BURTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales · Charity number 1071717

Details

Other names	BURTON Y.F.C.
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1998-09-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (WITHOUT PREJUSTICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN BURTON UPON TRENT AND ITS ENVIRONS;(B) TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELISATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUSTICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN BURTON UPON TRENT AND ITS ENVIRONS;(C) TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING(D) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS THEREBY DEMONSTRATING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST;(E) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL, AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE OBJECT OF DEVELOPING THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES.

Activities: Taking good news relevantly to every young person in Burton and the surrounding areas. To assist young people in maximising their personal potential in every area of life. (i.e. physical, spiritual, mental, social and emotional.)

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLDWIDE
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£119,179	£125,447	-	-
2024-08-31	£110,442	£115,729	-	-
2023-08-31	£106,384	£100,736	-	-
2022-08-31	£81,423	£100,213	-	-
2021-08-31	£98,901	£85,197	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daniel Parker	Chair	2013-11-22
Brian Middleton		2025-03-27
Laura Jane Adcock		2023-03-30
NEIL PACEY		
Ruth Elizabeth Myers		2023-03-30

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IMPACT REPORT
2024-2025



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2024 - 2025 STATS

CONNECTING WITH 2,344 YOUNG PEOPLE

16% INCREASE ON LAST YEAR

AGED UNDER 11 — 32%

AGED 11 - 18 — 67%

AGED OVER 18 — 1%

WITH THE SUPPORT OF 48 VOLUNTEERS



6 YOUTH
1224 HOURS GIVEN

ENGAGING WITH 40 PARTNERS

20
SCHOOL SETTINGS

10
CHURCHES

10
ORGANISATIONS

DELIVERING 1,432 YOUTH WORK SESSIONS

1187 FOR
SCHOOLS SETTING

26 FOR
CHURCHES

219 FOR
COMMUNITY

TOTALLING OVER 3,266 PEOPLE HOURS OF YOUTH WORK DELIVERED

INTRODUCTION

This year has been one of remarkable growth and deepening impact.

We connected with 2,344 young people across schools, churches, and community settings. This represents a 16% increase from last year, with overall engagement rising by 14%. Our team delivered 1,432 youth work sessions, providing safe, consistent spaces for young people to grow physically, socially, mentally and spiritually.
Our support work with local churches grew by 38%, thanks to our Young Leaders Training Course for 16–20-year-olds, equipping the next generation to lead with confidence and faith.

Our residential saw a 40% increase in participation, with 63 young people from four youth groups joining us for a time of fun, faith, and community. Most significantly, eight young people decided to follow Christ for themselves, a powerful reminder of why we do what we do.

We've also witnessed a stronger connection between our areas of work. Many young people are now moving seamlessly between school, community, and church, allowing them to experience the fullness of what we offer.

A highlight of the year was our first-ever pop-up prom dress shop, where 43 young people said "yes to the dress" - a joyful example of practical love in action.

In total, we gave 3,266 hours of direct contact time to young people, and 210 were offered the opportunity to respond to the message of Jesus in person.

Through it all, we have continued to be a consistent Christian presence in our communities, offering inclusive, accessible, and hope-filled support to every young person we meet, regardless of background, faith, or ability.

Be encouraged! We invite you to get in touch to learn more about who we are, the work we do, and the impact we are making in the lives of young people and our communities.

Sue Garb
Centre Director



AREAS OF WORK

SCHOOL

Our work is open to all schools in the Burton area and is built on strong, trusted relationships. This approach allows us to understand each school's unique context and tailor our support to their specific needs. Most initiatives are made possible through a combination of school funding and targeted grants, enabling meaningful and sustainable impact within the school community.

Partnering with 20 educational establishments

Delivering 709 listening sessions with 117 young people

Leading 21 assemblies in primary schools

Providing 33 chaplaincy sessions in the College

Supporting 13 young people through weekly mentoring

Facilitating 39 small groups for personal growth

Volunteering as Governors in 4 local schools

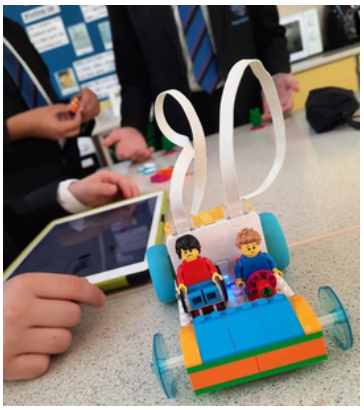


At Paulet High School, our breakfast support provides a calm, welcoming start to the day, giving each young person the chance to be seen and valued. For some, it's a daily check-in that helps them begin positively; for others, it's simply knowing someone is there until their friends arrive. This year, we've also guided students toward local youth clubs, school wellbeing services, and listening support.

The Year 7 students met the team during their first week through a lesson on their hopes and worries about starting high school, while later in the year, Year 8 explored real-world issues, including poverty, in partnership with the Burton CAP Centre.

Small group sessions at Paget High School offered safe spaces to explore friendship, resilience, anger, anxiety, aspirations, and character development. A dedicated girls' group, supported by volunteer Siobhan Letford, provided focused discussion and encouragement.







Our listening service continued to flourish, supporting 117 young people across nine schools in 709 sessions, a significant increase from last year. Simply being present and hearing their voices remains a privilege.

"I've been carrying stuff around for ages, I'm now able to share things."

YOUNG PERSON - LISTENING SERVICE

"We are truly blessed that we are able to access the support of Burton Youth For Christ - listening, guiding and encouraging students who might otherwise be unheard."

BLESSED ROBERT SUTTON DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

In partnership with Riverside Church, the weekly lunchtime chaplaincy at Burton and South Derbyshire College continued to offer an opportunity for discussion, wellbeing support, and prayer. This year, the team introduced a pilot Christian Union option for students, which facilitated meaningful conversations around faith and personal development. Students were also invited to contribute to the planning of activities, including selecting gifts to be distributed as blessings. Overall, the chaplaincy engaged with approximately 300 students across the year, with a core group of around 25 participating on a regular weekly basis.







Across three primary schools, 21 assemblies combined fun activities, Bible messages, and reflection, growing in two schools into whole-school value days and prayer activities during break time. We were also able to support Burton Elim Church as they invited Christ Church Primary School in to see how the Church serve their local community.







SPOTLIGHT

We led a primary school assembly on the theme of looking ahead, starting with the school's verse of the week, Jeremiah 29:11, about God's plans and hope. Children shared their dreams for the future, which the rest of the school had fun guessing, sparking laughter and thoughtful reflection. We then used our hands—one for hopes, one for worries—and invited the children to offer them all up to God, creating a quiet, reflective moment that really engaged everyone.

At break, over 15 children joined an optional activity, writing notes or prayers to their future selves. Some shared their faith, others asked honest questions, and many remembered the earlier reflection with excitement. It was a simple activity, but moments like these are heartwarming reminders of how small experiences can plant seeds of hope and faith that grow over time.

Through our partnership with Eagles' Nest Project (an alternative education provider), we supported young people in almost one-to-one sessions, helping them develop skills and gain qualifications in cooking, martial arts, and alpaca care. The project also connects students to wider services, reinforcing our commitment to holistic care.

Demand for one-to-one support for vulnerable young people continues to grow. Although we worked with fewer individuals this year, the increased time spent with each young person has allowed for deeper engagement. Our team is now a trusted partner for local schools, demonstrating the value of relational youth work within the wider educational experience.

Through all these efforts, we strive to be present, to listen, and to care, supporting young people to grow, feel valued, and navigate school life with confidence and hope.



CHURCH

We have a deep commitment to supporting the local Church and are passionate about serving its community. All our staff are active members of local congregations, regularly leading youth and children's ministries. They draw on their training and experience to strengthen local church initiatives and extend their reach to young people.

This year, we have volunteered at Christian festivals, supported holiday clubs, participated in Burton Churches Together, and delivered town-wide youth events, adding significant value to the wider church community, fostering stronger connections across local ministries.

Connecting with 12 local Churches

Hosting 5 town-wide youth events for 97 young people

Partnering with 4 Churches to deliver youth and children's work

5 young people completed our first Young Leader Training Programme

210 young people given an opportunity to follow Jesus

8 young people choosing to follow Jesus



Through our youth events and residential programs, we have served ninety-seven young people, nine of whom were not already connected with a local church.

Our Big Youth Nights in October and May brought together young people from four churches for worship, discussion, and fun. In October, participants explored the armour of God, designing shields and reflecting on applying its principles in daily life. In May, 58 young people took part in our Paint Party, discovering they are masterpieces in God's eyes while becoming completely covered in paint! Both events were engaging, memorable, and strengthened connections across the local youth community.

SPOTLIGHT

Our Christmas Disco brought together forty-five young people from various groups and schools for a night of dancing, games, mocktails, and fun. We shared the message that Jesus is "God with us" all year round. For some, it was their first event with us. One asked, "Can I come even if I'm not Christian?" and was warmly told, "Yes, of course!"
It was wonderful to see new friendships formed, with one young person commenting, "It's great to see my brother being himself here."







Over the summer, we partnered with Burton Elim and St Saviour's Churches to run 6 holiday club sessions. We welcomed forty-five children for creative, faith-filled fun. Each day included crafts, games, and Bible stories that helped children experience God's love.
One child's delighted "Wow!" during the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand captured the heart of it all.

None of this would have been possible without our amazing volunteers and young leaders, whose energy, care, and faith made lasting impact.
As one child summed it up perfectly: "Please do this again."





Five young people, aged sixteen to nineteen, completed our six-month Young Leader Training Programme, learning about servant leadership, faith, and character. They then put this into practice at the residential weekend by leading groups, praying for others, and even preaching.

"I'm more confident in myself and my role in church and I've developed my relationship with God. I feel like I now have a role and the skills that are needed to communicate God's love and God's word."

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE YOUNG LEADERS COURSE

Sixty-three young people from four youth groups, supported by six youth leaders, nine volunteers, and a five-person staff team, spent two inspiring nights together at Alton Castle. The theme for the weekend, "I Am," focused on exploring who Jesus says He is, and what that means for us today. We even had specially designed hoodies to serve as a lasting visual reminder of the teaching.

On the final morning, we considered our response - "Here I am," and reflected on what it means to live that out in our everyday lives. It was a powerful time together, filled with fun, faith, and a sense of community. We were especially encouraged that five young people made first-time commitments to follow Jesus, and many others chose to recommit their lives to Him. It was a truly special weekend, and we're so thankful for all that God did among us.

"Over the last couple years of my life I have struggled with knowing if my life had purpose or meaning to it and what I wanted from life. And I found that last weekend."

"It was a great way to grow individually and as a youth group. We loved all the staff and feel safe in their hands."

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE WEEKEND AWAY

"It was a safe space to talk about stuff and not get judged by anybody."













COMMUNITY

For some young people, our open-access work in the community is the only activity they take part in outside of school. We believe this consistent presence is the first step in reflecting God's faithfulness to young people in a continuously changing world.

Connecting with 10 national and local organisations

Providing 110 youth club sessions for 194 young people

Creating an experience for 43 year 11 girls to choose a free prom dress

Delivering 6 holiday sessions, reaching 231 young people

Delivering 219 youth work sessions in community contexts



We are dedicated to creating safe and welcoming spaces in the community where young people can simply be themselves, working alongside the local church and other partners. These spaces give young people an opportunity to be seen and valued in ways that might be different from home or school - a place where they can have fun, make mistakes, and feel genuinely appreciated.

Stability, especially in relationships, is essential for young people, and we provide this in a meaningful way once a week through our youth clubs. They give young people the freedom to choose how they want to participate, offering activities such as games, food, skateboarding on Wednesdays, arts and crafts, and informal wellbeing support. We also set aside time for reflection and open discussion on topics that matter to them.







This year, we've served 194 different young people over 110 sessions at 2 venues. This represents a 24% increase in take-up by young people compared to last year. This is partly due to being a consistent provision and promoting the clubs in schools and with local partners.

The Warehouse Youth Club and Skate Park runs in partnership with Riverside Church in the town centre every Wednesday during term time, offering timeslots for both 7 to 11s, and 11 to 18-year-olds. In addition to a strong staff team, several volunteers from the church and the Burton Skate Project are dedicated to making the clubs a success.

The Stapenhill Youth Drop-in runs with support from The Community Church at the Number One Community building every Friday during term time for 11 to 18-year-olds.



SPOTLIGHT

We're thankful to funding support from East Staffs Community Safety Partnership for the second year running - helping us deliver the two youth and skate clubs during term time. We do this in partnership with Riverside Church and with the skating expertise of Burton Skatepark Project. This term we were visited by the Deputy Crime Commissioner who wanted to highlight the project. He said it was very unique!

During the summer, the Youth Club in the Park Project brought together Burton Youth for Christ, Riverside Church, Burton Albion Community Trust, and Trent & Dove Housing. By joining forces, we were able to offer something far greater than we could alone. We ran six sessions across three Burton wards, creating welcoming spaces for families and young people. Overall, 231 children joined in a mix of activities - from graffiti art and inflatable football to giant garden games. A new favourite was our gaming stations, where young people gathered to play FC25, Minecraft, and Rocket League together outdoors.



"I'd like to do gaming in the park more often - I can game and play at the same time."

In March we created a pop-up prom dress for girls who may struggle to buy one for their year 11 prom night. Each Head of year 11 were given invites to give out to girls they felt would benefit. We welcomed more than 120 guests, filling the Community Church with excitement, laughter and a real sense of celebration. We had over 180 dresses on offer, absolutely free. Overall, 43 girls from seven different High Schools across Burton and South Derbyshire said 'yes to the dress.' We're grateful to The Community Church for letting us use their building, the volunteers who gave their time during the weekend and those who made cakes or donated dresses and money to get this project off the ground.

"Without today we would not have been able to afford for our daughter to go to her prom. Thank you so much. Its appreciated more than you'll know."

"Very welcome and accommodating of us and my daughters SEN/additional needs. Very helpful explaining how it all works and choices available. Daughter has left happy with a beautiful dress. Thank you for relieving so much stress."

"What an amazing experience. I was made to feel really special."



PERSONNEL

STAFF

Our staff team is an exceptionally dedicated group, deeply passionate about both God and young people. We are especially grateful for our strong staff retention, which provides invaluable stability and strength to the centre.

- **Sue Garb** as full-time Centre Director
- **Sue Jolle**y as part-time team administrator and representative
- **Matt Rimmer** as full-time Youth Work Lead
- **Nathan O'Neill** as full-time Youth and Children's Outreach Worker
- **Steve Plumb** as part-time Youth and Children's Worker. (Finishing in August).

TRUSTEES AND COUNCIL OF REFERENCE

Our Trustees have met six times this year, including at our Annual General Meeting, and have reviewed and updated various systems and policies. We also have a Council of Reference who support staff pastorally in their duties and give wise council when needed.

Our Trustees:

- Daniel Parker – Chair
- Neil Pacey
- Ruth Myers
- Laura Adcock
- Brian Middleton

Our Council of Reference:

- Dawn Charles (The Community Church)
- Chris Drury (Elim Church)
- Leum Harris (Riverside Church)

VOLUNTEERS

Our work would not be possible without the incredible support of our partners and volunteers—people who generously step up to dedicate their time and energy to serving others. This year, we had the privilege of working with 48 volunteers, including our 5 trustees. Among them, 34 volunteered through partner churches, and 6 were young volunteers under the age of 18. Their contributions have been invaluable to our mission.



TRAINING

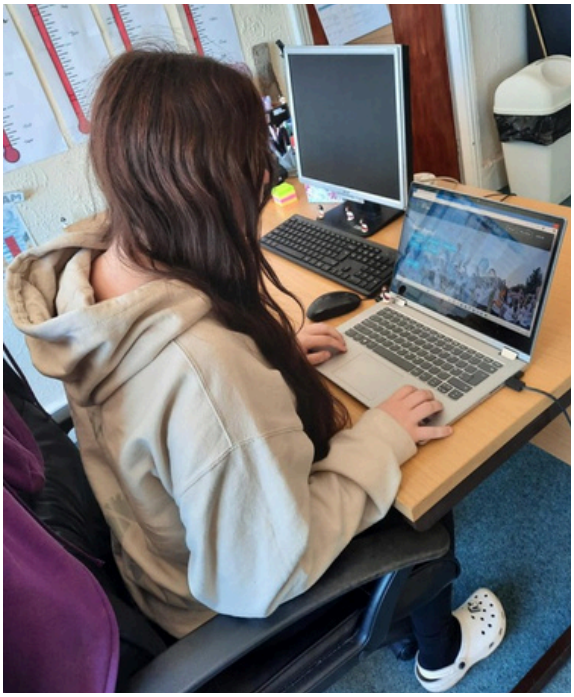
In January, we had the opportunity to meet in person at Whitemoor Lakes with 60 other centres from across the country and the British Youth for Christ team for our National Conference. The event offered valuable training, uplifting worship, and the chance to network with peers. As a team, we also came together for an away day at Launde Abbey, providing dedicated time to reflect on strategy and consider our work with greater intentionality.

Staff and volunteers all complete safer recruitment processes and hold appropriate levels of safeguarding training for their roles. This has enabled us to support the local church by delivering accessible Level 1 Safeguarding training for their volunteers.

As part of our strategic priority to develop and strengthen our team, we have accessed the Natwest Levy Funding, enabling our Lead Youth Worker to begin a Youth Work Apprenticeship degree. We have also provided financial support for our Director to undertake a Postgraduate Certificate in Therapeutic Play Skills. As part of these studies, our Director was able to give an interactive presentation to teaching assistants in her placement school, raising awareness about play therapy and how to identify children needing support.

"It made me realise how beneficial it would be for some children in my class in terms of regulating themselves and their emotions."

Both programmes have already enhanced our staff knowledge and, in turn, strengthened our work with young people. We are grateful to Eagle's Nest Project and Anglesey Primary School for serving as placement partners, helping to make this learning possible.



SPOTLIGHT

We were pleased to offer a work experience place to a year 10 student this year.

"I chose to work with Burton Youth For Christ for my 3-day work experience placement. This was because I thought it would be a great opportunity to see what it is like and to experience how they do their job. Listening to Sue and Matt plan a lesson was really interesting - I didn't realise how much thought and planning goes into it! I had a great time going into college and meeting new people. Everyone was super friendly. I really enjoyed visiting a new school as I got to see how things worked in a different environment. Overall, I enjoyed helping out during my work experience, and it was a great chance to get involved and try something new!"

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Trustees use a rolling yearly cash flow plan to make confident, informed decisions, while the Centre Director helps shape a funding strategy that nurtures relationships with churches, donors, and local partners. Our focus is on investing in young people for the long term, not just chasing short-term project funding.

