandemic and the UK lockdown from March 2020 and again in the winter, with schools remaining partially closed into the New Year. We had to face an uncertain future as life changed for us all. Our main concern was the impact the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns had on young people. We were keen restart our sessions in the summer holidays, as soon as we had the green light to go. The pandemic was untimely for us, having just secured a new grant with the Heritage Lottery for the expansion of the Young Rangers project and also the new Infrastructure Support Network. Despite the disruptions both have proved to be a big success.

External factors continue to play a significant part in how our organisation is able to deliver its services and how we are shaped. We have had cuts to local services, changes to funding streams, austerity and now, like all of us, we have the Covid-19 pandemic and aftermath to deal with. It's good to know that the organisation is flexible and adaptable enough to survive. Over the years we have been used to changeable working conditions, to make cuts where they are needed, and have got some really good working partnerships in place, all this has helped us to be more resilient, and flexible to change. I feel, despite the challenges that face us all we are in good order to survive the months, and hopefully, years ahead.

Once again, I have to thank everyone who supports this Charity, our Trustees, volunteers, funders, partners and dedicated staff.

Rich Morley
Chief Officer

Youth Forum income expenditure over the last 5 financial years (April – March)

	Income	*Expenditure*
2016/17:	**£52,654**	**£46,737**
2017/18:	**£43,100**	**£50,627**
2018/19:	**£58,998**	**£49,363**
2019/20:	**£51,461**	**£48,225**
2020/21:	**£53,065**	**£42,112**

Partners

Bishop's Castle Town Council
Caring for God's Acre
Church Stretton School
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Craven Arms Mosque
Halo Leisure (CasCA)
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Ludlow Town Council
National Trust
Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership
Shropshire Council
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Shropshire Wildlife Trust
The Furniture scheme
Wesley's
West Mercia Police
YOUNG PEOPLE!

Funders & contributors

Anonymous
Awards for All – Lottery Fund
Bishop's Castle Town Council
Churches Together – Ludlow
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Craven Arms Town Council
Craven Arms Youth Area Partnership
Euro Quality Trust
Hall Garth Charitable Trust
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INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
SSYF provide a youth support network in the south of the County for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people. The new programme led a Youth consultation across south Shropshire.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:
The Youth Forum provide opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

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Shropshire Council has also undergone many changes in recent years, including cuts to budgets and services leaving the voluntary sector left to try to fill some of the gaps in the provision. As an organisation, SSYF, has had pressure to run more traditional youth activities such as Youth clubs. The development of a new Youth service in Shropshire will hopefully allow us to work more strategically and less in isolation than at present, and there is also potential to share resources.

The launch of our Infrastructure Support programme has provided vital internal support for the development of the organisation as well as providing a support network for organisations who, work with or aspire to work with young people.

Strategically, SSYF still remains in a strong position in terms of expertise and being able to deliver and get results. Capacity to deliver projects remains a problem with the lack of resources available.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

Reserves policy

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

FUTURE PLANS

Our unofficial 'strategic' Business Plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following Strategic Goals

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. Its website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis. Opportunities arise very quickly and now we are heading a new Infrastructure Support network in the south of the County it will enable us to hear of opportunities with better notice and allow us to work more closely with partners.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It needs to find a new registered office base and recruit trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in the resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do. The new Infrastructure Support programme is making a significant positive impact on our organisation.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientèle. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF has, in recent years, been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Manager and trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration of the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A Full time Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

Wider network

SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Related parties

SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow,Cook,Learn, West Mercia Police, Caring for God's Acre and local schools and colleges.

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Registered Charity number

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Registered office

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Trustees

J Smithers (resigned 6.9.21)
L McKnight - Chair
G Barratt - Treasurer (resigned 11.11.20)
A Furniss - Chair
I Hankinson
T Evans (resigned 27.5.21)
l Allan-Smith (appointed 11.11.20)
R Bluett (appointed 2.12.20)
Miss S E Pearce (appointed 11.11.20)

Company Secretary

R D Morley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



R D Morley - Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

N I Kimberlee
Chartered Accountant
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Tenbury Wells
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Date: 22/12/21

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.21 Total funds £**	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		-	**53,065**	**53,065**	51,461
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		**1,020**	**41,092**	**42,112**	49,211
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(1,020)**	**11,973**	**10,953**	2,250
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**(9,832)**	**21,133**	**11,301**	9,051
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**(10,852)**	**33,106**	**22,254**	11,301

