

ANNUAL REPORT

April 2024 – March 2025



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The trustees are pleased to present the annual report and accounts for the year 2024-25. 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. We are grateful to Mr Graham Bird, Teign Accountancy Service, for his independent examination of the accounts and his report is included.



Our Mission at D.A.Y

At Dawlish Action for Youth (D.A.Y) our mission is to support our young people for a better future.



Chairs Foreword

This year, like so many others, Dawlish Action for Youth (DAY) has felt the impact of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Rising costs over recent years have been challenging, yet we remain as committed as ever to providing essential youth services across Dawlish and the surrounding communities.

In January 2025, we said goodbye to Joey Gill who stepped down as the Chair of Trustees. Joey began his time at DAY as a volunteer, before becoming a trustee and taking on the role of Chair. I, Darren Petch, was then voted in as Chair of the Trustees. I would like to extend my thanks to Joey for his support during this transition period. I would also like to extend my thanks to Cameron Bentley, who took on the role of Vice-Chair, for his continued support and enthusiasm in his role. Cameron has taken on the role of updating some of our behind-the-scenes processes, and training sessions for our growing numbers of senior volunteers. Shirley Fewings has also been an invaluable support during this time, with her wealth of knowledge and experience.

Our Lead Youth Worker, Chloe, together with our staff, adult volunteers, and the trustees, has worked tirelessly to keep our services running. Thanks to their dedication, every young person who walks through our doors continues to enjoy the activities on offer in a safe, inclusive environment where they can socialise without fear of discomfort, bullying, or intimidation.

Over the past year, we have also welcomed more senior helpers to many of our evenings. Their support has been invaluable, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them. I cannot stress enough how much we value their contribution, which strengthens our youth service and benefits every young person who attends. On behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees—thank you.

A very special thank you goes to Denise Robinson, who not only works as a member of staff but also volunteers on additional evenings and events throughout the year. Behind the scenes, Denise tirelessly makes items for raffles and stalls to raise much needed funds, helps organise party bookings, and ensures they run smoothly. Her dedication, and incredible success in securing funding and grants has been vital to DAY's continued success. Denise, your commitment, energy, and drive is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Becks Tallamy for her efficient and reliable management of our payroll.

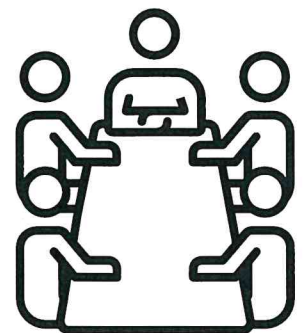


Chairs Foreword

As we look to the future, we aim to continue to ensure that we provide a service for the children and young people in Dawlish and the surrounding communities. As such, we will be encouraging more young people to attend our senior sessions on a Wednesday; source more sensory equipment for our No Limits sessions on a Thursday; and find more ways to engage the children and young people who attend the Junior sessions on Fridays.

We will continue networking with VOYC (Voluntary Organisations for Young people and Children), which is a Devon based youth service, and other youth services and agencies in the Devon area. We are grateful to VOYC for their continued support and advice. DAY is a vital part of the local community, and as such we will be working actively to recruit additional volunteers and trustees.

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has donated their time, money, and resources to help make DAY a success. Your continued support means so much to us all as we continue to build a bright future for our children and young people.



Darren Petch

Chair of the trustees

August, 2025



Lead Youth Workers Report

Introduction

Dawlish Action for Youth (DAY) is a local charity dedicated to providing positive youth provision for young people in Dawlish and the surrounding area. Our charity is supported by a fantastic team of trustees, staff, volunteers, and senior helpers, all of whom play a vital role in ensuring our services thrive.

My own journey with DAY began many years ago as a senior helper, which inspired me to gain my youth work qualification. From there, I progressed to a youth worker and am now proud to serve as the Lead Youth Worker. It has been a privilege to watch DAY grow and evolve, and to contribute towards shaping youth provision in our local community.

This report will outline the work that has gone into supporting our youth provision over the past year, as well as highlight the activities, achievements, and opportunities that have made a difference to the young people we serve.

