

# SHREWSBURY YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 1106486

## Details

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**Other names** SHREWSBURY YFC, SYFC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2004-10-28

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**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 SHREWSBURY 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 SHREWSBURY AND ITS ENVIRONS;(C) TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING.

**Activities:** We are an independent, self-financing and cross-denominational Christian (Secondary & FE Colleges) Schools Worker Project. We deliver assemblies and PSHE and RE lessons and run after school clubs and mentoring sessions in the Shrewsbury area. We support Christian Union groups and organise town wide events for young Christians - Taking the Good News relevantly to the young people of Shrewsbury.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR IN SHREWSBURY AND ITS ENVIRONS.
- Shropshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£94,569	£79,546	-	-
2023-12-31	£44,086	£42,214	-	-
2022-12-31	£58,361	£58,195	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,727	£64,867	-	-
2020-12-31	£63,816	£53,221	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARTIN ANSTEY WITHINGTON	Chair	2011-10-12
Dr SARA SHORT		
EMMA BROOMFIELD		
FI IDDON		
JOYCE MARY HAYWARD		
Kath Day		2024-07-07
PAUL JAMES KELLY		
Rev Greg Smith		2023-09-17
Roy Haworth		2015-11-30

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# Accounts

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**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ – Charity No: 1106486  
Annual Report to the AGM, July 2025**

**Report from the Chair of Trustees**

As I look back over 2024 I see a Project that has been richly blessed and resourced by God as it reaches out to the young people of Shrewsbury. The Director and Treasurer reports cover the detail of an expanding team, a growing list of activities and a significant increase in those providing financial support to the Project.

It is encouraging to see the breadth of activities including assemblies, classroom sessions, clubs and mentoring in a number of schools and also sessions outside the school day with the introduction of the Pontesbury Youth Café.

Our monthly prayer breakfast meetings continue to provide an ideal opportunity for our supporters to meet Ellie and the team, find out more about what is happening and pray with them. These meetings are really important to us and I am pleased that so many different Churches are involved in hosting them. We thank all those who have attended the prayer breakfasts and/or been part of a wider network of prayer supporters.

The Treasurer's report confirms a healthy reserve at the end of the year and income exceeding our expenditure for this period, all thanks to an amazing response from individuals and above all our faithful God. As always, we continue to trust in God and to be blessed by His provision and we thank Him for the Church groups and all the individuals who provided generous financial support during 2024.

A dedicated and committed group of Trustees and Council of Reference, drawn from many local Churches, bring extensive knowledge and experience to the Project and continue to provide support and spiritual direction.

I don't always make specific reference to the work of the Trustees but this year I wanted to affirm the work of our Secretary, Treasurer and Safeguarding Lead (Emma, Sara and Paul). They work hard with our Director to ensure we maintain the highest standards through regular reviews and updates of policies and procedures which this year has included Financial Controls and Safeguarding.

As always my sincere thanks go to all those who have worked for and with s-yfc during 2024 – Ellie, Hannah, Joe and the Trustees, the Council of Reference, Church partners, funding partners, the team at British Youth for Christ and the many volunteers and supporters who help in so many different ways.

Looking forward, I am expecting 2025 to be a period of consolidation for the team across the many activities they have developed during 2024. However, we remain expectant for new opportunities and will continue to work hard to bring on board new supporters and to increase our financial support as some of our existing funding streams come to an end so that the team can continue to be a blessing to young people.

We continue to seek God's will as we work with schools and local Churches in a way that honours Him and successfully brings the Good News to the young people of Shrewsbury.

*Martin Withington*  
**Chair of Trustees**

***Trustees who served from January 2024 to December 2024***

- Martin Withington (Chair)
- Emma Broomfield (Secretary)
- Sara Short (Treasurer)
- Paul Kelly
- Joyce Hayward
- Fi Iddon
- Roy Haworth
- Greg Smith
- Kath Day – *from April 2024*

***Council of Reference who served from January 2024 to December 2024\****

- Andy Houghton (Chair)
- Kevin Roberts
- Tracey Cansdale
- Rebecca Paynter
- Stuart Carter
- Lisa Knight

\* The Council of Reference restarted meetings in April 2024 following a review of the role of this body and new members being identified and appointed.

**Centre Director Report**

At Shrewsbury Youth for Christ (SYFC), we have come to see that in every season - whether one of growth, challenge, or transition - God is faithful. Early in 2024, a phrase began to echo through the prayers, encouragements, and conversations with our supporters: “*Jehovah Jireh*” – The Lord Will Provide. These words became more than a theme; they became our prayer, our plea, and ultimately our testimony this year.

Our regular school groups restarted at the beginning of 2024: Trivolle and Tea-Mentoring at Belvidere School, Christian Union with students from Shrewsbury Colleges Group, ‘Y’ club at Meole Brace School, Wildcraft Mentoring at Shrewsbury Academy, Break Time Drop In and Mentoring at Mary Webb School. Our presence in schools also included a number of assemblies at Mary Webb school, Christmas RE classes for Year 7s at Meole Brace School and It’s Your Move in local primary schools.

In February, we were delighted to appoint Joe Barnes as our Pontesbury Youth Worker. Joe quickly became a key part of the team, bringing warmth, creativity, and a deep passion for young people. His impact was especially felt through the Pontesbury Youth Café, which truly flourished this year. We saw a steady rise in young people regularly attending, creating a welcoming and consistent space for relationships, and through that, conversations about life and faith. One of the highlights of the year was a weekend away in July 2024, which brought together the café's regulars. Amongst the high ropes’ course, archery and kayaking, the weekend's highlight was a bonfire

where team members shared their testimonies, leading to many young people responding and contemplating their personal faith.

In September 2024, as the new academic year began, we experienced some key transitions. Our work at Belvidere School paused temporarily as the school moved into new premises. But Shrewsbury Colleges Group Christian Union grew significantly, and within the first few weeks back, we were seeing up to 20 young people attend per week! These students found community within their peers and a safe space to explore questions of faith. In September, our town centre youth worker, Hannah Willson, pioneered three new lunchtime groups in Meole Brace school. This includes a year 7 drop-in where we have seen a growth of young boys attending to ask their questions about Christianity, alongside playing games. The other two groups - called 'Edge' - serve the year 10 and 11 students within the school. These have attracted both churching and unchurching young people and have been the basis for many fantastic faith conversations.

Whilst 2024 was full of growth and answered prayer, it was also marked by significant financial strain. Rising costs combined with reduced giving placed real pressure on our budget. Ironically, just as we had finally seen our team fully staffed - something we had long prayed for - we faced the very real possibility of having to reduce hours. But it was in this season that we encountered *Jehovah Jireh* in a new and profound way.

Churches invited us to share our story. Individuals responded with generosity and prayer. Quiet conversations turned into unexpected gifts. And through the kindness of our supporters, God provided. Our financial needs were not only met, but exceeded. These moments reminded us that we are not alone. We are surrounded by a community that deeply believes in SYFC's mission of seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus.

2024 has been a year of knowing God's provision. Through completing the staff team with the right people at the right time, to growing groups in number and in faith and for the overwhelming financial provision, *Jehovah Jirah!*

To all who support us – whether through prayer, finances, volunteering, or encouragement – thank you! Your investment and friendship are making a lasting difference. We step forward into 2025 with faith and expectancy, ready to see even more young people's lives changed by Jesus.

**Ellie Lord**  
Centre Director

## **Treasurer's Report**

As Ellie has so clearly explained in her report for 2024, it was an exciting year of beginning to see the fruits of the labours of the new staff team that we had built as a result of hard work during preceding years since 2022. This was the first year of our innovative new partnership with St George's (and other Churches) in Pontesbury sharing the cost of employing Joe Barnes, half and half, for his school's work in Mary Webb and his youth work connected to the Churches.

Finally having the experienced and talented staff that we had prayed and worked for did, however, come with some financial challenges: although reserves were healthy

at the start of 2024, there was a gap between income and staff costs due to having the fuller team, plus cost of living increases since the Joseph Rank grant (£12,500 per year for three years) was first applied for. The Trustees are grateful to Ellie (and Hannah where she joined in to help) for their “out of hours” work visiting Churches to share about the schools’ work and about our needs. Thanks also to Ellie and the team for organising the quiz night with Shrewsbury Street Pastors in May that did much to raise our profile and our funds; thank you to all who took part.

We did see a response with some new supporters, some extra income and increased numbers at our monthly prayer breakfasts. However, in the Autumn our financial needs were becoming more urgent so the Trustees took a decision, along with some helpful advice from John Hawksworth at National YFC, and launched an Appeal – we were looking for new supporters as well as increased income. Of course our existing supporters played a crucial role in the subsequent response: with their prayers, revisions to their own giving and by speaking bravely with friends and at their own Churches. Thank you everyone.

We have been blown away by the response. Thank you Lord! By the end of the year we had 32 new supporting individuals or families, three new Churches, approximately £17,000 in one-off donations and £660 extra per month coming in. We ended 2024 with an increase in our reserve and the numbers have continued to rise since.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
In-come	58,600	49,300	56,750	56,300	63,820	59,730	58,360	44,080	94,570
Exps	55,600	52,800	55,100	53,580	53,220	64,870	58,195	42,200	79,550
Re-serve	17,400	13,900	15,550	18,260	28,860	23,720	23,885	25,765	40,785

There is so much to be thankful for.

*Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to Him; tell of all his wonderful acts.  
Psalm 105: 1-2*

There is also still work to be done: we are mindful of the need to grow our income to be able to continue to support the staff team after the final Joseph Rank instalment in March 2026. That would require us to have an additional £1,000 extra per month coming in on top of that already raised.

We had successful grant applications to the Atherton Trust, the Bible Heritage Trust and the Hilton Jones Trust.

Thanks again to David Smith for auditing our accounts and for much guidance.