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.21 Total funds £**	31.3.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-	**9,864**	**9,864**	10,741
Cash at bank		-	**38,787**	**38,787**	26,943
		-	**48,651**	**48,651**	37,684
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	**(10,852)**	**(3,737)**	**(14,589)**	(15,623)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		**(10,852)**	**44,914**	**34,062**	22,061
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**(10,852)**	**44,914**	**34,062**	22,061
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	**(11,808)**	**(11,808)**	(10,760)
NET ASSETS		**(10,852)**	**33,106**	**22,254**	11,301
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				**(10,852)**	(9,832)
Restricted funds				**33,106**	21,133
TOTAL FUNDS				**22,254**	11,301

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Furniss - Trustee



L McKnight - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	-	20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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3. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	33,848	31,733
Social security costs	797	2,626
	34,645	34,359

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Management and administration	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
COST	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	29,198
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	29,198
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	-
At 31 March 2020	-

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	931	3,768
Other debtors	8,933	6,973
	9,864	10,741

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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	16	1,745
Other creditors	14,573	13,878
	14,589	15,623

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other creditors	11,808	10,760

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(9,832)	(1,020)	(10,852)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	21,133	11,973	33,106
TOTAL FUNDS	11,301	10,953	22,254

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(1,020)	(1,020)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	53,065	(41,092)	11,973
TOTAL FUNDS	53,065	(42,112)	10,953

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(8,846)	(986)	(9,832)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	17,897	3,236	21,133
TOTAL FUNDS	9,051	2,250	11,301

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(986)	(986)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	51,461	(48,225)	3,236
TOTAL FUNDS	51,461	(49,211)	2,250

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

10. MEMBERS LIABILITY

The company does not have share capital but is limited by guarantee. In the event of winding up the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £10.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Year Ended 31/3/21	Year Ended 31/3/20
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
BC TC	1,200	0
Church Stretton Town Council	0	115
Churches Together - Ludlow	1,000	920
Clee Hill - YR	2,911	0
CM TC - Grant	620	0
CM YP - Grant	300	0
Consulation	446	0
COVID - Racecourse	1,500	0
Craven Arms TC Extension	3,240	1,000
Craven Arms Youth Group	3,953	8,225
Discovery Centre	333	729
Donations	1,626	843
Euro Quality	900	0
Hall Garth Charitable Settlement Trust	0	9,600
HCF Grant	3,960	4,360
Job Rentention Scheme	9,678	0
Main Grants	0	8,745
N Fogg	0	2,750
Old Downton Lodge	600	600
PGL Oswestry	0	500
Shropshire Council - Salary	20,000	0
Shropshire Hills AONB Trust	0	7,600
Tottie Arvold	0	1,000
West Mercia Police Community Fund	0	1,842
	52,266	**48,829**
Other income		
Employment Allowance	**797**	**2,626**
Interest Received	**1**	**6**
	799	**2,632**
Total incoming resources	**53,065**	**51,461**

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RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Wages	33,848	31,734
Social security	797	2,626
Pension costs	1,685	525
Telephone	19	40
Postage and stationery	49	87
Sundries	342	277
Materials and resources	241	357
Travel	276	661
Venue hire	64	2,094
Activities	10	5,068
Promotional	0	95
Subscriptions	0	18
Office equipment	399	33
	37,732	**43,615**
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,020	986
	1,020	**986**
Support costs		
Management		
Freelance wages	844	2,230
Insurance	1,060	1,014
Sundries	332	243
Provision for winding up	1,048	1,047
Bank charges	76	76
	3,360	**4,610**
Total resources expended	**42,112**	**49,211**
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Supporting local Youth Forums, Young volunteer scheme at the Shropshire Hills Discovery centre allow young people to develop links to the wider community.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
SSYF provide a youth support network in the south of the County for any organisations that work or aspire to work with young people. The new programme led a Youth consultation across south Shropshire.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:
The Youth Forum provide opportunities for supported placements within the community or within the youth projects so people can apply their skills.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

External factors continue to play a significant part in how our organisation is able to deliver its services and how we are shaped. SSYF have seen cuts to local services, changes to funding streams, austerity and now, like all of us, we have the Covid-19 pandemic and aftermath to deal with. It's good to know that the organisation is flexible and adaptable enough to survive. Over the years we have been used to changeable working conditions, to make cuts where they are needed, and have got some really good working partnerships in place, all this has helped us to be more resilient, and flexible to change.

Shropshire Council has also undergone many changes in recent years, including cuts to budgets and services leaving the voluntary sector left to try to fill some of the gaps in the provision. As an organisation, SSYF, has had pressure to run more traditional youth activities such as Youth clubs. The development of a new Youth service in Shropshire will hopefully allow us to work more strategically and less in isolation than at present, and there is also potential to share resources.