Our total income was £119,179 (7.9% increase from last year).
Our outgoings amounted to £125,447 (8.3% increase).

Individual Regular Giving continued to show strong growth, reaching £37,404 - up 4.5% from £35,783 in 2023/24 and 13% from 2022/23. This steady increase reflects the ongoing loyalty of our donors and the growing engagement with our mission. The consistent year-on-year growth highlights the effectiveness of our communication and stewardship efforts, as well as the generosity of our supporter community.

We are grateful for the continued support of local churches, who contributed £3,890 this year, a decrease of 15% from the previous year.

Invoiced Income from completed work totalled £25,915. While slightly below last year's figure, this continues an upward trend over the past three years, demonstrating the increasing impact and reach of our work.

Successful funding applications and donations totaling £30,227 plus were received from:

- Neighbourly – Lidl food/drinks for youth clubs
- Burton Consolidated Charities - Core Costs
- East Staffs Local Strategic Partnership Community Safety Fund (CSF) - Warehouse Wednesday Youth Clubs and Youth Drop-in.
- Burton Transformation Trust – Town-wide youth events
- Sir John Middlemore - Listening Service
- Trent and Dove - Gaming consoles
- Tesco - Listening Service
- Burton Nurses Endowment Fund - Listening Service
- Baron Davenport – Youth Drop-in
- Lidl Toy Bank - Christmas youth events
- Staffordshire County Council Fund - Prom shop
- Beau Belles and Derby and The Designer Loft, Isle of Man - Prom Dresses

We ended the year with £25,618 in the bank, with unrestricted reserves of £19,070.

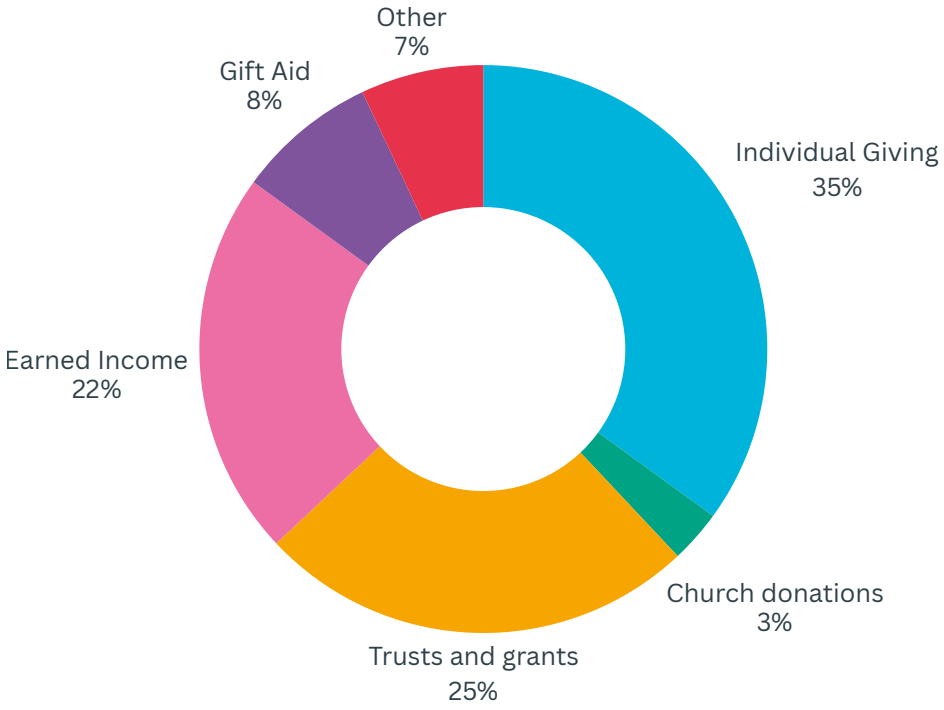
On reviewing staff salaries, Trustees approved increases to comply with the new minimum hourly rate. While it was not possible to increase all wages by 9%, adjustments were made to reflect responsibilities, experience, and length of service, resulting in a total necessary increase of £6,216 for the year. Managing staff salaries will continue to be a challenge as costs rise, requiring ongoing careful planning and oversight.

Overall, these financial results illustrate both the challenges and opportunities we face, while reinforcing the value of careful planning, dedicated supporters, and strategic stewardship of resources.

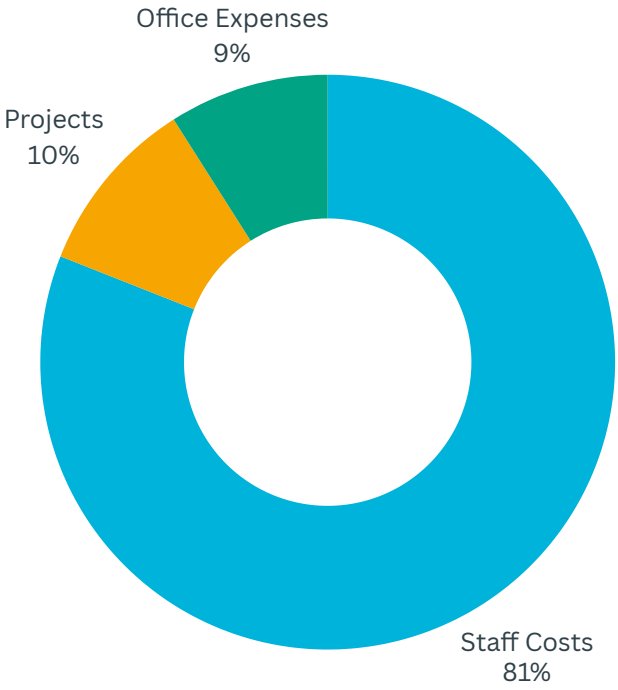
RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees reviewed their amount of funds kept in reserve, (those not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) and agreed to keep 3 months for this year. The Trustees will continue to review the policy as funding streams become more certain during the 2025/26 financial year and beyond.

INCOME £119,179



OUTGOINGS £125,447



LOOKING FORWARD

We want to continue to be a positive Christian presence within the communities of Burton-on-Trent, serving children and young people.

With this in mind, our three strategic priorities for the coming year remain:

Expand Engagement and Participation
Substantially grow the number of individuals actively involved in the mission and work of Burton Youth For Christ through increased giving, volunteering, prayer, and information sharing.

Strengthen Team Capacity:
Enhance our ability to serve by expanding and developing our team of staff and volunteers.

Integrate Ministry Areas:
Intentionally connect our ministry areas - school, church, and community - to create inclusive pathways that allow more young people to access all of our services.

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

As we enter our 40th year, we celebrate not only the dedication and hard work that have brought us this far but also the trust and recognition we have gained from the Church and the wider community. People know who we are, understand what we can offer, and actively turn to us for support. We are now recognised as a trusted partner in engaging with young people, shaping their lives, and making a meaningful impact. As we look to the future, we are committed to building on this legacy, expanding our reach, deepening our relationships, and continuing to create positive change for the next 40 years.

Thank you to all who walk with us, believing in young people. They are worth it.
Your prayers, volunteering, and generosity make a lasting difference.



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Burton Youth For Christ	1071717

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2024		31/08/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations incl Gift Aid	54,275	521	-	54,796	56,192
Grants	-	30,227	-	30,227	18,256
Charitable Activities	33,331	212	-	33,543	35,308
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	613	-	-	613	686
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	88,219	30,960	-	119,179	110,442
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	88,219	30,960	-	119,179	110,442
A3 Payments					
Staff related expenses	85,160	16,351	-	101,511	93,228
Office related expenses	2,893	8,675	-	11,568	7,660
Programme materials and resources	8,626	3,742	-	12,368	14,841
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	96,679	28,768	-	125,447	115,729
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Xbox + controllers, gaming cube & battery	-	1,638	-	1,638	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	1,638	-	1,638	-
Total payments	96,679	30,406	-	127,085	115,729
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,460	554	-	- 7,906	- 5,287
A5 Transfers between funds	- 635	635	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,165	5,359	-	33,524	38,811
Cash funds this year end	19,070	6,548	-	25,618	33,524

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Cash & Savings Accounts	19,009	6,548	-
	Petty Cash	61	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,070	6,548	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors - unpaid invoices	700	3,000	-
	Gift Aid receivable	772	-	-
	Prepayments	1,230	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Keyboard and stand - June 16	Unrestricted	514	-
	3 X ipads - imaginate plus	Unrestricted	1,148	-
	Laptop	Unrestricted	480	-
	Macbook - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,199	-
	Laptops X2 plus ipad - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,230	-
	Lego	Unrestricted	1,058	-
	Xbox + controllers, gaming cube & battery	Restricted	1,638	-
	Other items 9 yrs old or more	Unrestricted	3,240	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Payroll taxes	Unrestricted	942	
	Other creditors	Unrestricted	330	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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	Burton Youth For Christ		
On accounts for the year ended	31st August 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1071717
Set out on pages	1 & 2 of schedule CC16a		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

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 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.

Signed:		**Date:**	
Name:			
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2023 - 2024 STATS

CONNECTING WITH 1,966 YOUNG PEOPLE

AGED UNDER 11 — 37%

AGED 11 - 18 — 62%

AGED OVER 18 — 1%

WITH THE SUPPORT OF 62 VOLUNTEERS



8 YOUTH
54 ADULT
1299 HOURS GIVEN

ENGAGING WITH 39 PARTNERS

14
SCHOOL SETTINGS

12
CHURCHES

13
ORGANISATIONS

DELIVERING 1,376 YOUTH WORK SESSIONS

1196 FOR
SCHOOLS SETTING

16 FOR
CHURCHES

164 FOR
COMMUNITY

TOTALLING OVER 3,210 HOURS OF YOUTH WORK DELIVERED

INTRODUCTION

We have once again faced challenges this year with capacity, personal issues, and finances. However, we have again been provided with all the necessary resources to fulfil our responsibilities. We are grateful for the dedicated team of individuals involved in this ongoing ministry to the young people of Burton. This includes everyone who has contributed their time, energy, tears, love, money, and prayers. There is not enough space in this report to tell every story, but we hope you catch a glimpse of something that brings a smile to your face and motivates you to get involved.

Achievements that stand out this year:

- We have connected with 1,966 young people in school, church and community settings within the town of Burton-on-Trent.
- We've increased our staffing capacity by 10 hours a week.
- We have empowered young people to lead a Youth Alpha course for their peers within one of our youth club settings.
- We have encouraged and supported the local Church in their discipleship of and outreach to young people through town wide events, weekend residential, and summer holiday clubs.
- We have seen 3 young people choose to follow Christ for themselves.
- We have noticed a significant increase in the connection between our ministry areas, with many young people transitioning between school, community and church, enabling them to access all our services.
- We have increased our support in local schools, particularly in one-to-one settings.
- We have dedicated 3,210 hours of staffing and volunteer time being face to face with children and young people, the majority of whom have been aged between 11-16.
- We have continued to be a consistent Christian presence in the lives of local young people and their communities, offering inclusive and accessible forms of earliest help to all those we come into contact with, regardless of background, faith or ability.

You can find out more details on all the above within the next few pages. Be encouraged and please get in touch if you would like to know and understand more about who we are and what we do.

Sue Garb
Centre Director



AREAS OF WORK

SCHOOL

Our school's work is available to all, but it is a school's choice to access our offer. Our work usually grows organically through relationships, enabling us to build trust and understand the needs of each school more fully. Most of this work is funded through the schools themselves or from specific grants. We also have volunteer roles within Paulet, Burton Fields, Grange Infants and River View Schools as Community and Co-opted Governors.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE WORKED WITH 14 EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS:

Anglesey Primary Academy	**Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy**	**Burton Fields Primary School**
Burton and South Derbyshire College	**Eagle's Nest Project**	**Eton Park Juniors**
Holy Trinity C of E Primary	**John of Rolleston Primary**	**Paget High School**
Paulet High School	**Richard Wakefield C of E Primary**	**River View Primary**
St Modwen's Catholic Primary	**Tower View Primary**	



PAULET BREAKFAST CLUB AND SIXTH FORM SUPPORT

This work is seen as part of the school's wellbeing offer and involves the ministry of noticing and giving significance to a young person during the initial half hour of being on the school premises. (8 – 8.30am). For some young people this is a daily check-in, supporting them to start the day well. For others it helps to know there will be someone around until your friends turn up. This year we have signposted students to local youth clubs, school wellbeing, and listening services.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

We continued to support Eagles' Nest Project with one day of staffing, supporting young people in almost a one-to-one environment as they learn new skills, and work towards a qualification in cooking, martial arts and alpaca care. Eagles Nest Project are a great partner, referring their students and main stream school to our wider services such as youth clubs and one to one support.

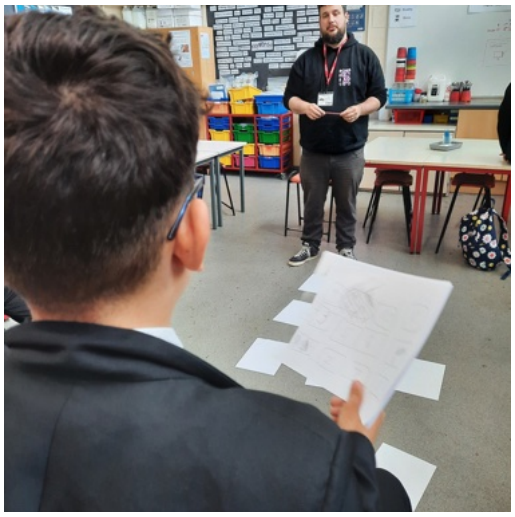
SMALL GROUPS

We have been involved in 2 High Schools delivering 85 small group sessions. Each is bespoke to the needs of the school and the young people. This means single sex and mixed groups, covering topics such as friendship, true strength, anger management, anxiety aspirations and character development.

"These sessions have had a good impact because I am still learning but in a calming and fun way."

YOUNG PERSON
GIRLS GROUP







ASSEMBLIES

We've delivered 21 assemblies this year within three Primary Schools. These always have a fun starter activity, bible message and opportunity to reflect and pray. We make them inclusive and accessible for all.

Along with our monthly visits to Holy Trinity and Richard Wakefield, we visit Tower View Primary once a term.

LESSONS

This year we were invited to Burton Fields Junior School to talk about our work and its significance, supporting the year 5s research on how faith impacts the community. The children were extremely enthusiastic and enjoyed asking a wide range of questions, as well as drawing our logo. We explained that the logo is based on a heart shape, symbolising our belief that God's heart is for children and young people, which is why we do what we do.

At Paulet High School we were invited to contribute to the year 8s learning about Jesus in their Ethics lessons. We were asked to provide a Christian perspective, sharing why Jesus is so important to Christians and to us personally.

It was great to encourage those with questions to keep on searching for answers and not to be afraid of thinking deeply.

ONE TO ONES

This year, the most significant growth area within our school's work has been supporting students in a one-to-one environment. Our team has been working closely with both the students and their families. We have provided weekly support to 5 students in primary school and 20 students in high school. The activities during these sessions have been tailored to each student's specific needs.

Our support has included helping students become more independent in navigating Burton, providing sensory breaks from the classroom environment, assisting with Special Educational Needs, setting goals for behaviour and learning attitudes, and offering a safe space for young people to chat with an adult outside of their family. We understand the importance of consistent, safe role models in young people's lives, and we feel privileged to have the opportunity to invest in their development.



"I think the work you're doing is invaluable. It's like old fashioned youth work, giving young people space to talk and feel heard which can have more impact than higher level support."

EARLY HELP
PRACTITIONER

"This has been really helpful to me because my mental health has been really low for these past few years, but then Matt came along and I knew he would help me with it. Matt is such a nice genuine guy and I really liked his sessions. He taught me to love myself for the way I am and I really like him. So thank you Matt, you're a star."

YOUNG PERSON
BEING MENTORED

My sessions with Matt have helped me in many ways including controlling my anger and calming down easier than at the start of the year. The whole session in general has been the best thing for me.'

YOUNG PERSON
BEING MENTORED

SPOTLIGHT

Throughout this year, we've been working with a student who was displaying negative behaviour and attitude towards school. Meeting with the student every week, we established a positive and trusting relationship using activities such as Lego Education, games, animation, and discussions around PSHE topics. By creating a connection with the student, we were able to identify areas of need and focus on them together, which made the process more child-led. The student's needs included managing anger and addressing their reactions when others upset them.

In this secure and non-judgemental environment, the young person had the opportunity to think about past experiences and consider what they could do differently in the future. They were able to take ownership of their own mistakes and learn from them. They also wanted to improve their social skills as they realised that they struggled with making friends and interpreting social cues. With all this in mind, our staff worker was able to develop a bespoke program to support them going forward.

LISTENING SERVICE

This year our listening service has been in high demand. Over the year we have intentionally listened to 124 different young people (39 7-11s and 84 11-16s) over 623 separate sessions within 8 schools. This is an increase of over 200 sessions from last year.

It's been a privilege to provide a safe space specifically for 'being with' and 'hearing' the voices of children and young people. When asked what words they would use to describe the listening sessions, one young person said, ***"less alone, relief-ful, fun."***

'It's helped me understand that not everything is my fault."

'It's like taking a breath of fresh air.'

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART IN OUR LISTENING SERVICE

'The opportunity to have dedicated one to one time with a compassionate adult, who is solely focussed on them, is truly beneficial. Due to the input with individual children Sue has been able to assist us to refer children onto other services when there is a need for more specialised support.'

ANGLESEY PRIMARY PASTORAL LEAD

'Paget have used the listening service for a number of years, since Covid this has been a vital service for the health and wellbeing of vulnerable students. Students who fall below the threshold of the Mental Health Support Team are able to access the listening service and have the opportunity to have a sounding board and someone they trust to work through their worries and anxieties. The students who have accessed the listening service have all benefited and it has made a difference to their ability to access education.'

PAGET HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT SENCO

COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY LUNCHTIME

We partner with Riverside Church to spend one lunchtime a week being available to students and staff for discussion, wellbeing support and prayer. There's always a question of the week and a free lolly! This year Nathan and Becky (Riverside's youth worker) have connected with 200 students and have a regular group of 25 young people who check in with them each week. Going forward.... following conversations between the three organisations involved, we are delighted to announce that in September, this service will expand to supporting learners and staff with the establishment of a Christian Union type of society.







CHURCH

We have a huge heart for the local Church and love to serve it. We can deliver talks and presentations, facilitate training and support the development and delivery of youth and children's work. We are part of the Burton Churches Together group.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH 12 CHURCHES THROUGH SUPPORTING YOUTH/CHILDREN'S WORK, SPEAKING, USING THEIR BUILDINGS, OR MEETING WITH THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE AT OUR MONHTLY YOUTH EVENTS. WE HAVE ALSO INCLUDED CHURCHES WHO PARTNER WITH US BY GIVING.