If ever any one of you wishes for any more information about anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

**Sara Short**  
Treasurer  
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## Statement of Financial Activities - Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31 December 2024 £	Year ended 31 December 2023 £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
Voluntary Income	2	77491.47	1800.00	79291.47	42689.82
Investment Income	2	407.41	0.00	407.41	263.01
Other Incoming Resources	2	14869.92	0.00	14869.92	1133.47
<i>Total incoming resources</i>		<u>92768.80</u>	<u>1800.00</u>	<u>94568.80</u>	<u>44086.30</u>
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	29.46	0.00	29.46	40.79
Charitable Activities	3,4&5	78546.86	970.00	79516.86	42172.85
<i>Total resources expended</i>		<u>78576.32</u>	<u>970.00</u>	<u>79546.32</u>	<u>42213.64</u>
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing - )resources</i>		<u>14192.48</u>	<u>830.00</u>	<u>15022.48</u>	<u>1872.66</u>
<i>Total Funds brought forward</i>		25764.34	0.00	25764.34	23891.68
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>		<u>39956.82</u>	<u>830.00</u>	<u>40786.82</u>	<u>25764.34</u>

## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

## Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2024

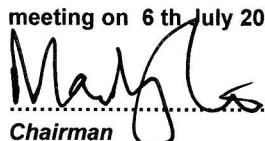
	Note	Year ended 31 December 2024 £	Year ended 31 December 2023 £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations and voluntary income	2	79291.47	42689.82
Interest received	2	407.41	263.01
Other income and reimbursements	2	14869.92	1133.47
		<u>94568.80</u>	<u>44086.30</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employee costs	4	69243.09	34739.96
Other operating costs	3	9586.58	7154.71
Depreciation	5	716.65	318.97
		<u>79546.32</u>	<u>42213.64</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<u>15022.48</u>	<u>1872.66</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Reserve brought forward		25764.34	23891.68
Surplus/deficit(-) for year		15022.48	1872.66
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>		<u>40786.82</u>	<u>25764.34</u>


## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

		At 31 December 2024		At 31 December 2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		1477.00		1071.00
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments	6	2792.95		1495.36	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>36570.91</u>		<u>23244.67</u>	
		39363.86		24740.03	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Creditors	7	<u>54.04</u>		<u>46.69</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)</b>			39309.82		24693.34
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>40786.82</u>		<u>25764.34</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			39956.82		25764.34
Restricted Funds			<u>830.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
			<u>40786.82</u>		<u>25764.34</u>

The above accounts, together with the accompanying notes, were considered by the Trustees at their meeting on 6 th July 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
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Chairman

  
.....  
Secretary

## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

## Notes to the Accounts

## 1 Accounting Policies and Basis of Accounting

The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and relevant Charity Commission Guidance. It is acknowledged that the Charity can fluctuate around the threshold for Accruals accounting - the Trustees have continued to use this basis for comparability with previous years.

Income is recognised in the accounts on the basis of when it is due, rather than when it is received.

Expenditure is charged to the accounts in the period to which it relates, not when the payment is actually made.

Items of equipment with an individual value of £500 or more and/or have a useful life of more than one year are categorised as tangible fixed assets and recorded in the Balance Sheet as such. Depreciation is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account on the basis of their useful lives to the Charity:

	Years
Computing and related Equipment	3
Other equipment	5

## 2 Income

	31 December 2024 £	31 December 2023 £
The following areas of income were receivable in the period:		
Grants, Donations and Voluntary Subscriptions		
- Individuals	50553.63	32245.58
- Organisations (including Grants received)	28737.84	10444.24
	<u>79291.47</u>	<u>42689.82</u>
Interest received	407.41	263.01
Other income and reimbursements	14869.92	1133.47

## 3 Other operating costs:

	£	£
Equipment, Resources and Materials	806.69	391.00
Office expenses (incl. Postages)	346.10	98.65
Telephones and Internet costs	430.55	409.48
Travelling expenses	1114.90	972.36
Training	575.00	242.00
Insurances	647.46	476.54
Subscriptions and Donations	1000.00	1000.00
Rental of Office and other space and associated costs	3073.44	2887.10
Club Expenses	1045.15	521.04
Publicity and advertising	99.49	0.00
Fundraising costs (including Website)	29.46	40.79
Payroll Administration	160.00	110.00
Other miscellaneous expenses	258.34	5.75
	<u>9586.58</u>	<u>7154.71</u>

## 4 Employee costs:

	£	£
Salary	62529.61	30702.27
Employers Pension Contributions	1754.64	1090.91
National Insurance costs	4920.84	2552.53
Other costs of employment (mainly related to recruitment)	38.00	394.25
	<u>69243.09</u>	<u>34739.96</u>

The Charity has operated this year with a full time Centre Director, assisted, for most of the year, by two Support Workers. One is part time and the other is 50% funded by St George's PCC in Pontesbury. The Charity's staff are paid by Lichfield Diocese on an administrative basis, the Diocese being reimbursed by monthly direct debit payments.

**Pensions:** The Charity has maintained its practice, as in the past, of supporting pension arrangements for its employees. Employer contributions have been included in the accounts as a consequence.

## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

## Notes to the Accounts

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
<b>5 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2023	3800.76	2547.79
Purchased in period	1122.65	1252.97
Disposal in period	0.00	0.00
Total at 31 December 2024	<u>4923.41</u>	<u>3800.76</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2023	2729.76	2410.79
Charged in period	716.65	318.97
Total at 31 December 2024	<u>3446.41</u>	<u>2729.76</u>
<b>Net value at 31 December 2024</b>	<u>1477.00</u>	<u>1071.00</u>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>6 Debtors</b>		
Payments in Advance (paid 2024 for training event in 2025)	720.00	455.00
Other Debtors ( Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	<u>2072.95</u>	<u>1040.36</u>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>7 Creditors</b>		
Trade creditors - due within one year	<u>54.04</u>	<u>46.69</u>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1106486

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:**

*David A. Smith*

**Date:**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Name:**

David Arthur Smith

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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# Accounts

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**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ – Charity No: 1106486  
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### **Report from the Chair of Trustees**

We started the new year with a new Director, Ellie (Lord). We were very excited to be able to promote her from her youth worker role in the team, but this meant she would have to start the year as a team of one. The Director and Treasurers reports cover much of what happened next, and I am pleased to say that the outcome has been that Ellie has settled in extremely quickly and has taken on the Director role competently and with flair. She was able to maintain all of our regular activities and develop some new areas of work with the creative use of volunteers and casual staff appointments. Towards the end of 2023 we were able to welcome Hannah (Willson) as a part time permanent member of the team to work in the Shrewsbury area, and make significant progress on recruiting a full time Pontesbury Youth Worker with our partners.

Prayer breakfasts continue to play a vital role as we seek God's will. They are always well attended and provide support and encouragement to Ellie and the team. These events also enable us to visit many of the Churches who support S-YFC across Shrewsbury and Pontesbury, and promote our work and engage face to face with our supporters.

The Treasurers report confirms a healthy reserve at the end of the year. Thankfully, with only one team member for the majority of 2023, our income exceeded our expenditure. However, now that we have rebuilt the team we will have to address a projected income shortfall in 2024. Much of the shortfall is a result of cost of living increases and we are very aware that these same factors are negatively impacting many of those who provide financial support to S-YFC. We will be reviewing grant funding and other fund-raising opportunities as well as trying to increase the number of individuals and Church groups who provide financial support. As always, we continue to trust in God and to be blessed by His provision. We thank God for the Church groups and all the individuals who have provided generous financial support.

We are blessed with a strong and committed group of Trustees and Council of Reference from many local Churches who together offer spiritual direction, extensive knowledge and experience and lots of practical support to the team. A highlight for me in 2023 was the response to our call for new Council of Reference (CoR) members. Following much prayer and a review of the functions and role of the CoR we have now been able to welcome five new members who bring a wide range of knowledge and experience which will be invaluable to S-YFC.

As always, my sincere thanks go to all those who have worked for and with S-YFC during 2023 – Ellie, Hannah, Erin, Ross and the Trustees, the Council of Reference, Church partners, funding partners, the team at British Youth for Christ and the many volunteers and supporters who help in so many different ways.

Looking forward, 2024 has seen the expansion of the team completed with the recruitment of Joe Barnes as the full time Pontesbury Youth Worker, supported by an

amazing team of volunteers from local Churches. This exciting new area of work has come out of many years of dedicated prayer and careful planning and preparation with financial support from St George's Pontesbury, the Hereford Diocese and grants from the Joseph Rank Trust and Shropshire Council. However, the grant funding is time limited so we will need to build up our income further to ensure that the work remains sustainable.

I re-affirm our commitment to do God's work in partnership with schools and local Churches in a way that honours Him and successfully brings the *Good News* to the young people of Shrewsbury.

*Martin Withington*  
**Chair of Trustees**

#### **Trustees who served from January 2023 to December 2023**

- Martin Withington (Chair)
- Emma Broomfield (Secretary)
- Sara Short (Treasurer)
- Paul Kelly
- Joyce Hayward
- Fi Iddon
- Roy Haworth
- David Summerfield – *to November 2023*
- Greg Smith
- Hannah Willson (nee Garside) – *to September 2023*

#### **Council of Reference who served from January 2023 to December 2023\***

- Andy Houghton (Chair)

\* The Council of Reference did not formally meet during 2023 pending a review of the role of this body and new members being identified and appointed. Meetings re-started in 2024.

### **Centre Director Report**

2023 felt like a quieter start than most years as we entered the new year (my first as Centre Director) with only one team member at Shrewsbury Youth for Christ (S-YFC). However, the year began by being surrounded by many other youth workers at the return of the National Youth for Christ Conference held in Blackpool. Over the week, I felt God speaking one word over S-YFC for this season: *Consistency*. Therefore, we entered into 2023 knowing things were going to be different this year with a reduced staff team but determined to stay consistent and committed in our relationships with schools and young people in Shrewsbury.

