

THE ZONE YOUTH PROJECT

Registered Charity Number: 1091750
Registered Company Number: 04372414

THE ZONE YOUTH PROJECT
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Legal and administrative information

Trustees	A Barbaro Robins J Lymn Rose C Bostock (appointed 8 October 2024) K Kabweru-Namulemu (appointed 8 October 2024) S Clarke (appointed 8 October 2024) N Duckworth (appointed 8 October 2024)
Company secretary	L Gerrard
Independent Examiners	UHY Hacker Young 14 Park Row Nottingham NG1 6GR
Bankers	HSBC UK Bank PLC East Midlands Commercial Centre Donnington Court Pegasus Business Park Herald Way Castle Donnington Leicestershire DE74 2BU
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Company Registration	04372414
Charity Registration	1091750

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The Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019 (second edition)".

Charity Information

The full name of the charity is The Zone Youth project. The legal registration details are :-

Date of Incorporation	12 February 2002
Charity Registration Number	1091750
Company Registration Number	04372414
Registered office	16 St. James's Street, Nottingham. NG1 6FG

Organisation

The company was formed on 12 February 2002 and commenced operations on 1 May 2002, the date on which the assets of The Zone Youth Project ("The Zone") (a company limited by guarantee) were acquired. The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association, incorporated 12 February 2002 as amended by a special resolution dated 26 March 2002, and amended by special resolution registered at Companies House on 11 May 2010.

Principle Objectives

- a) To help young people between the ages of 12-21, through education and leisure time activities, so as to develop their physical and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
- b) To provide counselling, support and referral service for young people for the areas of Broxtowe, Aspley, Bilborough and the surrounding areas in the city of Nottingham.

Activities

The Zone has continued to achieve its objective of providing relational youth work in a number of projects within the Nottingham City area.

Review of the year

During the year, the company was successful in being awarded new grants that are identified in note 9. These grants are specifically to support the education and welfare of young people based in Nottinghamshire.

Finance Review

The company works very closely with YMCA Robin Hood Group in the delivery of its programmes. The company uses the resources available at YMCA Robin Hood Group to deliver various programmes focused around assisting young people.

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Future Plans

The charity aims to focus delivery on small youth projects supporting young people in the local community.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have established that going forward a reserve policy of maintenance of funds to cover six months expenditure would be appropriate as a minimum. This position will be reviewed by the Trustees annually to reflect any change in the charity's circumstances. Reserves are currently above this level, so will be managed down over time.

Risk Review

A risk register is in place which is reviewed by the board on an annual basis. Key risks faced by The Zone are external (loss of funding and cash flow exposure), and internal (health and safety of staff, volunteers and clients).

Going Concern

The board members consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. YMCA Robin Hood Group have provided a parental guarantee for the company for the reporting period.

Public Benefit

The trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commissions Guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement. The charity aims to meet the needs of young people of Nottinghamshire on the streets, in schools and in youth centres. Work is targeted to the most deprived areas, areas of low educational achievement, high rates of teenage pregnancy and high levels of anti-social behavior and crime.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view. The Trustees are also responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources including income and expenditure for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue on that basis.

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The trustees are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which show and explain the Charity's transactions with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as we are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charitable company's independent examiner are unaware of; and
- We have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Organisational Structure

The trustees form members of the management committee who give oversight to the activities of the charity. Management of the day to day running of the charity falls to Steffen Benbow, Executive Director of YMCA Newark & Sherwood.

Members of the company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

The Zone trustees are also members of the YMCA Robin Hood Group board and as such are recruited by way of advertisement, application, interview against a skills requirement, and if applicable appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Appointment is then followed by an induction covering members obligations, the operational framework of the company including the Memorandum and Articles, the latest accounts and future plans and objectives.


Related Charities

The Zone Youth Project works closely with YMCA Robin Hood Group, who provide support services to the charity.