All Saints	**Ashby Baptist**
Burton Family Church	**Burton Elim Church**
Immanuel	**Kingdom Advance Network**
New Baptist Church	**Riverside**
St Mary's	**St Saviour's**
St. Peter's	**The Community Church**



TOWN WIDE YOUTH EVENTS

These are our events aimed at young people connected with churches. Our hope is that the ones and twos from individual churches can see they are part of something bigger and be encouraged in their faith development.

After listening to young people, we discovered they would like more opportunities to further develop the relationships established during the March residential. Additionally, they expressed a desire for safe spaces to delve deeper into faith and relevant topics. Taking this into consideration, we organised five youth events throughout the year: two 'Big Youth Nights' for socialising, worship, and Christian teaching, two fun outreach events - The Christmas Ball and The Paint Party, a weekend residential, and a ten week Youth Alpha course facilitated by young people.

Overall, 83 young people from 5 different Churches attended the 5 separate events. The number of churches represented at these events has halved since last year, yet the number of young people has increased from three Churches.





A big thank you goes to our amazing team of volunteers and youth leaders who have enabled us to hold these youth events over the last year. We would not be able to do this without them.



We would also like to thank Riverside Church, St. Mary's, The Community Church, and Burton Elim Church for allowing us free use of their buildings. Without this support, we wouldn't be able to run the events.

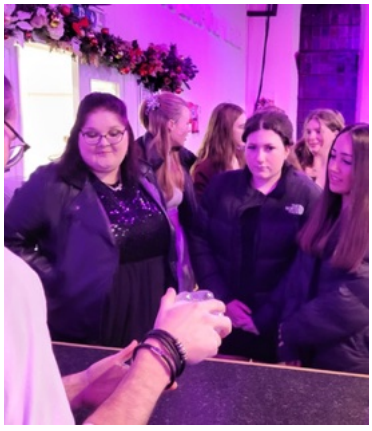
YOUTH ALPHA

After taking part in our town-wide youth Alpha last year, four young people wanted to lead another group and invite their friends along. With the support from the team, they ran the course as part of an extra activity option within the Youth Drop-in. They used the Alpha series of videos to discuss big topics such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'How do I pray? as well as a Saturday together looking at the Holy Spirit. Since the course has finished many of the young people have chosen to continue their journey with God by joining a church youth group or attending a local church. This has also enabled other family members to begin accessing the church community.



"I have found leading the Alpha course very rewarding and very beneficial. I have learnt more about God and have learnt many good skills for the future, for example praying for non-Christians and leading a group of people. It has helped me grow in confidence in talking to bigger groups of people and helped me learn how to control bigger characters."

YOUTH ALPHA YOUNG LEADER



It was a truly unique experience filled with joy and positive energy. I was impressed and changed by these few weeks.

The whole course has been very interesting and comforting.

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED YOUTH ALPHA

RESIDENTIAL

In March 45 young people from 4 churches joined our team of 5 staff and 14 volunteers at Alton Castle for 45 hours of activities, worship, teaching and some sleep. Our theme was 'Unshakeable.' We focused on who God is and that in Him we have strength. We had Jon Jackal from British Youth For Christ with us too, bringing his flavour to the mix with God stories and singing. There were times for crafts, sports, a walk, chill out, bible-based seminars, as well as a chance to play party bingo, write a rap and dance until midnight!

During the last meeting together, we were all given the opportunity to reflect on our stand-out moment from the weekend. Many young people chose to speak out and share what God had been saying to them, and everyone was able to encourage and cheer them on.

"I've had the time of my life and I want to say thank you because this is the most accepted I've ever felt."

"This weekend allowed me to rediscover the power of worship and allowed me to feel peace for the first time in a long time."

"Through every battle I have been supported by one person and that's God, especially this weekend I have been flooded with the love of God and felt it piping through me."

"He's taken the worries off my back, and I can already feel it and I feel safe now knowing that God is watching out for me."

"I felt God has been saying to me no matter what I do, if I sin, if I go wrong, if I go against him, even if I leave Him, He is always with me no matter what. I also felt that God is my Father and He will always look after me, love me and always care for me."

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE WEEKEND AWAY



VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

All our staff team are active members of local Churches and are involved in leading and supporting youth and children's work regularly. Although not directly undertaken by Youth for Christ, our staff make full use of their training and experience to add value to the local church, benefiting even more young people.

During the summer some of the team volunteered their time at the Christian summer festivals held at Stafford Show Ground, either with their local church youth group or as part of the safeguarding team. Some young people went to this with the local church after joining the youth group through the youth alpha course, or from being part of our youth drop-in.

CHURCH SUPPORT

We've been able to support local churches this year by:

- Visiting and sharing a message on a Sunday morning or a mid-week meeting. This year we visited three churches.
- Being part of the Burton Churches Together group.
- Supporting 4 churches to deliver holiday clubs.
- Continuing to offer town-wide youth events for their young people to be a part of.
- Offering young people moving to University a prep evening to discuss everything they may need to know to thrive.
- Financially supporting a young person to take part in Amplify – an evangelistic training course with two weekend residentials.
- Volunteering within our local Churches.

COMMUNITY

For some young people our open-access work is the only activity they take part in outside of school. We believe this consistent presence is the first step in reflecting God's faithfulness to young people in a continuously changing world.

WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH 13 ORGANISATIONS

British Youth For Christ	**Burton Albion Community Trust**
Local Support Team	**Missional Youth Church Network**
Police Community Support Officers	**Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services**
Support Staffordshire	**Trent and Dove Housing**
Sexual Advice Rape And Counselling (SARAC)	**Whitemoor Lakes**
Staffordshire County Council	**Social Services**



YOUTH CLUBS

We are committed to providing safe spaces within the community for young people to be, working in partnership with the local church and other organisations. We believe they allow young people a chance to be seen differently than at home or school - it's a middle ground where they are appreciated as people, being allowed to have fun and make mistakes. For some, this may be the only place they experience this depth of acceptance. Young people need stability – especially within relationships – and we can offer this in a significant way once a week through the youth clubs. Our clubs allow young people to choose what they want to engage in and include games, food, skateboarding on a Wednesday, arts and crafts and informal wellbeing support.

This year we've served 156 different young people over 109 sessions at 2 venues. This is an increase of 31 sessions and 24 young people compared to last year.

The Warehouse Youth Club and Skate Park runs in partnership with Riverside Church in the town centre every Wednesday during term time for 10 to 17s.
This year saw the expansion of provision to include a Junior School age group starting from September for 7-11s. This runs just before the senior age club on Wednesdays during term time.
The Stapenhill Youth Drop-in runs with support from The Community Church at the Number One Community building every Friday during term time for 11 to 16s.







SPOTLIGHT

For part of the year, we saw a young person with complex mental health needs join us until they moved area. Carers had to stay within the youth drop-in. This young person loved craft activities, so we always had a new challenge for them to try. This was one of the only times in the week that this young person was able to socialise with others of the same age as they could not attend school due to their specific needs.

We have seen young people develop their self-awareness as well as their understanding of others. Additionally, we were able to take some climbing at Whitemoor Lakes, which greatly boosted their confidence. We've been able to support young people coping with challenging situations such as loss and change, and facilitated discussions about sex and relationships in response to their questions about safe relationships. Some young people have also volunteered to help within the kitchen as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

What I like about the youth club is that it's a place where I'm free to be myself and every single member of staff is so kind and I feel wanted when I'm here. There's no judgement here and I completely love this place. It's a place to go after school. I'm very comfortable when I'm here and I'm not scared to share my identity with the staff. They are very comforting to me. I feel incredibly safe being with them.

YOUNG PERSON ATTENDING ONE OF OUR YOUTH CLUBS

ONE TO ONES

We have given 5 young people/young adults support in ongoing life skills on a weekly to monthly basis within the community. It's their choice to engage and can take place at our office, local cafes or via a phone call. Depending on the young person's needs it can look like building Lego and creating a video, giving chance to chat over coffee, sitting in a meeting with other agencies or making sure they've made it to an interview.

This extra 'parental' style support can make a big difference to a young person as they navigate their way towards adulthood. We have found that there are many gaps in our statutory care systems, especially for those on the cusp of adult services. We aim to plug that gap where we can.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

It's been brilliant to collaborate with numerous volunteers and churches around Burton this summer. We've helped organise and deliver 17 holiday activity sessions and 5 detached youth work sessions, reaching out to 356 children and young people. We'd particularly like to thank Trent and Dove Housing Association, Burton Albion Community Trust, Trentside Parish, St. Mary's Church, Riverside Church and The Community Church.

We connected with 110 different 4-17 year olds during the church-based holiday clubs with a mix of games, sports, crafts, cooking and chill time. The primary groups also had moments of reflection around a biblical theme, giving chance to respond in creative ways, whilst our older groups maximised on the extra time and space to build positive relationships. This year we partnered with Trent and Dove Housing, Burton Albion Community Trust and Riverside Church in delivering activities for over 160 young people during three 'Youth Work in the Park' sessions and the Playday at Shobnall Leisure Centre. We were able to share the good news about Jesus' love and increase local knowledge about what we offer.











PERSONNEL

TEAM

Our staff team is an exceptionally dedicated group, deeply passionate about both God and young people. We are especially grateful for our strong staff retention, which provides invaluable stability and strength to the centre. This year, one of our key strategic goals was to expand our team's capacity. While we haven't yet achieved our target of 37 hours, we have made significant progress, reaching a quarter of our goal. We have also experimented with sessional work, gaining insights into how it influences our overall capacity.

- **Sue Garb** as full-time Centre Director
- **Sue Jolle**y as part-time team administrator and representative
- **Matt Rimmer** as full-time Youth Work Lead
- **Nathan O'Neill** as full-time Youth and Children's Outreach Worker
- **Steve Plumb** as part-time Youth and Children's Worker. (Joined October 24)
- **Ben Selbey** as a sessional Youth and Children's Worker (6 hours from October to May)

VOLUNTEERS

Our work would not be possible without the incredible support of our partners and volunteers—people who generously step up to dedicate their time and energy to serving others. This year, we had the privilege of working with 62 volunteers, including our 5 trustees. Among them, 38 volunteered through partner churches, and 8 were young volunteers under the age of 18. Their contributions have been invaluable to our mission.





TRUSTEES AND COUNCIL OF REFERENCE

Our Trustees meet bi-monthly, making legal, financial and HR decisions. Our Council of Reference aim to meet three times a year to support staff pastorally in their duties and give wise council when needed.

Our Trustees:

- Daniel Parker – Chair
- Frank Startin – Treasurer*
- Neil Pacey
- Ruth Myers
- Laura Adcock

Within our Trustee body there are three local Churches represented.

Our Council of Reference:

- Dawn Charles (The Community Church)
- Rev. George Crossley (St Chads and St Marys)*
- Chris Drury (Elim Church)
- Leum Harris (Riverside Church)

*Sadly, for us we have said 'goodbye' to both Frank Startin and Rev. George Crossley this year as they have moved out of the area. We give thanks to them both for their years of input and encouragement.

FUNDRAISING

There were many laughs at our annual quiz night fundraiser in February alongside some home-made soups and good company. We were also able to have a stall at Paulet High School's Christmas Fair, raising money and promoting the youth clubs. These events helped us raise over £500 towards the ongoing costs of our work.

TRAINING

In January we were able to meet together in person in Halesowen with the 60 other centres from around the country and the British Youth For Christ team for our National Conference. We were able to access training, be part of uplifting worship and network with others.

Staff and volunteers have taken part in and completed:

- First Aid at work
- Food Hygiene
- Level 1 and 3 safeguarding
- Prevent
- Suicide awareness and prevention course
- Mastering Listening Skills
- Positive Behaviour Training
- Mental health experiences and needs of autistic teenagers
- Level 2 youth work

SYSTEMS & POLICIES

The trustees have met six times this year including our Annual General Meeting and have reviewed and updated various systems and policies. This has included our policies concerning:

- Safeguarding
- Online Safety
- Finance
- Recruitment
- Equal Opportunities
- Data Protection, Retention and Information Security
- National Youth for Christ Charter Agreement.

Our insurance was renewed in April with Ansvar Insurance.

Trustees reviewed staff salaries in March and agreed to increase wages to comply with the new minimum hourly rate. Trustees were acutely aware that they could not increase all staff wages by 10% and therefore gave some incremental differences to honour responsibilities, experience and time served. In the last three years salaries have risen by £18,000. This will continue to be a challenge moving forward as costs continue to rise.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

To make decisions well and confidently, trustees use a rolling yearly cash flow plan, enabling us to see and identify patterns within our finances more clearly and plan accordingly.

Our annual income was £ 110,442 Our outgoings were £115,729

We are very grateful and pleased to report that individual giving by standing orders increased by £2,685 to £35,783, with five more givers joining us over the year. Alongside the Gift Aid of £7,789, this gives us the freedom to plan well and have greater fluidity to adapt to the needs around us.
One-off individual giving has increased by the largest percentage from £973 to £3,030.
We are grateful for the financial support from local churches:
Immanuel Church, The Community Church, St. Mary's, All Saint's, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, New Baptist and Riverside. This year Church giving was £4,580.
Our invoiced income has totalled £31,285 from work completed. This is an increase of £5,000.
We also give thanks for a surprise donation from New Start Charity Shop along with the £18,100 we have received in grants during the last twelve months. Successful funding applications were received from:

- Fare share – Bookers & Asda food for youth clubs
- Neighbourly – Lidl food/drinks for youth clubs
- Slavanka Trust – Residential
- Burton Transformation Trust – Townwide youth events
- Brizlincote Parish Council – Food and resources for Youth Drop-in
- Souter Charitable Trust – Core Costs
- Baron Davenport – Youth Drop-in
- Albert Hunt Trust – Core Costs
- Winshill Parish Council – Listening in Winshill
- Anglesey Parish Council – Listening in Anglesey Primary
- Community Safety Fund - Warehouse Youth Club

This year we applied to 28 funding bodies, an increase of 7 from last year and were successful with 8. This has been the hardest year so far for gaining funding via grants with a decrease of £5,000.
We ended the year with £33,524 in the bank with free reserves of £28,165.

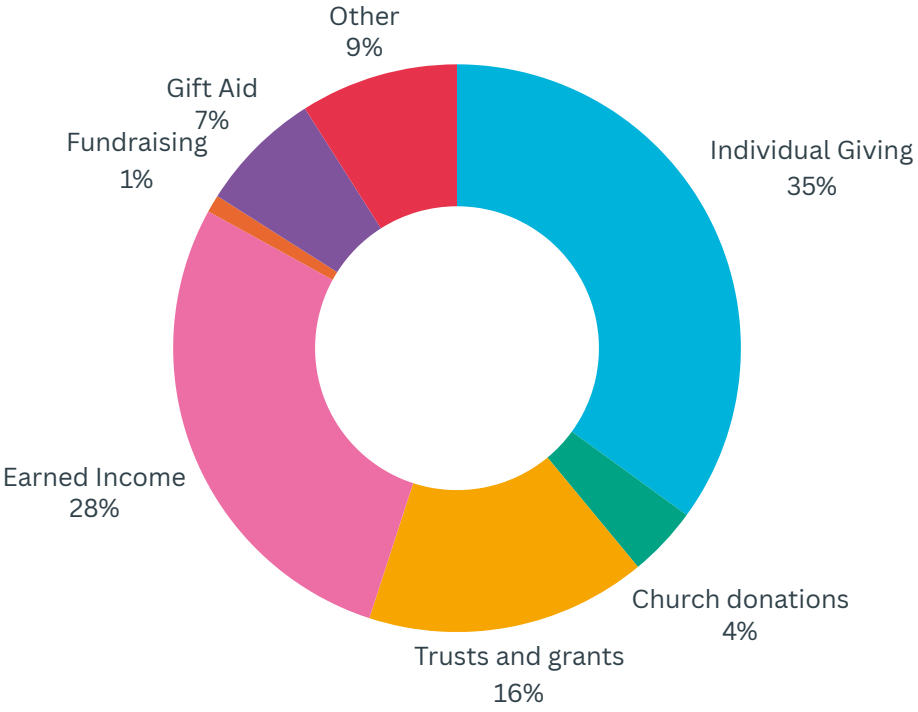


The Centre Director works alongside Trustees to create a funding strategy. This aims to build positive relationships with churches, individuals and grant givers who understand the needs of young people and are willing to give resources and funds to improve sustainability alongside one off grants. This also includes seeking out new partnerships with other local organisations as well as continuing with those we already have. Our heart is to invest in young people for the long term, not just follow money attached to specific projects.

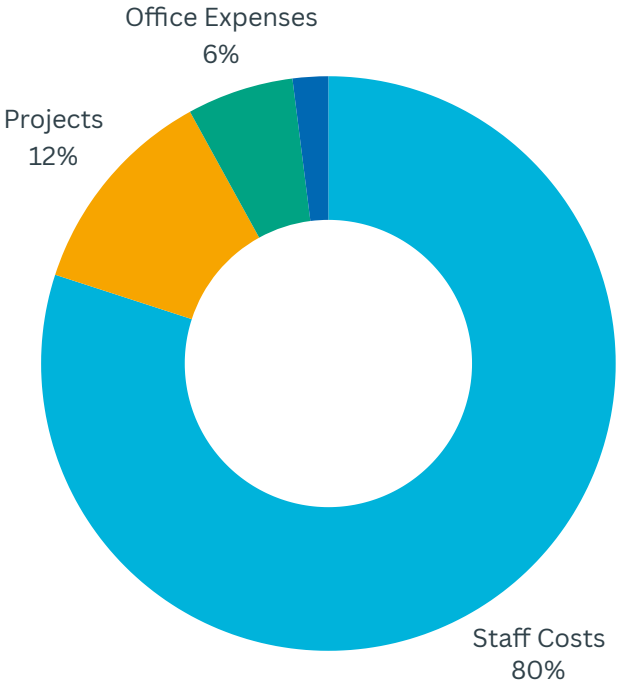
RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees reviewed their amount of funds kept in reserve, (those not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) and agreed to keep 3 months for this year. The Trustees will continue to review the policy as funding streams become more certain during the 2024/25 financial year and beyond.

INCOME £110,442



OUTGOINGS £115,729



LOOKING FORWARD

We want to continue to be a positive Christian presence within the communities of Burton-on-Trent, serving children and young people.

With this in mind our three strategic priorities for the coming year are:

Expand Engagement and Participation
Substantially grow the number of individuals actively involved in the mission and work of Burton Youth For Christ through increased giving, volunteering, prayer, and information sharing.

Strengthen Team Capacity:
Enhance our ability to serve by expanding and developing our team of staff and volunteers.