January signalled the start of many of our regular groups returning including Trivolle at Belvidere school, Shrewsbury Colleges Group Christian Union, 'Y' club Meole Brace School, Wildcraft Mentoring at Shrewsbury Academy, Break time Drop In as well as Mentoring at Mary Webb School. In each of these groups, we have seen God's faithfulness over the past 12 months through providing new volunteers and increasing numbers of young people attending our groups as well as creating different opportunities to engage within school communities.

In September, S-YFC was asked by Belvidere School to develop an intervention programme for year 11 students who were at risk of dropping out of school. Tea Mentoring was the group born out of this request, this program offers hot drinks and conversations around selected themes. We have seen amazing progress made with

these students over a short amount of time including seeing an increase in attendance of participating students.

A focus for 2023 was growing the S-YFC team by recruiting a part-time town centre youth worker alongside a full-time Pontesbury youth worker. The prayer which was echoed during this time was *'Lord, send the right person at the right time'*. In September 2023, we welcomed the brilliant Hannah Willson to the S-YFC team as a part-time youth worker. Hannah has quickly built strong and trusted relationships with local schools and students and was the right person to join our team at the right time.

Over the year we completed 5 assemblies at Mary Webb where we were able to give a Good News message to over 800 students. We delivered ten year-7 Christmas classes at Meole Brace school where we shared what Christians both believe and celebrate about Christmas. Finally, we also completed It's Your Move classes in 5 local Primary schools to help year 6's before their big move up to secondary school.

At the end of 2023, the community of Shrewsbury grieved after a period of several tragic deaths of teenagers within the town. Aiming to support local teenagers, S-YFC pastorally supported students both in Shrewsbury Abbey, and Meole Brace School, by hosting chat and reflective spaces. As people who love young people, we sat in a place of grief amongst young people who were mourning their dear friends, supported by a loving God.

2023 has been a year of change, a year of learning, a year of joy and a year of grief but it has been a year in which we have seen God's Faithfulness. We are thankful for new volunteers that have supported these groups this year including Kath Day from Shrewsbury Baptist Church and Richard Lonsdale from St George's Church Pontesbury. We are also deeply thankful to our supporters for upholding us prayerfully and financially during this year. Personally, I would like to thank the trustees of S-YFC for being so graceful and supportive during my first year as Centre Director.

**Ellie Lord**  
Centre Director

## **Treasurer's Report 2022**

2023 has been a team building year for S-YFC. It took a number of rounds of recruitment and a decision by the Trustees to offer a more attractive salary package before we managed to secure permanent staff to build the team. Until then we benefitted from the expertise of a number of people who joined us on casual contracts: Erin Mosdell, Ross Sargeant and Hannah Willson (nee Garside). You may remember Hannah as our latest Trustee recruitment at last year's AGM: she has now stepped down from that role as she accepted a three days a week contract with us from 1 November 2023 to serve the young people and Schools in Shrewsbury. Joe Barnes joined us on 1 February 2024 as a full time youth worker in Pontesbury.

Joe's appointment has been built on a great deal of hard work: Hannah Moore and our Trustee Rev Greg Smith started the process in 2022 with an application to the Joseph Rank Trust for half the funding; the remainder being provided by St Georges. Ellie continued the hard work of the application process with Joseph Rank which was finally fulfilled in March 2024, securing £12,500 per year from them for the next three years. It was a stringent application process with a requirement to show how the joint project will be sustained once the three years are up.

Despite all this teambuilding and focus on recruitment during 2023, you will see from the Director's report that Ellie managed to keep up the work of S-YFC in Schools pretty much unchanged from 2022 levels, with the help of volunteers and casual workers.

Our income fell in 2023 compared to 2022. This was for a variety of reasons but included a number of our regular monthly donors moving out of the area or changing their focus of financial support (perhaps for their own cost of living reasons). We secured less in grants principally because we made fewer applications, but Ellie did secure £1,000 from The Lintel Trust with her very first letter. Making those applications takes time as each one needs to be tailored to the specifics of each Trust; we would welcome prayerful support for this particular area of S-YFC work that is now a focus for us.

There was a drop in funds in the category of 'other income' as we did not charge any of the schools for Ellie's work, something that we have done, with discretion, in the past. We are blessed that our regular financial support from Churches has remained relatively unchanged and we are most grateful to New Nations Church for joining our other eight supporting Churches who donate to us on a regular basis.

Having only Ellie employed for much of the year meant that the project's outgoings were reduced in 2023 compared to 2022, so we were blessed that the very healthy reserve at the start of the year continued to grow up until the point of employing both Hannah and Joe. We do face financial challenges moving forwards: although reserves were healthy at the end of 2023, there is a gap between income and staff costs now due to having a fuller team, plus cost of living increases since the funding grant was obtained from Joseph Rank. We are mindful of the need to grow our income to be able to continue to support the staff team once that Joseph Rank funding ends.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Income	50,700	58,600	49,300	56,750	56,300	63,820	59,730	58,360	44,080
Exps	58,500	55,600	52,800	55,100	53,580	53,220	64,870	58,195	42,200
Reserve	14,400	17,400	13,900	15,550	18,260	28,860	23,720	23,885	25,765

We could not do any of this valuable work without your support both prayerful and financial. The majority of our income comes directly from individuals and families; we have over 60 active donors at present and this is our greatest strength. My prayerful request is that you continue to be strong advocates of our work as we place our faith in the Lord for the financial provision that this project needs in order to continue to grow and take advantage of the many open doors we have in Schools in Shrewsbury and Mary Webb.

Immense thanks to Ellie for her super efficiency – she also took on a new home, got married and handled all this with a cheerful smile and a calm faith throughout 2023!

Thanks again to David Smith for auditing our accounts and for much guidance.

If ever you wish for any more information about anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

**Sara Short**  
Treasurer  
[saralshort@icloud.com](mailto:saralshort@icloud.com)  
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Shrewsbury Youth for Christ		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 December 2023	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1106486
	<b>Set out on pages</b> Two to Six		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

**Signed:** David A. Smith **Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Name:** David Arthur Smith

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** CPFA

**Address:** 5 Sawston Close, Radbrook Green,  
SHREWSBURY Shropshire  
SY3 6AY

## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity Number 1106486

## Statement of Financial Activities - Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
		£	£	£	£
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
Voluntary Income	2	42689.82	0.00	42689.82	53613.17
Investment Income	2	263.01	0.00	263.01	27.49
Other Incoming Resources (incl. Grants)	2	1133.47	0.00	1133.47	4720.80
<i>Total incoming resources</i>		<u>44086.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>44086.30</u>	<u>58361.46</u>
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	40.79	0.00	40.79	34.79
Charitable Activities	3,4&5	42172.85	0.00	42172.85	58160.54
<i>Total resources expended</i>		<u>42213.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>42213.64</u>	<u>58195.33</u>
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing - )resources</i>		<u>1872.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1872.66</u>	<u>166.13</u>
<i>Total Funds brought forward</i>		23891.68	0.00	23891.68	23,725.55
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>		<u>25764.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25764.34</u>	<u>23891.68</u>

## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

## Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2023


	Note	Year ended 31 December 2023 £	Year ended 31 December 2022 £
<i>Income</i>			
Donations and voluntary income	2	42689.82	53613.17
Interest received	2	263.01	27.49
Other income and reimbursements	2	1133.47	4720.80
		<u>44086.30</u>	<u>58361.46</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Employee costs	4	34739.96	51079.87
Other operating costs	3	7154.71	7013.46
Depreciation	5	318.97	102.00
		<u>42213.64</u>	<u>58195.33</u>
<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>		<u>1872.66</u>	<u>166.13</u>
<i>Funds</i>			
Unrestricted Reserve brought forward		23891.68	23725.55
Surplus/deficit(-) for year		1872.66	166.13
Reserves carried forward		<u>25764.34</u>	<u>23891.68</u>


## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

## Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

		At		At	
		31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		1071.00		137.00
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments	6	1495.36		881.06	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>23244.67</u>		<u>22873.62</u>	
		24740.03		23754.68	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Creditors	7	<u>46.69</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)</b>			24693.34		23754.68
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>25764.34</u>		<u>23891.68</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			25764.34		23891.68
Restricted Funds			0.00		0.00
			<u>25764.34</u>		<u>23891.68</u>

The above accounts, together with the accompanying notes, were considered by the Trustees at their meeting on 7th July 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
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 Chairman

  
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 Secretary

## Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

## Notes to the Accounts

## 1 Accounting Policies and Basis of Accounting

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Income is recognised in the accounts on the basis of when it is due, rather than when it is received.

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Items of equipment with an individual value of £500 or more and/or have a useful life of more than one year are categorised as tangible fixed assets and recorded in the Balance Sheet as such. Depreciation is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account on the basis of their useful lives to the Charity:

	Years
Computing and related Equipment	3
Other equipment	5

## 2 Income

	31 December 2023 £	31 December 2022 £
The following areas of income were receivable in the period:		
Grants, Donations and Voluntary Subscriptions		
- Individuals	32245.58	40244.09
- Organisations (including Grants received)	10444.24	13369.08
	<u>42689.82</u>	<u>53613.17</u>
Interest received	263.01	27.49
Other income and reimbursements	<u>1133.47</u>	<u>4720.80</u>

## 3 Other operating costs:

	£	£
Equipment, Resources and Materials	391.00	350.49
Office expenses (incl. Postages)	98.65	271.76
Telephones and Internet costs	409.48	543.56
Travelling expenses	972.36	939.05
Training	242.00	200.00
Insurances	476.54	516.69
Subscriptions and Donations	1000.00	0.00
Rental of Office and other space and associated costs	2887.10	2754.00
Club Expenses	521.04	837.81
Fundraising costs (including Website)	40.79	34.79
Payroll Administration	110.00	120.00
Other miscellaneous expenses	5.75	445.31
	<u>7154.71</u>	<u>7013.46</u>

## 4 Employee costs:

	£	£
Salary	30702.27	45754.37
Employers Pension Contributions	1090.91	1002.42
National Insurance costs	2552.53	4090.88
Other costs of employment (mainly related to recruitment)	394.25	232.20
	<u>34739.96</u>	<u>51079.87</u>

The Charity appointed a new full time Centre Director from January 2023 and operated on a restricted Support Worker basis with zero hours contracts until November 2023 when a contracted Support Worker (previously on zero hours) was engaged for three days per week. In addition, a further Support Worker was engaged from 1 December 2023, again on a zero hours basis, the costs of this appointment being reimbursed by S George's PCC in Pontesbury.