The launch of our Infrastructure Support programme has provided vital internal support for the development of the organisation as well as providing a support network for organisations who, work with or aspire to work with young people.

Strategically, SSYF still remains in a strong position in terms of expertise and being able to deliver and get results. Capacity to deliver projects remains a problem with the lack of resources available.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Income sources have diversified and now includes money from grant applications, fundraising activities, donations, partnership agreements and service level agreements with other local organisations.

Reserves policy

SSYF has a policy to hold in reserve an amount to cover winding up costs if the charity were to close. This would include amounts to cover staff redundancy, rent in lieu of notice, amounts that would be due on contracts for the hire of office equipment, and for legal and professional fees.

FUTURE PLANS

Our unofficial 'strategic' Business Plan has been developed by staff and Trustees over recent years. This includes the following Strategic Goals

Maintaining existing services despite a challenging funding environment - SSYF needs to continue to develop diverse funding streams and through its partnerships, in recent years, has had other organisations buy in the youth services that we can provide. The Youth Forum needs to continue to raise its profile through publicity and marketing. Its website and social media sites need to be updated on a regular basis. Opportunities arise very quickly and now we are heading a new Infrastructure Support network in the south of the County it will enable us to hear of opportunities with better notice and allow us to work more closely with partners.

Expand our services, projects and activities offer for young people in South Shropshire - The Youth Forum needs to build capacity to achieve this. It needs to find a new registered office base and recruit trustees who can help fill the skills gap. Funding for additional staffing is a priority so the Youth Forum can build its capacity to deliver more activities and have the necessary admin support to monitor finances and evidence for grant applications. Securing significant funding will enable the Youth Forum to buy in the resources it needs to expand the services it delivers. SSYF needs to target specific national and local funders through partnership working and to identify other funders who would support the work we do. The new Infrastructure Support programme is making a significant positive impact on our organisation.

Expand collaborative partnership working - The Youth Forum needs to continue to look for opportunities for partnership working. This will enable us to develop schemes and projects that will benefit our clientèle. It has been the strength of the organisation to see gaps in provision and look at where opportunities can be created. Focus should remain (although not exclusively) on the 'hard to reach' young people.

Develop a mixed economy approach to funding - SSYF has, in recent years, been existing hand to mouth. It has been developing other means to get the necessary resources it requires to operate and to be less reliant on grants. Fundraising activities, for example, has increased in recent years and has given the Youth Forum much needed 'unrestricted' funds. These 'unrestricted' funds enable the Youth Forum to get match funding for bid applications and to projects where they are most needed.

Review local needs and refocus SSYF to meet them - consultation with young people is ongoing, the organisation can only respond to the needs of young people if it has a grasp of current trends within the locality and within youth culture as a whole. As the Youth Forum is an advocate of young people maintaining local partnerships are also vital. The new youth consultations and network partnership have been a big help in understanding needs and priorities. Organisations and communities need to be made aware of the changing needs of young people in the area.

As always, the staff and trustees of the SSYF are committed to ensure that the organisation completes its agreed programme, operates within the scope of its business plan, and builds on its financial position during the forthcoming financial year. It still remains though that managing cash flow and the budget on limited resources are an important priority for our organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Recruitment of new trustees is ongoing. The process now includes the completion of a written application form, an informal meeting with paid staff and volunteers, and taking part in an interview with the Manager and trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Board are the governing body of South Shropshire Youth Forum (SSYF) and they retain responsibility for controlling the management and administration of the organisation. The Board have collective responsibility for the charity and ultimate responsibility for directing its affairs, ensuring that it is solvent and well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it was set up.

A Full time Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation. A new Infrastructure Support worker is now in post to support the organisation and external voluntary sector groups and organisations.

SSYF paid staff and volunteers carry out SSYF activities in accordance with its charitable aims.

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees undergo induction and training to ensure that they can participate fully in the new role.

Wider network

SSYF belongs to a variety of local networks across South Shropshire and with the advent of the Unitary Authority in April 2009 has endeavoured to make links across the wider South Shropshire area. New opportunities have arisen through the new Infrastructure Support programme.