Integrate Ministry Areas:
Intentionally connect our ministry areas - school, church, and community - to create inclusive pathways that allow more young people to access all of our services.

"Continue to ask, and God will give to you. Continue to search, and you will find. Continue to knock, and the door will open for you."
Matthew 7:7 (ICB)

We recognise that much of our work is about keeping on keeping on, and trusting that God has everything we need to do that. It has been clear this year that God has been saying 'I have and am enough' - in terms of resources, people, energy, grace, and compassion. We believe this for the young people of Burton too and aim to continue communicating that through who we are and what we do.

Thank you to everyone who journeys with us, believing in young people and the One who created them. For the consistency of those who pray, volunteer, and give – thank you for your faithfulness.



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Burton Youth For Christ	1071717

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2023		31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations incl Gift Aid	56,192	-	-	56,192	52,424
Grants	-	18,256	-	18,256	23,984
Charitable Activities	35,308	-	-	35,308	29,715
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	686	-	-	686	261
Gov grant - Job Retention scheme	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	92,186	18,256	-	110,442	106,384
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,186	18,256	-	110,442	106,384
A3 Payments					
Staff related expenses	75,515	17,713	-	93,228	83,351
Office related expenses	2,185	5,475	-	7,660	8,659
Programme materials and resources	10,728	4,113	-	14,841	8,726
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	88,428	27,301	-	115,729	100,736
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	88,428	27,301	-	115,729	100,736
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,758	- 9,045	-	- 5,287	5,648
A5 Transfers between funds	- 893	893	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,300	13,511	-	38,811	33,163
Cash funds this year end	28,165	5,359	-	33,524	38,811

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	CAF Cash & Savings Accounts	28,032	5,359	-
	Petty Cash	133	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,165	5,359	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Debtors - unpaid invoices	760	-	-
Gift Aid receivable	682	-	-
Prepayments	2,350	-	-
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Keyboard and stand - June 16	Unrestricted	514	-
3 X ipads - imaginate plus	Unrestricted	1,148	-
Laptop	Unrestricted	480	-
Macbook - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,199	-
Laptops X2 plus ipad - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,230	-
Lego	Restricted	1,058	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Payroll taxes	Unrestricted	988	
Other creditors	Unrestricted	32	
Customer advances	Unrestricted	2,900	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of	Burton Youth for Christ		
On accounts for the year ended	31st August 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1071717
Set out on pages	1 and 2 Of schedule CC16a		

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of 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 the 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

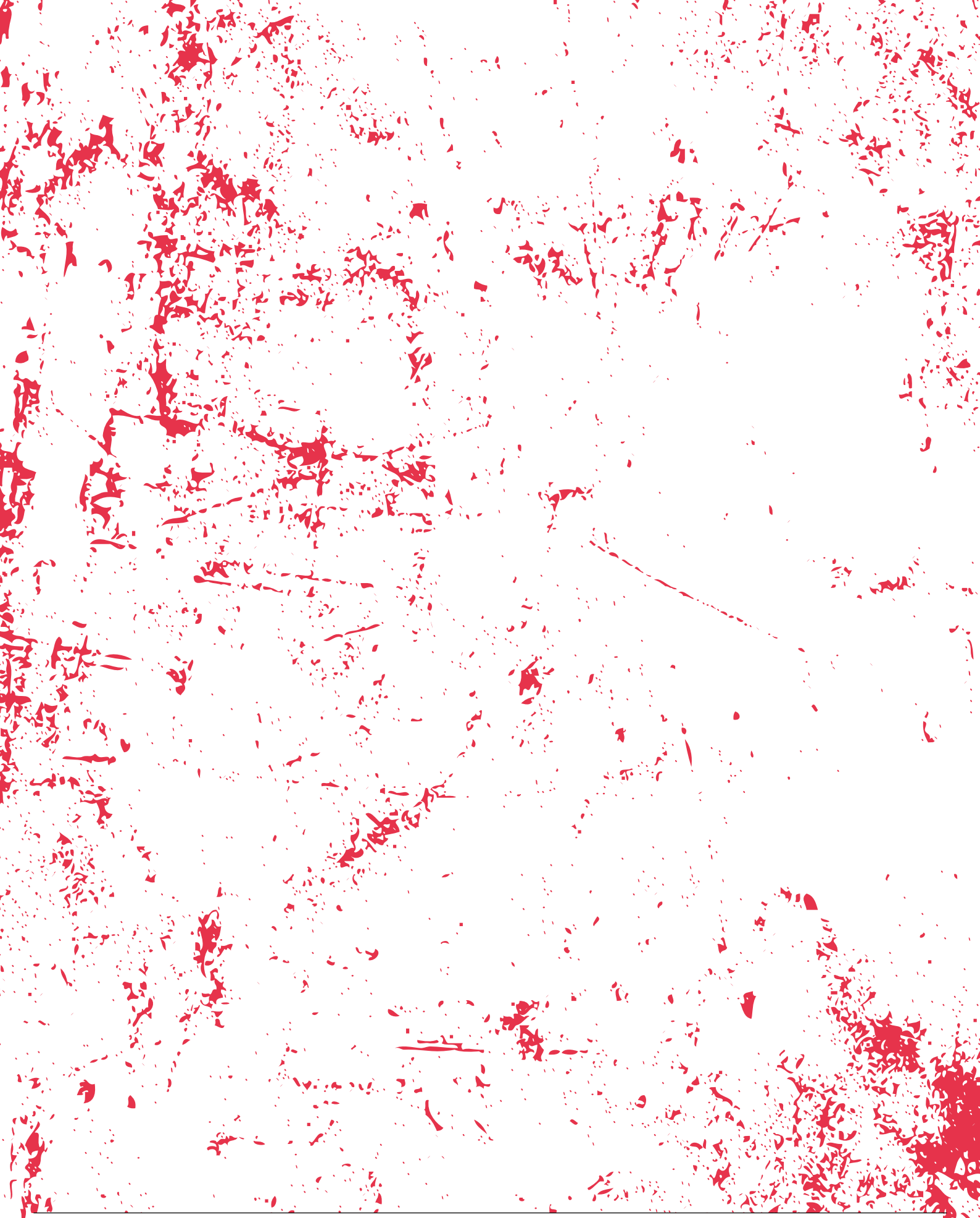
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	23/10/2024
Name:	Richard Farmer		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants		
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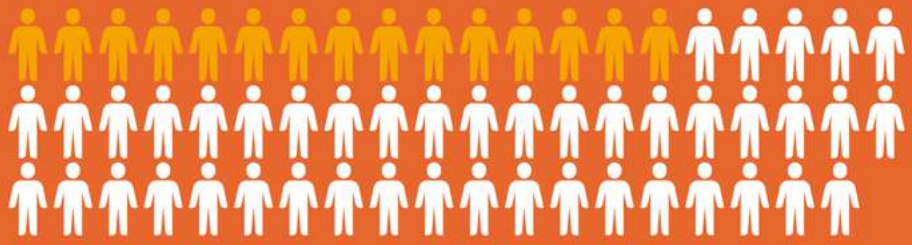
CONNECTING WITH 2,451 YOUNG PEOPLE

AGED UNDER 11 — 12.5%

AGED 11 - 18 — 86%

AGED OVER 18 — 1.5%

WITH THE SUPPORT OF 59 VOLUNTEERS



15 YOUTH
44 ADULT
1106 HOURS GIVEN

ENGAGING WITH 44 PARTNERS

18
SCHOOL SETTINGS

16
CHURCHES

10
ORGANISATIONS

DELIVERING 800 YOUTH WORK SESSIONS

597 FOR
SCHOOLS SETTING

37 FOR
CHURCHES

166 FOR
COMMUNITY

TOTALLING OVER 2773 HOURS OF YOUTH WORK DELIVERED

INTRODUCTION

This year has been a an extra long one. We have been stretched more than ever with capacity, personal challenges and finance.....YET, this has been matched by many positive surprises. We have noticed a growing understanding around the value of youth work in supporting the needs of young people and an increased trust in us from others and our increased trust in the One commissioning us.

Achievements that stand out this year:

- We have connected with 2,451 young people in school, church and community settings within the town of Burton-on-Trent. (An increase of 857 on last year).
- We've invested into a core group of young adult volunteers giving opportunities for growth and development within leadership, youth work and discipleship.
- We've increased discipleship opportunities for young people within the town by holding monthly youth services and events, leading a town wide youth alpha and a weekend residential.
- We've encouraged and supported local churches to recognise and use their strengths in outreach to young people by journeying alongside them to create new youth works and opportunities for engagement.
- We have increased our support into local schools, engaging with 6 more primary schools this year through our listening service.
- We have given 2,773 hours of staffing and volunteer time being face to face with children and young people, the majority of whom have been aged between 11-16.
- We have continued to be a consistent Christian presence in the lives of local young people and their communities, offering inclusive and accessible forms of earliest help to all those we come into contact with, regardless of background, faith or ability.

You can find out more details on all the above within the next few pages. Be encouraged and please get in touch if you would like to know and understand more about who we are and what we do.

Sue Garb
Centre Director



AREAS OF WORK

SCHOOL

Our school's work is available to all, but it is a school's choice to access our offer. Our work usually grows organically through relationships, enabling us to build trust and understand the needs of each school more fully.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE WORKED WITH 18 EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS:

Anglesey Primary Academy	**Abbot Beyne**	**Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy**
Burton PRU	**Burton and South Derbyshire College**	**The deFerrers Academy**
Derby University	**Eagle's Nest Project**	**Eton Park Juniors**
Holy Rosary Catholic Primary Academy	**Holy Trinity C of E Primary**	**John of Rolleston Primary**
Paget High School	**Paulet High School**	**Richard Wakefield C of E Primary**
River View Primary	**St Modwen's Catholic Primary**	**Tower View Primary**



PAULET BREAKFAST CLUB AND SIXTH FORM SUPPORT

This work is seen as part of the school's wellbeing offer and involves the ministry of noticing and giving significance to a young person during the initial half hour of being on the school premises. (8 – 8.30am). This year the school asked us to provide board games and we began advertising it more within the school, joining it up much more with wellbeing support.

We were also asked to pilot wellbeing support for one afternoon a week within the 6th form for several weeks. Although the young people had asked for more visually present support offers, they didn't access this enough for it to continue long term.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

We continued to support Eagle's Nest Project with our staff supporting young people in almost a one-to-one environment as they learn new skills, and work towards a qualification in cooking, and alpaca care.

We also delivered with Burton Albion Community Trust, at their hub building supporting their alternative education groups.

We have offered a weekly one to one art class during term time to a student needing alternative sessions as part of their education package. This was a great opportunity to delve into the world of process art in a therapeutic way, supporting growth in the young person's confidence, problem solving skills and overall wellbeing.







LISTENING SERVICE

This year our listening service has grown with funding from Staffordshire Community Champions. Over the year we have intentionally listened to 91 different young people over 401 separate sessions. The biggest area of growth has been within primary schools – delivering into 6 new schools and serving 47 8-11 year olds.

It's been a privilege to provide a safe space specifically for 'being with' and 'hearing' the voices of children and young people. For some this has been a much needed overflow, enabling their minds to become calmer once the words have been spoken. For others it has been a gentle constant, enabling them to know they are not on their own with their worries. When asked what words they would use to describe the listening sessions, one young person said "freedom, understood and happy."

"I am calmer and a lot more in control of my actions and thoughts."

"You can open up and you can talk about anything you want to.
It's very welcoming."

"You're the perfect match for our children."

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAFF
TAKING PART IN OUR LISTENING SERVICE

SMALL GROUPS

We have been involved in 3 High Schools and 1 Primary delivering 105 small group sessions. Each is bespoke to the needs of the school and the young people. This means single sex and mixed groups, covering topics such as friendship, true strength, anger management, anxiety, aspirations and character development.

This year we were able to add in the Lego Spike resource funded by DPR Controls. This works well within primary and senior school settings, boosting young people's problem solving and team work skills. It has been particularly good with quieter students or young people struggling with anxiety as they are able to go at their own pace yet feel like they have achieved something within an hour's lesson time.

Our approach is still relational, creating space to listen and enable understanding to grow. The overwhelming message we get from the young people is that the groups are not long enough!

"This group was very enjoyable and helpful. I can now comfortably talk about my feelings and would like to say thank you."

YOUNG PERSON GIRLS GROUP

""It's helped me be more confident."

YOUNG PERSON IN CHARACTER GROUP

""It helps with getting things off your shoulders."







ASSEMBLIES

We've delivered 14 assemblies this year within three Primary Schools.

Along with our monthly visits to Holy Trinity, we were asked to lead River View Primary's Harvest assembly alongside The Community Church Food Bank.

Going forward we've been asked to work in partnership with Anslow, Rolleston and Tutbury benefice alongside Rev Phyllis to increase the Christian presence within Richard Wakefield C of E School.

COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY LUNCHTIME

We partner with Riverside Church to spend one lunch time a week being available to students and staff for discussion, wellbeing support and prayer. There's always a question of the week and a free lolly! This year Nathan and Becky (Riverside's youth worker) have a regular group of 25 students who check in with them each week.

ONE TO ONES

We were able to support 10 young people within a primary (2) or high school (8) setting this year through a weekly one to one meeting. Activities have varied greatly and are specific to each young person's needs.

Support has included a sensory break from the classroom, supporting with Special Educational Needs and accessing the school day, mentoring sessions, setting goals in behaviour and learning attitudes, and providing a safe space/adult outside of the family to chat with. We know that consistent safe role models can make a huge difference to young lives as they grow, so it's a real privilege to have this opportunity to invest in their development.

CHURCH

We have a huge heart for the local Church and love to serve it. We can deliver talks and presentations, facilitate training and support the development and delivery of youth and children's work. We are part of the Burton Churches Together group.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH 16 CHURCHES THROUGH SUPPORTING YOUTH/CHILDREN'S WORK, SPEAKING, USING THEIR BUILDINGS, OR MEETING WITH THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE AT OUR MONHTLY YOUTH EVENTS.

All Saints	**Anslow, Rolleston, Tutubury Benefice**
Ashby Baptist	**Burton Elim**
Burton Family Church	**Holy Trinity, Ashby**
Immanuel	**Kingdom Advance Network**
Riverside	**St. James, Barton**
St. James, Stoke	**St. Mary's**
St. Peter's	**St. Saviour's**
St Wystan's	**The Community Church**



TOWN WIDE YOUTH EVENTS

This is our monthly town wide youth event aimed at young people connected with churches. Our hope is that the ones and twos from individual churches can see they are part of something bigger and be encouraged in their faith development. This year we changed the format to offer 7 youth services, a weekend residential and 2 bigger events that they could bring their friends along to – a silent Christmas disco where we gave opportunity for young people to find out more about Jesus, and a summer paint party, encouraging them to embrace their God given colours! Our most well attended events were the first youth service, the residential and the paint party.

Overall, we've seen 95 young people from 13 different Churches over the 10 separate events.

A big thank you goes to our core team of volunteers and youth leaders who have enabled us to hold these youth events over the last year. We would not be able to do this without them.

We would also like to thank Riverside Church, St. Mary's, The Community Church, and Burton Elim Church for allowing us free use of their buildings. Without this support, we wouldn't be able to run the events.

RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND - IMMEASURABLY MORE

God did do immeasurably more than we could have hoped or imagined during 45 hours of time away together with 42 young people from 5 different churches, the Youth For Christ team, and an amazing group of 4 youth leaders and 9 volunteers.

We looked at the Ephesians 3:14-21 passage - through gathering together for teaching and worship, as well as times of free choice through creative workshops, physical activities and discussion groups.

Many young people asked for prayer during the weekend, heard God's voice for themselves, made positive choices, and strengthened friendships within their own youth groups and began new ones with others.

"This weekend has changed me. I feel connected more to the youth and to God. I now feel free, connected, loved, so just keep going."

"I was afraid, maybe even ashamed to follow Jesus' example and practise what I believe, but.... Now I can conquer my fear through God and I believe he has used me/is using me to set an example and spread the gospel."

"God makes me feel like I am loved – God has helped me feel more confident. God makes me feel like I am here for a reason."

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED OUR YOUTH WEEKEND AWAY











VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

All our staff team are active members of local Churches and are involved in leading and supporting youth and children's work on a regular basis. Although not directly undertaken by Youth for Christ, our staff make full use of their training and experience to add value to the local church, benefiting even more young people.

During the summer the whole team volunteered their time to take 30 local 11-18s to the Christian Festivals at Stafford Showground as part of their church's youth ministry. It was an encouraging time, giving the opportunity to reconnect with God for themselves and enjoy the freedom of being amongst so many other young people. Three young people decided to follow Jesus for the first time.

YOUTH ALPHA

Our town wide Youth Alpha group took place off the back of our Silent Disco seeing 5 young people meeting together with Sue J and Matt for 10 weeks to discuss life's big questions and delving deeper into the Christian faith. This included a day away at Whitemoor Lakes Activity Centre. They were all given opportunity to grow both physically and spiritually – with the challenging 'leap of faith' and chance to discuss and reflect upon the Holy Spirit.

"The most important thing in my head was that the Holy Spirit wasn't behind me. I wasn't being pushed and forced, but He was in front and I chose to follow."

"God made it clear that I should treat Him like a best friend as well as a father."

"I got a real sense that God was trying to show me how comfortable I am within myself and how much I have grown."

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED ALPHA







UNI PREP NIGHT

In September we ran our uni prep night for two young people heading off to start their new life at De Montford and Plymouth Universities. The evening included lots of practical advice such as cooking and finding a church to emotional resilience looking at friendships and missing home. Thank you to Antonia and Catriona who led this evening and were happy to share their own life experiences.

CHURCH SUPPORT

We've been able to support local churches this year by:

- Visiting and sharing a message on a Sunday morning or a mid-week meeting. This year we visited four churches. For one of these, we were able to involve young people who were happy to share their stories of how God has been working in their lives.
- Journeying alongside some churches as they've set up new youth works – encouraging and praying for them. St. James' Church have been in the process of setting up a youth work within Barton, as well as All Saints who were working alongside Scripture Union to offer free crafts, lunch and faith-based discussion for girls aged 7 upwards.
- Supporting them to deliver holiday clubs. For St Saviour's Church this was the first one back after COVID.
- Continuing to offer town wide youth events for their young people to be a part of if they want to.

COMMUNITY

For some young people our open access work is the only activity they take part in outside of school. We believe this consistent presence is the first step in reflecting God's faithfulness to young people in a continuously changing world.

WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH 10 OTHER ORGANISATIONS

British Youth For Christ	**Burton Albion Community Trust**
Local Support Team	**Missional Youth Church Network**
Police Community Support Officers	**Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services**
Support Staffordshire	**Trent and Dove Housing**
Sexual Advice Rape And Counselling (SARAC)	**Whitemoor Lakes**



YOUTH CLUBS

Our youth clubs allow young people to choose what they want to engage in and include games, food, skateboarding on a Wednesday, arts and crafts and informal wellbeing support.

