



South Shropshire Youth Forum

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.

DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES, YOUTH CLUBS & PLAYSCHEMES

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

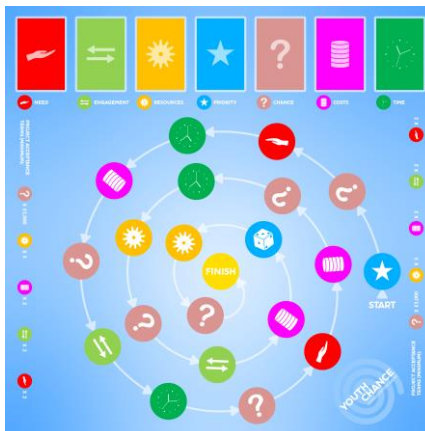
SSYF was commissioned to do a youth consultation in 2021 and as a direct result of this outreach sessions started in January 2022. Sessions developed over that time resulting in SSYF targeting year 6-7s. Working with Cleobury Mortimer Primary School the project was a hit with young people. Monday evenings 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 from 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 & newflashes, 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 9 Access to training
29 Working together 28 Networking
19 Access to funding 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)

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
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
 Clebury 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 - Clebury
 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
 Clebury 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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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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 09/11/23 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	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>21,523</u>	<u>60,183</u>	<u>81,706</u>	<u>67,236</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		<u>16,980</u>	<u>59,333</u>	<u>76,313</u>	<u>66,669</u>
NET INCOME		4,543	850	5,393	567
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>4,874</u>	<u>17,947</u>	<u>22,821</u>	<u>22,254</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>9,417</u>	<u>18,797</u>	<u>28,214</u>	<u>22,821</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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		<u>11,393</u>	<u>37,352</u>	<u>48,745</u>	<u>35,374</u>
		<u>11,393</u>	<u>37,352</u>	<u>48,745</u>	<u>41,125</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,976)</u>	<u>(4,565)</u>	<u>(6,541)</u>	<u>(4,696)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,417</u>	<u>32,787</u>	<u>42,204</u>	<u>36,429</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>9,417</u>	<u>32,787</u>	<u>42,204</u>	<u>36,429</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	<u>(13,990)</u>	<u>(13,990)</u>	<u>(13,608)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>9,417</u>	<u>18,797</u>	<u>28,214</u>	<u>22,821</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				<u>9,417</u>	<u>4,874</u>
Restricted funds				<u>18,797</u>	<u>17,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>28,214</u>	<u>22,821</u>

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

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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 29/11/23 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
A Furniss - Trustee



.....
R Bluet - Trustee

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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

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
	<u>59,328</u>	<u>48,996</u>

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

31.3.23	31.3.22
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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	<u>29,198</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>29,198</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>5,751</u>

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,112	15
Other creditors	5,429	4,681
	<u>6,541</u>	<u>4,696</u>

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>13,990</u>	<u>13,608</u>

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	<u>22,821</u>	<u>5,393</u>	<u>28,214</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,523	(16,980)	4,543
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	60,183	(59,333)	850
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>81,706</u>	<u>(76,313)</u>	<u>5,393</u>

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for 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	<u>22,254</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>22,821</u>

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,686	(960)	15,726
Restricted funds			
Core Funding	50,550	(65,709)	(15,159)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>67,236</u>	<u>(66,669)</u>	<u>567</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

11. 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 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
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

Kimberlee & Co
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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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 & PLAYSCHMES

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.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

N I Kimberlee
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WR15 8JY

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NatWest
15 Bull Ring
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SY8 1AG

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 09/11/23 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

Kimberlee & Co
Chartered Accountants
Hunt House Farm
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Tenbury Wells
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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	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>21,523</u>	<u>60,183</u>	<u>81,706</u>	<u>67,236</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Support for young people of South Shropshire		<u>16,980</u>	<u>59,333</u>	<u>76,313</u>	<u>66,669</u>
NET INCOME		4,543	850	5,393	567
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>4,874</u>	<u>17,947</u>	<u>22,821</u>	<u>22,254</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>9,417</u>	<u>18,797</u>	<u>28,214</u>	<u>22,821</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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		<u>11,393</u>	<u>37,352</u>	<u>48,745</u>	<u>35,374</u>
		<u>11,393</u>	<u>37,352</u>	<u>48,745</u>	<u>41,125</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(1,976)</u>	<u>(4,565)</u>	<u>(6,541)</u>	<u>(4,696)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,417</u>	<u>32,787</u>	<u>42,204</u>	<u>36,429</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>9,417</u>	<u>32,787</u>	<u>42,204</u>	<u>36,429</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	<u>(13,990)</u>	<u>(13,990)</u>	<u>(13,608)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>9,417</u>	<u>18,797</u>	<u>28,214</u>	<u>22,821</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				<u>9,417</u>	<u>4,874</u>
Restricted funds				<u>18,797</u>	<u>17,947</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>28,214</u>	<u>22,821</u>

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

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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 29/11/23 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
A Furniss - Trustee



.....
R Bluet - Trustee

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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.

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	31.3.23	31.3.22
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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM

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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 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
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
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Sundries	16,985	17,673
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Total resources expended	76,313	66,669
Net income	5,393	567