Basis of preparation

This report and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the companies Act 2006 relating to smaller companies.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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A Barbaro-Robins

Date: 09-01-26

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Zone Youth Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Signed:

Signed by:
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dave Allum'. The signature is enclosed in a blue rectangular box.
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David Allum FCCA

**For and on behalf of UHY Hacker Young
Chartered Accountants**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income					
Income from Charitable Activities	2	35,676	31,930	67,606	42,690
Total Income		<u>35,676</u>	<u>31,930</u>	<u>67,606</u>	<u>42,690</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3	(35,676)	(700)	(36,376)	(76,120)
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,676)</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>(36,376)</u>	<u>(76,120)</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>-</u>	<u>31,230</u>	<u>31,230</u>	<u>(33,430)</u>
Total funds brought forward		33,881	700	34,581	68,011
Net movement in funds	4	-	31,230	31,230	(33,430)
Total funds carried forward		<u>33,881</u>	<u>31,930</u>	<u>65,811</u>	<u>34,581</u>

Income and expenditure relate to both restricted and unrestricted activities derived from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income					
Income from Charitable Activities	2	5,750	36,940	42,690	16,534
Total Income		<u>5,750</u>	<u>36,940</u>	<u>42,690</u>	<u>16,534</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	3	(4,204)	(71,916)	(76,120)	(12,652)
Total Expenditure		<u>(4,204)</u>	<u>(71,916)</u>	<u>(76,120)</u>	<u>(12,652)</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>1,546</u>	<u>(34,976)</u>	<u>(33,430)</u>	<u>3,882</u>
Total funds brought forward		32,335	35,676	68,011	64,129
Net movement in funds	4	1,546	(34,976)	(33,430)	3,882
Total funds carried forward		<u>33,881</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>34,581</u>	<u>68,011</u>

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Company Number: 04372414

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>117,070</u>	117,070	<u>85,428</u>	85,428
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(51,259)</u>	(51,259)	<u>(50,847)</u>	(50,847)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>65,811</u>		<u>34,581</u>	
FUNDS					
General funds			33,881		33,881
Restricted funds			31,930		700
TOTAL FUNDS	10	<u>65,811</u>		<u>34,581</u>	


For the year ending 31 March 2025, the company was exempt from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in questions in accordance with section 476;
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of the accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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A Barbaro-Robins

Date: 09-01-26

**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of Accounting**

The Zone Youth Project is a limited company by guarantee, registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 3 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019 (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and UK General Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Going Concern

The Trustees make an assessment each year, in respect of a period of one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements, whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the trust to continue as a going concern and therefore whether the use of going concern is appropriate.

The parent company (YMCA Robin Hood Group) has agreed support to ensure the company can meet its commitments for at least 12 months from the balance sheet signing date, and thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receipt is probable or more likely than not to be received, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled. No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP. Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Incoming Resources (continued)

Revenue represents grants and donations received in the year and payment for education provision from schools and the local city council.

Grants

Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are received, except where pre-conditions for its expenditure in a succeeding period exist.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted income	35,676	5,704
Restricted income	31,930	36,940
Total income	67,606	42,644

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**3. TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Activities to further objectives				
Project expenses	35,676	700	36,376	21,916
Other expenses	-	-	-	54,204
Total resources expended	35,676	700	36,376	76,120

4. NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE

Net income/expenditure is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	1,395	1,271

The fee above has been paid by the parent entity, YMCA Robin Hood Group.

5. STAFF COSTS

Average employee numbers	2025	2024
Average number of employees employed by the charity	3	3

Seconded staff are used to keep costs down

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000

No trustees received remuneration or expense payments during the year

6. TAXATION

Taxation is not provided on the grounds that Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 applies (tax exemption for charitable companies).

