



DAWLISH ACTION FOR YOUTH
RED ROCK YOUTH CENTRE

Supporting our Young People for a Better Future

Annual Report

2020 - 2021

Chair's foreword

Firstly, I'd like to offer thanks to the Mayor, Cllr. Val Mawhood, for chairing the meeting; thanks to my fellow trustees for their support and commitment that has enabled DAY to negotiate such a difficult year, along with our staff & volunteers, and a special thanks to Becks Tallamy, Payroll Administrator, who had the unenviable task of understanding Furlough and keeping us up to date.

It has been quite a challenging year, especially for the Lead Youth Worker, Beth Hingston, in trying to find ways to engage with the young people and although take up was low, it certainly wasn't as a result of trying to offer them access to information, advice and reminding them that youth services, albeit slightly different, was available for them. Beth will tell you more about the activities when she presents her report.

It was very sad to have to close our doors suddenly after so much effort had been put into building up the numbers of young people, Volunteers and senior helpers. A year on, life has changed for many, and it's been like starting all over again since we opened the doors.

We're grateful to VOYC (Voluntary Organisations for Young people and Children) Chances, Spaces and the Virtual Network Meetings for keeping us informed, giving access to training, and making sure we were aware changing guidance, supporting us to implement the necessary Covid-19 secure procedures when coming in and out of the lockdowns. Also information and access to funding and funding advice to help complete application forms that has enabled us to help meet our obligations in using the centre.

Before we move on to the Lead Youth Worker report, I need to mention that Beth left at the end of July this year and agreed to come back to present her report. I know it's always sad to see a staff member leave but we also see it as a success; it's through the experience and training they gain on working for DAY that helps with their professional development.

We are grateful to Beth for her commitment to DAY, firstly as a youth support worker and then as Lead, and we wish her every success for the future.

Shirley Fewings

Chair

Dawlish Action for Youth Trustees Report

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021. The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance to the requirement of the Charity Commission under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The charity's accounts have been independently examined and the report of the independent examiner is included in this report. We are extremely grateful to Mr Graham Shaw who has provided this service, pro bono, for many years.

Dawlish Action for Youth (DAY) is an Unincorporated Charitable Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales, number 1071198. It is governed by its Constitution dated 03 December 1997. Its office is based at Red Rock Youth Centre, Sandy Lane, Dawlish, EX7 0AF and its bank account is with Lloyds Bank.

During the year DAY renewed their partnership agreement with SPACE which confirmed our joint commitment to the delivery of high quality young people services in partnership from Red Rock Youth Centre. DAY have the responsibility of delivering open access youth work sessions to the young people of Dawlish and the surrounding areas whilst Space deliver Chances Educational Support Services from the Centre.

This year has been a year like no other and it has certainly challenged us in many ways. We are grateful for the support and advice from Space and the Devon Youth Partnership which has enabled us to continue to offer a youth service during the pandemic. The majority of our services have been online, which had its own challenges, and we are grateful to the hard work and dedication of our youth leader, Beth Hingston, and her team, who should be proud of all the efforts they made to try and engage with the young people in these unprecedented times.

Under the Constitution, membership of the charity is open to individuals (over the age of 18) and organisations who are interested in furthering the work of the charity, which is managed by a **Board of Trustees**. All trustees must retire from office at the AGM but they may be re-elected.

Trustees serving during the year 2020 -2021 were:

Shirley Fewings
Linda Petherick
Jane Thomas
Diane Parsons
Joey Gill
Rachael Greene (co-opted January 2021)

Linda Petherick, trustee with DAY, stood down during the year due to other commitments. Linda has been a great supporter of DAY for many years and we were grateful for her advice and guidance during her time with us. With the exception of Jane Thomas, all serving trustees have agreed to stand for re-election. Jane is standing down after serving 5 years as DAY secretary and we are grateful for her valuable contributions over the years. She will be missed and we wish her well for the future.

This year we said goodbye to Youth Support Worker, Rowan Ford. Rowan had worked at the centre since 2016 and we wish him every success for the future.

No doubt there will be new challenges ahead but in the meantime we look forward to welcoming back our young people and in enhancing their well-being, both physically and socially, through the provision of a range of leisure and recreational activities provided by our dedicated, qualified staff and volunteers.