Who is the Youth Provision aimed at?

Dawlish Action for youth are committed to delivering a high quality of youth provision for young people in Dawlish and the surrounding areas from the age of 8 years. Just below shows the different sessions we hold throughout the week.



**Senior Session -
Wednesday
18:00 - 20:30**

This session is aimed at young people aged 11-16 who are in secondary education.



**No Limits Session
- Thursday
18:00 - 20:30**

This session is aimed at young people and adults with additional needs.



**Junior Session -
Friday
18:00 - 20:30**

This session is aimed at young people aged 8 - 11 who are in primary education.

Our mission at Dawlish Action For Youth is to support our young people to have a better future.



Our Team

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our dedicated volunteers, who give their time freely to help provide and deliver our services. Their commitment makes a real difference, and without them we would not be able to reach or support as many young people as we do each year.

Alongside our volunteers, we are fortunate to have a talented group of Senior Helpers. These are young people who have shown an interest in youth work and taken on additional responsibility within DAY. They support our staff and volunteers by helping to plan and run activities during sessions, while also acting as positive role models for their peers. Their contribution not only strengthens our team but also creates a welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment for all who attend.

Together, our staff, volunteers, and Senior Helpers form a strong and passionate team who make DAY's work possible and impactful within the local community.

The Team

Staff

-Chloe Brock
Lead Youth Worker

-Denise Robinson
Youth Worker

-George Franklin
Youth Worker

-Laura Mattison
Youth Worker



Volunteers

-Cameron Bentley
Trustee

-Darren Petch
Trustee

-Shirley Fewings
Trustee

-Sue Crowther
Trustee

-Joey Gill
Trustee

-Tom Airey

-Mae Moore

Senior helpers

-Maizie Brock

-Emily Petch

-Esther Reynolds

-Hannah Pullen

-Sapphire Carnell

-Willow Chappell

-Maxx Brock

-Jacob Homer



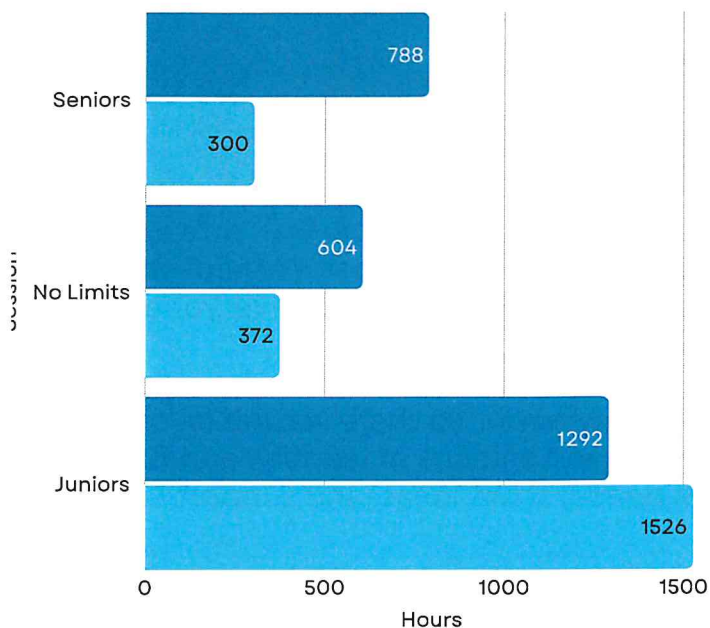
Year in Review

The graphs below provide an overview of both the volunteering hours given and the number of young people attending our sessions across 2024/25 and comparing them to the same figures from the year before.

Volunteering Hours

Volunteering Hours

● 2023/24 ● 2024/25



In 2024/25, volunteers contributed a total of 2,198 hours across all sessions. The largest share came from Junior sessions, with an impressive 1,526 hours, showing how much support is needed to run these busy evenings. No Limits sessions recorded 372 hours, while Senior sessions saw 300 hours of volunteer input.

