

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales · Charity number 1081565

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2000-07-14

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 (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN TAUNTON AND ITS ENVIRONS.B) TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELISATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN TAUNTON AND ITS ENVIRONS.C) TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING.D) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS THEREBY DEMONSTRATING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Activities: 1) We run and support Christian unions, mentoring services, breakfast and lunch clubs in several secondary schools in Taunton. 2) Provide youth events during some school terms . 3) Provide youth and youth work volunteer training for Christians seeking to develop ministries. 4) Participate in detached youth work in local parks

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TAUNTON AND ITS ENVIRONS
- Somerset

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £76,995 | £58,011 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £55,435 | £57,916 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £48,017 | £67,170 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £64,829 | £47,999 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £52,818 | £27,241 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| Cathrine Solanki | Chair | 2016-06-20 |
| DAVID SLACK FCA | | 2019-06-30 |
| HARVEY JOHN CLARK | | |
| Laura Rebecca Darley | | 2022-11-09 |
| Samuel Burton | | 2018-12-13 |

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:
(Executive Committee members)

Mrs C Solanki (Chair)
Mr H J Clark
Mr S Burton
Mr D Slack
Miss L R Darley
Ms N Vieira - Resigned 16/07/2024

REGISTERED ADDRESS:

1 Fons George Road
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REGISTERED CHARITY:

1081565

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

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Trustees Annual Report 2024-25

Taunton Youth for Christ,

Oakwood Church Centre,

Obridge Road,

Taunton

TA2 7PU

Charity number 1081568

Chairperson Mrs Cathrine Solanki

Treasurer Mr David Slack

Secretary Miss Laura Darley

Trustees Mr Harvey Clark

Mr Sam Burton

Employees

Full time, Kelly Jones, Centre Director. Appointed August 2022

Chaplain, 29 Hours per week. Chloe Mew, (Nee Deitz). Appointed August 2024

Summary of Purpose

“To see young people’s lives changed by Jesus.”

Main activities

Detached community work, School Mentoring, School Chaplaincy support/ safe space, schools work, support Christian Unions, termly events, support churches, mentoring in the community.

School Mentoring

Taunton Youth for Christ offer one afternoon of Mentoring/Chaplaincy at Pyrland School Taunton weekly and twenty-nine hours, at Court fields School Wellington. Pupils are referred by Welfare and Chaplaincy staff at the school and topics covered are anger management, issues around peer groups, family reconciliation and forgiveness. Sessions are based on biblical principles and cover many topics including the above mentioned.

Chaplaincy

Kelly assists the Chaplain at Pyrland School, one afternoon a week. These sessions began in a safe space provided by school; however, the demand was so great Kelly now operates in several locations on campus. Kelly continues to attend the Ethos committee meetings at school providing a platform to input Christian values.

Kelly also supports the Christian Union run at Pyrland School alongside another run by two students at Huish Episcopy School.

Chloe's timetable is split between mentoring and Chaplaincy work at Court Fields. Her activities mirror those of Kelly at Pyrland School.

Outreach

The van continues to be an invaluable resource to the team. We run two outreach sessions weekly throughout the year at Priorswood and Hamilton Park, and plan to offer another in Wellington by the end of 2025. The team regularly see 30-35 young people attend the van depending on the weather. Relationships continue to grow with young people, and local police inform us they have seen a reduction in criminal activity because of TYfC interaction with several individuals. We continue to work towards creating a culture of honour and respect to model good practice. Local police and PCSO's visit the van frequently and spend time building relationship with the youth. In addition, the team now have open dialogue with police in the event of concerns or challenging situations arising.

The Wellington van session has been postponed until September 2025; however the teams are building relationship to begin early during the September Term.

Bible Study

We run a weekly bible study at a local church for those seeking to go deeper.

Asylum Seekers

We continue weekly session with asylum seekers at a local hotel. We regularly see twenty young people and KS2 children attending the van sessions. Each session varies; however, craft, singing and Xbox are regular features.

After School Revision Club

The club runs weekly providing a safe quiet space for students to do homework, revision, and job applications with assistance, if necessary, for the work set. Sessions vary as the needs of those attending are met. We find some attendees need a safe space to share concerns around school and home life, so tailor each session accordingly. Several attendees who are no longer in mainstream school attend and work on literary skills. As a result of this group, we saw one attendee return to full time education having been absent for several years.

Local Churches

Kelly has visited several local churches over the year to speak about youth culture and our role locally. In addition, Kelly offers guidance to churches seeking advice on how to move forward in youth work.

Youth Space

We are currently in communication with a local church to develop a youth space. Talks are ongoing and progress has been slow due to building regulation requirements. We continue to plan and hope to see progress early in 2026.

Summary of achievements

School & Community Mentoring

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Several additional mentoring sessions are held during the week in local cafes for young people who are not attending mainstream school. These sessions have resulted in a marked improvement in mental health and wellbeing, with several of those being mentored now attending our after-school revision club to do Maths and English. Kelly has on several occasions represented as advocate/ accompanied a young person at meetings with social services and police.

Wellington mentoring sessions are timetabled as following-

Tuesday – Learning Support Day, supporting students 1:1 with academic work, based in Learning Support

Wednesday– Learning Support Day, supporting students 1:1 with academic work, based in Learning Support

Thursday- Learning Support Day, supporting students 1:1 with academic work, based in Learning Support

Chaplaincy

Kelly assists the Chaplain at Pyrland School one afternoon a week and offers advice and materials including youth bibles for the Christian Union at the school. Kelly patrols the outside areas during lunch break and often helps out in IE, Internal Exclusion.

Chloe is Chaplain at Court Fields School for two full days a week.

Monday – Chaplain Day, meeting students being available, based in the Wellbeing Hub

Friday – Chaplain Day, meeting students being available, based in the Wellbeing Hub

In addition, Chloe runs a Christian Union during a lunch time once a week.

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After School Revision Club

We have run the after-school club since January '24. Over this period, some use the space to do homework or revision, some are following a KS2 maths programme having missed several years of school due to dysfunctional families and others don't have a quiet place at home to work. The sessions have proved popular, and attendees have requested we continue to meet on an informal basis during the school holidays.

Financial Review

Income

Income was £76,995 and expenditure was £58,012 for the year. We continue to receive the Willats Trust Grant of £15,000 annually until September 2026.