**Pensions:** The Charity has maintained its practice, as in the past, of supporting pension arrangements for its employees. Employer contributions have been included in the accounts as a consequence.

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106484

Notes to the Accounts

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
<b>5 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2022	2547.79	2547.79
Purchased in period	1252.97	0.00
Disposal in period	0.00	0.00
Total at 31 December 2023	<u>3800.76</u>	<u>2547.79</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2022	2410.79	2308.79
Charged in period	318.97	102.00
Total at 31 December 2023	<u>2729.76</u>	<u>2410.79</u>
<b>Net value at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>1071.00</u>	<u>137.00</u>
<b>6 Debtors</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Payments in Advance (paid 2023 for training event in 2024)	455.00	230.00
Other Debtors ( Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	1040.36	651.06
	<u>1495.36</u>	<u>881.06</u>
<b>7 Creditors</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors - due within one year	46.69	0.00
	<u>46.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ

**On accounts for the year  
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**Charity no  
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Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106484

Notes to the Accounts

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**SHREWSBURY YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1106486

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# Accounts

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**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ – Charity No: 1106486  
Annual Report to the AGM, September 2023**

**Report from the Chair of Trustees (including project report)**

The pandemic lockdowns might have been behind us at the start of 2022 but the Spring term began with a sobering reminder that Covid wasn't going away anytime soon as the team helped with school Covid testing programmes, and face coverings were mandatory in classrooms and corridors. Nevertheless we were able to continue with our regular activities from 2021.

At the start of 2022 Christian unions at both Shrewsbury Colleges Group and Meole Brace school re-started and we were able to meet with new young people alongside those we already knew. At Belvidere school, strong relationships with students continued through our sports-based lunch time group, Trivolle. The start of 2022 also kicked off new mentoring programs within Shrewsbury Academy and Shrewsbury High School. Whilst at Mary Webb school the year began with leading an assembly about living together at peace, we also quickly re-started both lunch time and break time groups, 1-1 mentoring with students as well as forming a new group to support the Ukrainian students at the school.

The previous two years had taught us to hold our plans and intentions more loosely and to be more flexible and responsive to the changing demands and circumstances we found at each school. So we were delighted to be able to start a new programme of the John Muir Award at Mary Webb School, and very pleased to welcome Becci Amos back as a volunteer to lead a 12 week course with Year 8 students.

In March 2022 it was encouraging to be reminded that we were part of a movement that started 75 years ago when Torri Johnson and Billy Graham held the first Youth for Christ rallies in the UK with the flagship event at Birmingham Town. It was also humbling to think that as each one of us comes and goes it is God who remains faithful and it His work that we are playing our part in.

Mentoring has for a number of years been a very important part of our work and finding new and creative ways to do it is so important. In the Spring term Hannah introduced a brand new mentoring project: Wild Craft Mentoring at Shrewsbury High School and Shrewsbury Academy. Each course ran for 6 weeks with a small group of young people in an environment that excites and inspires them. Wild Craft Mentoring aims to encourage young people to enter and observe the landscape around them while allowing time for meaningful discussion. While making pigment from rock, paintbrushes from trees and stamps from vegetables we were able to looking at topics such as emotion, stress and communication.

Continuing on the outdoor theme, Ellie was able to run several Campfire Cooking courses at Meole Brace School during the year. Everyone knows that being outdoors is great for mental health and during these times also keeps the Covid risk down but, for us, it also presents an opportunity to be amazed at creation and the glimpses it gives us of our wonderful creator God!

A sad tinge was brought to May when we mourned the passing of one of our most faithful supporters, Stanton, but we were also able to rejoice in the life he lived for his Lord with so much of his time given to s-yfc in later years.

The monthly prayer meetings continued to provide a vital source of support and encouragement, and ensure the project remains focused on seeking God's will. In April we thanked God for Zoom but rejoiced at the return to face to face meetings in May when we restarted our visits to many of our supporting Churches. We also celebrated the return of a face to face AGM gathering in July!

Towards the end of the Summer term we had the pleasure of being in some of our local primary schools to talk to the Year 6 pupils about moving up to secondary school and help them prepare for the new challenges and changes ahead. These sessions often present an opportunity to work with a number of Churches who regularly visit their local primary schools and strengthen our partnerships with the local church; something that is at the heart of s-yfc. For the Belvidere School feeder schools we did things a little differently this year by supporting the secondary school at its Summer school which is run for the new Year 7 intake.

In September things finally started to feel 'normal' with not a single Covid test in sight! We started back with many of our usual activities including: Assemblies at Mary Webb School, Trivolle at Belvidere, CU at Shrewsbury College, Y Club and Campfire Cooking at Meole Brace School and mentoring and drop-ins at Mary Webb. The year ended with delivering Christmas assemblies at Mary Webb School and Christmas lessons to year 7s at Meole Brace secondary school.

The Treasurer's report provides details of our strong financial position and it is so encouraging to read about the number of individuals who give regularly alongside the many more who support us through the giving of their Church group. We thank God and all the individuals and Church groups who are able to support us in this way.

We continue to be blessed with an enthusiastic and committed group of Trustees and Council of Reference who are drawn from many local Churches. Together they are able to offer extensive knowledge and experience and lots of practical support to the team as well as offering thoughtful, considered and prayerful spiritual direction,

The observant among you will have noticed that we do not have a Director's report this year but I suspect you will have worked out why. After 10 years as Project Director with s-yfc, Hannah (Moore) decided it was time to move on and in December she did so with our blessing. She has done a wonderful job for the young people of Shrewsbury, being God's visible presence within their ranks. We thank her for all she has done for s-yfc and wish her well.

Also my sincere thanks go to all the others who have worked for and with s-yfc during 2022 – Ellie, Becci, Rev. Greg, Craig, the Trustees, the Council of Reference, Church partners, the Local Ministries team at British Youth for Christ and the many volunteers who help in so many ways.

We are excited to see what 2023 brings as we welcome Ellie (Lord) as our new Director and look to recruit at least one new staff team member. I am confident that the guiding hand of God will ensure we continue to deliver His plan.

Our commitment is to continue to do God's work with schools and local Churches in a way that honours Him and successfully brings the *Good News* to the young people of Shrewsbury.

*Martin Withington*  
**Chair of Trustees**

***Trustees who served from January 2022 to December 2022***

- Martin Withington (Chair)
- Emma Broomfield (Secretary)
- Sara Short (Treasurer)
- Paul Kelly
- Joyce Hayward
- Fi Iddon
- Roy Ellis (to June 2022)
- Roy Haworth
- David Summerfield

***Council of Reference who served from January 2022 to December 2022\****

- Andy Houghton (Chair)
- Simon Pierce

\* The Council of Reference did not formally meet during 2023 pending a review of the role of this body and new members being identified and appointed.

**Treasurer's Report 2022**

Once again 2022 has seen the Charity blessed with financial provision from a wide variety of sources but principally from our individuals and families who continue to give generously on a regular basis to the project and also from a network of supporting Churches. I have just read 'Nevertheless' (from 1 Chronicles 11 4b-5). The book is an incredible account of John Kirkby's faithfulness during his difficult journey in founding Christians Against Poverty – a truly lifechanging organisation now operating worldwide ([capuk.org/lifechanger](http://capuk.org/lifechanger)). It has reminded me how truly blessed we are but also encourages me to step out more in faith given that we do have such a strong 'army' of faithful support. As John Kirby quotes: '*Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.*' (Ecclesiastes 11 4).

Our full time Director, Hannah Moore, left us for pastures new at Mary's Meals at the beginning of December. We employed Ellie Harper (now Lord, following her marriage in July) full time (including one day a week with Trinity Churches who funded that day) until August 2022 when she dropped to four days per week, all funded by s-yfc. The work with fundraising consultant, Dani Knox, in 2021 has continued to result in successful bids for funds from our applications to Grant and Trust bodies: The Baron Davenport Trust, the Bible Heritage Trust, the Matthew Wrightson charity, the Hilton Jones Trust and John James Grant fund all gave generously in 2022. We do also recoup some of our costs from the schools who employ the team to undertake specific work such as Campfire Cooking with Ukrainian students at Meole Brace School.

The balance at the end of the year remains very healthy. Our plan now is to make the most of all the opportunities God is giving us by recruiting new staff to the team to meet the undoubted need to provide help and support to young people, by spreading His message: please continue to pray.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Income	25,000	61,000	43,000	41,000	53,000	50,200	55,600	43,400	49,100
Exps	34,000	41,000	53,000	60,000	56,000	51,700	37,700	36,500	53,200
Reserve	15,000	35,000	25,000	6,000	3,000	1,500	19,400	26,300	22,200

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Income	50,700	58,600	49,300	56,750	56,300	63,820	59,730	58,360
Exps	58,500	55,600	52,800	55,100	53,580	53,220	64,870	58,195
Reserve	14,400	17,400	13,900	15,550	18,260	28,860	23,720	23,885

As well as thanking each and every one of you for your support I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, our Council of Reference and David Smith for his invaluable assistance as our auditor. I am relishing working alongside Ellie in her new role as Centre Director.

