

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 2022

Registered Charity Number: 1081565

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TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES: (Executive Committee members)	Mrs C Solanki (Chair) Rev V Carrington Mr H J Clark Ms N Vieira Mr S Burton Mr D Slack
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REGISTERED CHARITY:	1081565
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Mark Roney Aspen Waite Doyle Chartered Certified Accountants Old Town Hall Fore Street Wellington Somerset TA21 8LS

Trustees Annual Report 2021-22

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

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

Living Out Loud drew over seventy young people on a Friday evening in February and the feedback was very positive. Many of the youth attending brought friends who were new to us, and felt the message was very relevant to their situations. A group from America called The Circuit Riders, co-hosted the event. We aim to run similar events at least once a term. Some of the young people who attended the February meeting are now linked into local youth groups and church activities. Seven young people made a commitment to follow Jesus that evening.

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.

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 and in person where possible.

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

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.

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 7 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 purchase a van to convert into a media bus and to take the work forward.

C Slanki

**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.

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.



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Aspen Waite Doyle
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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

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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. Glanville

Treasurer

David Stark

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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.

The Receipts and Payments accounts records income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Charity.

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.