Shirley Fewings
Chair of trustees

Youth Club Sessions

Who is the youth provision aimed at?

Our youth club offers three different sessions, these are the Wednesday's evening, 6pm-9pm, for the senior group. These are young people in secondary school from Year 7 (age 11) to Year 11 (age 16).

At this session we generally have around 30/40 young people attend. This means that we can put more activities in place, led by the young people and also offer 1:1 support. We find these sessions are beneficial not just to our young people but to our staff members too, as it gives them the opportunity to ask us for advice on subjects that they may not feel comfortable going to their parents/carers or teachers about. It's an age where they are trying to find themselves and navigate the day to day life of secondary school. We feel it is important that the young people feel listened to, so we make sure that their voices are heard by asking what activities they would like to do with regular feedback on how they feel we can improve our centre. Sometimes just giving them a space where they feel safe is enough.

We have put in place a variety of activities, such as crafts; for example, making lip balm and edible slime. When the sun is shining and it's dry, we provide the opportunity for the young people to go outside and play a game of rounders or a sport of their choice. However, during these sessions, the young people use the centre as a safe space just to chill and hang out with their friends and express themselves. We like to offer hot food as we find a lot of the young people don't have enough time to have dinner before they come to our sessions, so each week we offer a different hot meal for a small price.

Our second night is on Thursdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm. This is are called our 'no-limits' sessions. These sessions are specifically for young people/adults with additional needs. Most of the users of this session are accompanied by their care workers but we do have a few who can attend on their own. This session is very well attended at around 40/50 people. We provide a disco and tuck shop each week along with other activities such as colouring sheets, various craft activities, sensory toys/equipment, and percussion instruments. They also enjoy playing football in our sports hall, pool, and table tennis. We also have one of the users that enjoys his music and likes to do a DJ set for us for an hour each week. The young people/adults who attend this session have an incredibly positive experience and enjoy mixing with one another and cannot wait to come again the next week. Students from local special needs schools and colleges attend on a regular basis during term time. These sessions give them all a safe space to be in and to express themselves. We also have several who have a volunteer role and help to run the sessions.

Our third night is Fridays, 6pm-8:30p, for the juniors. These sessions are for young people who attend primary school and are in Year 3 (age 8) until year 6 (age 10/11). In the time between June-December we allow the year 6's to attend both the Friday and Wednesday sessions, so that they can get used to the Wednesday sessions at their own pace.

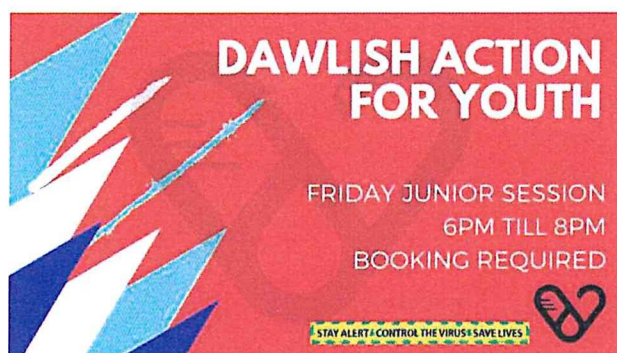
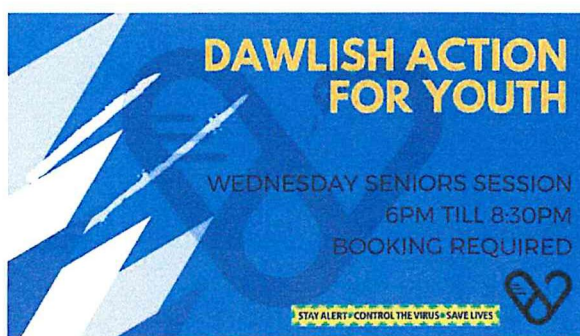
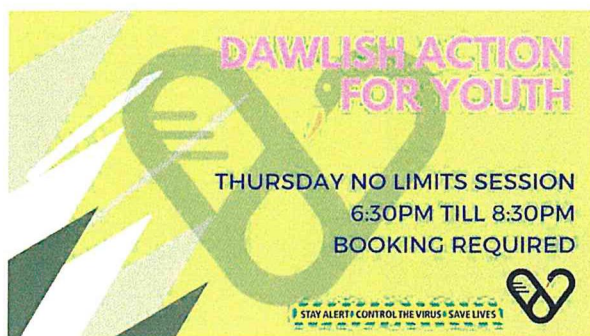
These nights are always full of fun activities. We have our very own Red Rock Youth Centre hairdresser who opens the hair salon from 7pm-8:30pm. The salon offers a variety of things for both girls and boys such as using gel and wax and spiking their hair, plaiting, hair chalk (which washes out) we also offer to curl and straighten the young people's hair for them.