If ever you wish for any more information about anything, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Sara Short**  
Treasurer

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity Number 1106486

Statement of Financial Activities - Year ended 31 December 2022

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Charitable Activities	3,4&5	58116.56	43.98	58160.54	64121.14
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>58151.35</b>	<b>43.98</b>	<b>58195.33</b>	<b>64867.33</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing - )resources</b>		<b>210.11</b>	<b>-43.98</b>	<b>166.13</b>	<b>-5140.71</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>23681.57</b>	<b>43.98</b>	<b>23725.55</b>	<b>28,866.26</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>23891.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23891.68</b>	<b>23725.55</b>

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2022

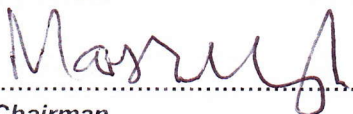
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Interest received	2	27.49	7.94
Other income and reimbursements	2	4720.80	6405.37
		<u>58361.46</u>	<u>59726.62</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Employee costs	4	51079.87	56652.41
Other operating costs	3	7013.46	8112.92
Depreciation	5	102.00	102.00
		<u>58195.33</u>	<u>64867.33</u>
<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>		<u>166.13</u>	<u>-5140.71</u>
<i>Funds</i>			
Unrestricted Reserve brought forward		23725.55	28866.26
Surplus/deficit(-) for year		166.13	-5140.71
Reserves carried forward		<u>23891.68</u>	<u>23725.55</u>

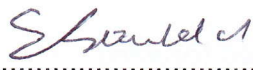
Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

		At 31 December 2022		At 31 December 2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		137.00		239.00
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments	6	881.06		2073.57	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>22873.62</u>		<u>21412.98</u>	
		23754.68		23486.55	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Creditors	7	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)</b>			23754.68		23486.55
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>23891.68</u>		<u>23725.55</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			23891.68		23681.57
Restricted Funds			0.00		43.98
			<u>23891.68</u>		<u>23725.55</u>

The above accounts, together with the accompanying notes, were considered by the Trustees at their meeting on <sup>17 September</sup> ~~June~~ 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Chairman

  
 .....  
 Secretary

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**1 Accounting Policies and Basis of Accounting**

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Items of equipment with an individual value of £500 or more and/or have a useful life of more than one year are categorised as tangible fixed assets and recorded in the Balance Sheet as such. Depreciation is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account on the basis of their useful lives to the Charity:

	Years
Computing and related Equipment	3
Other equipment	5

**2 Income**

	31 December 2022 £	31 December 2021 £
The following areas of income were receivable in the period:		
Grants, Donations and Voluntary Subscriptions		
- Individuals	40244.09	41807.82
- Organisations (including Grants received)	13369.08	11505.49
	<u>53613.17</u>	<u>53313.31</u>
Interest received	27.49	7.94
Other income and reimbursements	<u>4720.80</u>	<u>6405.37</u>

**3 Other operating costs:**

	£	£
Equipment, Resources and Materials	350.49	675.54
Office expenses (incl. Postages)	271.76	193.74
Telephones and Internet costs	543.56	700.22
Travelling expenses	939.05	544.95
Training	200.00	0.00
Insurances	516.69	479.01
Subscriptions and Donations	0.00	1437.50
Rental of Office and other space and associated costs	2754.00	2754.00
Club Expenses	837.81	399.32
Fundraising costs (including Website)	34.79	746.19
Payroll Administration	120.00	155.00
Other miscellaneous expenses	445.31	27.45
	<u>7013.46</u>	<u>8112.92</u>

**4 Employee costs:**

	£	£
Salary	45754.37	56006.12
Employers Pension Contributions	1002.42	1163.70
National Insurance costs	4090.88	4432.08
Other costs of employment (mainly related to recruitment)	232.20	0.00
"Furlough" costs recovered	0.00	4949.49
	<u>51079.87</u>	<u>56652.41</u>

The Charity operated for most of the year with a full-time Centre Director, appointed in March 2013 - and a Support Worker, working full-time - four days for the Charity and a further day for the Trinity Churches Group. This arrangement ended on 31 July 2022, together with the reimbursement by Trinity Churches. The employee reverted to a four day, 29.6 hour week at that point. The full-time Centre Director left her post on 5 December 2022, to be replaced in the new year.

**Pensions:** The Charity has maintained its practice, as in the past, of supporting pension arrangements for its employees. Employer contributions have been included in the accounts as a consequence.

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106484**

**Notes to the Accounts**

	31 December 2022 £	31 December 2021 £
<b>5 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2022	2547.79	2547.79
Purchased in period	0.00	0.00
Disposal in period	0.00	0.00
Total at 31 December 2022	<u>2547.79</u>	<u>2547.79</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2022	2308.79	2206.79
Charged in period	102.00	102.00
Total at 31 December 2022	<u>2410.79</u>	<u>2308.79</u>
<b>Net value at 31 December 2022</b>	<u>137.00</u>	<u>239.00</u>
<b>6 Debtors</b>		
Payments in Advance (paid 2022 for training event in 2023)	230.00	441.00
Other Debtors (Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	651.06	1632.57
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>7 Creditors</b>		
Trade creditors - due within one year	0.00	0.00



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 December 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1106486

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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:**

*David A. Smith*

**Date:**

18 September 2023

**Name:**

David Arthur Smith

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

CPFA

**Address:**

5 Sawston Close, Radbrook Green,  
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire SY3 6AY

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity Number 1106486

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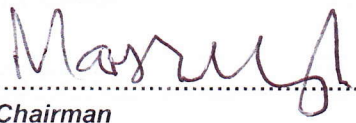
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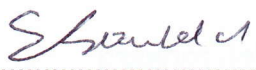
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Chairman

  
.....  
Secretary

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**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106484**

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**SHREWSBURY YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1106486

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# Accounts

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## **Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity No: 1106486 Annual Report to the AGM, July 2022**

### **Report from the Chair of Trustees**

The first half of 2021 saw the team continuing to deliver a limited programme of work mainly online but as the grip of the Covid pandemic lifted things changed quickly. We were back in school as soon as the restrictions allowed, albeit having to make the most of outdoor opportunities where the facemasks could come off. I was so pleased to see that the trusting relationships we have developed with so many schools meant they didn't hesitate to ask us back in. It was great to see the team supporting schools in very different and varied ways but always in roles where they were able to get alongside and connect with the young people.

2021 saw more changes in the team and I was sad to see Becci leave but encouraged that she still wants to be involved. Hannah and Ellie have been able to push on as the year progressed seeing their work returning to something closer to "normal". The summer activities were certainly a change for them both but as always they rose to the new challenges and developed as a team. We continue to work directly with a local Church and this is an area where we would like to do more. Mentoring remained at the core of our activities and we were able to meet a need which was a particular consequence of the pandemic.

Unfortunately it has been necessary to continue the monthly prayer meetings over socially distanced Zoom. However, they continue to be well supported and are a real encouragement for the whole team. We have all got used to the technology now, but I am sure we will be pushing to go back to our face to face meetings (and breakfast!) as soon as it is safe to do so.

I am encouraged to read in the Treasurers report about our healthy reserves and how many individuals and Churches continue to give on a regular basis despite the financial pressures that so many face. The grant funding that is starting to come in is very good news and this will hopefully be a key aspect of our finances going forward. We thank God and all the individuals, Church groups and trust fund that have supported us financially.

We continue to be blessed with a strong and committed group of Trustees and Council of Reference from many local Churches who together offer spiritual direction, extensive knowledge and experience and lots of practical support to the team.

My sincere thanks go everyone who has worked for SYFC during 2021 - Hannah, Becci, Ellie, the Trustees, the Council of Reference, Church partners, the Local Ministries team at British Youth for Christ and the many volunteers who help in different ways.

We look forward to the end of some of the more direct impacts of the Covid pandemic on our delivery in 2022. However, there is clearly a legacy which will influence what we do and how we do it. So, mindful of this the Trustees will be taking the opportunity to take stock and reset, starting with the question: Why? What we do know is the schools are pleased to see us back and there remains plenty to do.

We are committed to doing God's work with schools and local Churches in a way that honours Him and successfully brings the Good News to the young people of Shrewsbury.

*Martin Withington*  
**Chair of Trustees**

### ***Trustees who served from January 2021 to December 2021***

- Martin Withington (Chair)
- Emma Broomfield (Secretary)
- Sara Short (Treasurer)
- Paul Kelly
- Joyce Hayward
- Fi Iddon
- Roy Ellis
- Roy Haworth
- David Summerfield

### ***Council of Reference who served from January 2021 to December 2021***

- Andy Houghton (Chair)
- Simon Pierce
- Rev Carole Marsden
- Laurina Rushworth

## **Centre Director Report for 2021**

The beginning of 2021 started in much the same way as 2020 ended: online. The covid pandemic continued to shape the way that we were able to work as we started the new year. Of course, this meant that we were also unable to attend the annual Youth for Christ staff conference, which is always such a highlight for us as a team. During January and February much of the work that we were able to deliver to schools was online.

We were delighted, in March, to be invited into a local secondary school to help with their covid testing programme. This enabled us to reconnect with many of the students we knew as well as deepen relationships with staff members. This began somewhat of a theme for the rest of the year and something that Paul writes about so well:

***“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3 v 17***

Over the rest of the year, we would have many and varied opportunities to be in school and our desire in all that we did; whether covid testing, building campfires, or speaking during assemblies, was to do everything we were asked to do in a way that represented Jesus and with an attitude of thankfulness.

Much of our work from Easter onwards took place outdoors, where it generally felt safer and face-masks could be safely removed. This included lots of sessions of Campfire Cooking in various secondary schools and the John Muir Award resuming. We were also asked to support students on a one-to-one basis as many were struggling to adjust to life back in school.

During the summer we were able to attend the Sail and Surf Youth Camp in North Wales, run by West Runton Holidays, to facilitate their spiritual programme. This was not just a great opportunity to spend time with young people and input into their faith journey, but also developed and stretched us as a team. We also ran sessions at the Belvidere Summer School, which was an important opportunity to build relationships with staff and students.

During the summer we also said farewell to Becci, who stepped down as a team member. We are so grateful for Becci's input to SYFC and the many creative projects that she pioneered during her time with us. Thankfully, it was not a 'final farewell', as Becci continues to lead the John Muir Award for us.