This year we've welcomed 132 different young people over 78 sessions at 2 venues.

The Warehouse Youth Club and Skate Park runs in partnership with Riverside Church in the town centre every Wednesday during term time for 10 to 17s. This year we have seen 78 young people over 36 sessions with a weekly average of 17. We have a consistent team of staff and 5 weekly volunteers.

The Stapenhill Youth Drop-in runs with support from The Community Church at the Number One Community building every Friday during term time for 11 to 16s.
This year we have seen 60 young people over 42 sessions (including 5 holiday sessions) averaging 15 young people a week. We have had 2 weekly volunteers along with our staff team.

"I am a lot calmer - I used to be very boisterous at home. Being here takes my mind off things."

"I feel like I can talk to anyone when I'm upset, annoyed or feeling down."

"It's helped me and been a safe space for me when I needed somewhere to clear my head. I've met great people that I will cherish forever. I've made great memories here and I'm thankful there is a safe place for the youth to go to."

"It's probably made me more happy in the week, especially after school, with homework and everything. It helps me take my mind off it."

COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTEND OUR YOUTH CLUBS

"Being part of this group is the highlight of my week."

SKATE PARK TEACHER







ONE TO ONES

We have given 8 young people/young adults support in ongoing life skills on a weekly to monthly basis. It's their choice to engage and can take place at our office, local cafes or via a phone call. Depending on the young person's needs it can look like building Lego and creating a video, giving chance to chat over coffee, sitting in a meeting with other agencies or making sure they've made it to an interview.

This extra 'parental' style support can make a big difference to a young person as they navigate their way towards adulthood. We have found that there are many gaps in our statutory care systems, especially for those on the cusp of adult services. We aim to plug that gap where we can.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

It's been brilliant to partner with so many volunteers and churches around Burton to deliver 16 holiday activity sessions for children and young people this year. We'd particularly like to thank Trent and Dove Housing Association, Trentside Parish, St. Mary's Church, Riverside Church and The Community Church.

We connected with 127 different 4-17 year olds during the holiday clubs with a mix of games, sports, crafts, cooking and chill time. The primary groups also had moments of reflection around a biblical theme, giving chance to respond in creative ways, whilst our older groups maximised on the extra time and space to build positive relationships. This year we also joined in with Trent and Dove Housing, Burton Albion Community Trust and Riverside Church delivering activities for over 150 families during three community days at local parks. We were able to share the good news about Jesus' love and increase local knowledge about what we offer.









PERSONNEL

TEAM

Our staff team are an incredibly committed group - passionate about God and young people. We are particularly thankful for the retention of staff and the stability and strength this gives to the centre.
Our team meet weekly to pray, plan the week and share good practise.



- **Sue Garb** Full-time Centre Director,
- **Sue Jolley** Part-time team administrator and representative,
- **Matt Rimmer** Full-time Youth Work Lead,
- **Nathan O'Neill** full-time Youth and Children's Outreach Worker.

VOLUNTEERS

We could not do what we do without our partners and volunteers - people willing to step out and give their time and energy for others. This year we have worked with 59 volunteers, including our 5 trustees. 27 have volunteered through partner churches and 15 have been under 18 years old.

We would like to give a special mention to our core team of volunteers who work alongside our church youth events. This year we have had a team of 6 young adults – Ben Selbey, Ollie Wilson, Zaak Garb, Daley Smith, Antonia Jolley and Catriona Jolley.

"They are all passionately walking with God, all aged between 21 – 26, and are the most amazing role models to the young people that come to our events. Five of these volunteers make up our worship band, and it's been so wonderful to be able to leave them to organise and lead worship at our youth services and Weekend Away. They have great energy when it comes to sports, huge creativity in the arts, they have shared stories from their own experiences and have been such a blessing to us as a team as well as to all the young people who look up to them as older brothers and sisters."

SUE JOLLEY



STUDENTS

Beginning in February we were pleased to provide a four month placement for Jade Smith as part of her final year of the Youth and Community Degree with Derby University. As a Christian, Jade was pleased to find a placement that embraced both faith and youth work.

Over the year we've been able to give work experience placements to four young people – 2 from Burton and South Derbyshire College, one from Paulet High School and one from Loughborough College.

"I've been given a wider insight into working with young people and I've really enjoyed it. I would happily return in the future for another placement and highly recommend them for other college students."

TORI EVES
BSDC

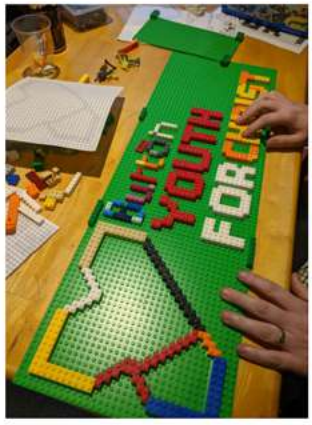
"On my placement I helped with preparing for one to ones over 3 weeks. I've learnt how individual each young person is and that knowing about their interests aids in supporting them."

LO JOHNSON
LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE

"I've found this experience to be really eye opening to the fundamental work that Burton Youth For Christ do, and would even go to say that I've considered a future career in youth work because of them!"

LILLY YATES
PAULET HIGH SCHOOL



TRUSTEES AND COUNCIL OF REFERENCE

Our Trustees meet bi-monthly, making legal, financial and HR decisions. Our Council of Reference aim to meet three times a year to support staff pastorally in their duties and give wise council when needed.

Our Trustees:

- Daniel Parker – Chair
- Frank Startin – Treasurer
- Neil Pacey

Joining us in February

- Ruth Myers
- Laura Adcock

Our Council of Reference:

- Dawn Charles (The Community Church)
- Rev. George Crossley (St Chads and St Marys)
- Chris Drury (Elim Church)
- Leum Harris (Riverside Church)

FUNDRAISING
QUIZ NIGHT

There were many laughs at our second quiz night fundraiser in February alongside some home-made soup and good company. We raised over £500 towards the ongoing costs of our work.



TRAINING

In January we were finally able to meet together in person in Blackpool with the 70 other centres from around the country and the British Youth For Christ team for our National Conference. We were able to access training, be part of uplifting worship and network with others. Sue G received acknowledgement for her service of 25 years and also led a seminar on relational youth work.

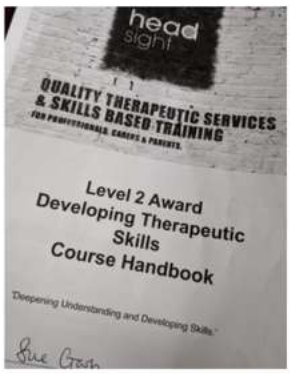


Staff and volunteers have taken part in and completed:

- Level 2 Award Developing Therapeutic Skills
- First Aid at work
- Level 1 and 3 safeguarding
- Level 2 Intermediate Self-harm Awareness
- Food safety level 2
- Mental Health First Aid
- E-Safety updates







SYSTEMS & POLICIES

The trustees have met six times this year including our Annual General Meeting and have reviewed and updated various systems and policies. This has included our policies concerning:

- Maternity/Paternity and Adoption
- Safeguarding
- E-Safety
- Health and Safety
- Finance
- National Youth for Christ Charter Agreement.

Our insurance was renewed in April with Ansvar Insurance.

Trustees reviewed staff salaries in July and decided to increase wages by 7% to support the team during the cost of living crisis, as well as recognising all that they give and bring to the centre. As the minimum wage continues to keep rising, trustees are acutely aware of needing to stay above this, and honouring incremental differences that occur through responsibility, experience and time served. This will continue to be a challenge moving forward as costs continue to rise.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

To make decisions well and confidently, trustees use a rolling yearly cash flow plan, enabling us to see and identify patterns within our finances more clearly and plan accordingly.

Our annual income was £ 106,384
Our outgoings were £100,736

We are very grateful and pleased to report that individual giving by standing orders increased by £3,295 to £33,098, with ten more givers joining us over the year. Alongside the Gift Aid of £7,236, this gives us the freedom to plan well and have greater fluidity to adapt to the needs around us.
Church giving has increased from £4,838 to £5,755 this year.
Our charitable activities has totalled £29,715 this year from work completed. This includes paid work which has increased slightly from last year.
We also give thanks for the £23,984 we have received in grants during the last twelve months. This was alongside a gift of £5,114 from the closure of the Street Angels Charity whose Trustees chose to pass on their remaining monies to us. We are very grateful for this surprise gift.

Successful funding applications were received from:

- Fare share – Tesco & Asda food for youth clubs
- Burton Consolidated Charities – Core costs
- Community Champions – Listening service
- Community Safety Fund – Warehouse youth clubs
- Burton Nurses Endowment Fund – Listening service
- Bee Blessed – Listening service in Winshill
- Anglesey Parish Council – Listening service in Anglesey Primary
- Tesco Blue tokens – Mentoring
- Million Hours Fund – Holiday activities and youth drop-in

This year we applied to 21 funding bodies, an increase of 6 from last year and were successful with 9. This has been more successful in terms of bringing in extra funds compared with last year, but has also taken a lot of staff time, stretching the team a little thinner.

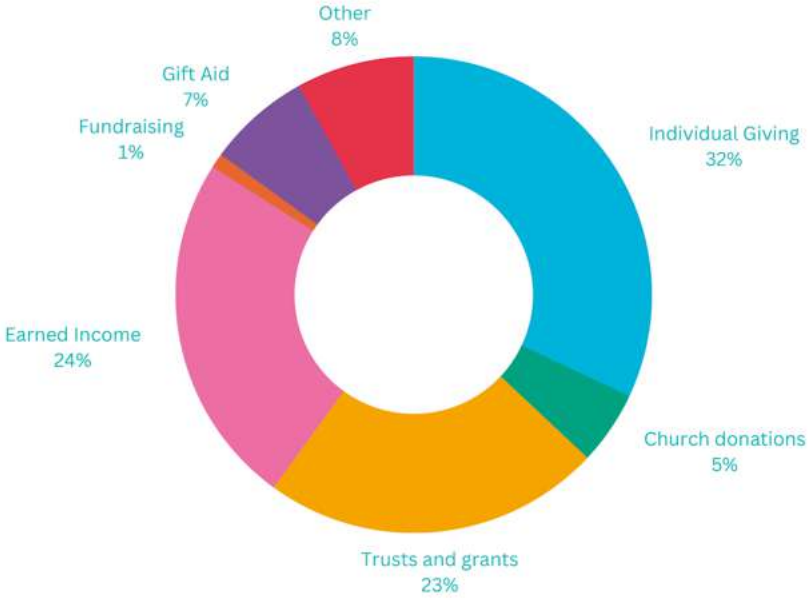


The Centre Director works alongside Trustees to create a funding strategy. This aims to build positive relationships with churches, individuals and grant givers who understand the needs of young people and are willing to give resources and funds to improve sustainability alongside one off grants. This also includes seeking out new partnerships with other local organisations as well as continuing with those we already have. Our heart is to invest in young people for the long term, not just follow money attached to specific projects.

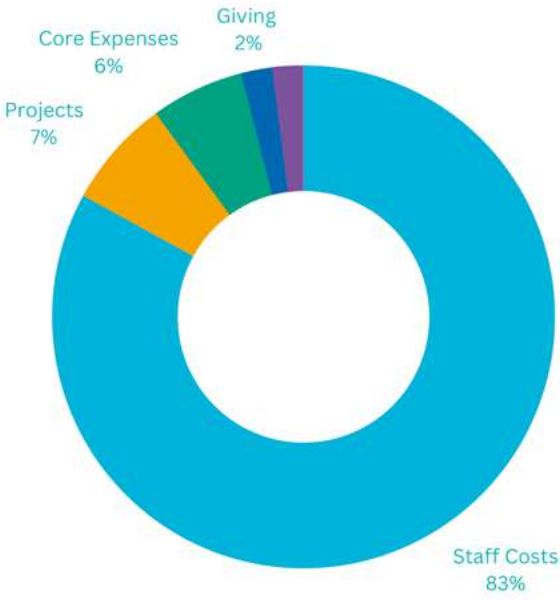
RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees reviewed their amount of funds kept in reserve, (those not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) and agreed to keep 3 months for this year. The Trustees will continue to review the policy as funding streams become more certain during the 2023/24 financial year and beyond.

INCOME £106,384



OUTGOINGS £100,736



LOOKING FORWARD

We want to:

- Continue to be a positive Christian presence within the communities of Burton- on-Trent, serving children and young people.
- Increase our team's capacity by at least 37 hours a week this year.
- Work more intentionally regarding the joining up of our ministry areas, (School, Church, Community), therefore increasing inclusive pathways for young people to access all our services if they want to.
- Increase relational connections with our key partners - schools, churches and local organisations in order to enhance sustainability.

We recognise that without Christ we can do nothing and accept that we need to remain in Him. We aim to do this by looking after our team's wellbeing, promoting unity, making time to listen to God's direction and trust in His pruning where needed.
We know that times are challenging, especially in terms of capacity and financial sustainability, but we continue to be thankful for every opportunity we have to serve young people. We know that we are not alone and will continue to remain in Him.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

JOHN 15:5

Thank you to everyone who journeys with us, believing in young people and the One who created them. For the consistency of those who pray, volunteer, and give – thank you for your faithfulness in remaining with us.



Charity Name	No (if any)
Burton Youth For Christ	1071717

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2022	To	Period end date 31/08/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations incl Gift Aid	51,824	600	-	52,424	41,217
Grants	-	23,984	-	23,984	16,638
Charitable Activities	29,715		-	29,715	22,085
Other			-	-	-
Investment income	261		-	261	23
Gov grant - Job Retention scheme			-	-	1,460
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	81,800	24,584	-	106,384	81,423
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,800	24,584	-	106,384	81,423
A3 Payments					
Staff related expenses	71,694	11,657	-	83,351	86,220
Office related expenses	1,520	7,139	-	8,659	8,035
Programme materials and resources	7,335	1,391	-	8,726	4,900
				-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	80,549	20,187	-	100,736	99,155
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Asset purchases	-	-	-	-	1,058
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,058
Total payments	80,549	20,187	-	100,736	100,213
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,251	4,397	-	5,648	- 18,790
A5 Transfers between funds	- 121	121	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,170	8,993	-	33,163	51,953
Cash funds this year end	25,300	13,511	-	38,811	33,163

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	CAF Cash & Savings Accounts	24,935	13,511	-
	Petty Cash	365	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,300	13,511	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Debtors - unpaid invoices	-	-	-
Gift Aid receivable	617	-	-
Unbilled receivables	354	-	-
Prepayments	2,106	-	-
Grant receipts guaranteed	-	5,344	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Keyboard and stand - June 16	Unrestricted	514	-
3 X ipads - imaginate plus	Unrestricted	1,148	-
Laptop	Unrestricted	480	-
Macbook - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,199	-
Laptops X2 plus ipad - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,230	-
Lego	Restricted	1,058	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Payroll taxes	Unrestricted	861	September
Other creditors	Unrestricted	509	September
Customer advances	Unrestricted	2,900	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of	Burton Youth for Christ		
On accounts for the year ended	31st August 2023	**Charity no (if any)**	1071717
Set out on pages	1 and 2 Of schedule CC16a		

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of 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 the 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

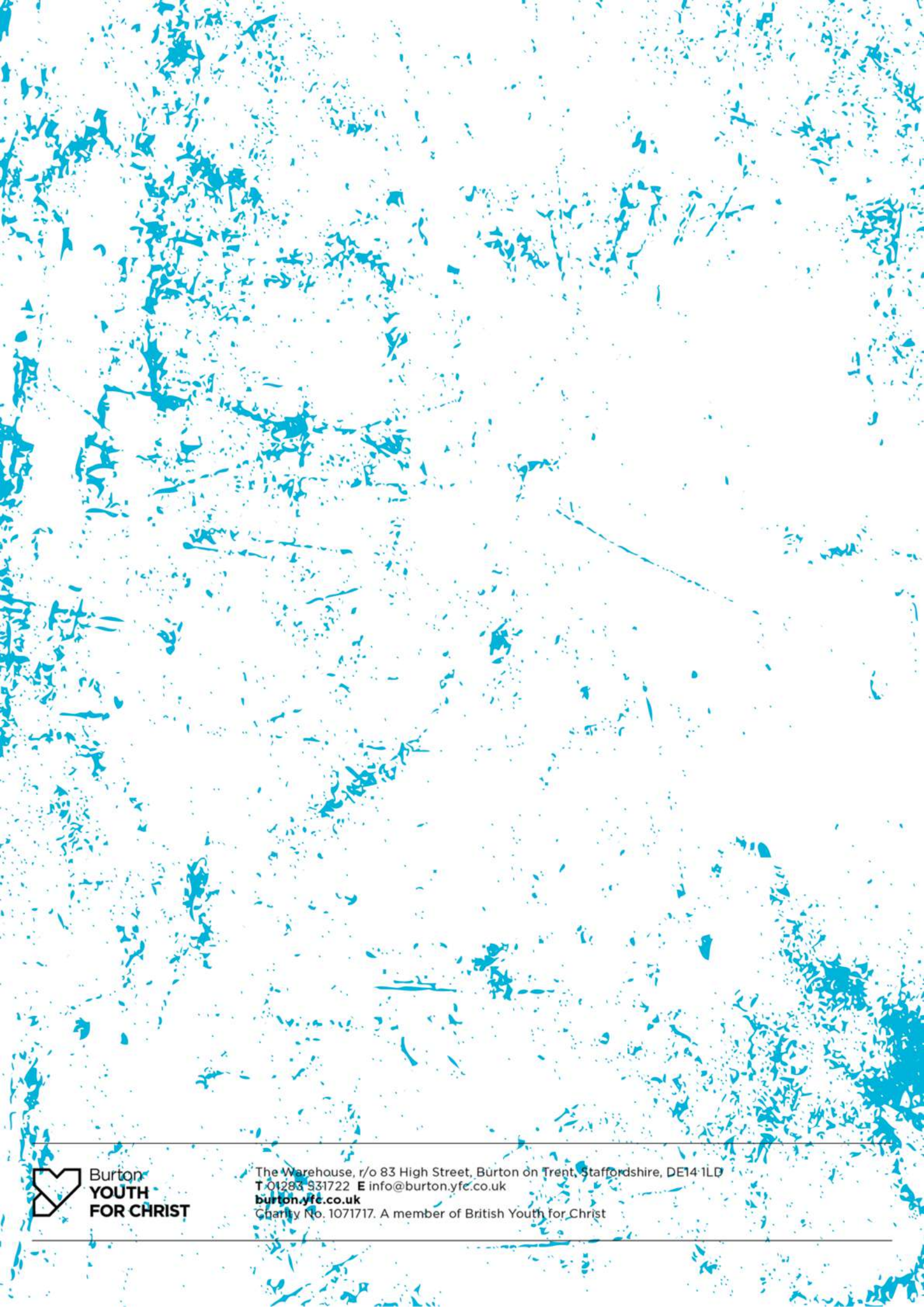
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	31/10/2023
Name:	Richard Farmer		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants		
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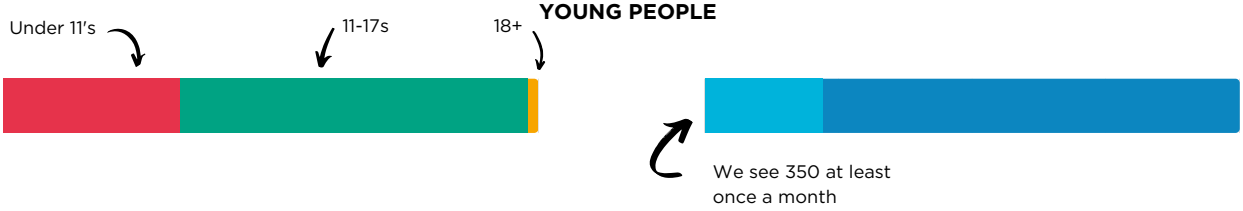
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CONNECTING WITH

1,594
YOUNG PEOPLE



WITH THE SUPPORT OF

24 Adult Volunteers

5 Young Volunteers

247 Hours Given



ENGAGING WITH

10
Schools

16
Churches

6
Organisations

DELIVERING

788 Youth Work Sessions

553 For Schools

16 For the Church

219 For the Community

Over
1,300 HOURS
Youth work delivered

ONE TO ONE

53 Young People

394 Sessions

299 Sessions in School

95 Sessions in the Community

373 Hours delivered



INTRODUCTION

This year we have been privileged to connect with 1,594 young people in school, church and community settings within the town of Burton-on-Trent.