Surplus for the year was £15,833.

Governance

Taunton Youth for Christ is affiliated to British Youth for Christ. The constitution is based on the national model and TYfC seeks to comply with the national charter. However, TYfC is an independent charity that has trustees appointed by the existing trustees. The Trustees have continued to meet regularly throughout the year bimonthly and are always available in the event of urgent matters arising.

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Commission's Guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the above activities meet the public benefit requirements for charitable status.

Future Plans

We continue outreach and community mentoring, reaching the young people on the fringe of school and society. We have built relationship with Somerset Children's Services and the local police and now have a joined-up service with other agencies. Having appointed a Chaplain at Court Field's School we aim to run an outreach session once a week having built relationship with the youth in that area. This will result in the van being out three evenings a week. We currently have an additional post advertised for a youth worker to join us part time, the remainder of the week to be based at a local church. It is our hope this post will further bridge the gap between the local church and the young people we see on outreach, providing further support to them and their families.

Kelly has retained her Thrive training though CPD to enable her to share material with secondary schools and implement the techniques for trauma related issues they encounter. The schools we engage with have all stated the value of our input into the welfare of pupils and one has offered materials for the homework club as it continues to grow. As we spend time with our local youth and demonstrate love and acceptance to many who have seen very little in their lives it continues to build confidence in the young people and the reward is immeasurable.

We are currently working with a local church to develop a youth space in one of the communities we work within and hope to see a permanent base develop where we can host young people in a relaxed environment and provide life skills teaching in a purpose-built kitchen.

Cathrine Solanki

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Solanki', with a small star-like mark at the end.

Chair of Trustees

Taunton Youth for Christ

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES
OF TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

This report on the Receipts and Payments account and statement of Assets and Liabilities of Taunton Youth for Christ for the year ended 31 March 2025, set out on pages 6 to 8, is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that there is no requirement for any audit of those accounts under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility, under instructions from you, to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met; or

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



**Bernard Critchley
Aspen Waite
Chartered Certified Accountants
Rubis House, 15 Friarn Street
Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3LH**

24 September 2025

**TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund for Courtfields Chaplain | Restricted Grant from Willats Trust | Total Funds | |
|---|-----------------------|--|---|----------------|---------------|
| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Non Gift Aid donations | 24,656 | 14,384 | 15,000 | 54,040 | 22,793 |
| Gift Aid donations | 16,505 | - | - | 16,505 | 18,585 |
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid donations | 5,041 | - | - | 5,041 | 4,404 |
| Donation re van costs | - | - | - | - | 1,300 |
| Charitable Trusts | - | - | - | - | 7,500 |
| Interest received | 1,409 | - | - | 1,409 | 853 |
| Total Receipts | 47,611 | 14,384 | 15,000 | 76,995 | 55,435 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Staff salaries | 16,733 | 9,919 | 15,000 | 41,652 | 30,058 |
| Resources | 769 | - | - | 769 | 828 |
| Telephone | - | - | - | - | 28 |
| Training | 1,558 | 294 | - | 1,852 | 1,927 |
| Outreach | 2,318 | - | - | 2,318 | 2,880 |
| British Youth for Christ | 600 | - | - | 600 | 1,000 |
| Travel | 4 | - | - | 4 | 234 |
| Insurance and licences | 1,078 | 270 | - | 1,348 | 940 |
| Accountancy and payroll | 622 | 101 | - | 722 | 603 |
| Van cost and equipment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Van generator | - | - | - | - | - |
| Van running costs | 5,572 | - | - | 5,572 | 5,641 |
| Fundraising and publicity | 1,008 | 350 | - | 1,358 | 87 |
| Office costs | 1,516 | 300 | - | 1,816 | 1,232 |
| Total Payments | 31,778 | 11,234 | 15,000 | 58,012 | 45,458 |
| Net (Deficit)/Surplus | 15,833 | 3,150 | - | 18,983 | 9,977 |
| Bank and cash funds at 1 April 2024 | 56,916 | 1,000 | - | 57,916 | 47,939 |
| Bank and cash funds at 31 March 2025 | 72,749 | 4,150 | - | 76,899 | 57,916 |

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2025

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Fund for Courtfields Chaplain | Total Funds | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2024 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| CASH AND CURRENT ASSET FUNDS | | | | |
| Bank and cash | | | | |
| Bank current account | 2,516 | - | 2,516 | 2,302 |
| Bank reserve account | 35,893 | 4,150 | 40,043 | 25,260 |
| 35 day liquidity | 34,340 | - | 34,340 | 30,354 |
| Debtor | | | | |
| HMRC | 4,764 | - | 4,764 | 5,852 |
| | <u>77,513</u> | <u>4,150</u> | <u>81,663</u> | <u>63,768</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees in September 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Chairman

C Stanton

Treasurer

David Slack

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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| REGISTERED CHARITY: | 1081565 |
| INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: | Mark Roney Aspen Waite Chartered Certified Accountants Rubis House 15 Friarn Street Bridgwater Somerset TA6 3LH |

Trustees Annual Report 2023-24

Taunton Youth for Christ
33 North Street
Taunton, TA1 1LW

Charity Number: 1081568

Chairperson: Mrs Cathrine Solanki
Treasurer: Mr David Slack
Secretary: Miss Laura Darley
Trustees: Mr Harvey Clarke, Miss Nelma Vieira, Mr Sam Burton,

Employees

Full time Kelly Jones, Centre Director, Appointed August 2022
Ant Stephens, Youth Worker, Resigned April 2023

Summary of Purpose

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Main Activities

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Youth Club FNP

Due to demand in other areas, it was agreed to finish Friday Night Project, FNP, at the end of the summer term 2023 having felt our greatest impact would be on outreach. We are grateful to all who supported this project and gave of their time.

Events

We hosted two events, one during the summer holidays at Pyrland School on the playing fields and another at Christmas indoors. Both events were well attended. The summer event consisted of outdoor games, hot dogs, an ice cream van in attendance, worship, and a talk. At Christmas we focused on the nativity, worshiped, played games, and made gingerbread houses.

Bible Study

We run a weekly bible study at a local church for those seeking to go deeper.

Asylum Seekers

During the autumn term we began a weekly session with asylum seekers at a local hotel. We regularly see twenty young people and KS2 children attending the van sessions. Each session varies, however craft, singing and Xbox are regular features.