When compared with 2023/24, the figures show a decrease in overall volunteering hours. Juniors rose slightly from 1,292 hours to 1,526, but Seniors dropped significantly from 788 to 300, and No Limits reduced from 604 to 372. While this demonstrates the continuing dedication of our volunteers, it also highlights the challenge we face in ensuring enough support across all sessions. The decline underlines the need to recruit and retain more volunteers so that we can sustain the same level of provision and give young people the best opportunities possible.

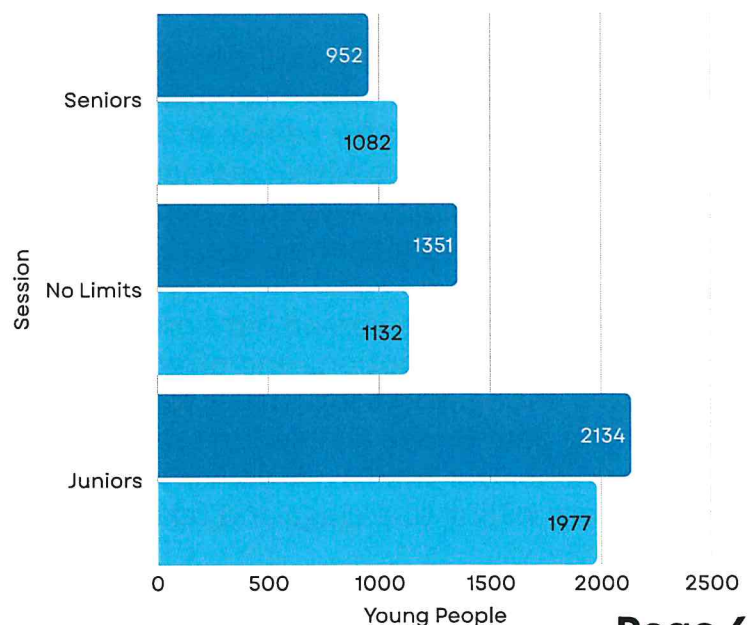
Young People Attending Sessions

During 2024/25, we welcomed 4,191 attendances across all our sessions. Juniors once again had the highest engagement with 1,977 attendances, closely followed by No Limits with 1,132 and Seniors with 1,082.

Compared to 2023/24, attendance at Seniors rose from 952 to 1,082, showing encouraging growth in engagement from older young people. Juniors, while still very strong, saw a small decrease from 2,134 to 1,977, and No Limits reduced from 1,351 to 1,132. These shifts demonstrate that while overall demand for our services remains very high, there is a clear reliance on volunteer support to maintain and grow attendance levels.

Young People Attending The Sessions

● 2023/24 ● 2024/25





Training

During year we ran two Senior Helper training sessions, which were a great chance to get all of our Senior Helpers together for an evening of learning, fun, and food. The idea behind the training was to give our young leaders a bit more knowledge and confidence in their roles, while also letting them spend time as a team.



We looked at some really useful topics, like safeguarding, health and safety, the “do’s and don’ts” of supporting sessions, and the core values of being a Senior Helper. We kept things relaxed and informal, mixing in games, group chats, and plenty of chances for everyone to share their own experiences of helping out at DAY.

Of course, no training evening would be complete without snacks, so there was pizza, crisps, and treats to keep everyone going! The evenings were a good balance of learning and fun, and it was brilliant to see the Senior Helpers grow in confidence, share ideas, and support each other.

These sessions showed just how important our Senior Helpers are. Not only do they help staff and volunteers in sessions, but they’re also learning skills that will stick with them in the future whether that’s in youth work or in other parts of life.

Outcomes for young people

We aim to create a safe environment for young people, where they can have fun, increase their confidence, and gain new friendships. We also believe that we provide a space where young people can come to for advice and support in a more informal setting. We have a zero tolerance to bullying within our service and always support young people to find a resolution when conflict arises. All young people using our service have access to a range of activities and topics relevant to their age. Over the year we have covered different topics.

One topic we have worked hard on is promoting a healthier lifestyle. This included providing healthy hot meal options and offering a wide range of fruit over the three sessions and a healthy eating workshop. Other topics we have covered are drugs and alcohol awareness, building confidence and self-esteem, promoting healthy relationships and the how to stay safe online. Our topics are delivered in an informal situation, we have found the young people are more willing to engage and take on information.