We also have a music room that is opened on a Friday night session which has a range of resources such as guitars, a drum set, microphones, recording devices and a Mac that has editing software on.

A lot of the time the young people like to record themselves singing along to their favourite songs on the microphones with their friends.

On each of the sessions we open the sports hall and offer a variety of games from dodgeball, football, basketball, and many others. We have a disco room which is a slightly darker room so all the disco/laser lights can be seen. There is also a fog and snow machine that we usually use at the end of the sessions. The disco is constantly manned by one of our senior members behind the decks so the young people can request songs.

As well as these sessions we have our own Facebook and Instagram page which we update on a weekly basis. On these social media platforms we put pictures up on each of the sessions as well as signposting to other support that is out there for young people. During the Christmas periods when we aren't open, we try to also keep the young people interacting without social media platforms by organising online quiz and different games that they can do online.



Our Youth Workers and Volunteers

We are also lucky enough to that we receive support from our regular twelve adult volunteers, who all have regular supervision to ensure that their needs are met, performing their best at the youth centre. We also now have eleven senior helpers who volunteer their time across sessions. Senior members undergo training once a year and their role is like an adult volunteer and they are treated with the same respect.

However, we have sadly said goodbye to Linda Petherick one of our trustees has stepped down due to focusing on other work commitments, and Rowan Ford one of our youth workers made the decision to follow other passions.

Staff	Volunteer	Senior Helper	Trustees
Beth Hingston Lead Youth Worker	Tom Williams	Emily	Shirley Fewings Chair
George Franklin Youth support Worker	Darren Petch	Jack	Mollie-Jane Thomas Secretary
Denise Robinson Senior Youth Support Worker	Rosie Dawson	Zack	Diane Parsons- Vice Chair
Nicola Cottrell Youth support Worker	Angela Otterton – Brown	Faith	Joey Gill
Kelly Simpson Youth Support Worker	Patrick	Jack	Rachel Green
	Tom Cottrell	Jordan	
	Rosie Dawson	Mea	
	Dave Sutton	Mei	
	Shelia	Ollie	
	Zoe Welsh	Levi	
	Rachel		
		Cameron- Lead Senior helper.	
	Carolyn	Jamie- Lead senior helper	
	Alison Webber		
	Gemma Cottrell		

PANDEMIC

Events of the year

Sadly, on Friday 13th March 2020 we had to shut our doors due to the Coronavirus restrictions. On our last session two of our lead senior members, Cameron and Jamie, helped organise and run 'Red Rocks got talent' where our junior young people took part in a mini talent competition for a trophy. During the time our centre was closed our youth workers made use of their spare time by organising digital activities, competitions and videos for the young people to take part in and enjoy. These activities provided a wide range of



entertainment from George running weekly health and fitness challenges, Nicola teaching us all how to plait our hair and Shirley on how to make bird feeders. We also did a 'guess which pet belongs to which youth worker' as well as regular quizzes on different topics. We even managed to get all of our youth workers, volunteers, trustees and young people to take part in our Dance Monkey dance video.

On Wednesday 23rd July we were allowed to organise and run our outdoor summer sessions for our seniors. We were lucky enough to get permission from the local council to put up and place our gazebo onto the green next to our centre, this allowed us to welcome and meet our senior young people again and organise various outdoor activities with them, such as rounders, tie dying t-shirts and planning our sessions for when we reopen the centre fully.