After School Revision Club

The club runs weekly providing a safe quiet space for students to do homework, revision, and job applications with assistance, if necessary, for the work set. We regularly see between 10-15 young people use the facility and hope it grows as the autumn term commences. Several attendees who are no longer in mainstream school attend and work on literary and numeracy skills and several older students use the laptops provided by Taunton Home Tech to complete job applications with support in writing CV's.

Local Churches & Street Pastors

Kelly has visited several local churches over the year to speak about youth culture and our role locally and supports churches and Street Pastors with safeguarding training and youth culture workshops.

Weekend Away

Kelly and Kate joined Gloucester Youth for Christ for a weekend away with two of our young people in November. This was a huge success and both girls enjoyed the opportunity to mix and make new friends.

Youth Space

We are currently in communication with a local church to develop a youth space. Talks are ongoing and we hope to see progress during the autumn term 2024.

Summary of achievements

School & Community Mentoring

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Chaplaincy

We were unable to appoint a new Chaplain for Court Field's School, Wellington before the end of this year, however Kelly assists the Chaplain at Pyrland School one afternoon a week and offers advice and materials including youth bibles for the Christian Union at the school. The safe space became so popular it outgrew its room, so Kelly now patrols the outside areas, corridors, and welfare unit to chat to pupils and offer support if required. Kelly remains an integral part of the Ethos Committee who meet termly at school.

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Events

Several of the young people attended both the summer outdoor and winter indoor events and were hugely impacted by the message given. The summer event was a time to let off steam in a safe environment and mostly have fun. Worship and a message were also part of the afternoons timetable. Christmas saw a large gathering of young people. Worship and a message tied into the nativity was followed up during other sessions after Christmas.

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Local Churches and Street Pastors

Taunton Youth for Christ ran a safeguarding/youth culture training session and forty people attended from a variety of local churches. Kelly is a qualified safeguarding trainer and was able to issue certificates to all attendees. The session also gave us an opportunity to demonstrate the situation many of our young people encounter on a regular basis. The session was offered having received several requests for assistance with safeguarding from local churches and Street Pastors.

Financial Review

Income

Income was £55,435 and expenditure was £45,458 for the year. We gained a considerable increase in giving this year again, and the application to The Willats Trust was successful giving us a grant of £15,000 annually for three years starting from 1 October 2023 to support our outreach in deprived areas.

Surplus for the year was £9,977, which gives us a healthy reserve of £57,916 as we hope to move forward recruiting two further workers and developing a youth centre.

Governance

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Future Plans

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Cathrine Solanki

C. Stanki

Chair of Trustees
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September 2024

**TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Grant from Avon & Somerset Police | Restricted Grant from Willats Trust | Total Funds | |
|---|-----------------------|--|---|----------------|-----------------|
| | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Non Gift Aid donations | 22,793 | - | - | 22,793 | 31,537 |
| Gift Aid donations | 18,585 | - | - | 18,585 | 11,489 |
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid donations | 4,404 | - | - | 4,404 | 3,781 |
| Donation re van costs | - | 1,300 | - | 1,300 | - |
| Charitable Trusts | - | - | 7,500 | 7,500 | - |
| Interest received | 853 | - | - | 853 | 211 |
| Total Receipts | 46,635 | 1,300 | 7,500 | 55,435 | 48,017 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Staff salaries | 22,558 | - | 7,500 | 30,058 | 40,823 |
| Resources | 828 | - | - | 828 | 294 |
| Telephone | 28 | - | - | 28 | 161 |
| Training | 1,927 | - | - | 1,927 | 1,355 |
| Outreach | 2,880 | - | - | 2,880 | 2,301 |
| British Youth for Christ | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | 500 |
| Travel | 234 | - | - | 234 | 1,046 |
| Insurance and licences | 940 | - | - | 940 | 871 |
| Accountancy and payroll | 603 | - | - | 603 | 618 |
| Van cost and equipment | - | - | - | - | 12,500 |
| Van generator | - | - | - | - | 2,455 |
| Van running costs | 4,341 | 1,300 | - | 5,641 | 2,839 |
| Fundraising and publicity | 87 | - | - | 87 | 189 |
| Office costs | 1,232 | - | - | 1,232 | 1,218 |
| Total Payments | 36,658 | 1,300 | 7,500 | 45,458 | 67,170 |
| Net (Deficit)/Surplus | 9,977 | - | - | 9,977 | (19,153) |
| Bank and cash funds at 1 April 2023 | 47,939 | - | - | 47,939 | 67,092 |
| Bank and cash funds at 31 March 2024 | 57,916 | - | - | 57,916 | 47,939 |

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds 2024 | Restricted Funds 2024 | Total Funds 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| CASH AND CURRENT ASSET FUNDS | | | | |
| Bank and cash | | | | |
| Bank current account | 2,302 | - | 2,302 | 1,437 |
| Bank reserve account | 25,260 | - | 25,260 | 46,501 |
| 35 day liquidity | 30,354 | - | 30,354 | - |
| Debtor | | | | |
| HMRC | 5,852 | - | 5,852 | 2,872 |
| | <u>63,768</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>63,768</u> | <u>50,811</u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees in September 2024 and signed on its behalf

Chairman *C. S. S. S. S.*

Treasurer *David Slack*

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Accounting policies

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Restricted funds were given for the purpose of establishing a mentoring project in local schools. The original gifts have been supplemented by funding from the Wellington churches for two days per week in the Court Fields School.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are not included in the statement of Assets and Liabilities unless the individual cost exceeds £1,500.

Independent examination

Independent examination is required where gross income exceeds £25,000.

Affiliate member

The Charity is an affiliate member of British Youth for Christ (Company number 988200 and Charity number 263446) and complies with their charter standards.

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 1081565

Accounts

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 2023

Registered Charity Number: 1081565

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:
(Executive Committee members) Mrs C Solanki (Chair)
Rev V Carrington (resigned September 2022)
Mr H J Clark
Ms N Vieira
Mr S Burton
Mr D Slack
Miss L R Darley (appointed November 2022)

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REGISTERED CHARITY: 1081565

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Mark Roney
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Trustees Annual Report 2022-23

Taunton Youth for Christ
33 North Street
Taunton, TA1 1LW

Charity Number: 1081568

Chairperson: Mrs Cathrine Solanki

Treasurer: Mr David Slack

Secretary: Miss Laura Darley

Trustees: Mr Harvey Clarke, Miss Nelma Vieira, Mr Sam Burton, Rev Vince Carrington, (Resigned Sept '22).