Activites

This year we've been lucky to run a wide range of activities and events at the youth centre, giving young people plenty of chances to try new things, have fun, and build confidence. Here are some of the highlights:

Hot Food

We were extremely fortunate to receive funding to subsidise food, which meant we could offer a free meal to any young person who receives free school meals. Hot meals were also available to everyone else at a reduced cost, making them affordable for all. These evenings took place in our Friday and Wednesday sessions and were always very popular, giving young people a chance to eat together and enjoy a proper meal.

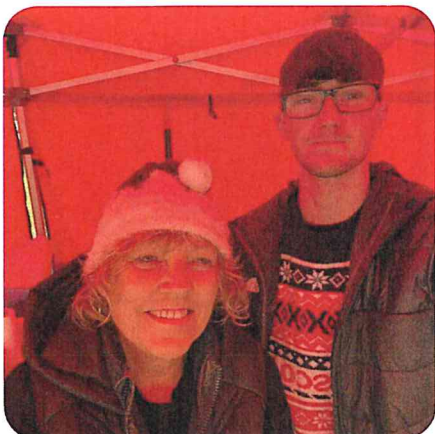


Pizza Making

During one of our senior sessions we did a pizza making session which was full of fun (and mess!) at the youth centre. The young people had the chance to make their own pizza by choosing their own toppings and enjoying the results. It was a fantastic and enjoyable evenin.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas at the centre is always special. Across all our sessions, the final week of the year was packed with festive activities – from Christmas parties and themed arts and crafts to designing gingerbread men, colouring competitions, and of course lots of Christmas music. It was a brilliant way to end the year on a high.





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Talent Show

One of the standout moments of the year was our Junior session Talent Show, held in the disco. Lots of young people got up to perform showcasing their talents such as singing, dancing, telling jokes. The atmosphere was fantastic, with everyone supporting each other and celebrating their peers.



Mini Olympics

In the summer, our Juniors enjoyed a Mini Olympics event, held on the leisure centre field. The evening was filled with different sporting activities, encouraging teamwork, energy, and plenty of laughter. It was great to see so many young people taking part and cheering each other on.



Healthy Eating Workshop

Thanks to funding, we were able to bring in chef Lara, who delivered healthy eating workshops across all our sessions. Young people got to make a variety of tasty alternative snacks and learn about healthier choices in a hands-on, fun way. Everyone loved it, and we even created a recipe booklet so families could try out the ideas at home too.





No Limits – Drumming Workshops

Our No Limits group took part in an eight-week drumming workshop with Elliot from Gaz Music Solutions, funded through funding. The sessions were a huge success, with young people learning new rhythms, building their confidence week by week, and most importantly, having a brilliant time together. It was fantastic to see so many people get together and give it ago. This is definitely something we will look to do again in the future.



Within the Community

Turn the Tide Event 2024

Some volunteers and staff from the centre went down to the marquee to speak to members of the public on the service we provide at the centre as well as how members of the public can get involved with D.A.Y.



Dawlish Community Award

One of our senior helpers Hannah recieved a Dawlish Community Award from Dawlish Town Council for her outstanding dedication and contribution to our charity, we have seen Hannahs confidence grow massively and become a fantastic role model to the young people who attend our sessions. Well done Hannah!



Within the Community

Dawlish Celebrates Carnival 2024

Staff and volunteers went down to the marquee for the Dawlish Carnival where we had a range of cakes for sale to help raise money for Dawlish Action For Youth, it was a fantastic day where we got to meet a range of different people and many people showed support for our charity.



