



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

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.

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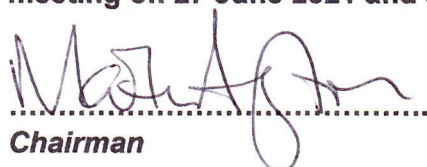
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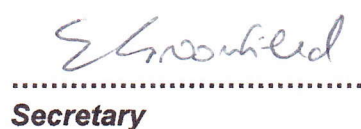
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**Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020**

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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**

  
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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
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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**

	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	£	£
<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>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>7 Creditors</b>		
Trade creditors - due within one year (mainly Lichfield Diocese for payroll costs)	<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**  
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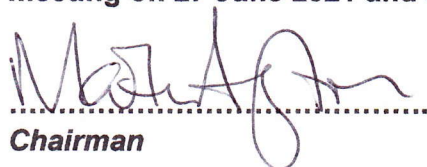
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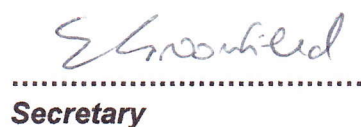
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1 Accounting Policies and Basis of Accounting

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

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	<u>1617.97</u>	<u>1830.03</u>

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.*

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**Notes to the Accounts**

		31 December 2020	31 December 2019
		£	£
<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>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>7 Creditors</b>	Trade creditors - due within one year (mainly Lichfield Diocese for payroll costs)	<u>2411.00</u>	<u>176.57</u>