Employees

Full time Kelly Jones, Centre Director, Appointed August 2022

Ant Stephens, Youth Worker, Resigned April 2023

Summary of Purpose

To see young lives changed by Jesus.

Main Activities

School mentoring, School Chaplaincy, Schools Work, (Christian Union, Safe Space)
Youth Club, Detached Community Work, Termly Events, Support Churches.

Mentoring

Taunton Youth for Christ offered four days mentoring per week throughout the year, two at The Castle School, Taunton and two days at Court Field's School, Wellington. Pupils are referred by welfare staff within the school. The courses ran between 6-8 weeks and sessions were based on biblical principles and covered many topics. Forgiveness, anger management, issues around peer groups and family reconciliation are covered and all sessions are open to young people of any background.

Ant had a caseload of 24 mentees a week. And Kelly saw 20 mentees between September and April 2023.

Chaplaincy

Kelly and Ant both engaged in Chaplaincy work over the year. Ant at Court Field's School providing a Christian Union and break time support for vulnerable students to talk through issues. Kelly supports the Chaplain at The Academy in Taunton on a Wednesday afternoon. Kelly hosts a drop-in session during lunchtime and sees mentees during the afternoon. As a result of Kelly's input, she was invited to join the ethos committee. This has provided a good platform to input Christian values for the school.

Outreach

The youth outreach van/bus was commissioned in September 23 and has proved an invaluable resource to the team. We saw a regular group of young people attend the Thursday evening session over the winter months and having a dry space enables us to build relationships. The young people and their parents have been very grateful for the provision of a venue to gather during the winter months, play X Box and talk through situations arising at home and school. The team have had several positive interactions with local police during the sessions and were able to provide a safe space occasionally for young people who were in distress and required professional input. On those occasions the team remained on site at the park until police, ambulance and social services were able to arrange overnight provision or medical assistance.

As the weather has improved increased numbers of young people now attend the sessions and the overlap with school's work is as we hoped it would be. Where conversations were brief due to school timetables, the team are now able to build strong relationships without time restrictions. Because of the police involvement, Kelly has built a good relationship with the local Violence Reduction Unit in Taunton, and they requested we run an additional evening at Priorswood. This was implemented in April 23 and is proving to be a success. The team regularly see 30-40 young people and are working on creating a culture of honour and respect to model good practice. The Violence Reduction Unit have agreed to fund £1300 annually in 2023/24 to cover the costs of refreshments and fuel for the generator.

Youth Club-FNP

Youth club ran weekly term time until April 23 when Ant resigned his position. Numbers were often in the early twenties, and they followed the Rock Solid programme of games and a talk in addition to playing X box and using the garden whenever possible. Several off site trips were facilitated including a visit to Flip- Out a trampoline centre in Wellington.

Events

We have hosted three Living Out Loud sessions over the year, one a term and seen around seventy-eighty young people attend. Teaching, worship, fun and games were the core of each session and in total ten young people have made a commitment to follow Jesus.

Summary Of Achievements

Mentoring

We continued to assist young people with reconciliation with parents, anger management, peer group pressure, pre-clinical depression, despondency, self-esteem, and fear issues during the sessions. The young people we see are given tools to cope with change and interpersonal skills. Each pupil attends a six- or eight-week course of mentoring, and we have supported upwards of 150 pupils over the year. The team continue to see the effects on mental health of lockdown as life has returned to a more normal pattern.

Chaplaincy

As a result of Ants resignation, we took time to review the provision of mentoring in schools and it was agreed to advertise a Chaplaincy post to replace the mentoring post made vacant. This will enable us to expand our input and spread the workload over several days enabling us to develop greater continuity with the pupils in building relationship and reach a wider group of young people.

Ant and Kelly both engaged in Chaplaincy work, facilitating Christian Unions, drop-in sessions, and running assemblies at school. In addition, Kelly and Ant supported a local church at Christmas to run a carol service and an Easter service where pupils were taken to the local venues. The school was grateful to have the support and input of the Chaplains to facilitate these activities. Christian Unions continue to provide opportunities for young people to explore matters of faith and invite those with faith related questions to attend. CU's ran at The Castle School, Court Field's and The Academy.

Outreach

Having felt strongly a call to pursue working with young people in the local parks and schools, we are very encouraged with the uptake of detached van sessions. We aim to demonstrate Christian values and encourage the young people we meet to follow our example in forgiving, showing tolerance of those we meet, accepting new members to join us and respecting the needs of every individual. We have been hugely encouraged by the uptake during the detached sessions and the team have built solid relationships. Young people have come to us at times of celebration, extreme trauma, fear, frustration and confusion and we have given them time and encouragement. Statutory bodies are sometimes called upon if situations demand, however the young people trust us to advocate on their behalf and this has resulted in disclosures resulting in good outcomes. Several of the young people who made a commitment to follow Jesus are now regularly attending church and attending a group to explore the bible.

We currently run two evenings of outreach, Tuesdays at Priorswood and Thursdays at Hamilton Park. Kelly has been approached by police to extend the provision to neighbouring town and local churches want to sponsor a post in a further town. We are looking into appointing someone for one position and are encouraging the local churches to get involved as volunteers.

Having the van as a safe space has enhanced our capacity to sit with young people regardless of weather conditions and given the local youth a focal point to gather and relax together.

Youth Club- FNP

The Friday Night Project has been running weekly term times and we see a regular attendance of between 20-30 young people. Friends bring along friends and the vibe is relaxed and safe.

Events

This year has been successful in terms of attendance to Living Out Loud events. We are frequently asked when the next event will take place and there is now an anticipation for every session planned. Attendance is usually around seventy young people however this can vary. Once again, we hosted the American team, Carry the Love and they remained with us to visit schools and do outreach. Attendees are a mixture of church and outreach young people with the majority being unchurched. Young people are happy to invite friends along and we have set a format for every event so that the youth know in advance what to expect however the guest speakers vary.

Financial Review

Income is £48,017 and expenditure is £67,170. The deficit of £19,153 is due primarily to payments made for the refurbishment of the youth bus.