As well as the outdoor sessions, on a Thursday night some of our youth workers worked alongside Matt, a SPACE youth worker, to run weekly Discord sessions for our young people. During these sessions our youth workers and young people were taught how to run and play different games on discord. These allowed us to keep in touch with the young people in our community on a weekly basis. Although both of these sessions were very different to what we were all used to as youth workers we were very thankful to be able to offer support to our young people in the community even though it was not the same.

During the first lockdown we worked alongside Glendale Residential home in Teignmouth where our young people got the opportunity to write letters and draw pictures which were sent into the residents to help keep their spirits up. I personally feel this opportunity allowed us to show that people can work together and boost people's positivity no matter the individual persons age.



Parties

Due to the pause that was put onto our youth centre we could no longer advertise or hold children's parties. This sadly had a big effect on not only the many young people that couldn't have their parties at our centre but on our charity income.

Training

Due to not be able to open our centre, our youth workers and volunteers have been very lucky to be offered a wide range of different training sessions. Some of which have been delivered by SPACE and VOYC, these have involved, running a youth centre and managing mis-behaviour, Detached Youth work training. Additional to these training sessions we have all completed our Mental health and well-being awareness, Suicide awareness, Health and safety, Gambling awareness and Food Hygiene certificates.

Covid-19 Leaflet

Behind the scenes our trustees and myself have worked on designing and getting our Covid-19 leaflet information together, this leaflet involves all the activities and events that we took part in during lockdown, as well as advertising out session time for when we reopened. We were very thankful to receive help from Toeni Young who helped us design our leaflet.

Have you heard the news??
We are still open!!

DAWLISH ACTION FOR YOUTH
Charity Number 1071198

We have been really busy behind the scenes to make some current temporary covid changes, but don't worry! We are still making having fun our main priority!

We are running all our normal sessions:

- Wednesday senior session**
from 6pm-8:30pm
- Thursday NO-LIMITS session**
from 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Friday JUNIOR session**
from 6pm-8pm

During our session you can play various sports in our sports hall, play various board games for a young person of your choice. The pool tables are open and there are a variety of card and board games to keep you entertained!

We can safely have 15 people in each session. You will need to book onto our sessions a week before the session date, either through our Facebook page:

[facebook.com/DawlishActionForYouth](https://www.facebook.com/DawlishActionForYouth)
by emailing us redrockyouthcentre@gmail.com
or phoning us on **01626 864075**

Members of 12 years and above will be advised to wear a face covering during all sessions and we have a sign code that can be used to check yourself in on your arrival.

*All staff/volunteers will be wearing FFP3, as advised by the current government guidelines.

THANK YOU to all our members and parents for being so understanding with our current temporary covid restrictions. It has all been so hard at following the guidelines and helping to keep us safe so we can continue to keep going for you.

For more details about the changes that we have made to our centre and our sessions go to our Facebook page where you will find our weekly updates.

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We are excited to tell you we are now offering weekly online **Zoom** sessions!

During these sessions you can take part in different activities with other young people in your area, as well as having two youth workers on line, to talk to about how the world is changing and what it is like to be back at school!

To book onto one of the Zoom sessions, please visit our Facebook page:

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by emailing us redrockyouthcentre@gmail.com
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Have you got what it takes??

We are introducing our **UK Youth** community champions programme. Can you complete different activities to support someone in your community? Could you have a role for a few weeks? Could you do some other picking on the board? The idea behind this programme is to help build our community together. Can you complete activities and become a community champion to earn rewards through our activity chart system? For more information and how to register, please contact:

by emailing us redrockyouthcentre@gmail.com

UK YOUTH

Two is the magic number! We are really proud to be taking part in the UK Youth. A big project where two of our youth leaders are organising 8 small sessions where they bring 14 young people together to get involved in different physical activities. At the end of these sessions, the two senior leaders will get a certificate of qualification and all young people taking part get a prize. It's all about WIN!

This year we have been really grateful to receive a grant from the national lottery. This money is extremely important to us to keep the centre going and will be used to support the youth centre and allow us to continue to provide exciting opportunities.

THANK YOU again to all our members and parents for being so understanding and helping to keep us safe so we can continue to keep going for you. For more details about the changes that we have made to our centre and our sessions, go to our Facebook page where you will find our weekly updates.