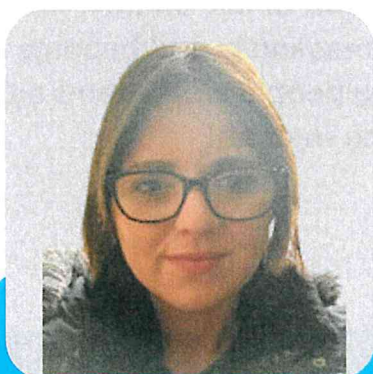
Remembrance parade

Two of our senior helpers Emily and Sapphire and staff member Denise all walked in the Dawlish Remembrance Parade representing Dawlish Action For Youth, they represented us proudly and showed great respect for our fallen soldiers.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, volunteers, and Senior Helpers for the time, energy, and effort they have given throughout the past year. Without their support, we simply would not be able to reach and support as many young people as we do.

A special thank you also goes to our trustees, who give their time voluntarily to work behind the scenes. Their guidance and commitment ensure that our youth provision continues to run smoothly and that DAY can keep making a positive difference in the lives of young people in our community.



Chloe Brock
Lead Youth Worker
August, 2025



Party Evaluation Report

Red Rock Centre – Children’s Party Feedback

We currently have 11 party evaluations on file. Our evaluation form asks parents/guardians to provide feedback on the following areas:

- · Satisfaction with the facilities
- · Quality of activities available
- · Communication regarding enquiry and booking
- · Value for money
- · Effectiveness of the adult helper and senior helper
- · Overall rating of the Red Rock Centre as a children’s party venue
- · Additional comments or suggestions

Summary of Results

9 of the 11 evaluations rated the Centre “Excellent” across all areas.

Typical comments included:

- · “Great place – perfect for parties, we will be coming back!”
- · “Fantastic service.”
- · “Great friendly, professional service.”
- · “Best venue in Dawlish.”

2 evaluations provided constructive feedback:

- · One raised an issue with the lift, but noted that this was quickly and efficiently addressed.
- · Another highlighted that email responses felt a little slow.

Staff and Volunteer Feedback

- · “Michael and Maisie were brilliant – nothing was too much trouble.”
- · “All good for today’s party.”
- · “Mike took the time to let us know all we needed to know, was welcoming, available and approachable – top man.”

Learning and Improvements

We are committed to learning from evaluation forms and making improvements where possible. Overall, feedback confirms that the Red Rock Centre is seen as an excellent venue for children’s parties.

However, there are some areas where we recognise limitations:



Party Evaluation Report

- Lift maintenance – As a working youth centre, some facilities are not within our direct control. We report issues promptly to secure quick resolutions, but cannot always guarantee everything will be fully operational on the day of a party.
- Communication delays – Party bookings are managed by a volunteer, who balances this role with work and family commitments. While enquiries are answered appropriately, there may be occasional delays. Moving forward, we will work to better manage expectations so families understand our limited resources while still receiving a reliable service.

Conclusion

Feedback demonstrates that the vast majority of families rate our facilities, service, and staff as excellent. The Red Rock Centre continues to provide a valued and affordable venue for children's parties in Dawlish, with professional, friendly, and welcoming support from staff and volunteers.



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Dawlish Action for Youth

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1071198

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

18/06/2025

Name:

Graham Roberts FCA

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

INCORPORATED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Address:

Teign Accountancy Services
1 Charter House
Dawlish Business Park
Dawlish, Devon EX7 0ND

Dawlish Action for Youth Accounts at 31/Mar/2025

Opening Balance 1st April 2024

£24,770.49

EXPENDITURE 2024-2025	
HMRC	£532.38
WAGES	£22,331.14
PARTY WAGE	£1,764.18
TUCK & COFFEE BAR	£6,520.78
CLEANING MATERIAL	£42.33
NON SALEABLE FOOD	£483.48
RENT	£6,500.00
TRAINING	£240.00
ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES	£1,075.07
DBS CHECK	£17.00
HOSPITALITY	£163.59
OFFICE	£578.59
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	£10.80
INSURANCE	£477.07
SPORTS EQUIP	£1,069.59
DISCO MUSIC	£995.00
MAINTAINANCE	£0.00
MISC	£269.95
FOOD FOR YOUTH SESSIONS	£225.94
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	£0.00
	£43,296.89