We are grateful for significant increases in our regular giving this year and an application for a grant of £15,000 is in the process of submission to cover the additional cost of our full time Centre Director in addition to a jointly funded youth worker. Our reserves of £50,811 are slightly in excess of 12

months running costs and would support a small deficit for a short period of time while additional regular income is sought.

Governance

Taunton Youth for Christ is affiliated to British Youth for Christ. The constitution is based on the national model and TYfC seeks to comply with the national charter. However, TYfC is an independent charity that has trustees appointed by the existing trustees. The Trustees have continued to meet regularly throughout the year bi monthly and are always available in the event of urgent matters arising.

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Commission's Guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the above activities meet the public benefit requirements for charitable status.

Future Plans

As we consider the way forward, our goal is always to reach as many young people as possible in our town and surrounding area. We will be reviewing the schools work over the coming months and considering the benefits of mentoring services over School Chaplaincy.

With regards to outreach we hope to continue to build on our volunteer base of 19 to extend the park work and facilitate additional sessions. When Ant resigned his position, this gave us an opportunity to consider partnering with a local church to employ a joint youth worker and the plans to establish this role are now in place.

We feel strongly this will enable us to bridge the gap between outreach and church as our hope is to see many more young people feel comfortable to do as a small number have done over the last year and find their way to a church and grow in faith. We began an alpha group, and this has morphed into a nurture bible study. We see this as a steppingstone to growing in faith.

Kelly has worked to develop our safeguarding policies to enable safe practice amongst the outreach young people, many of whom come from very challenging backgrounds. We hope to roll out a safeguarding service to local churches to enable them to receive the young people who are now beginning to attend their churches and be confident to engage and help them grow in faith.

Conclusion

In conclusion Taunton Youth for Christ continues to work with statutory agencies, churches, and schools to impact our young people and to equip them to become integrated in society. We provide a safe environment to explore faith issues, personal struggles, express their feelings and have fun. Our team of 19 volunteers, Youth Workers and Trustees working together, for the goal of seeing young people's lives transformed by an encounter with Jesus.

Signed



C Solanki
Chair of Trustees, Taunton Youth for Christ

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES
OF TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

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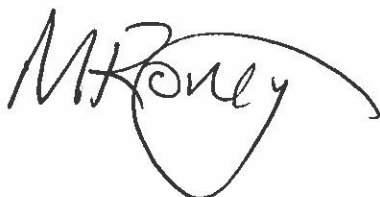
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July 2023

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds 2023 | Restricted Van 2023 | Restricted Mentoring 2023 | Total Funds 2023 | 2022 |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Non Gift Aid donations | 25,345 | - | 6,192 | 31,537 | 29,642 |
| Gift Aid donations | 11,489 | - | - | 11,489 | 15,119 |
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid donations | 3,781 | - | - | 3,781 | 2,639 |
| Mentoring project Non Gift Aid donations | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 15,423 |
| Charitable Trusts | - | - | - | - | 2,000 |
| Bank interest received | 211 | - | - | 211 | 6 |
| Total Receipts | 40,825 | - | 7,192 | 48,017 | 64,829 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Staff salaries | 31,112 | - | 9,711 | 40,823 | 30,099 |
| Resources | 294 | - | - | 294 | 123 |
| Telephone | 161 | - | - | 161 | 123 |
| Training | 1,355 | - | - | 1,355 | 174 |
| Outreach | 2,301 | - | - | 2,301 | 361 |
| British Youth for Christ | 500 | - | - | 500 | 500 |
| Travel | 1,046 | - | - | 1,046 | 531 |
| Insurance and licences | 871 | - | - | 871 | 689 |
| Accountancy and payroll | 618 | - | - | 618 | 616 |
| Van cost and equipment | 12,500 | - | - | 12,500 | 12,060 |
| Van generator | 2,455 | - | - | 2,455 | |
| Van running costs | 2,839 | - | - | 2,839 | 1,395 |
| Fundraising and publicity | 189 | - | - | 189 | 410 |
| Office costs | 1,218 | - | - | 1,218 | 918 |
| Total Payments | 57,459 | - | 9,711 | 67,170 | 47,999 |
| Net (Deficit)/Surplus | (16,634) | - | (2,519) | (19,153) | 16,830 |
| Bank and cash funds at 1 April 2022 | 64,573 | - | 2,519 | 67,092 | 50,262 |
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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
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AT 31 MARCH 2023

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
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| Bank and cash | | | | | |
| | Bank current account | 1,437 | - | 1,437 | 2,672 |
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| Debtor | HMRC | 2,872 | - | 2,872 | 2,597 |
| | | 50,811 | - | 50,811 | 69,689 |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees in July 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Chairman 

Treasurer 

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Accounts

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:
(Executive Committee members)

Mrs C Solanki (Chair)
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Trustees Annual Report 2021-22

Taunton Youth for Christ
33 North Street
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Charity Number: 1081568

Chairperson: Kate Solanki
Treasurer: David Slack
Secretary: Vince Carrington
Trustees: Harvey Clarke, Nelma Vieira, Sam Burton

Employees

Full time Youth Worker: Anthony Stevens
Part time Youth Worker: Jo Walkden- Resigned January 2022

Summary of Purpose

To see young lives changed by Jesus

Main activities

School mentoring, School Chaplaincy, Schools work (Christian Union, Safe Space), youth club, detached community youth work and termly event evenings.

Mentoring

Taunton Youth for Christ offered eight days a week mentoring over three schools, The Castle, Bishop Fox's and Court Fields Schools, until the end of January 2022 when it reduced to four days due to a staff resignation. The pupils are referred by welfare staff within the schools. As lockdown restrictions eased face to face mentoring was re-established for all referrals. We were able to increase the number of days mentoring due to financial support from local churches and schools. All sessions continue to be based on biblical principles and cover many topics. Forgiveness, anger management, issues around peer groups and family reconciliation are covered and all sessions are open to young people of any background.

Anthony has a caseload of twenty-four mentees a week, and Jo sees twenty-four. Each mentee is usually offered a total of six to eight sessions unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

Chaplaincy

Covid-19 restrictions continue to inhibit some of the chaplaincy activities including Christian Unions from taking place, however our Chaplains are available during break times to support vulnerable young people within the welfare units and school grounds. Anthony has created videos for use in the class assemblies now running again due to the Covid restrictions, and for RE classes, both in the schools we work in and other secondary schools in our area.