We have spent 1,807 staffing hours being with children and young people, the majority of whom have been aged between 11-16.

Although it may sound simple, I believe that a big part of our achievement this year has been in remaining...

- remaining steadfast in the belief that young people have great value to God,
- remaining relational in the way we connect with young people,
- remaining available to serve and be reactive to needs that arise,
- remaining open to God and taking time out to listen as a team.

'Remain in me' Jesus said, "and I will remain in you."
All this 'remaining' makes for a lot of connections, creating something solid and strong that young people can put their trust in. We have grown in our understanding of who we are and what we can offer, and how valuable this offer is.

We've also been challenged about our role regarding the discipleship of young people. This has led to a more intentional way of working such as:

- partnering with Churches wherever possible when delivering open access youth/children's work,
- offering discipleship opportunities such as Youth Alpha that can be a standalone group, or work alongside an existing youth ministry,
- offering support to existing Church youth ministries

Overall, we have delivered a consistent and high-quality service that has supported the holistic development of children and young people in Burton-on-Trent.

Sue Garb
Centre Director sue.garb@burton.yfc.co.uk



STARBUDS - PAINT PARTY

AREAS OF WORK



SCHOOL

Our school's work is available to all, but it is a school's choice to access our offer. Our work usually grows organically through relationships, enabling us to build trust and understand the needs of each school more fully.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE WORKED WITH 10 EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS:

Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy	Burton and South Derbyshire College
Burton Fields Primary School	The deFerrers Academy
Eagles Nest Project	Holy Rosary Catholic Primary Academy
Holy Trinity C of E Primary	John of Rolleston Primary
Paget High School	Paulet High School

PAULET BREAKFAST CLUB

This work is seen as part of the school's wellbeing offer and involves the ministry of noticing and giving significance to a young person during the initial half hour of being on the school premises. (8 – 8.30am).

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

We continued to support Eagles' Nest Project with our staff supporting young people in almost a one-to-one environment as they learn new skills, and work towards a qualification in cooking, and alpaca care.
Nathan and Matt have also delivered alternative education with Burton Albion Community Trust, using animation and sport.

LISTENING SERVICE

We deliver a weekly listening service into Paulet High School. This is usually up to 6 half hour sessions during the school day. Over the year we have intentionally listened to 31 different young people over 163 separate sessions.

When asked if anything has changed because of a listening session, young people said...

"I've been able to sleep a lot more. It's helped me focus better."

YOUNG PERSON

"A lot has changed. It's really helped me think of a few things I can do to solve some issues. I've become less stressed with things that would stress me out because I had the opportunity to get it off my chest."

YOUNG PERSON


RE LESSON - PAULET


LEGO- DEFERRERS


COOKING - EAGLES NEST

RE LESSONS

We were asked to share why Jesus is important to us personally as part of an Ethics and Philosophy lesson with year 9s at Paulet High School. There were some great questions from the young people, and some interesting learning captured. It was interesting to hear their response to the cartoon called 'the judge and his friend' that uses a story to illustrate how Jesus paid for our mistakes so we can be forgiven. Many of the young people felt that it wasn't fair that the judge should let a criminal off for what they'd done. 'What will he learn?' they asked. Some said they'd feel guilty if someone else paid for them.

STORY

"Chatting with one young person - they said their family was religious and that they talk about a messenger. They felt there was something real in it all as they explained that they and their mum have had troubles and there's always been a way through. I was able to share about how I believed in the Holy Spirit and how He helps me each day. It was good to be able to encourage them to keep asking questions and to continue seeking for themselves."

SMALL GROUPS

We have been involved in 4 High Schools and have delivered 80 small group sessions. Each is bespoke to the needs of the school and the young people. This means single sex and mixed groups, covering topics such as friendship, online safety, anger management, anxiety and character development. We have also supported young people who have struggled returning to school due to anxiety, caring responsibilities and health issues.

Our approach is still relational, creating space to listen and enable understanding to grow. The overwhelming message we get from the young people is that the groups are not long enough!

"Helpful, amazing. Brilliant, fantastic!"

YOUNG PERSON
GIRLS GROUP

"This group has taught me SELF love."

YOUNG PERSON
GIRLS GROUP

"Everyone gets an opinion and a chance to speak."

YOUNG PERSON
CHARACTER GROUP

S T O R Y

In Paget we delivered a new programme, 'Learning to fly' with 8 girls who had been involved in some bullying incidents. Topics included aspiration, emotions and healthy friendships. The group were attentive and engaged well. One even applied to Junior British Bake Off following a session looking at goal setting. The last time we met was emotional, and the girls asked if we could come back again. Two of the girls came to the Warehouse Youth Club that night. They had a great time and even tried skateboarding. We look forward to seeing them become ambassadors of model behaviour in their school.



GIRLS GROUP - PAGET

ASSEMBLIES

Schools remained cautious about returning to in person assemblies, but we were asked to continue online every month with Holy Trinity Primary School. Themes included friendship, new life and the Lord's prayer.

COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY LUNCHTIME

This restarted at Burton and South Derbyshire College after a very long break due to COVID. We partner with Riverside Church to spend one lunch time a week being available to students and staff for discussion, wellbeing support and prayer. There's always a question of the week and a free lolly! After such a long break it has taken a while to grow new relationships, but by the end of the year Nathan and Becky (Riversides youth worker) have a regular group of 20 students who check in with them each week.

ONE TO ONES

We were able to support 11 young people within a primary or high school setting this year through a weekly one to one meeting. Activities have varied greatly and are specific to each young person's needs. Support has included: a sensory break from the classroom using play and creativity, mentoring sessions, setting goals in behaviour and learning attitudes, providing a safe space/adult outside of the family to chat with, and alternative education in a care setting. We know that consistent safe role models can make a huge difference to young lives as they grow, so it's a real privilege to have this opportunity to invest in their development.



STARBUDS - WORSHIP NIGHT

CHURCH

We have a huge heart for the local Church and love to serve it. We can deliver talks and presentations, facilitate training and support the development and delivery of youth and children's work.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH 16 CHURCHES THROUGH DELIVERING YOUTH/CHILDREN'S WORK, USING THEIR BUILDINGS, OR MEETING WITH THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE AT OUR MONHTLY YOUTH EVENTS.

All Saints	Burton Elim Church
Burton Family Church	Kingdom Advanced Network
Riverside	St James
St Mary's	St Modwen's
St Peter's	The Community Church
St Georges, Gresley	Ashby Baptist
St Saviour's	New Baptist
St Wystan's	Holy Trinity, Ashby

STARBUDS – TOWN WIDE YOUTH EVENTS

This is our monthly town wide youth event aimed at young people connected with churches. Our hope is that the ones and twos from individual churches can see they are part of something bigger and be encouraged in their faith development.
We have seen 76 young people from 15 different Churches over 8 separate events.
This year we have seen the greatest mix of young people from across the town deciding to join us – from church youth groups, our open access youth clubs and our one-to-one support work.
In September we began with a mini festival style night, offering space for young people to share their concerns and prayers. In December we held a Silent Disco giving an opportunity to respond to finding out more about Jesus. We held a quiz night in January, whilst in April we put on an Easter Extravaganza involving a lot of chocolate! The final event of the year saw us trial out a paint party. This was beautifully messy with a reflective moment to hear from God for ourselves.

STORY

'At the Silent Disco there was a lot of laughter, as we were able to dance and let our hair down together for the first time in ages. Throughout the evening there were personal stories from the team explaining why they followed Jesus. These were played on the screens and through the headphones and young people could choose to listen to them. Halfway through we played a crazy Christmas tree game before listening to Matt share his story about faith and how he felt his life was better with God than without him. Gifted with a gingerbread biscuit we were all given an opportunity to find out more by filling in a small card. Fifteen young people said they would like to know more and were invited along to the Youth Alpha group.'

Our three Starbuds Extra evenings were aimed at young people who want to go a little deeper in their Christian faith. We were able to offer a campfire worship evening, using the imagery of fire and light to focus on the Holy Spirit; an audio prayer trail, giving space for young people to listen to spoken reflections on their own phones and meet with God in various ways, and a Jubilee themed afternoon tea and worship service where we explored our friendship with God.

We would like to thank Riverside Church, St. Mary's, The Community Church, St. Modwen's, and Burton Elim Church for allowing us free use of their buildings. Without this support, we wouldn't be able to run the events.

"it was an amazing experience to get away and experience new ways of praying and freeing my mind of bad thoughts. I really did enjoy it a lot and would love to do something like this again."

YOUNG PERSON
PRAYER NIGHT

"Seeing 40 young people and their youth leaders laughing and having fun together within the playfulness of throwing powder paint over each other was brilliant! There was a sense of healing as we were given permission to be messy and childlike."

SUE GARB









VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

All our staff team are active members of local Churches and are involved in leading and supporting on a weekly basis. Although not directly undertaken by Youth for Christ, our staff make full use of their training and experience to add value to the local church, benefiting even more young people.
During the summer the whole team volunteered their time to take 30 local 11-25s to the Limitless Festival at Stafford Showground as part of their church's youth and young adults ministry. It was an encouraging time, giving the opportunity to reconnect with God for themselves and enjoy the freedom of being amongst so many other young people. Two young people decided to follow Jesus for the first time.


LIMITLESS FESTIVAL


YOUTH ALPHA


ST MARYS HOLIDAY CLUB

YOUTH ALPHA

This was a new town-wide group that met weekly for several sessions to explore questions around Christianity and personal faith. It came out of a growing desire from within the team to give an open opportunity for young people to question and find out about the Christian faith for themselves - no matter what their background. Eight young people attended overall. Most of these young people were not from a Church background and came from 5 different schools.
In March we had an away day at Whitemoor Lakes. Five young people joined in with a 'leap of faith' activity - stretching their trust muscles and overcoming personal fears before watching two videos about the Holy Spirit, eating lunch and taking time to reflect and respond if they wanted to. The atmosphere was one of encouragement and support, meaning that all grew in confidence from the activities.

We're very grateful to St Werburgh's Church, Derby who gave the monies for our food and day away costs, and to Whitemoor Lakes who were really accommodating and took good care of us - thank you!

"After the second video I really wanted to feel the Holy Spirit present with me and decided to pray with someone. I talked a lot about other things and then we prayed. I prayed out loud. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. I feel different."

YOUNG PERSON
YOUTH ALPHA

CHURCH SUPPORT

We were able to offer fortnightly staffing support from April to July to Riverside Church's youth group. The group has grown in number over the year, so it was great to serve them as they looked to increase their volunteer team.
We were asked to come alongside the Churches and community of Barton under Needwood to look at wellbeing support for young people within the village and possible ways the Churches could begin a youth work there. This also involved talks with John Taylor High School, but unfortunately our offer there was declined for now. St James Church, however, began to move forward in their planning to start a new youth group in the Autumn term.
In May Nathan supported the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education in their delivery of a primary schools project called Inspire within Lichfield Cathedral.



STAPENHILL DROP-IN

COMMUNITY

For some young people our open access work is the only activity they take part in outside of school. We believe this consistent presence is the first step in reflecting God's faithfulness to young people in a continuously changing world.

WE HAVE WORKED WITH 6 OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Antonia Jolley's Self Love Club	**Burton Albion Community Trust**
Sexual Advice Rape Centre (SARAC)	**Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services**
Whitemoor Lakes	**British Youth For Christ**

DETACHED

Detached youth work is about going to where young people are. In this case, Nathan goes to support Burton Albion Community Trust once a week with their KICKS football project on Heath Road Park, Stapenhill. This involves being available on a Monday evening to play football and hang out with young people. It gives us another chance to connect with those we see in school but on their turf.

YOUTH CLUBS

This year our youth clubs have continued to flourish in numbers. We've served 172 different young people over 69 sessions at 2 venues.

The Warehouse Youth Club and Skate Park runs in partnership with Riverside Church in the town centre every Wednesday during term time for 10 to 17s.

Stapenhill Youth Drop-in runs with support from The Community Church at the Number One Community building every Friday during term time for 11 to 17s.

The youth clubs allow young people to choose what they want to engage in and include games, food, skateboarding on a Wednesday, arts and crafts and informal wellbeing support. There have been some challenges with behaviour and mental health, but overall, we've connected positively with young people from several schools and differing backgrounds. Our relational approach means that some young people have been given the opportunity to open-up to the team, enabling us to understand more of their story and support them where needed. This is a privilege but is costly in terms of emotional energy - and so we rely on God's strength to equip us for whatever happens!

STORY

Having listened to a young person at a youth club one week, it appeared obvious that they might need some support via school to help them explore something they felt was affecting their learning and focus. Our team were able to chat openly about their concerns with them and offer support if that was what they wanted. We also see the same young person in school, and one morning they came to ask us for support in speaking to the relevant staff member. We were able to explain the situation to the teacher until the young person felt able to continue with their own words, which they did. The concern they brought had been worrying them for a year or more, but they hadn't felt able to share it. When they were asked why they'd spoken out at the youth club to our team, the young person said, "I guess I just felt safe.






ONE TO ONES

We have offered 'being with' support to 10 young people within a community setting on a one-to-one basis this year. We've provided a safe adult for a young person to meet up with weekly or when needed. This has enabled young people the opportunity to chat through concerns, to play, to learn budgeting and even get their weekly food shopping done.

"For one young person we couldn't change their circumstances for them or resolve their issues, but we could be a constant within the chaos."

MATT RIMMER

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

It's been brilliant to partner with so many volunteers and churches around Burton to deliver 21 holiday activity sessions for children and young people this year. We'd particularly like to thank St. Mary's Church , Riverside Church and The Community Church.
164 different 4 to 17 year-olds joined in with games, sports, crafts, cooking and chatting across three venues. The primary age groups also had moments of reflection around a biblical theme, giving chance to respond in creative ways, whilst our older groups maximised on the extra time and space to build positive relationships.

GIRLS DAYS

We held three Saturday events, aiming to create a safe space with an atmosphere of shared hope for girls to explore who they are within a mutually supportive environment. The days included partnering with Antonia Jolley's Self Love Club art workshops in the morning - designing tote bags, painting pots and canvases. This gave everyone involved a chance to start from the same place; to relax and chat whilst being creative. We would then make lunch and eat together before spending time discussing and reflecting on current issues such as our uniqueness, aspirations and friendship.

Funding was through the Doing Our Bit Fund and in response to parents seeking more social and emotional support for their children coming out of COVID-19.
The girls who attended demonstrated some great problem-solving skills as well as encouraging one another along the way. It's been brilliant to spend an extended amount of time with them outside of school and other youth clubs.

For our first day we had to come up with three words to describe ourselves. Here's a few...

"I am an affectionate, empathetic, passionate creation."

YOUNG PERSON

"I am a smiley, brave positive youth."

YOUNG PERSON

"I am a brave, adventurous, powerful teenage leader."

YOUNG PERSON

A SPECIAL DAY OUT

We were fortunate to be invited by The Community Foundation to the garden party at Staffordshire Showground to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and recognise the service of so many within the County during the Covid pandemic. It was quite humbling to parade around the showground with so many other charities and to give thanks. The Lord-Lieutenant read out a letter addressed to us all from the Queen, followed by an afternoon tea.



STARBUDS - PAINT PARTY. STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

TEAM

Our staff team are an incredibly committed group - passionate about God and young people. We are particularly thankful for the retention of staff and the stability and strength this gives to the centre.
Our team meet weekly to pray, plan the week and share good practise. This year we have studied books looking at leadership and spiritual disciplines.

Staff

- Sue Garb as full-time Centre Director,
- Sue Jolley as part-time team administrator and representative,
- Matt Rimmer as full-time Youth Work Lead,
- Nathan O'Neill as full-time Youth and Children's Outreach Worker.
- Dee Grewal as part-time Girls Work Lead.

Dee's contract came to an end in August, and she decided to move on to new adventures in the USA. Unfortunately, we have been unable to raise enough funds to replace her.

Students

In the summer term we were pleased to provide a placement for Rachel Allen-Whetton as part of the final year of her Health and Social Care Degree with Derby University. She passed with flying colours and when asked how she found the experience, Rachel said "I've enjoyed it and felt very comfortable with the team. The work is quite varied and gives me opportunities that I didn't know were available. In the future I would like to support young people with their mental health."

VOLUNTEERS

We could not do what we do without our partners and volunteers - people willing to step out and give their time and energy for others. This year we have seen 24 people volunteering as well as our 5 trustees. 12 have volunteered through partner churches and 5 have been under 18 years old. Thank you so much!

TRUSTEES AND COUNCIL OF REFERENCE

Our Trustees meet bi-monthly, making legal, financial and HR decisions. Our Council of Reference support staff pastorally in their duties and give wise council when needed.