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

Dawlish Action for Youth Charity Number 1071198

Community Champions Project & Lottery Funding

A NOTE ON SAFETY

Please make sure that an adult is aware of what plans you are making and how they are safe.

Please stick to current guidelines around social distancing and wearing the community face covering.

Make sure if you are after picking, the activities, that you are wearing protective clothing, gloves and using a toilet to avoid touching infected person.

Ensure you stick to your family rules concerning being safe online or when out and about.

When outbuilding photos, please ensure you have parental permission and that you have a photo of the person who has taken the photo. If you don't have a photo, then please ask the person who has taken the photo to delete it, and then delete it.

DAWLISH ACTION FOR YOUTH
COMMUNITY CHAMP CHALLENGE
Complete the challenge to become a total community champion!

It has been a really difficult few months for everyone and we for many people have different right now. This challenge is about all connecting people up in your town, sharing your ideas and helping us all live what a difference we can make in the world.

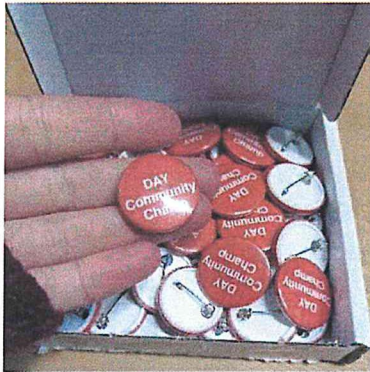
DESIGN AND COMPLETE YOUR'S TASKS, UNLOCK AND REBORN PHOTOS TO GET US ABOUT IT AND GET YOUR AWARD!

To get signed up contact the Lead Youth Worker (LW) by either emailing us at redrockyouthcentre@gmail.com or by phoning us on 01626 864075.

- 1. SIGN UP**
You may enter a letter to people in a local area home, you may send a card to someone who is struggling or just someone you know is feeling lonely.
- 2. HELP OUT**
You may offer to post the letter and for an email/photo of what you have done. It's all about helping someone who is struggling or just someone you know is feeling lonely.
- 3. GET IT DONE**
You may choose to clear your own home or help someone else's home. It's all about helping someone who is struggling or just someone you know is feeling lonely.
- 4. GET IT DONE**
Pick a local task or challenge and get it done. It's all about helping someone who is struggling or just someone you know is feeling lonely.
- 5. AWARD WIN**
Win a local award or recognition by sharing on social media or designing a poster and sharing with people you know.

Out
Step Out
Get Out
Stand Out
The Community Champ Challenge 2020

We were very lucky to receive funding from the National Lottery which enable us to offer training courses to all of our staff and volunteers and to look at different ways of engaging with the young people during lockdowns.



The Community Champ Project had the aim of bringing everyone in our community together. We did this by giving the young people a challenge to complete 5 tasks for people in their area, for example baking a cake for a neighbour, doing a litter pick at the nearest park or write a letter to someone in a care home. Once they completed all 5 of their tasks they received a certificate and a DAY community champion's pin badge. This funding also gave us the opportunity to advertise and run our weekly online discord session for 3 months. Additional to these projects the funding received enabled us to put money aside for loss of income from venue hire and youth sessions, all of which contribution towards our costs from using the building.

Space funding

We were very lucky to receive money from the small grant funds organised by SPACE. With this funding we were able to put the money towards our running cost, this includes our rent, tuck shop, equipment and our session activities.

Space partnership

We would like to say a massive thank you to Space and VOYC for all the support they have given us over the last year. They have kept us up to date with all the latest Covid-19 guidance and I have been able to attend the network meetings hosted by Space and VOYC over the year. These Network meetings gave me the opportunity to not only meet the wonderful Space and VOYC team but get to know the other youth workers in our area. Additional to these Network meetings I would like to personally thank Steve Evans who is Deputy Head of Chances and Building manager. He supported us when we were going through the process of reopening the centre and enabled us to make sure our risk assessments were perfect before our doors opened.