Outreach

Working within the Covid guidelines we continue to work in the parks and underpasses locally however the patrols are now once weekly as our youth workers have returned to full time school's work. We do however increase the number of patrols during school holidays. Many young people have shared their concerns and fears of illness, mental health issues and home difficulties with us

and will often ask for prayer. We support numerous young people dealing with substance abuse, hopelessness, dysfunctional home lives and increasingly, those who have become disengaged with academic study.

Having raised £9,200 last year, we were gifted a further £14,000 this year and have purchased a transit van to convert into a mobile youth unit, equipped with Xbox and small kitchen area to offer toast and a drink and a safe place to young people who are wandering the streets. This is currently a work in progress.

Youth Club

Youth club has been running weekly this year as restrictions lifted. Numbers continue to grow; we are encouraged to see young people bring along friends and introduce new members. Friday nights use the Rock Solid programme of themed games and a talk.

Events

We hosted over seventy teenagers at the Living Out Loud event in February. A young team of American evangelists co hosted the event. An evening of games, music, and time to reflect on life's big subjects. This was the first in person LOL since the beginning of lockdown.

Summary of Achievements

Mentoring

We continue to assist young people with reconciliation with parents, anger management, peer group pressure, pre-clinical depression, despondency, self-esteem, and fear issues during the sessions. The young people we see are given tools to cope with change and interpersonal skills. Each pupil attends a six- or eight-week course of mentoring, and we have supported upwards of 300 pupils over the year. Lockdown saw an increase in mental health issues in young people, with many struggling to re-enter the school environment having been isolated for long periods. The schools we work in have all expressed gratitude for the work of our Mentors and would like additional hours if funding were available. Our part time mentor resigned in January having moved away to marry. We will review finances prior to re appointing for this post.

Chaplaincy and Christian Unions

A Christian Union has been successfully re-established at The Castle School. Numbers are increasing as the term progresses. Chaplaincy work continues during school break times as usual. Our Youth workers patrol school premises and outside areas offering support to children who feel vulnerable outside of the classroom.

Outreach

We continue to build relationship with young people in the local parks. Many of the youth we encounter on outreach know our Youth Worker from school and bring friends to meet us. As before the conversations often involve listening to accounts of disturbed home life or trauma at school. We always stop, listen, offer prayer and demonstrate we care and see the difficulties the young people face. We were unable to appoint an additional youth worker dedicated to outreach, having advertised late spring 2021, however the post will be re advertised this spring 2022.

Youth Club

Youth club has steadily grown as Covid restrictions eased and we have been meeting in person. The club provides a safe place for young people to meet friends, share food and relax.

Events

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Financial Review

For the second year in a row we have been blessed with a significant excess of receipts over payments amounting to £16,830 (2021: £28,320). Income was up because of significant increases in personal donations, church contributions and some funding from schools towards the mentoring of their pupils. The first few months of the year saw a significant response to the Miles of Hope campaign including a sizeable matched funding donation from one individual. After much searching and prayer a suitable bus was purchased for almost £11,000 and the work on converting and equipping it is due to be completed in July at a further cost in excess of £10,000.

Expenditure of £35,544 (excluding the purchase of the van and associated costs) was incurred reflecting the fact that we had two youth workers for most of the year although Covid restrictions still meant that some activities were curtailed.

The bank balance increased from £50,262 to £67,092 during the year. While reserves are currently significantly in excess of 12 months expenditure the trustees recognise that the cost of equipping the van and recruiting a Centre Director will require additional income and the trustees aim to begin grant applications during the coming year to sustain the financial position.

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Future plans

Alongside the work we do in schools, we aim to have the youth bus ready for use by mid-August along with our newly appointed Centre Director. The new appointee is passionate to see as many young people as possible in Taunton given the opportunity to hear the gospel and feel they are seen and valued. She is hoping to develop work in all the state secondary schools and use the media bus on a daily basis. Xbox gaming, youth Alpha and a safe space will be provided in the van conversion. The local police and young people alike are keen to see the bus used in the more remote areas in town where youth provision is lacking.

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C Slawki

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES
OF TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

This report on the Receipts and Payments account and statement of Assets and Liabilities of Taunton Youth for Christ for the year ended 31 March 2022, set out on pages 7 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that there is no requirement for any audit of those accounts under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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July 2022

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

| | Unrestricted Funds 2022 | Restricted Van 2022 | Restricted Mentoring 2022 | Total Funds 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Non Gift Aid donations | 20,392 | 9,250 | - | 29,642 | 38,113 |
| Gift Aid donations | 15,119 | - | - | 15,119 | 7,360 |
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid donations | 2,639 | - | - | 2,639 | 2,714 |
| Mentoring project Non Gift Aid donations | - | - | 15,423 | 15,423 | 6,256 |
| Charitable Trusts | - | 2,000 | - | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Bank interest received | 6 | - | - | 6 | 8 |
| Other income | - | - | - | - | 110 |
| Total Receipts | 38,156 | 11,250 | 15,423 | 64,829 | 55,561 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Staff salaries | 15,805 | - | 14,294 | 30,099 | 24,497 |
| Resources | 123 | - | - | 123 | 266 |
| Telephone | 123 | - | - | 123 | 126 |
| Training | 174 | - | - | 174 | 160 |
| Outreach | 361 | - | - | 361 | 0 |
| British Youth for Christ | 500 | - | - | 500 | 400 |
| Travel | 531 | - | - | 531 | 314 |
| Insurance and licences | 689 | - | - | 689 | 669 |
| Accountancy and payroll | 616 | - | - | 616 | 376 |
| Van cost and equipment | 810 | 11,250 | - | 12,060 | - |
| Van tax and insurance | 1,395 | - | - | 1,395 | - |
| Fundraising and publicity | 410 | - | - | 410 | 143 |
| Office supplies | 918 | - | - | 918 | 290 |
| Total Payments | 22,455 | 11,250 | 14,294 | 47,999 | 27,241 |
| Net (Deficit)/Surplus | 15,701 | - | 1,129 | 16,830 | 28,320 |
| Bank and cash funds at 1 April 2021 | 48,872 | - | 1,390 | 50,262 | 21,942 |
| Bank and cash funds at 31 March 2022 | 64,573 | - | 2,519 | 67,092 | 50,262 |

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 31 MARCH 2022

| | Unrestricted Funds 2022 | Restricted Funds 2022 | Total Funds 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| CASH AND CURRENT ASSET FUNDS | | | | |
| Bank and cash | | | | |
| Bank current account | 2,672 | - | 2,672 | 3,005 |
| Bank reserve account | 64,420 | - | 64,420 | 47,256 |
| Debtor HMRC | 2,597 | - | 2,597 | 2,557 |
| | <u>69,689</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>69,689</u> | <u>52,818</u> |

July

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Chairman

C Slankin

Treasurer

David Stark

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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Funds

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Restricted funds were given for the purpose of establishing a mentoring project in local schools. The original gifts have been supplemented by funding from the Wellington churches for two days per week in the Court Fields School.