INCOME 2024 -2025	General Funds	Restricted
Party	£5,675.12	
Room Hire	£342.50	
DONATIONS	£2,042.18	£400.00
Coffee Bar Sales	£10,355.38	
SUBS	£13,932.88	
Grants	£1,510.00	£26,501.57
Fundraising	£202.67	
Food Sales	£328.15	
	£34,388.88	£26,901.57

Total Income

Surplus / (Deficit)

£17,993.56

Balance

£42,764.05

Cash in Bank 31/3/25

£42,536.24

Creditors

Payments issued in year not yet cleared

£0.00

Debtors

Income in year not yet cleared on bank statement

£0.00

Cash held in petty cash & Floats

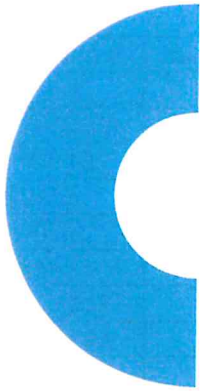
£227.81

CLOSING BALANCE

£42,764.05

Dawlish Action for Youth 2024/2025 income and Expenditure statement**Financial year April to 31/Mar/2025**

Item	Income	Expenditure	Petty cash	Profit / Loss
HMRC		£ 532.38		(£532.38)
WAGES		£ 22,331.14		(£22,331.14)
PARTIES	£ 5,675.12	£ 1,764.18		£3,910.94
ROOM HIRE	£ 342.50			£342.50
FOOD FOR SESSIONS	£ 328.15	£ 127.44		£200.71
DONATIONS	£ 2,442.18			£2,442.18
GRANT	£ 28,011.57			£28,011.57
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 13,932.88			£13,932.88
TUCK & COFFEE BAR	£ 10,355.38	£ 6,520.78	£ -	£3,834.60
CLEANING MATERIAL		£ 25.99	£ 16.34	(£42.33)
NON SALEABLE FOOD		£ 28.38	£ 455.10	(£483.48)
FUNDRAISING	£ 202.67			£202.67
RENT		£ 6,500.00		(£6,500.00)
TRAINING	£ -	£ 240.00	£ -	(£240.00)
HAIR SALON / ARTS & CRAFTS		£ 1,008.86	£ 66.21	(£1,075.07)
DBS		£ 17.00		(£17.00)
HOSPITALITY	£ -	£ 81.45	£ 82.14	(£163.59)
OFFICE		£ 556.05	£ 22.54	(£578.59)
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES		£ 10.80		(£10.80)
INSURANCE		£ 477.07		(£477.07)
SPORTS EQUIP		£ 1,054.60	£ 14.99	(£1,069.59)
DISCO MUSIC		£ 995.00	£ -	(£995.00)
YOUTH CLUB SUPPLIES			£ 98.50	(£98.50)
MAINTAINANCE		£ -	£ -	£0.00
PENSIONS NEST		£ 269.95		(£269.95)
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT		£ -		
				£0.00
Total	£ 61,290.45	£ 42,541.07	£ 755.82	£17,993.56
Opening Bank Balance	£ 24,586.86	Opening Petty Cash →	£ 53.63	£ 24,640.49
Less Prior year Expenditure items	£ -	Paid Out →	-£ 755.82	£ 755.82
Add Income this year	£ 61,290.45			£ 61,290.45
Less Expenditure this year	£ 42,541.07			£ 42,541.07
Less to Petty cash	£ 800.00	Petty Cash Reimbursed →	£ 800.00	£ -
Plus Prior Year Income Items				£ -
Less Income Items not cleared to bank	£ -			£ -
Add Expenditure Items not cleared to Bank	£ -			£ -
Total	£ 42,536.24	Total	£ 97.81	£ 42,634.05
Closing Bank Balance	£ 42,536.24	Petty Cash in Hand →	£ 97.81	£ 42,634.05
Cash Floats	£ 130.00			£ 130.00
Variance	£ -		-£ 0.00	£ -
Bank Account cash in hand after clearing	£ 42,666.24		£ 97.81	£ 42,764.05



Contact Us

We are always looking to expand our team to deliver the best session we can for our young people, so please contact us for any more information regarding volunteering.

If you are interested to book your young person into one of our sessions please don't hesitate to contact us.

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