UK Youth Active youth project

Active Youth project is a Sport England funded programme that helps young people who are typically inactive or less active to enjoy active lifestyles. Dawlish Action for Youth have been working alongside UK youth to organise different physical activities for young people. Due to Covid-19 pressing pause on all events we have had to do the same with this partnership however we are now in the process of organising these activities and bringing them into our centre.

Other activities and initiatives DAY have been involve in over the year: Remembrance Day

On Sunday 10th November, trustee, Shirley Fewings, attended the memorial at St Gregory's church to lay our wreath on behalf of Dawlish Action for Youth. Normally representation is made by our young people but this couldn't happen due to the Pandemic.



DAWLISH IS HERE TO HELP!

Helping Dawlish will be delivering some jolly Christmas Cheer to individuals & families in Dawlish who would benefit from a Christmas Treat Hamper during these difficult times. If you'd like to support your local community and ignite some Christmas Magic please help us to raise money for our **Christmas Hugs in a Bag**.



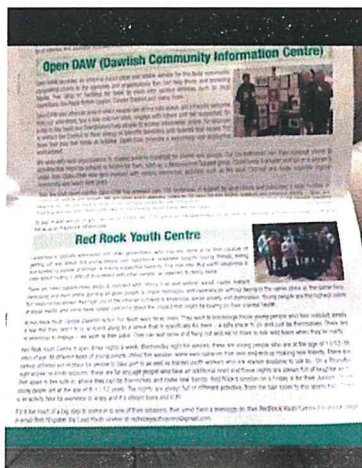
Helping Dawlish initiative:

We were pleased to be involved with the Helping Dawlish initiative during the Pandemic and it was due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, that we were able to provide lunch packs for families in need during the school half-term. Funds left over were used to make a range of items to be included in the "Christmas Hugs in a Bag" which were delivered to families in isolation. It was lovely to be involved with this local initiative.



Children's mental health week

On Monday 1st February to Sunday 7th February 2021 we recognised Children's Mental Health week. Although we were not allowed to open we were able to spread awareness through our social media platforms. We did this by signposting to key mental health support agencies as well as giving tips on what to do when someone is feeling low or not themselves.



Town Crier Article

In February 2020 I was lucky enough to be offered an opportunity to write a section in an article about the effects on loneliness from Covid-19. And how our centre and youth workers can support anyone of all ages if they are suffering with loneliness. My thanks to the Town Council for this opportunity reach out during the Lockdown.

Looking forward

We are looking forward to the time when we can reopen our centre and welcome back the young people who have been so isolated over the year.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:-
Dawlish Action for Youth**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set on page 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examiner the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review to the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Mr Graham Shaw
15 Raleigh Road,
Teignmouth,
TQ14 9LX

Signed.....

Date:.....21/01/2021.....

Dawlish Action for Youth Accounts Year Ending 31st March 2021

Opening Balance April 2020

£ 38,071.41

EXPENDITURE 2020-2021

HMRC	£395.36
SPACES & CHANCES	£200.00
INSURANCE	£400.85
TUCK & COFFEE BAR	£195.60
CLEANING MATERIAL	£0.00
RENT	£3,333.32
TRAINING	£608.88
WAGES	£18,860.71
ARTS/CRAFTS/HAIR	£0.00
DBS	£0.00
PHONE	£89.95
OFFICE/ZOOM	£453.16
ADVERTISING	£0.00
HELPING DAWLISH	£275.37
SPORTS EQUIP	£0.00
DISCO / MUSIC	£0.00
YOUTH CLUB SUPPLIES	£305.49
MAINTENANCE	£0.00
PETTY CASH	£0.00
MISC	£297.95

£25,416.64

INCOME 2020-2021

	General Funds	Restricted
Party	£0.00	
Room Hire	£0.00	
DONATIONS	£13,537.50	
Coffee Bar Sales	£402.95	
SUBS	£163.00	
Grant	£8,095.00	£500.00
HMRC Furlough	£4,593.90	
Returned payment	£380.76	

Total Income

£27,173.11

£500.00

Surplus / (Deficit)

£2,256.47

Balance

£40,327.88

Cash in Bank 31/3/2021

£40,176.45

Cash held in petty cash & Floats

£151.43

CLOSING BALANCE

£40,327.88