Our youth workers have also provided this service in The Castle School and Bishop Fox's School for up to a further three days per week.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised in the statement:

1. Closing bank balances as shown in the Receipts and Payments account.
2. Amounts owing to the Charity and due at 31 March 2022.

and the following liabilities are recognised in the statement:

1. Creditors for goods and services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31 March 2022.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are not included in the statement of Assets and Liabilities unless the individual cost exceeds £1,500.

Independent examination

Independent examination is required where gross income exceeds £25,000.

Affiliate member

The Charity is an affiliate member of British Youth for Christ (Company number 988200 and Charity number 263446) and complies with their charter standards.

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 1081565

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report 2020-21

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Chaplaincy

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Outreach

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We ran alpha online which saw good attendance with many young people also involving several members of the family in discussions.

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Events

No in person events took place as Covid -19 restrictions were too fluid to plan ahead, however an online Christmas evening of sketches and carols was well attended.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1081565

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Mr S Burton
Mr D Slack

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Mr H J Clark
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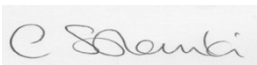
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Signed



Chair of Trustees

16th August 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

6 August 2021

TAUNTON

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | |
|--|--------------|------------|--------|--------|
| | Funds | Funds | Funds | |
| | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| | 38,112 | | 38,112 | 16,484 |
| Non Gift Aid donations | | | | |
| Gift Aid donations | 7,360 | | 7,360 | 8,384 |
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid donations | 2,714 | | 2,714 | 1,982 |
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| Charities Trust | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Living out Loud Bibles | | | | 150 |
| Bank interest received | 8 | | 8 | 46 |
| Insurance claims and refunds | | | | |
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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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TAUNTON

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31 MARCH 2021

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|--|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|
| | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
| CASH AND CURRENT ASSET FUNDS | | | | |
| Bank and cash | | | | |
| Bank current account | 1,615 | 1,390 | 3,005 | 2,128 |
| Bank reserve account | 47,257 | | 47,257 | 19,814 |
| Debtor Gift Aid claim for 2020/21 | 2,557 | | 2,557 | 2,231 |
| Liabilities Expenses reimbursed | | | | (386) |
| | 51,428 | 1,390 | 52,818 | 23,787 |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Chairman
TAUNTON

Treasurer

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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1081565

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st

MARCH 2021

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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Mr S Burton
Mr D Slack

CHARITY INFORMATION

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(Executive Committee members)

1081565

REGISTERED ADDRESS:

Mark Roney
Aspen Waite Doyle
Chartered Certified Accountants
Old Town Hall
Fore Street
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TA21 8LS

REGISTERED CHARITY:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

Mrs C Solanki (Chair)
Rev V Carrington
Mr H J Clark
Mr D Ledger (resigned 23 July 2020)
Ms N Vieira

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Trustees Annual Report 2020-21

Taunton Youth for Christ 33 North Street
Taunton
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Charity Number: 1081568

Chairperson: Kate Solanki
Treasurer: David Slack
Secretary: Vince Carrington

Trustees: Harvey Clarke, Nelma Vieira, Sam Burton

Employees

Full time Youth Worker: Anthony Stevens

Part time Youth Worker: Bruno Branco- Resigned May 2020

Part time Youth Worker: Jo Walkden- Commenced work November 2020

Summary of Purpose

To see young lives changed by Jesus

Main activities

School mentoring, School Chaplaincy, School's work, (Christian Union, Breakfast Club, Safe Space) youth clubs, detached community youth work and termly event evenings.

Mentoring

Taunton Youth for Christ currently offer four and a half days mentoring a week across The Castle School, Bishop Fox School, and Court Fields School. The pupils are referred by welfare staff. During the Covid-19 restrictions first lockdown, mentoring was done remotely however from September 2020 our team went into schools as it was deemed important for the pupils to have face to face mentoring due to the increased mental health needs arising. All sessions continue to be based on biblical principles and cover many topics. Forgiveness, anger management, issues around peer groups and family reconciliation are covered and all sessions are open to young people of any background.

Anthony has a caseload of twenty four mentees a week, and Jo sees five. Each mentee is usually offered a total of six to eight sessions.

Chaplaincy

Due to Covid -19 restrictions Chaplaincy work has taken the biggest knock as all school clubs were suspended from March 2020. Our Youth Workers are aware of vulnerable pupils and will frequently be asked by staff to contact individual pupils and the young people know where to find them at school if required. Anthony has made several videos for schools to use in class as a substitute to assembly gatherings and to be used in class for RE lessons.

Outreach

Once the first lockdown finished, we were given permission by the local police to reestablish detached work in our locality. Working within the guidelines we worked in pairs patrolling the parks and underpasses talking to young people about their fears and often a sense of hopelessness. We increased our outreach sessions to three a week at varying times of day as many young people were not at school and therefore in town. We have seen a considerable increase in hopelessness and substance abuse during the past year and work with the schools and local police in dealing with these issues.

Earlier this year the outreach team did a fundraising walk within our locality covering the distance from John O'Groats to Land's End, raising a total of £9,200.00 towards a mobile youth unit (minibus). This will be used to offer shelter and a safe space to young people during outreach sessions.

Alpha

We ran alpha online which saw good attendance with many young people also involving several members of the family in discussions.

Youth club

Again Covid-19 resulted in face to face youth club being suspended and the dance club was stopped due to lack of helpers. Friday Night Club, (FNP) went on-line and we saw good attendance and were asked by the young people to increase the session to two nights a week. FNP recommenced under Covid-19 guidelines in July briefly and again in the autumn when restrictions eased and saw an increase in membership.

