

Kenilworth Youth For Christ - Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Summary of activities in 2024

Throughout the year we have worked to progress the vision and mission of Kenilworth Youth For Christ to see young peoples lives changed by Jesus in local schools, churches and youth clubs.

Much of Kenilworth Youth For Christ's work is carried out in the local secondary school, Kenilworth School and Sixth Form. The contributions of the Kenilworth Youth For Christ team are widely recognised and warmly welcomed by the school's management team and in addition to the activities set out above, the Centre Director and from November a trainee youth worker continuing to run several lunchtime clubs at Kenilworth School with volunteers from several local churches. These regular lunchtime clubs have long been a feature of Kenilworth Youth For Christ's activities: S-Cape, (a secular lunchtime club) and X-Plore, (a lunch time club focused on exploring the Christian faith).

Highlights of the year included members of the team joining 300 Year 8 students from Kenilworth School in October at their annual trip to Manor Adventure, Culmington Manor, an activity centre in Shropshire, and the regular series of Catalyst events – a youth outreach event with music, food, games and inflatables – which offers an opportunity for young people to meet together, hear testimonies and explore the Christian faith together.

Governance and compliance

In addition to overseeing the programmes and activities in the schools and churches, the Board of Trustees has paid attention over the past year to our statutory obligations, and have worked with the National Youth for Christ staff to complete the regular, formal requirement to update and confirm our status as a chartered local centre. This status was reconfirmed in autumn 2024.

The Board of Trustees was consistent through 2024. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of these accounts consist of:

Rev Andrew Attwood
Jeremy Bryans
Mark Dawson (Treasurer)
Michelle Harris (Chair)
Julie Swards (Secretary)

Finances

In the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, total income was £47,027 with several new supporters and one-off gifts meaning that donation income increased by approximately 35% compared to the prior year. The charity also benefited from several grants to support its activities from local churches and other local grant making bodies. Total expenditure was £37,320. The majority of costs relate to salary and associated expenses, plus payments relating to the Kenilworth Youth Weekend Away. Therefore in 2024 we reported a surplus of £9,707 on a receipts and payments basis. This level of surplus was anticipated and reflected advance funding for a short term trainee youth minister role. Total cash in the bank at 31 December 2024 was £21,648.

Public Benefit

The Board of Trustees continue to work to ensure that Kenilworth Youth For Christ offers a very significant public benefit to people from all religions and none through its work within Kenilworth School, and this view is wholeheartedly supported by the school's management team. We are further of the opinion that we provide the local churches with an additional resource to help them in their mission to support the needs of the local population of Kenilworth and its environs as we seek to take the Good News to all the young people in the area in a relevant way.

Forward Look

The Trustees and Centre Director have continued to operate a series of lunchtime clubs in schools, support the youth ministry in local churches, and seeking new ways to engage with supporters through a revamped newsletter and improved use of social media. Plans for 2025 include the development of new relationships in the town and surrounding villages, the development of Catalyst as a regular Christian youth outreach event in the town, and the continuation of the Kenilworth Youth Weekend Away, an annual event for young people and their friends from churches across Kenilworth, which is planned for February 2025.

We remain committed to seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus and continue to support young people and create a loving environment where young people can experience something of the love of God and His purpose.

KENILWORTH YOUTH FOR CHRIST
Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	20,123	14,788
Donations from churches	6,995	3,825
Grants	14,400	0
Other income	5,509	5,906
TOTAL RECEIPTS	47,027	24,519
PAYMENTS		
Wages and Salaries	24,491	16,201
Insurance	421	322
Donations to British Youth For Christ	1,200	900
Clubs and other expenses	6,152	3,398
Payments relating to the Kenilworth Youth Weekend Away	5,056	4,144
TOTAL PAYMENTS	37,320	24,965
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,707	(446)
	2024	2023
Assets at 31 December	£	£
CAF Bank current account	19,291	2,263
Lloyds Bank current account	2,357	9,477
TOTAL	21,648	11,740