Income	49,10 0	50,70 0	58,60 0	49,30 0	56,75 0	56,30 0	63,82 0	59,73 0
Exps	53,20 0	58,50 0	55,60 0	52,80 0	55,10 0	53,58 0	53,22 0	64,87 0
Reserve	22,20 0	14,40 0	17,40 0	13,90 0	15,55 0	18,26 0	28,86 0	23,72 0

As well as thanking each and every one of you for your support I would like to thank Hannah; it is a pleasure to work alongside her to assist in facilitating her Vision for this project which continues to flourish under her wise leadership. I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, our Council of Reference and David Smith for his invaluable assistance as our auditor. I would also like us to remember our dear friend Stanton who gave me much assistance with the book keeping and IT over the years; such an honour to have known him.

If ever you wish for any more information about anything, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Sara Short**  
Treasurer

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity Number 1106486

Statement of Financial Activities - Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31 December 2021	Year ended 31 December 2020
		£	£	£	£
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
Voluntary Income	2	48197.56	0.00	48197.56	62136.39
Investment Income	2	7.94	0.00	7.94	61.53
Other Incoming Resources (incl. Grants)	2	11521.12	0.00	11521.12	1617.97
<i>Total incoming resources</i>		<u>59726.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>59726.62</u>	<u>63815.89</u>
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	746.19	0.00	746.19	66.39
Charitable Activities	3,4&5	63189.30	185.65	64121.14	53154.85
<i>Total resources expended</i>		<u>63935.49</u>	<u>185.65</u>	<u>64867.33</u>	<u>53221.24</u>
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing - )resources</i>		<u>-4208.87</u>	<u>-185.65</u>	<u>-5140.71</u>	<u>10594.65</u>
<i>Total Funds brought forward</i>		28636.63	229.63	28866.26	18,271.61
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>		<u>24427.76</u>	<u>43.98</u>	<u>23725.55</u>	<u>28866.26</u>

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2021**

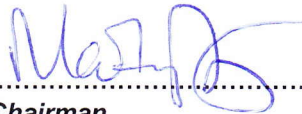
	<i>Note</i>	<i>Year ended 31 December 2021 £</i>	<i>Year ended 31 December 2020 £</i>
<b><i>Income</i></b>			
Donations and voluntary income	2	53313.31	62136.39
Interest received	2	7.94	61.53
Other income and reimbursements	2	6405.37	1617.97
		<u>59726.62</u>	<u>63815.89</u>
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>			
Employee costs	4	56652.41	46467.22
Other operating costs	3	8112.92	6649.41
Depreciation	5	102.00	104.61
		<u>64867.33</u>	<u>53221.24</u>
<b><i>Surplus/(deficit)</i></b>		<u>-5140.71</u>	<u>10594.65</u>
<b><i>Funds</i></b>			
Unrestricted Reserve brought forward		28866.26	18271.61
Surplus/deficit(-) for year		-5140.71	10594.65
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>		<u>23725.55</u>	<u>28866.26</u>


**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021**

		<i>At</i>		<i>At</i>	
		<i>31 December 2021</i>		<i>31 December 2020</i>	
	<i>Note</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		239.00		341.00
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments	6	2073.57		2093.56	
Cash at Bank and in hand		21412.98		28842.70	
		<u>23486.55</u>		<u>30936.26</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Creditors	7	<u>0.00</u>		<u>2411.00</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)</b>			<b>23486.55</b>		<b>28525.26</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>23725.55</b></u>		<u><b>28866.26</b></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			23725.55		28636.63
Restricted Funds			43.98		229.63
			<u>23769.53</u>		<u>28866.26</u>

The above accounts, together with the accompanying notes, were considered by the Trustees at their meeting on 17 July 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Chairman

  
 .....  
 Secretary

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Notes to the Accounts**

**1 Accounting Policies and Basis of Accounting**

The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and relevant Charity Commission Guidance. It is acknowledged that the Charity can fluctuate around the threshold for Accruals accounting - the Trustees have continued to use this basis for comparability with previous years.

Income is recognised in the accounts on the basis of when it is due, rather than when it is received.

Expenditure is charged to the accounts in the period to which it relates, not when the payment is actually made.

Items of equipment with an individual value of £500 or more and/or have a useful life of more than one year are categorised as tangible fixed assets and recorded in the Balance Sheet as such. Depreciation is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account on the basis of their useful lives to the Charity:

	Years
Computing and related Equipment	3
Other equipment	5

**2 Income**

	31 December 2021 £	31 December 2020 £
The following areas of income were receivable in the period:		
Grants, Donations and Voluntary Subscriptions		
- Individuals	41807.82	47077.29
- Organisations (including Grants received)	11505.49	15059.10
	<u>53313.31</u>	<u>62136.39</u>
Interest received	7.94	61.53
Other income and reimbursements	<u>6405.37</u>	<u>1617.97</u>

**3 Other operating costs:**

	£	£
Equipment, Resources and Materials	675.54	444.00
Office expenses (incl. Postages)	193.74	184.87
Telephones and Internet costs	700.22	494.82
Travelling expenses	544.95	485.10
Training	0.00	591.00
Insurances	479.01	490.23
Subscriptions and Donations	1437.50	0.00
Rental of Office and other space and associated costs	2754.00	2665.50
Club Expenses	399.32	588.50
Externally provided services	0.00	479.00
Fundraising costs (including Website)	746.19	66.39
Payroll Administration	155.00	150.00
Other miscellaneous expenses	27.45	10.00
	<u>8112.92</u>	<u>6649.41</u>

**4 Employee costs:**

	£	£
Salary	56006.12	45469.45
Employers Pension Contributions	1163.70	935.71
National Insurance costs	4432.08	3517.36
Other costs of employment	0.00	80.00
"Furlough" costs recovered	4949.49	3535.30
	<u>56652.41</u>	<u>46467.22</u>

The Charity operated for the year with a full-time Centre Director, appointed in March 2013 - and two Support Workers, one working 22 hours per week and the other initially for 22.5 hours for the Charity and a further day for the Trinity Churches Group. From August 2021 this employee's working week increased to 4 days for the Charity and one day for Trinity Churches. Trinity Churches Group reimbursed the Charity for this work. The first Support Worker left the Charity's employ on 31st July 2021.

Recovery continued to be made at appropriate levels under the Government's COVID Furlough scheme - this support ended in April 2021. For administrative purposes staff are employed by the Lichfield Diocese which is reimbursed monthly. A fee is charged for this service, included in Other Operating costs above. The "Furlough" recoveries have been made on the Charity's behalf by the Diocese.

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106484**

**Notes to the Accounts**

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
<b>5 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2021	2547.79	2598.80
Purchased in period	0.00	316.61
Disposal in period	0.00	367.62
Total at 31 December 2021	<u>2547.79</u>	<u>2547.79</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2021	2206.79	2459.80
Charged in period	102.00	104.61
Re. Disposal above	0.00	357.62
Total at 31 December 2021	<u>2308.79</u>	<u>2206.79</u>
<b>Net value at 31 December 2021</b>	<u>239.00</u>	<u>341.00</u>
<b>6 Debtors</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Payments in Advance (paid 2021 for training event in 2022)	441.00	0.00
Other Debtors ( Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	1632.57	899.47
<b>7 Creditors</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors - due within one year (mainly Lichfield Diocese for payroll costs)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2411.00</u>

**SHREWSBURY YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1106486

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# Accounts

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1106484

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:**

*David A. Smith*

**Date:**

*28 June 2021*

**Name:**

David Arthur Smith

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

CPFA

**Address:**

5 Sawston Close, Radbrook Green,  
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire SY3 6AY

Not applicable – no matters of concern to report

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity Number 1106486

Statement of Financial Activities - Year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31 December 2020	Year ended 31 December 2019
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Voluntary Income	2	57020.64	0.00	57020.64	54417.80
Investment Income	2	61.53	0.00	61.53	73.18
Other Incoming Resources (incl. Grants)	2	5933.72	800.00	6733.72	1830.03
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>63015.89</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>63815.89</b>	<b>56321.01</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	66.39	0.00	66.39	26.39
Charitable Activities	3,4&5	52584.48	570.37	53154.85	53552.71
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>52650.87</b>	<b>570.37</b>	<b>53221.24</b>	<b>53579.10</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing - )resources</b>		<b>10365.02</b>	<b>229.63</b>	<b>10594.65</b>	<b>2741.91</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>18271.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18271.61</b>	<b>15,529.70</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>28636.63</b>	<b>229.63</b>	<b>28866.26</b>	<b>18271.61</b>

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2020**

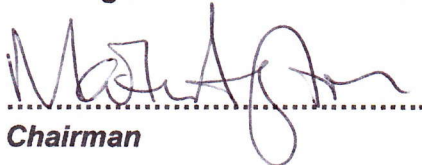
	<b>Note</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2020 £</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2019 £</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations and voluntary income	2	62136.39	54417.80
Interest received	2	61.53	73.18
Other income and reimbursements	2	1617.97	1830.03
		<u>63815.89</u>	<u>56321.01</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employee costs	4	46467.22	41180.11
Other operating costs	3	6649.41	12291.99
Depreciation	5	104.61	107.00
		<u>53221.24</u>	<u>53579.10</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<u>10594.65</u>	<u>2741.91</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Reserve brought forward		18271.61	15529.7
Surplus/deficit(-) for year		10594.65	2741.91
<b>Unrestricted Reserve carried forward</b>		<u>28866.26</u>	<u>18271.61</u>

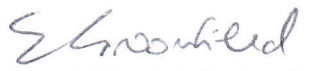
**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020**