Events

No in person events took place as Covid -19 restrictions were too fluid to plan ahead, however an online Christmas evening of sketches and carols was well attended.

Summary of achievements

Mentoring

Upwards of 200 pupils were supported. Reconciliation with parents, anger management, peer group pressure, pre-clinical depression, despondency, self-esteem, and fear issues were covered during the sessions. They have been given tools to cope with change and interpersonal skills. Each pupil attended a six or eight week course of mentoring.

Chaplaincy and Christian Unions

Chaplaincy and CU's have been drastically reduced due to Covid -19 restrictions however a successful Alpha Course was run online.

Outreach

Our presence in the parks and underpasses has seen us help many young people, often those who were under the influence of alcohol, fearful of going home, involved in territorial turf wars and bullying. We have offered verbal support, prayer and reassurance to many notifying the appropriate authorities of safeguarding issues as they arise.

Youth club

Despite all the restrictions Taunton Youth for Christ increased youth club from one to two meetings a week online and in person as was permitted.

Events

The Christmas on-line event, "Covid Christmas" was a huge success, with many young people joining us on-line for an evening of fun and carols.

Financial Review

There has been a significant increase in income during the last year. This was primarily due to an anonymous donation of £20,000 towards the end of the year. However, donations excluding this one off donations were up by £5,156.

Expenditure was slightly lower than the previous year because we only had two youth workers for part of the year and some activities were restricted because of the pandemic. No staff were placed on furlough during the year although both part time youth workers flexed their hours in response to the needs of TYfC and the opportunities they had for other work. Reserves at the end of the year are equivalent to 21 months expenditure. Trustees believe that we are being called and provided with the resources to expand the work during the next 12 months.

Governance

Taunton Youth for Christ is affiliated to British Youth for Christ. The constitution is based on the national model and TYfC seeks to comply with the national charter. However, TYfC is an independent charity that has trustees appointed by the existing trustees. The Trustees have continued to meet regularly throughout the year using videoconferencing.

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Commission's Guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the above activities meet the public benefit requirements for charitable status.

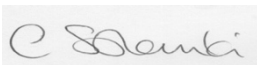
Future Plans

At the time of writing this report we are advertising for a full-time permanent Centre Director who will have a passion for young people to encounter Jesus. We hope to appoint a pioneering and visionary leader who will be able to develop a creative strategy to grow the work of TYfC, including the development of our existing detached work and establishing a bus ministry during the next year.

Conclusion

In conclusion Taunton Youth for Christ continues to work with statutory agencies, churches and schools to impact our young people and to equip them to become integrated in society. We provide a safe environment to explore faith issues, personal struggles, express their feelings and have fun. Our team of 10 volunteers, Youth Workers and Trustees working together, for the goal of seeing young people's lives transformed by an encounter with Jesus. We would like to thank all our volunteers, trustees, prayer supporters and staff for their continued support and time, without you we would be unable to make a difference in the lives of the young people in Taunton. We also thank the many individual sponsors and churches who give regularly to our work, and to the anonymous donor who enabled us to advertise for a full time Centre Director to take the work forward.

Signed



Chair of Trustees

16th August 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

This report on the Receipts and Payments account and statement of Assets and Liabilities of Taunton Youth for Christ for the year ended 31 March 2021, set out on pages 7 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of accounts; you consider that there is no requirement for any audit of those accounts under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility, under instructions from you, to examine the accounts under section 145 of the

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act. have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Roney
Aspen Waite Doyle
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Old Town Hall, Fore Street
Wellington, Somerset TA21 8LS

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

6 August 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total | |
|--|--------------|------------|--------|--------|
| | Funds | Funds | Funds | |
| | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| | 38,112 | | 38,112 | 16,484 |
| Non Gift Aid donations | | | | |
| Gift Aid donations | 7,360 | | 7,360 | 8,384 |
| Income tax recovered on Gift Aid donations | 2,714 | | 2,714 | 1,982 |
| Mentoring project Non Gift Aid donations | | 6,256 | 6,256 | 1,100 |
| Mentoring project Gift Aid donations | | | | 846 |
| Charities Trust | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Living out Loud Bibles | | | | 150 |
| Bank interest received | 8 | | 8 | 46 |
| Insurance claims and refunds | | | | |
| Other income | 110 | | 110 | 451 |
| Total Receipts | 49,304 | 6,256 | 55,561 | 30,443 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | |
| Staff salaries | 15,895 | 8,601 | 24,496 | 28,943 |
| Resources | 266 | | 266 | 627 |
| Telephone | 126 | | 126 | 125 |
| Training | 160 | | 160 | 1,155 |
| Outreach | | | | 1,963 |
| British Youth for Christ | 400 | | 400 | 300 |
| Travel | 314 | | 314 | 43 |
| Insurance and licences | 669 | | 669 | 655 |
| Accountancy and payroll | 376 | | 376 | 363 |
| Computer expenses | | | | |
| Fundraising and publicity | 143 | | 143 | |
| Office supplies | 290 | | 290 | 913 |
| Total Payments | 18,640 | 8,601 | 27,241 | 35,087 |

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Net (Deficit)/Surplus | 30,665 | (2,345) | 28,320 | (4,644) |
| Bank and cash funds at 1 April 2020 | 18,207 | 3,735 | 21,942 | 26,586 |
| Bank and cash funds at 31 March 2021 | 48,872 | 1,390 | 50,262 | 21,942 |

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31 MARCH 2021

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|
| | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
| CASH AND CURRENT ASSET FUNDS | | | | |
| Bank and cash | | | | |
| Bank current account | 1,615 | 1,390 | 3,005 | 2,128 |
| Bank reserve account | 47,257 | | 47,257 | 19,814 |
| Debtor Gift Aid claim for 2020/21 | 2,557 | | 2,557 | 2,231 |
| Liabilities Expenses reimbursed | | | | (386) |
| | 51,428 | 1,390 | 52,818 | 23,787 |

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Chairman
TAUNTON

Treasurer

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Accounting policies

This Receipts and Payments account has been prepared on the basis that the gross income of the Charity is less than €250,000 in the year. As such it summarises cash movements only and includes a statement listing assets and liabilities. Receipts and Payments accounts, by definition, do not show a 'True and Fair View' of the Charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

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