Our Trustees:

- Daniel Parker – Chair
- Frank Startin – Treasurer
- Esther Williams – Secretary
- Neil Pacey
- Patrick Lowe

Within our Trustee body there are four local Churches represented. We give thanks to Esther and Patrick for their generous service to us as they stepped down in February and July respectively.

Our Council of Reference:

- Dawn Charles
- Rev. George Crossley

FUNDRAISING

Quiz Night

There were many laughs at our first quiz night fundraiser in November alongside some great curry and good company. Elim Church hosted, and local businesses generously donated some wonderful prizes which helped us raise over £400 towards the ongoing costs of our youth club work.

Dee's £1 Challenge

This was an email and social media fundraiser created by Dee, asking people to give £1 towards the work of Burton Youth For Christ within the town. We have seen an extra £1000+ come in through this venture.

TRAINING

For the second year running our National conference in January was cancelled due to COVID worries. Being together with other centres from around the country is always an uplifting experience, as well as giving us a few days to physically remove ourselves from the usual. Sue G felt it would be wise to use the time to create our own retreat for a couple of nights. Sue J jumped into action and found us a quirky cottage in Alton, where we were able to spend time eating together, walking, listening to God for ourselves and each other, and resetting for the year ahead. We believe that this time benefited the team in many ways - which ultimately benefits the young people in our town.

Staff and volunteers have taken part in and completed:

- First Aid at work
- Level 1 and 3 safeguarding
- Level 2 Intermediate Self-harm Awareness



SYSTEMS & POLICIES

The trustees and team have reviewed and updated various systems and policies during the year.

This has included our policies concerning:

- Volunteering
- Recruitment
- Whistle blowing
- Safeguarding
- Financial Policy
- National Youth for Christ Charter Agreement.

Our insurance was renewed in April with Ansvar Insurance.

The Trustees met six times during the year, including our Annual General Meeting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW



To make decisions well and confidently, trustees use a rolling yearly cash flow plan, enabling us to see and identify patterns within our finances more clearly and plan accordingly.

Our annual income was £ 81,423
Our outgoings were £99,195

We increased staffing in August 2021 due to extra funding we acquired during COVID and budgeted to overspend by £10,000. Unfortunately, the overspend was higher than expected due to unsuccessful funding bids.

We are very grateful and pleased to report that individual giving by standing orders has remained similar at £28,943, but one-off gifts from individuals decreased by 69% to £861.
Alongside the Gift Aid of £6,406, this support gives us the freedom to plan well and have greater fluidity to adapt to the needs around us.

Church giving increased by 11% to £4,598.
Our invoiced income has totalled £20,831 this year from work completed through schools. This is a slight decrease of 4% on the previous year.

We also give thanks for the £18,098 we have received in grants during the last twelve months. Grants were received from:

- Fare share – Tesco & Asda food for youth clubs
- Burton Transformation Trust – Youth Alpha
- St Werburgh's – Youth Alpha
- Burton Consolidated Charities – Core costs
- J and O Lloyd – Youth Club staffing for The Warehouse
- Baron Davenport – Youth Club staffing for Stapenhill Drop-in
- Staffordshire Council Voluntary Youth Services – one to one mentoring
- Newstart – Starbuds youth events
- DPR Controls– Lego programming kits
- County Councillor Fund – youth club resources
- Government Furlough Job retention Scheme

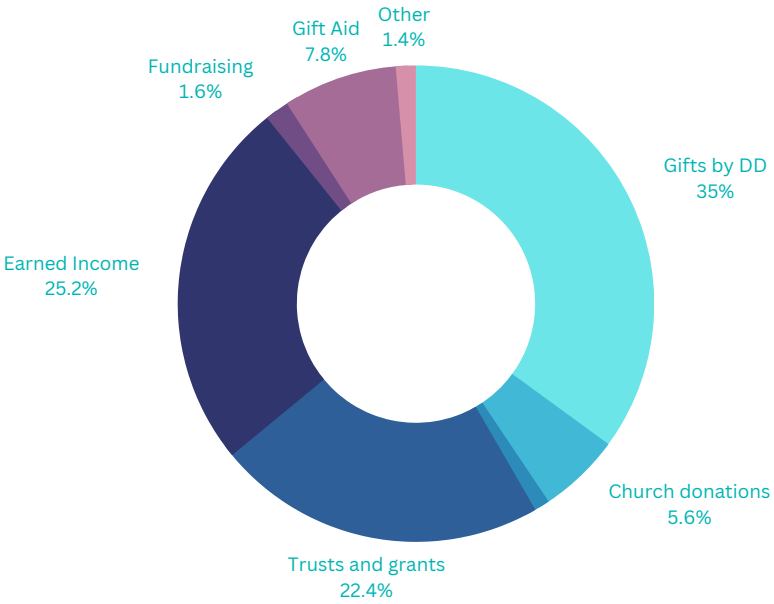
Compared to previous years, this has been our least successful in terms of funding applications, applying to 15 funding bodies for a total of £60,000.

The Centre Director works alongside Trustees to create a funding strategy. This aims to build positive relationships with churches, individuals and grant givers who understand the needs of young people and are willing to give resources and funds to improve sustainability alongside one off grants. This also includes seeking out new partnerships with other local organisations as well as continuing with those we already have. Our heart is to invest in young people for the long term, not just follow money attached to specific projects.

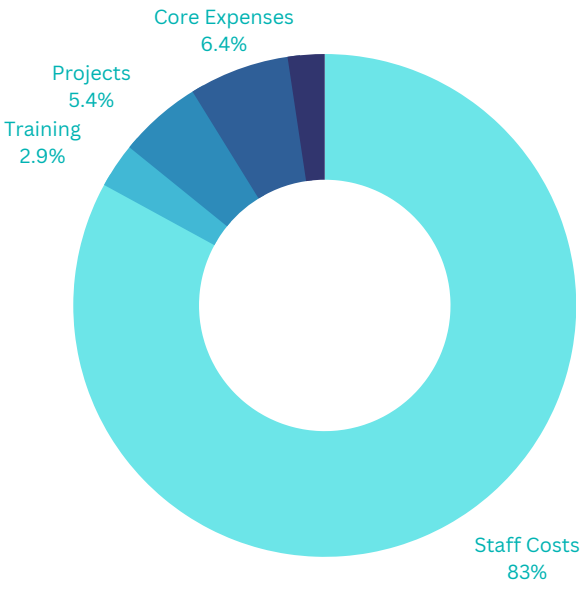
RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees reviewed their amount of funds kept in reserve, (those not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) and agreed to keep 3 months for this year. The Trustees will continue to review the policy as funding streams become more certain during the 2022/23 financial year and beyond.

INCOME £81,423



OUTGOINGS £100,213



LOOKING FORWARD





We accept there are challenges, especially in terms of capacity and financial sustainability, but we continue to be thankful for every opportunity we have to serve young people. We know that we are not alone and will continue to remain in Him.

Our priorities moving forward are to:

- increase inclusion and accessibility so that more young people can benefit
- grow and invest in a core group of young leaders and volunteers
- increase discipleship opportunities for young people wanting to grow in the Christian faith
- encourage and support Churches to discover, recognise and use their unique strengths in outreach to young people
- communicate more effectively, increasing our overall sustainability.

This is our direction of travel. We know it will be a step by step journey, but we're committed.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

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Thank you to all those who have continued to stand with us in believing in young people. For the consistency of those who pray, volunteer, and give – thank you for remaining with us.



Charity Name	No (if any)
Burton Youth For Christ	1071717

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2021	To	Period end date 31/08/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations incl Gift Aid	40,917	300	-	41,217	42,512
Grants	-	16,638	-	16,638	17,961
Charitable Activities	21,408	677	-	22,085	23,220
Other			-	-	-
Investment income	23		-	23	4
Gov grant - Job Retention scheme	1,460		-	1,460	15,204
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	63,808	17,615	-	81,423	98,901
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,808	17,615	-	81,423	98,901
A3 Payments					
Staff related expenses	78,100	8,120	-	86,220	73,413
Office related expenses	2,118	5,917	-	8,035	8,253
Programme materials and resources	2,526	2,374	-	4,900	3,207
Other overheads				-	324
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	82,744	16,411	-	99,155	85,197
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Asset purchases	-	1,058	-	1,058	-
Sub total	-	1,058	-	1,058	-
Total payments	82,744	17,469	-	100,213	85,197
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,936	146	-	- 18,790	13,704
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,414	1,414	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,520	7,433	-	51,953	38,249
Cash funds this year end	24,170	8,993	-	33,163	51,953

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	CAF Cash & Savings Accounts	24,143	8,993	-
	Petty Cash	27	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,170	8,993	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Debtors - unpaid invoices	482	-	-
Gift Aid receivable	552	-	-
Unbilled receivables	317	-	-
Other	250	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Keyboard and stand - June 16	Unrestricted	514	-
3 X ipads - imaginate plus	Unrestricted	1,148	-
Laptop	Unrestricted	480	-
Macbook - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,199	-
Laptops X2 plus ipad - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,230	-
Lego	Restricted	1,058	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Payroll taxes	Unrestricted	733	September
Other creditors	Unrestricted	712	September
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/ members of	Burton Youth for Christ		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2022	**Charity no (if any)**	1071717
Set out on pages	1 and 2 Of schedule CC16a		

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of 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 the 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:		**Date:**	10/11/2022
Name:	Richard Farmer		
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IMPACT REPORT 2020 -2021

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CONNECTING WITH

556
YOUNG PEOPLE





WITH THE SUPPORT OF

12 Adult Volunteers

3 Young Volunteers

112 Hours Given

WORKING WITH

12
Schools

11
Churches

6
Organisations

DELIVERING

688 Youth Work Sessions

430 For Schools

31 For the Church

227 For the Community

583 Taking place in Person

105 Done Remotely

Over
913 HOURS
Youth work delivered

ONE TO ONE

74 Young People

134 Mentoring Sessions

188 Listening Sessions

119 Sessions in School

117 Sessions in the Community

332 Hours delivered

Achievements and Performance

This year, we are celebrating the small.

Like many, we've been forced to change pace, reassess our doing, and focus more on our being. We have learnt to notice the little changes happening within and around us and others; the small wins that might otherwise have gone unnoticed and uncelebrated. This has gifted us with the opportunity to hear the 'still small voice' more clearly.

We've been privileged to connect with 556 young people during the strangest of years and journey with them. This is a fraction of our usual number, but with a much higher percentage of regular contact. It's included walking through mud, chatting on zoom, learning to catch a bus and multiple McDonalds trips. Relationships have deepened with greater trust gained – not just with young people, but also with families, schools, partner organisations and the wider church of Burton.

Overall we have continued to be a consistent Christian presence in the lives of local young people and their communities, offering inclusive and accessible forms of earliest help through the ever-changing Covid rules and regulations.

Areas of Work

Although we have split our areas of work into three for reporting purposes, they all interlink and complement each other.

Schools

Our school's work is available to all, but it is a school's choice to access our offer. Our work usually grows organically through relationships, enabling us to build trust and understand the needs of each school more fully.

To be honest we were concerned that we wouldn't be able to work in schools for a while this year due to COVID restrictions. But, thanks to our long-term relationships, High Schools were the first to ask us to keep supporting their young people.

Many schools have sought us out to support young people through one-to-one sessions. By this, we mean 'being with' a young person, usually with an agreed goal attached around increasing confidence, improved engagement in school, or enabling space to chat and explore issues important to them.

PAULET BREAKFAST CLUB

This work is seen as part of the school's wellbeing offer and involves the ministry of noticing and giving significance to a young person during the initial half hour of being on the school premises. (8 – 8.30am). Thanks to the school we were able to continue this presence for pupils in years 7 and 8 outside on the yard. This change to focusing on specific year groups enabled us to build relationships quickly. At times we were able to help calm nerves and support the new procedures of one-way systems and mask wearing. Young people were extremely resilient, and it was great to see how quickly they adapted to the new normal.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

We continued to support Eagles' Nest Project with our staff supporting young people in almost a one-to-one environment as they learn new skills, and work towards a qualification.



From May, we increased our work from 6 hours a week to two and a half days a week during lock down. As an alternative education provision, Eagles' Nest were able to continue to deliver face to face activity days for young people who were classed as vulnerable. We delivered animation workshops, team building activities and supported EN staff in delivering cooking, sewing and general maths and English skills. At times it was challenging, but through working closely with their staff, we developed our skills and understanding of young people's needs and how best to respond.

Matt also delivered a four-week animation course for primary children who were part of the alternative education program with Burton Albion Community Trust.

LISTENING SERVICE



This year many young people needed some extra support with processing life, feeling heard and valued amidst the ongoing background chaos of the pandemic. For others it felt like we were a safe holding bay as they waited to see clinical professionals. We were therefore thrilled at securing some Government monies via the Coronavirus Community Support Fund to help us increase our listening service in schools and the local community. This included funding to train up more staff and volunteers in level 3 listening skills and enabled us to buy our first work phones, which meant we could offer the service no matter what happened regarding lockdown restrictions.

One young person said, "it helps because I know I can talk to someone other than my parents if I want to."

At times sessions were delivered via zoom or as walk and talks. These proved successful with some of our best conversations had whilst walking through mud, climbing trees, or eating a bag of chips! Over the year more schools had taken up the offer and we were able to increase our listening sessions from 4 to 12 each week.

Over the year we have intentionally listened to 62 different young people.

One parent got in touch to update us about how their child was doing after they had completed some listening sessions with us in the Spring term. The young person had been brave enough to share their need for support, and we listened until a higher-level service could be accessed. It had taken 6 months for this young person to receive their first appointment with the Children's and Adolescents Mental Health Service.

> *"This is the first hurdle to jump through to see if they (CAMHS) will consider treatment. I am happy to report they (the young person) seems to be getting a bit of their spark back, are taking better care of themselves and haven't self-harmed since before the summer holidays. Thanks for being a listening ear to them back then, and to me now."*
>
> ***Parent***







ONE TO ONES

We were able to support 5 young people within a school setting this year through a weekly one to one meeting.

Activities varied - from playing games, creating animations to setting goals.

We were given the opportunity to work with a student for four months as they transitioned from primary to senior school. The young person had recently been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Condition and our role was to support their journey of acceptance and understanding by providing a weekly sensory break from the classroom for an afternoon a week.

This young person was known to us already through our youth club settings and so we were able to build on an already positive relationship.

Over the 16 weeks we were able to see an increase in their self-awareness and a greater confidence in communicating their needs which led to improved behaviour during the rest of the week.

Transition to high school was completed positively and we're pleased to say we are still in contact through the youth club.







SMALL GROUP WORK

Due to covid restrictions requests for group work were few. However, we were able to deliver two boys' groups into Abbot Beyne High School focusing on character development. In December we were asked to deliver a one-off session for girls which focused on the theme of self-esteem and what we think can make us strong and resilient. The girls were very open about their worries and lives in general and this led to several listening sessions with one of the girls during the lockdown.

ASSEMBLIES



Primary schools have been reluctant to move back to full school assemblies, which is understandable. This has meant that our only assemblies delivered this year have been via virtual platforms.

We continued to deliver a monthly assembly for Holy Trinity Primary School using Microsoft teams. This meant that we remained in the office and delivered the assembly live via the internet. The children stayed within their own classrooms and our faces were projected onto their class whiteboards. We were able to see some of the groups waving back at us - which was so encouraging! Wanting to keep our message interactive has been a challenge, but one we have risen to. Highlights have included asking the children to draw how they pictured the Holy Spirit as we thought about the theme of Helpers. I was then able to collect some of the pictures which included doves, fire, robot helpers, waterfalls, and hearts.

We were originally approached by the RE lead at Christ Church Primary in September 2019 asking for support in an RE enrichment day and some assemblies for the school. Due to COVID, none of this came about, but the children were able to meet Sue through some pre-recorded Christmas assemblies! Hopefully we will meet them in person at some point.

> *"Within our class bubbles, our whole school took part in learning based around the YOUTH FOR CHRIST assemblies which were catered to the needs of our children. Through the assemblies, the children were able to consider the gifts that they could give to others by being themselves and to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We have children from a wide range of backgrounds in our school and both those with and without a Christian faith engaged positively and enthusiastically and were able to not only learn more about Advent and Christmas from a Christian perspective, but to consider how they can apply the key concepts of kindness, patience and giving to their own lives. All the children I spoke to loved the assemblies and there were plenty of opportunities for the children to discuss and engage actively as well as just listening. Thank you, Youth for Christ!"*
>
> ***RE Lead at Christ Church Primary***

Church

Due to Covid restrictions meeting with Churches face to face has been very restricted. We were able to take part in an online pre-recorded service for the churches of Stapenhill, creating a section aimed at children and families as they celebrated Christmas, along with visiting St Chad's in August to share a message of encouragement.

Sue G was asked to be part of the Diocese of Lichfield's initiative within the Tutbury Deanery called 'Shaping for Mission.' This was a team tasked to identify areas of strength within the Deanery and put forward a vision to strengthen the life of discipleship, vocation and evangelism while facing a significant reduction in financial income. It was good to connect with more local leaders and share our heart for young people within the overall discussions. We hope it may increase opportunities to serve in the future.

VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE LOCAL CHURCH

All our staff team are active members of local Churches and are involved in leading and supporting on a weekly basis. During lockdown, the team have been undertaking extra volunteering through online service creation and broadcasting, as well as leading small groups for young adults.

Although not directly undertaken by Youth for Christ, our staff make full use of their training and experience to add value to the local church, benefiting even more young people.

KIDS' CHURCH

We have supported The Community Church Kids team with a weekly zoom group for their 4-11s. The main aim was to give an opportunity to stay connected as well as chance to play games together, look at a bible passage and have time to chat it through and pray. Before Christmas, we delivered a bag of goodies to those wanting to be involved. This meant we could create a Christingle together on screen. Even within the chaos that ensued, we were able to spend a moment thinking about how we could be more like Jesus and let our light shine. Once face to face groups were allowed, we met together after school on a Monday. This support enabled the relationships to stay strong and was a great chance to encourage the children in their faith journey.





STARBUDS – TOWN WIDE YOUTH EVENTS

This is our monthly town wide youth event aimed at young people connected with churches and their friends.

At the beginning of the year, we decided to ask young people who had previously attended these events directly about what they would like to see happening going forward. Sue J created a questionnaire, offering a selection of ways we could support them - from zoom sessions, small bible study groups to chats in McDonalds. The overwhelming reply that came back was for the latter. We started to think about how we could manage so many McDonalds visits without piling on the pounds, when lockdown two brought us to a halt. We were however, pleased to find that for many, their Churches were offering some way of meeting, either virtually, or face to face.