		At		At	
		31 December 2020		31 December 2019	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		341.00		139.00
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments	6	2093.56		1340.47	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>28842.70</u>		<u>16968.71</u>	
		30936.26		18309.18	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Creditors	7	<u>2411.00</u>		<u>176.57</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)</b>			28525.26		18132.61
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>28866.26</u>		<u>18271.61</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			28636.63		18271.61
Restricted Funds			<u>229.63</u>		<u>0.00</u>
			<u>28866.26</u>		<u>18271.61</u>

The above accounts, together with the accompanying notes, were considered by the Trustees at the meeting on 27 June 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
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Chairman

  
.....  
Secretary

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Basis of Accounting

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	Years
Computing and related Equipment	3
Other equipment	5

2 Income

	31 December 2020 £	31 December 2019 £
The following areas of income were receivable in the period:		
Grants, Donations and Voluntary Subscriptions		
- Individuals	47077.29	42308.31
- Organisations (including Grants received)	15059.10	12109.49
	<u>62136.39</u>	<u>54417.80</u>
Interest received	61.53	73.18
Other income and reimbursements	1617.97	1830.03

3 Other operating costs:

	£	£
Equipment, Resources and Materials	444.00	25.45
Office expenses (incl. Postages)	184.87	359.17
Telephones and Internet costs	494.82	535.97
Travelling expenses	485.10	864.74
Training	591.00	2384.30
Insurances	490.23	489.30
Subscriptions and Donations	0.00	1000.00
Rental of Office and other space and associated costs	2665.50	2799.00
Club Expenses	588.50	1408.21
Externally provided services	479.00	2235.41
Fundraising costs (including Website)	66.39	26.39
Payroll Administration	150.00	110.00
Other miscellaneous expenses	10.00	54.05
	<u>6649.41</u>	<u>12291.99</u>

4 Employee costs:

	£	£
Salary	45469.45	37264.44
Employers Pension Contributions	935.71	752.20
National Insurance costs	3517.36	3163.47
Other costs of employment	80.00	0.00
"Furlough" costs recovered	3535.30	0.00
	<u>46467.22</u>	<u>41180.11</u>

The Charity operated for the year with a full-time Centre Director, appointed in March 2013 - and a Support Worker, working 22 hours per week who has been employed since May 2019. An additional support worker was engaged from September 2020 initially for 22.4 hours per week, rising to 29.6 hours from October. All staff were able to be "furloughed" under the Government's COVID Support Arrangements at various levels. The additional Support Worker was funded for one day per week by the Trinity Churches group.

For administrative purposes these staff are employed by the Lichfield Diocese which is reimbursed monthly. A fee is charged for this service, included in Other Operating costs above.

"Furlough" recoveries have been made on the charity's behalf by Lichfield Diocese and there remains uncertainty over the final amount which may be due. These accounts have been completed on the basis of the latest information provided and any further adjustment will be made in the 2021 financial year, once final claims are submitted and agreed.

**Pensions:** *The Charity has maintained its practice, as in the past, of supporting pension arrangements for the Centre Director. This facility has been extended to the Support Workers and employer contributions have increased consequently during the year of account. The level of employer contribution also increased from 1 April 2019.*

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106484**

**Notes to the Accounts**

	<b>31 December 2020</b>	<b>31 December 2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>5 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2020	2598.80	2598.80
Purchased in period	316.61	0.00
Disposal in period	367.62	0.00
Total at 31 December 2020	<u>2547.79</u>	<u>2598.80</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Brought forward at 1 January 2020	2459.80	2352.80
Charged in period	104.61	107.00
Re. Disposal above	357.62	0.00
Total at 31 December 2020	<u>2206.79</u>	<u>2459.80</u>
<b>Net value at 31 December 2020</b>	<u>341.00</u>	<u>139.00</u>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>6 Debtors</b>		
Payments in Advance (paid 2019 for training event in 2020)	0.00	441.00
Other Debtors ( Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	2093.56	899.47
	<u>2093.56</u>	<u>899.47</u>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>7 Creditors</b>		
Trade creditors - due within one year (mainly Lichfield Diocese for payroll costs)	2411.00	176.57
	<u>2411.00</u>	<u>176.57</u>

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ – Charity No: 1106486  
Annual Report to the AGM, June 2021**

## **Report from the Chair of Trustees for 2020**

This year has been a very different experience for Shrewsbury Youth for Christ as we have grappled with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. As I look back, so much of what we have done has been different in almost every respect from the last 15 years. However, the one constant that has kept us going has been the knowledge that God had a plan for 2020 and I believe that we have been able to honour His will as we have trusted in Him.

We have seen changes in the team which has brought new activities and it was great to see Ellie completing her degree, and come on board as a paid worker. We have also been able to develop a direct working relationship with a local Church. Covid-19 has pushed us into more social media work which was intense at times, but the team has learned so much from this experience. Clearly work in the form of assemblies, classroom sessions and clubs was very limited but mentoring remained at the core of our activities even in such restricted times. Despite all the challenges and changes that 2020 brought, the whole team showed immense resilience and creativity. The Trustees would like to thank Hannah especially for her wise and inspiring leadership.

I am so pleased that the monthly prayer meetings have continued, albeit socially distanced over Zoom. It was great to see so many people prepared to grapple with the technology in order to continue to provide what has become a vital source of support and encouragement for all those working in the Project. Hopefully it won't be long before we can start meeting face to face again in Church venues across Shrewsbury.

The Treasurer's report provides details of our healthy reserves and the many individuals and Churches that continue to give regularly to SYFC. It is encouraging to read about new supporters, and it is clear that we will need to attract more if we are going to continue to with the current staffing levels in the longer term. We thank God and all the individuals and Church groups who are able to support us in this way.

A dedicated and committed group of Trustees and Council of Reference, drawn from many local Churches, continue to provide support and spiritual direction to the Project. As always my sincere thanks go to all those who have worked for and with SYFC during 2020 – Hannah, Becci and Ellie, the Trustees, the Council of Reference, those who have attended Prayer Breakfasts over the year, Church partners, the Local Ministries team at British Youth for Christ and the many volunteers who help in so many ways.

Looking forward to 2021 it is clear that there is still plenty to do and early indications are the schools are keen to welcome us back and new opportunities are being identified where we can support them. We continue to seek God's will as we work with schools and local Churches in a way that honours Him and successfully brings the Good News to the young people of Shrewsbury.

***Martin Withington***  
*Chair of Trustees*

### ***Trustees who served from January 2020 to December 2020***

- Martin Withington (Chair)
- Emma Broomfield (Secretary)
- Sara Short (Treasurer)
- Paul Kelly
- Joyce Hayward
- Fi Iddon
- Roy Ellis

- Roy Haworth
- David Summerfield

***Council of Reference who served from January 2020 to December 2020***

- Andy Houghton (Chair)
- Simon Pierce
- Terry Hotchkiss
- Tracy Priggis
- Rev Carole Marsden
- Laurina Rushworth

## **Centre Director Report for 2020**

The arrival of 2020 was an exciting moment for Shrewsbury Youth for Christ, as it ushered in the year that we would celebrate our 15th anniversary. With that in mind we got busy planning a fundraising event for the summer that would see some of our staff and supporters walk for three days across Shropshire and end with a celebration of all that God has done through SYFC over the past 15 years. Alongside this we'd lined up the Shrewsbury Town footballer, Omar Beckles, to take part in our Easter assemblies and we were ready to take a group of girls to the YFC Fierce event.

But then, of course, everything changed. A tiny virus seemingly rocked the entire world. Plans were put on hold and we sought to adapt to the new conditions we found ourselves in. Naively thinking that this would all be over within a few weeks, we delivered survival packs to young people and quickly began to put out daily videos, including some that we were able to film with Omar Beckles. For the first couple of months of lockdown we used social media to deliver daily videos: aimed to encourage, inspire and entertain young people stuck at home and away from their familiar forms of support. We did what most people did in those early days, we learned how to use Zoom! Our monthly prayer breakfasts switched to online meetings and we were able to host some inter-church youth quiz nights. But the further on into the year we ventured, the harder it was to fulfil our role as a schools based charity. When it became clear that schools would remain closed, the Trustees and I took the difficult decision to furlough all three staff members while it was impossible to do our work in schools.

During this time Ellie Harper, our student youth worker, graduated with a 2:1 in Theology, Youth Work and Mission and joined the SYFC team as part time Youth Worker. Not the ideal time to be finishing a degree and starting a new job!

The Autumn term brought a new sense of hope as we donned our face-masks, sanitised our hands and headed back into school. Though not able to work at our full capacity, we were grateful to again deliver assemblies in person; re-start some campfire cooking sessions; connect with young people through lunch clubs and start a new project, the John Muir Award. After months of either working from home or being furloughed, it was incredibly good to be back delivering face-to-face work again. However, we did put the pandemic lessons to good use and continued to produce a weekly video to be delivered through our social media streams.

Sadly, as the second wave of the pandemic hit and opportunities in school began to decrease again, the staff team each had to take some hours off on the flexi-furlough scheme, though thankfully some face-to face work could continue.

It feels almost impossible to summarise the past year in a few brief sentences. It has undoubtedly been a difficult year, as our normal ways of working and living have changed so dramatically. And, of course, there are still the yet unmeasured long term harms that the pandemic will have had on young people's lives across the world. But one thing we have clung onto is that God has not, nor will ever, change. We have seen his goodness to us as an organisation, even in the hardest of times.

I would like to add a specific note of thanks to Ellie and Becci who have adapted excellently and with such creativity as our work situation changed so rapidly and repeatedly. And to the SYFC trustees who offered support when needed and encouragement as we tried new ways of working.