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	-	1,271
Related party creditors	51,259	49,576
	<u>51,259</u>	<u>50,847</u>

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees’ remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

There were no trustees’ expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025, nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

YMCA Robin Hood Group (RHG)

At the year end a balance of £41,462 (2024 - £39,779) was owed by The Zone Youth Project to RHG, a related charity through common management. During the year, RHG paid for expenses on behalf of The Zone Youth Project which totalled £nil (2024 - £13,809) and raised invoices to the company of £nil (2024 - £11,976) for project delivery. RHG also transferred funds of £nil (2024 - £11,000) to the company.

During the year, The Zone Youth Project donated £35,388 (2024 - £50,000) to RHG in return for RHG's provision of staff and facilities to assist with program delivery. This donation is recorded as expenses against unrestricted funds.

YMCA Newark & Sherwood

At the year end a balance of £9,797 (2024 - £9,797) was owed by The Zone Youth Project to YMCA Newark & Sherwood, a related charity through common management.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**10. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	At 31 March 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31 March 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
<i>Unrestricted</i>								
General reserve	32,335	5,750	(4,204)	33,881	35,676	(35,676)	-	33,881
<i>Restricted</i>								
Children in Need (2018)	11,832	-	(11,832)	-	-	-	-	-
Awards for All	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Jones 1968 CT	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Open Gate Trust	2,804	-	(2,804)	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Trust	600	-	(600)	-	-	-	-	-
Lord Barnaby Trust	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Danielle Beccan Memorial Fund	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Sir John Eastwood	1,000	2,000	(3,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Mohn Westlake Foundation	4,250	-	(4,250)	-	-	-	-	-
GVC Fund	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
J N Derbyshire Trust	2,190	-	(1,490)	700	-	(700)	-	-
National Grid - Warm Spaces	-	9,940	(9,940)	-	-	-	-	-
Nottingham County Council	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Lady Hind Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Anon fund	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Thomas Farr	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Albert Hunt	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
The National lottery	-	-	-	-	19,930	-	-	19,930
The Jones 1986	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
The Grays Trust	-	-	-	-	500	-	-	500
Total restricted funds	35,676	36,940	(71,916)	700	31,930	(700)	-	31,930
Total reserves	68,011	42,690	(76,120)	34,581	67,606	(36,376)	-	65,811

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

10. ANALYSIS OF FUNDS (continued)

Restricted Reserves

Income receivable with restrictive conditions accounted for, in accordance with latest SORP recommendations, within a restricted fund.

J N Derbyshire Trust Charity

Funding from the Trust to support our creative arts programmes for young people across Nottingham and the county.

Outdoor Education Programme

The Jones 1986 Charitable Trust and Thomas Farr Charity continue to support our Outdoor and Environmental Education programme that has been established with feedback from young homeless people, to empower them with the confidence to re-engage with their education and training. Activities, such as hiking and mountain biking, will take place in local country parks and the Peak District national park, whereby young people can learn transferable life skills, such as confidence, communication, resilience and team working. This can be transferred into their everyday lives and will form the basis of their first steps towards positive social re-engagement.

Albert Hunt

This funding enabled us to continue delivering essential services to those facing health and social challenges. Their funding contributed to our core operational costs, helping us maintain stability and extend our reach to more individuals in need. This support has been vital in sustaining our work and deepening our impact within the community.

The Gray's Trust

This was used for a 6-week outdoor education programme steered by young people. They were encouraged to develop their own sessions around environmental education, such as gaining a sense of responsibility to nature and environmental issues such as litter in nearby lakes. The young homeless people gain knowledge and experience in outdoor activities, such as canoeing, kayaking, and rock-climbing, as well as learning about environmental issues.

National Lottery

The National Lottery Heritage Fund enabled us to deliver a focused project that connected our community with its local history and environment. The grant supported activities that promoted inclusion, sustainability, and public engagement, helping us preserve and celebrate our shared heritage

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

11. MEMBERS

The Charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and, in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum of not more than £1 in the event of the Association being wound up. At 31 March 2025 there were 6 (2024 - 2) members.