In December we held an online party with guest visitor Magical Mayhem. It was a fun evening with a small group of young people. As well as the laughs, we were given a chance to think through what had been stripped back from our usual Christmas celebrations - and what had been left. We were challenged to question what we needed from God in terms of helping us continue our friendship with Him.



Apart from this our town wide events stopped. Our residential was cancelled for the second year running and monies were returned to those who had paid in.

It was a sad time, but we trusted it wouldn't last forever.

ASSEMBLY TRAINING

Nathan is still very much connected with his home city of Stoke and supports a church in Endon. Through this relationship, we were asked to put together some training around school assemblies as a group of Churches had been asked to start supporting the local primary school.

You could tell that all those taking part were committed to serving the local children and were very open to discuss ideas and different ways in which they could do this through assemblies.

> *"It was tailored to us, and you covered everything that was asked. Loved the examples."*
>
> *"The pace was good, and it created a relaxed atmosphere where we could share openly."*

Community

For some young people our open access work is the only activity they take part in outside of school. We believe this consistent presence is the first step in reflecting God's faithfulness to young people in a continuously changing world.

YOUTH CLUBS



As a youth organisation we followed the guidance from the National Youth Agency. When their alert levels moved from red to amber, we invited a small group of young people to come and meet us at the Warehouse to discuss possibilities for opening the youth clubs in October. They agreed to help us pilot activities with covid secure procedures in place, giving them the opportunity to decide if it was still worth doing. The young people were so enthusiastic! With their keenness to make it work, they came up with creative solutions that they felt still enabled them to enjoy the youth club. At the time this included adjusting to our very first booking system, limiting the numbers skating, and wiping down their own equipment. Not to mention the statutory regulations of wearing face masks, being socially distant and limiting numbers to 15! It's been amazing to see their resilience in action. This worked well until further lockdowns forced us to close until the beginning of June.

During the lockdowns we continued to offer two online opportunities a week for gaming and chatting. The numbers were small, but the consistency of those attending was high. For those who were so faithful with the online youth clubs we offered a climbing trip during the May half term to Alter Rock in Derby. It was a great success! We were all stretched to our limits trying out high rope walking, abseiling, speed climbing and caving. It was great to spend time together face to face and the young people were supportive of each other and came away encouraged. In June we were able to re-open the youth club fully and it has now grown back to pre-covid numbers with 37 attending and a core group of 20 young people aged 10 to 17.





In June we finally managed to start an after-school youth drop-in in Stapenhill at the community building - No.63 on Main Street. This has been funded by the Staffordshire Crime Commissioner. Going forward we hope to build a strong partnership with The Community Church, growing the session into an evening youth club. So far, we have a consistent group of 12 young people (11-16s), who come down after school on a Friday to eat, play some games and relax in a safe space. Some have even had a snooze!



We were able to continue supporting detached youth work on Heath Road Park alongside Burton Albion Community Trust's Kicks project at the beginning of the year until the cold weather and Covid brought it to a halt.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to re-open our St Chad's youth club. The good news is that young people have successfully been able to migrate from this group to the Warehouse and some to Stapenhill too, meaning that positive relationships are continuing, and they know there are points of contact they can access if they need support in any way.

ONE TO ONES

As part of our diversionary activities funding from the County Council, we have been able to meet with young people on a one-to-one basis in and outside of school time – giving an hour a week or fortnight to offer support through listening, mentoring or even going out to play pool. Just knowing you have someone available to be with can be powerful, helping young people to begin believing that they matter. We have found that this simple service has had a positive effect, increasing wellbeing, school attendance and strengthening relationships.

From January to March, we were part of an intensive mentoring pilot project with Staffordshire County Council alongside statutory and voluntary services. Our role was to be a constant presence for a young person and their family, enabling there to be an extra layer of support and local point of contact. Our young person said it only took him a week to feel comfortable with our staff and used the time to focus on his aspirations with music through his college course and how he could increase and improve his relationships with others.

When asked how it was going half-way through the young person said,

> *"I'm an overthinker and I struggle with loads of low moods. This is getting better now, and I've had an increase in good moods and I feel less stressed. Meeting up is a good laugh. I always end up going home in a good mood."*



B's Story

Matt has known B on and off since he was 7, through his attendance at children's clubs with local churches and then an open access youth club. B then took part in the Respect Burton Project for a year through High School before being offered mentoring once a week via the school's inclusion hub. Now in year 11, school staff felt he needed an opportunity to chat honestly with someone. His living circumstances had changed, and he was struggling with staying focused at school. At first B had said 'no' to this offer, but once he found out it would be Matt, he agreed to give it a go. I asked B why he changed his mind?

> *"I feel comfortable around Matt as I've known him for ages. I didn't want to talk to a new person, it scares me and I feel anxious. I wouldn't have been open with them."*

During COVID Matt and B have continued to meet up even more as Matt was able to support with transport to and from school. B decided he wanted to be more independent with this - and so conquering the local buses became a focus for their time together. In a small town, our bus services are not the best, especially during these times. You have to wait for up to an hour to change bus routes in the town centre. If you then add in anxiety and an overwhelming feeling of you not being able to manage, this creates an even bigger mountain to climb. So, they took it a step at a time. Firstly, planning their journey. Then catching the bus together for the first half - then adding in the second part and so on. Until it was time for B to go solo.

> ***Matt said***
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> *"This was a huge step for B. It's been great to be able to encourage him and give him the confidence to have a go. It felt quite exciting following him on the bus by car when he decided to go for it on his own. Knowing this was a mix of anxiety and excitement for him made me as an onlooker feel nervous. I was rooting for him, but now it was up to him."*

B explains to me that he completed the first part of the journey fine on his own, but then accidentally got onto the wrong bus next as it was early. He says, *"when the bus turned the corner my heart dropped."* Unbeknown to B, Matt had been following him in his car the whole time and had seen the bus turn. Ringing B, he was able to advise him to get off at the next stop and he'd pick him up. *"I felt so relieved,"* B says. *"I was so happy Matt was stalking me!"*

I asked B what he would say to other young people who were offered mentoring or some similar support.

> *"Do it, it's worth it. At first it can be hard, but once you get to know them it will be good. It feels like no matter what happens someone will be there. Matt is a really good person, and our levels of banter are through the roof. You get to know them, and they make an effort to get to know you and give a s**t about your day. I've enjoyed pretty much everything we've done. I've changed. I'm more confident and can actually get on a bus now!"*

We are so proud of B and what he has achieved. As I thanked him for his time, I pondered out loud - "I wonder if God is looking out for you, you know." "That's a bit weird," he said, "but maybe."

FAMILY SUPPORT

Imagine going through a big change in your family circumstances - and then realising that the times set aside to see each other were no longer available due to COVID illness and restrictions. Through an existing relationship with one family, we were able to offer the use of our office and team to create a safe, consistent space for them to meet twice a week for six months. We were able to provide resources and activities alongside the parent to keep the time positive whilst focusing on their relationship together.

Mum said

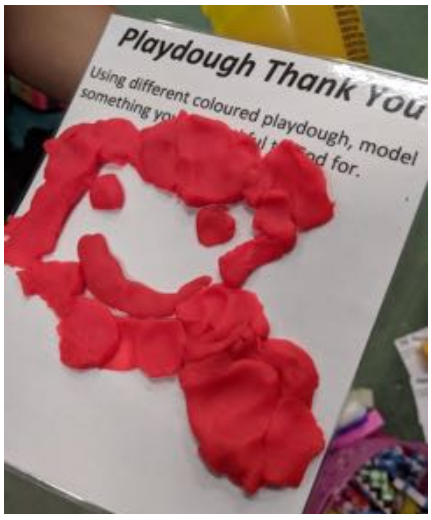
"I feel safe here. Using the Youth for Christ office has helped us to be free to be who we are. No one else could have done this for us."

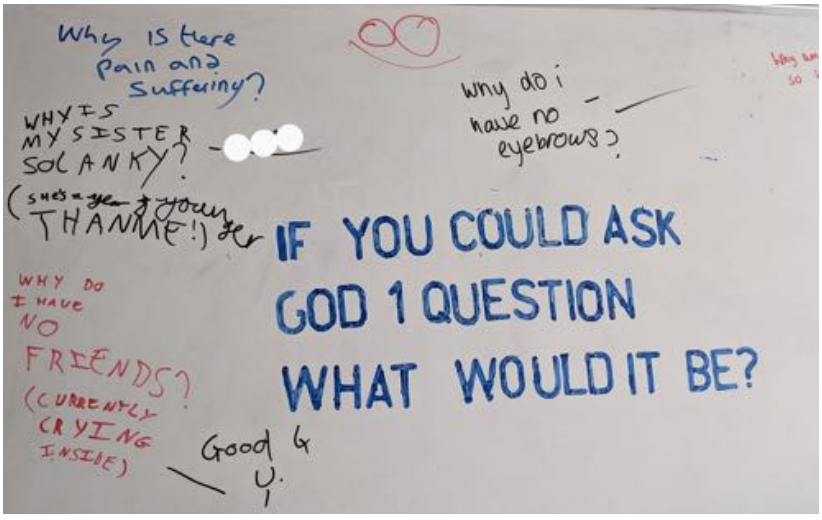
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We were able to partner with Riverside Church to offer holiday activity sessions for 4s – 17s during the October half term and the summer holidays – opening the Warehouse every Wednesday.

During the summer weeks our primary sessions saw 30 4-11s and in our older group we saw 37 different 10-17s.

With our younger ones we thought through emotions, looking at Mary and Martha from the bible and how we can get upset with others at times. One week we talked about what makes us angry, and when asked how they calm down, all the children were able to share their experiences and ideas. These included using pop-it toys, drawing, sitting in a quiet comfy space in their bedroom or listening to music. We encouraged them to try out talking to God as He is ready to listen at any time and can be trusted with all our feelings. During our reflection and prayer time the children were able to respond in different ways using play dough, or fidget toys as they sat quietly. It was quite moving to see them get lost within the moment, lingering a while.





The older group continued with skateboarding, football cage, crafting and general games. We were able to use a question each week giving an opportunity to discuss different issues such as prayer and 'what is love?' The latter had the greatest engagement with most young people sharing a negative view of love.

GIRLS GROUP

With lockdown, girls had missed out on seeing their friends, usual transition activities, and sex education in year 6 around their physical development. Many were struggling with general low mood and anxiety due to the ever-changing COVID rules. Some parents approached us asking if there was any extra support available for young girls as they felt that this time had been particularly isolating for some. As a centre we had noticed that only 25% of those re-engaging with our youth club sessions were girls. Maybe they needed other options available to opt in? With all this in mind we applied to the Staffordshire Council's Doing Our Bit Fund to create a safe space for girls to be, explore relevant issues affecting them, and try out new activities. In January we were granted the monies, but due to Covid restrictions the project hasn't yet taken place. The funders have been very understanding and are happy for us to continue within a new timeframe as we still believe that the need is there. Our trustees agreed to advertise a part-time post that would specifically champion girls and take this work forward into the next academic year.

Personnel

Trustees and Council of Reference

Our volunteers continue to be our greatest asset with committed Trustees making legal, financial and HR decisions and Council of Reference members supporting staff pastorally in their duties.

Our Trustees:

- Daniel Parker – Chair
- Frank Startin – Treasurer
- Esther Williams – Secretary
- Neil Pacey
- Christopher Snowdon stepped down from the Trustees in March.
- Patrick Lowe was co-opted in March.

Within our Trustee body there are five Churches and four denominations represented. We give thanks to Chris for his time serving on the Trustees. It was due to his passion for starting a youth work for his sons and the local area, that St. Chad's youth club began around eight years ago.

Staff

Our staff team for the year:

- Sue Garb as full-time Centre Director,
- Sue Jolley as part-time team administrator and representative,
- Matt Rimmer as full-time Youth Work Lead,
- Nathan O'Neill as full-time youth and children's outreach worker.

In August Dee Grewal joined us as a part-time worker, looking to lead in girls work.





Volunteers



We could not do what we do without our partners and volunteers - people willing to step out and give their time and energy for others. This year we have seen 10 people volunteering as well as our 5 trustees.

Speaking to his church about why he volunteers Tony said,

> *"I want to give back to God for the love He's shown to me."*

Tony's toast has become quite famous at the Warehouse youth club, and he feels he gets to know the young people through their appetites! When they ask for a toastie or a cuppa they may have a chat about their week and he gets a glimpse into their lives, enabling him to pray more specifically for them.

During the holiday clubs we've had three young people volunteering, along with several adults. We were able to say thank you by sharing food together and give out some certificates to celebrate their dedication.

> *"Volunteering brings the best out of me. I gain new skills and it makes me happy when I make others happy. I love the team. They support me and it's nice to give back."*
> ***16-year-old volunteer***

Fundraising







In October, Nathan decided to adapt his fundraising efforts to fit the current situation by playing the online game 'Fortnite' for 24 hours straight, raising £500. We also used this as a trial for playing online with local young people from one of our youth club settings. It worked well and helped us work through the logistics of making this happen in a safe way so that we could offer gaming as an online option during further lockdowns.

In July Matt and Patrick decided to walk the 20-mile perimeter of Burton to raise funds for the continuation of our mentoring work. The idea was to walk each mile in a different outfit. There were questions from passers-by, cash donated and kind words from others who came to walk alongside. Overall, £1,851 was raised towards our mentoring work with young people.

Training

Unfortunately, our annual conference with British Youth for Christ was cancelled this year, but the team attended online training and prayer events throughout the year. Staff and volunteers have taken part in and completed:

- First Aid
- Prevent
- Food hygiene
- Listening
- Self-harm
- Emotional Rollercoaster
- Mental Health Conference
- Staffordshire Early Help Assessment Training
- Level 3 safeguarding
- Developing trauma informed practise
- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism

Systems and Policies

The trustees and team have reviewed and updated various systems and policies during the year. This has included our policies concerning Maternity/Paternity, E-safety, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities, and our National Youth for Christ Charter Agreement.

Our insurance was renewed in April with Ansvar Insurance.

The Trustees met six times during the year, including our Annual General Meeting. This was via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic. Emails were sent regularly to keep everyone up to date.

Financial Review

To make decisions well and confidently, trustees use a rolling yearly cash flow plan, enabling us to see and identify patterns within our finances more clearly and plan accordingly.

Our annual income was £98.901.

Our outgoings were £85,197.

We are very grateful and pleased to report that individual giving by standing orders has remained constant at £30,065. Alongside the Gift Aid of £6,612, this gives us the freedom to plan well and have greater fluidity to adapt to the needs around us.

Church giving was £4,076.

Our invoiced income has totalled £23,224 this year from work completed. A large sum has come from a grant held by a lead partner organisation for diversionary activities for Staffordshire County Council.

We also give thanks for the £33,165 we have received in grants during the last twelve months. £15,204 of this was given through the Government's Job Retention Scheme.

Other grants:

- Fare share – Tesco & Asda food for youth clubs
- Burton Consolidated Charities – Core costs
- Crime Commissioner – Stapenhill Youth Drop-in
- Coronavirus Community Support Fund – Listening Service
- Doing Our Bit – Girls Work

The Centre Director works alongside Trustees, creating a funding strategy that will continue to build relationships with churches, individuals and grant givers who understand the needs of young people and are willing to put resources and funds to improve sustainability alongside one off grants. This also includes seeking out new partnerships with other local organisations as well as continuing with those we already have. Our heart is to invest in young people for the long term, not just follow money attached to specific projects.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees reviewed their amount of funds kept in reserve, (those not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) and agreed to keep 3 months for this year. The Trustees will continue to review the policy as funding streams become more certain during the 2021/22 financial year and beyond.

Looking Forward

At the beginning of the year, we were like the disciples at the time before Jesus fed the five thousand. “How are we going to do this?” Jesus told them to go and see how many loaves they had.

Their reply - *“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”*

Last year this conclusion spoke of us becoming ‘smaller’ as we moved forward. This has definitely taken place. Yet the depth that has grown from the smallness has surprised us. So much so, that we no longer want to go back to the way things were. Our outlook has shifted.

This year we were reminded of a chrysalis. In a chrysalis there’s a lot going on - it’s a time for being still but not for resting. Significant change is taking place! A butterfly looks considerably different to a caterpillar. It has a new form of transport with its wings, giving a new perspective. A butterfly will see things differently, respond differently, and therefore live differently. It’s hard to imagine a butterfly wanting to go back to being a caterpillar.

Burton Youth for Christ has changed – individually and as an organisation. We’ve had a chance to notice the deep impact the smallness of our work has had this year. We’ve appreciated the value in being with others, truly listening and enjoying who they are. We’ve realised afresh what a privilege it is when young people freely choose to share themselves with us and learnt that to do this well, we don’t need to be perfect. Young people need to glimpse a little of our messiness to help them feel safe within theirs.

We therefore move forward with a renewed hope and openness to what’s next.

Thank you to all those who have continued to stand with us in believing in young people. For the consistency of those who pray, volunteer, and give. Be encouraged! There is so much more to come!

> *“Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.”*
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> **John 6:11**

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Burton Youth For Christ	1071717

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/09/2020		31/08/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gifts and donations incl Gift Aid	42,512		-	42,512	40,531
Grants		17,961	-	17,961	34,625
Charitable Activities	23,220		-	23,220	15,531
Other			-	-	135
Investment income	4		-	4	42
Gov grant - Job Retention scheme	15,204	-	-	15,204	6,043
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	80,940	17,961	-	98,901	96,907
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	80,940	17,961	-	98,901	96,907
A3 Payments					
Staff related expenses	59,524	13,889	-	73,413	73,161
Office related expenses	3,302	4,951	-	8,253	7,579
Programme materials and resources	2,536	671	-	3,207	3,754
Other overheads		324		324	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
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		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	65,362	19,835	-	85,197	84,494
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Asset purchases	-		-	-	2,429
Sub total	-	-	-	-	2,429
Total payments	65,362	19,835	-	85,197	86,923
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,578	- 1,874	-	13,704	9,984
A5 Transfers between funds	- 347	347	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,289	8,960	-	38,249	28,265
Cash funds this year end	44,520	7,433	-	51,953	38,249

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	CAF Cash & Savings Accounts	44,233	7,433	-
	Petty Cash	287	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Debtors - unpaid invoices	535	-	-
Gift Aid receivable	551	-	-
	-	-	-
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	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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		-	-
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Keyboard and stand - June 16	Unrestricted	514	-
3 X ipads - imaginate plus	Unrestricted	1,148	-
Laptop	Unrestricted	480	-
Macbook - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,199	-
Laptops X2 plus ipad - March 2020	Unrestricted	1,230	-
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		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Payroll taxes	Unrestricted	732	September
Other creditors	Unrestricted	267	September
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/ members of	Burton Youth for Christ		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st August 2021	**Charity no (if any)**	1071717
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of 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 the 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.

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