***Hannah Moore***  
*Centre Director*

## Treasurer's Report 2020

Firstly, I would like to express my whole hearted thanks to all our supporters; individuals and Churches, who have continued to pray for us and provide the financial means for the work to continue, despite the extremely difficult year that 2020 was. We are truly blessed to have each and every one of you on board. We do hope that you have felt encouraged by Hannah's monthly newsletters and any of the SYFC social media that you may follow. A highlight of every month, for me, has been the prayer breakfasts: although I miss visiting our many and varied supporting Churches it has been a joy to see many cheerful supporters on our Zoom breakfasts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

In 2019 we had set ourselves a challenging target to increase our regular income by £800 per month. This was with a view to offering Ellie paid employment from September 2020 in addition to Becci Amos' continued 22 hours per week. Hannah's video last Spring was shown in a number of Churches and we have been delighted to welcome 10 new supporters (couples or individuals) as regular financial donors during last year and the early part of this year: we feel very blessed and very grateful. There has been no real change in Church giving during 2020 but, again, we feel blessed given the repercussions of the pandemic on many Churches' resources. Overall however, gains have been balanced out by some reductions and our regular monthly income has shifted very little.

But, the good news comes from one off gifts; income from work done to provide specific online content for Schools; grants that Hannah worked hard to access throughout last year (we are grateful to the Trustees of the Alfred Haines Trust, the Ransome Trust, the Allchurches Trust, the Baron Davenport Trust and the Slavanka Trust) and the ability to use furlough and flexi-furlough from May onwards. The Diocese, who process our payroll, have been able to reclaim approximately £6,800 from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention scheme - CJRS - possibly with more to come (you'll see there is a note on the accounts to this effect). This did mean that the Trustees were able to step out in faith and offer Ellie a 3 day a week contract, initially for one year. That plus a day a week directly funded by Trinity churches for Ellie to assist with their youth work, has meant that we have been able to employ Ellie (part-time) since September 2020 as we had hoped.

I should mention that the Alfred Haines grant of £800 was given specifically towards camp fire cooking and, due to Covid school closures, not all of that money was spent during the 2020 year, but has now been entirely spent as we have been back in schools since March 2021 and camp fire cooking has been much in demand.

The balance at the end of the year was healthy, although there remains a shortfall between income and expenditure. Therefore, we still require increased regular income if we are to grow this project and make the most of all the opportunities God is giving us to provide much needed help and support to young people, by spreading His Message.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Income	25,000	61,000	43,000	41,000	53,000	50,200	55,600	43,400
Exps	34,000	41,000	53,000	60,000	56,000	51,700	37,700	36,500
Reserve	15,000	35,000	25,000	6,000	3,000	1,500	19,400	26,300

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Income	49,100	50,700	58,600	49,300	56,750	56,300	63,800
Exps	53,200	58,500	55,600	52,800	55,100	53,580	51,120
Reserve	22,200	14,400	17,400	13,900	15,550	18,260	30,940

Thank you to Hannah for her adaptability during the difficulties of last year (and indeed all the team who have had to manage working from home at times) and her vision and planning in the view of the schools' closures. I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, our Council of Reference and David Smith for his invaluable assistance as our auditor.

If ever you wish for any more information about anything, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Sara Short**  
Treasurer



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1106484

**Set out on pages**

Three to seven

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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:**

*David A. Smith*

**Date:**

*28 June 2021*

**Name:**

David Arthur Smith

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

CPFA

**Address:**

5 Sawston Close, Radbrook Green,  
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire SY3 6AY

Not applicable – no matters of concern to report

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity Number 1106486

Statement of Financial Activities - Year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31 December 2020	Year ended 31 December 2019
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Voluntary Income	2	57020.64	0.00	57020.64	54417.80
Investment Income	2	61.53	0.00	61.53	73.18
Other Incoming Resources (incl. Grants)	2	5933.72	800.00	6733.72	1830.03
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>63015.89</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>63815.89</b>	<b>56321.01</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	66.39	0.00	66.39	26.39
Charitable Activities	3,4&5	52584.48	570.37	53154.85	53552.71
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>52650.87</b>	<b>570.37</b>	<b>53221.24</b>	<b>53579.10</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing - )resources</b>		<b>10365.02</b>	<b>229.63</b>	<b>10594.65</b>	<b>2741.91</b>
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>18271.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18271.61</b>	<b>15,529.70</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>28636.63</b>	<b>229.63</b>	<b>28866.26</b>	<b>18271.61</b>

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2020**

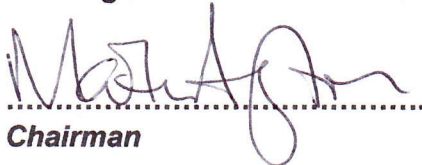
	<b>Note</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2020 £</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2019 £</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations and voluntary income	2	62136.39	54417.80
Interest received	2	61.53	73.18
Other income and reimbursements	2	1617.97	1830.03
		<u>63815.89</u>	<u>56321.01</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employee costs	4	46467.22	41180.11
Other operating costs	3	6649.41	12291.99
Depreciation	5	104.61	107.00
		<u>53221.24</u>	<u>53579.10</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<u>10594.65</u>	<u>2741.91</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Reserve brought forward		18271.61	15529.7
Surplus/deficit(-) for year		10594.65	2741.91
<b>Unrestricted Reserve carried forward</b>		<u>28866.26</u>	<u>18271.61</u>

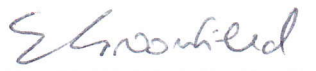
**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486**

**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020**

		At		At	
		31 December 2020		31 December 2019	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		341.00		139.00
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors and Prepayments	6	2093.56		1340.47	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>28842.70</u>		<u>16968.71</u>	
		30936.26		18309.18	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade Creditors	7			<u>176.57</u>	
		<u>2411.00</u>			
<b>Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)</b>			<b>28525.26</b>		<b>18132.61</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>28866.26</b></u>		<u><b>18271.61</b></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			28636.63		18271.61
Restricted Funds			<u>229.63</u>		<u>0.00</u>
			<u><b>28866.26</b></u>		<u><b>18271.61</b></u>

The above accounts, together with the accompanying notes, were considered by the Trustees at the meeting on 27 June 2021 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
**Chairman**

  
 .....  
**Secretary**

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Basis of Accounting

The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and relevant Charity Commission Guidance. It is acknowledged that the Charity can fluctuate around the threshold for Accruals accounting - the Trustees have continued to use this basis for comparability with previous years.

Income is recognised in the accounts on the basis of when it is due, rather than when it is received.

Expenditure is charged to the accounts in the period to which it relates, not when the payment is actually made.

Items of equipment with an individual value of £500 or more and/or have a useful life of more than one year are categorised as tangible fixed assets and recorded in the Balance Sheet as such. Depreciation is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account on the basis of their useful lives to the Charity:

	Years
Computing and related Equipment	3
Other equipment	5

2 Income

	31 December 2020 £	31 December 2019 £
The following areas of income were receivable in the period:		
Grants, Donations and Voluntary Subscriptions		
- Individuals	47077.29	42308.31
- Organisations (including Grants received)	15059.10	12109.49
	<u>62136.39</u>	<u>54417.80</u>
Interest received	61.53	73.18
Other income and reimbursements	1617.97	1830.03

3 Other operating costs:

	£	£
Equipment, Resources and Materials	444.00	25.45
Office expenses (incl. Postages)	184.87	359.17
Telephones and Internet costs	494.82	535.97
Travelling expenses	485.10	864.74
Training	591.00	2384.30
Insurances	490.23	489.30
Subscriptions and Donations	0.00	1000.00
Rental of Office and other space and associated costs	2665.50	2799.00
Club Expenses	588.50	1408.21
Externally provided services	479.00	2235.41
Fundraising costs (including Website)	66.39	26.39
Payroll Administration	150.00	110.00
Other miscellaneous expenses	10.00	54.05
	<u>6649.41</u>	<u>12291.99</u>

4 Employee costs:

	£	£
Salary	45469.45	37264.44
Employers Pension Contributions	935.71	752.20
National Insurance costs	3517.36	3163.47
Other costs of employment	80.00	0.00
"Furlough" costs recovered	3535.30	0.00
	<u>46467.22</u>	<u>41180.11</u>

The Charity operated for the year with a full-time Centre Director, appointed in March 2013 - and a Support Worker, working 22 hours per week who has been employed since May 2019. An additional support worker was engaged from September 2020 initially for 22.4 hours per week, rising to 29.6 hours from October. All staff were able to be "furloughed" under the Government's COVID Support Arrangements at various levels. The additional Support Worker was funded for one day per week by the Trinity Churches group.

For administrative purposes these staff are employed by the Lichfield Diocese which is reimbursed monthly. A fee is charged for this service, included in Other Operating costs above.

"Furlough" recoveries have been made on the charity's behalf by Lichfield Diocese and there remains uncertainty over the final amount which may be due. These accounts have been completed on the basis of the latest information provided and any further adjustment will be made in the 2021 financial year, once final claims are submitted and agreed.

**Pensions:** *The Charity has maintained its practice, as in the past, of supporting pension arrangements for the Centre Director. This facility has been extended to the Support Workers and employer contributions have increased consequently during the year of account. The level of employer contribution also increased from 1 April 2019.*

**Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106484**

**Notes to the Accounts**

		<b>31 December 2020</b>	<b>31 December 2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>5 Tangible Fixed Assets</b>			
	<b>Expenditure</b>		
	Brought forward at 1 January 2020	2598.80	2598.80
	Purchased in period	316.61	0.00
	Disposal in period	367.62	0.00
	Total at 31 December 2020	<u>2547.79</u>	<u>2598.80</u>
	<b>Depreciation</b>		
	Brought forward at 1 January 2020	2459.80	2352.80
	Charged in period	104.61	107.00
	Re. Disposal above	357.62	0.00
	Total at 31 December 2020	<u>2206.79</u>	<u>2459.80</u>
	<b>Net value at 31 December 2020</b>	<u>341.00</u>	<u>139.00</u>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>6 Debtors</b>	Payments in Advance (paid 2019 for training event in 2020)	0.00	441.00
	Other Debtors ( Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	<u>2093.56</u>	<u>899.47</u>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>7 Creditors</b>	Trade creditors - due within one year (mainly Lichfield Diocese for payroll costs)	<u>2411.00</u>	<u>176.57</u>