Related parties

SSYF works alongside a wide range of organisations including Shropshire Council, Hereford Diocese, Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Grow,Cook,Learn, West Mercia Police, Caring for God's Acre and local schools and colleges.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03476766 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1068321

Registered office

Rockspring Community Centre
Sandford Road
Ludlow
Shropshire
SY8 1SX

Trustees

J Smithers (resigned 6.9.21)
L McKnight - Chair
G Barratt - Treasurer (resigned 11.11.20)
A Furniss - Chair
I Hankinson
T Evans (resigned 27.5.21)
l Allan-Smith (appointed 11.11.20)
R Bluett (appointed 2.12.20)
Miss S E Pearce (appointed 11.11.20)

Company Secretary

R D Morley

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
N I Kimberlee
Chartered Accountant
Kimberlee & Co
Chartered Accountants
Hunt House Farm
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



R D Morley - Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Shropshire Youth Forum ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

N I Kimberlee
Chartered Accountant
Kimberlee & Co
Chartered Accountants
Hunt House Farm
Frith Common
Tenbury Wells
Worcestershire
WR15 8JY

Date: 22/12/21

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.21 Total funds £**	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		-	**53,065**	**53,065**	51,461
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		**1,020**	**41,092**	**42,112**	49,211
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(1,020)**	**11,973**	**10,953**	2,250
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**(9,832)**	**21,133**	**11,301**	9,051
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**(10,852)**	**33,106**	**22,254**	11,301

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	**31.3.21 Total funds £**	31.3.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	-	**9,864**	**9,864**	10,741
Cash at bank		-	**38,787**	**38,787**	26,943
		-	**48,651**	**48,651**	37,684
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	**(10,852)**	**(3,737)**	**(14,589)**	(15,623)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		**(10,852)**	**44,914**	**34,062**	22,061
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**(10,852)**	**44,914**	**34,062**	22,061
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	**(11,808)**	**(11,808)**	(10,760)
NET ASSETS		**(10,852)**	**33,106**	**22,254**	11,301
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				**(10,852)**	(9,832)
Restricted funds				**33,106**	21,133
TOTAL FUNDS				**22,254**	11,301

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Furniss - Trustee



L McKnight - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	-	20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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3. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	33,848	31,733
Social security costs	797	2,626
	34,645	34,359

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Management and administration	1	1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings
	£
COST	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	29,198
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	29,198
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	-
At 31 March 2020	-

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	931	3,768
Other debtors	8,933	6,973
	9,864	10,741

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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	16	1,745
Other creditors	14,573	13,878
	14,589	15,623

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other creditors	11,808	10,760

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(9,832)	(1,020)	(10,852)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	21,133	11,973	33,106
TOTAL FUNDS	11,301	10,953	22,254

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(1,020)	(1,020)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	53,065	(41,092)	11,973
TOTAL FUNDS	53,065	(42,112)	10,953

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(8,846)	(986)	(9,832)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	17,897	3,236	21,133
TOTAL FUNDS	9,051	2,250	11,301

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(986)	(986)
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	51,461	(48,225)	3,236
TOTAL FUNDS	51,461	(49,211)	2,250

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

10. MEMBERS LIABILITY

The company does not have share capital but is limited by guarantee. In the event of winding up the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £10.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Year Ended 31/3/21	Year Ended 31/3/20
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
BC TC	1,200	0
Church Stretton Town Council	0	115
Churches Together - Ludlow	1,000	920
Clee Hill - YR	2,911	0
CM TC - Grant	620	0
CM YP - Grant	300	0
Consulation	446	0
COVID - Racecourse	1,500	0
Craven Arms TC Extension	3,240	1,000
Craven Arms Youth Group	3,953	8,225
Discovery Centre	333	729
Donations	1,626	843
Euro Quality	900	0
Hall Garth Charitable Settlement Trust	0	9,600
HCF Grant	3,960	4,360
Job Rentention Scheme	9,678	0
Main Grants	0	8,745
N Fogg	0	2,750
Old Downton Lodge	600	600
PGL Oswestry	0	500
Shropshire Council - Salary	20,000	0
Shropshire Hills AONB Trust	0	7,600
Tottie Arvold	0	1,000
West Mercia Police Community Fund	0	1,842
	52,266	**48,829**
Other income		
Employment Allowance	**797**	**2,626**
Interest Received	**1**	**6**
	799	**2,632**
Total incoming resources	**53,065**	**51,461**

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Year Ended 31/3/21	Year Ended 31/3/20
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Wages	33,848	31,734
Social security	797	2,626
Pension costs	1,685	525
Telephone	19	40
Postage and stationery	49	87
Sundries	342	277
Materials and resources	241	357
Travel	276	661
Venue hire	64	2,094
Activities	10	5,068
Promotional	0	95
Subscriptions	0	18
Office equipment	399	33
	37,732	**43,615**
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,020	986
	1,020	**986**
Support costs		
Management		
Freelance wages	844	2,230
Insurance	1,060	1,014
Sundries	332	243
Provision for winding up	1,048	1,047
Bank charges	76	76
	3,360	**4,610**
Total resources expended	**42,112**	**49,211**
Net income	**£10,953**	**£2,250**

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