

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.

We were grateful that the Autumn term saw us back to full capacity and mostly able to continue the work we were involved pre-pandemic.

Though there were many challenges over the course of the past two years, there is also much to rejoice and give thanks for. The opportunities to serve local schools in different ways as they sought to navigate the complexities of covid rules, has helped to develop our relationships with local secondary schools and a new level of trust has emerged. Above all, we hope that over the course of 2021 we have been seen, and heard, as people who have an unfaltering and steadfast hope in the Lord who loves us.

Hannah Moore
Centre Director

Treasurer's Report 2021

Once again 2021 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. Also from a network of supporting Churches. We are very fortunate and we give thanks. There was a slight reduction in income overall during 2021 compared to previous years: this seems to be due to fewer one off and irregular donations than usual, which is perhaps understandable given the very uncertain times we faced last year and continue to face now.

There was an increase in staffing costs despite some funds being recouped through the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme when the staff were on flexible furlough in the first quarter whilst opportunities to get into Schools were still limited. We started the year with our full time Director Hannah Moore, Becci Amos working three days a week and Ellie Harper on four days, one of which was funded by her work in Trinity Churches. Becci sadly said her farewells in Summer 2021 although she has since returned to assist on a voluntary basis with the John Muir award at Mary Webb. Since September 2021 Ellie Harper has been employed full time, with one day per week working with Trinity churches, funded by them. The continuity of service within the team is yielding real dividends in the relationships being built amongst staff and students in Schools.

We engaged the services of a fundraising consultant, Dani Knox, to assist Hannah in making targeted applications to Trusts and grant awarding bodies and this began to bear fruit towards the end of the year and continues to do so. We received grants from the Marjon Trust and the Paul Lunn-Rockcliffe Trust as well as Alfred Haines from whom we have had money awarded before and who particularly like to support Campfire Cooking.

The balance at the end of the year remains very healthy, although there is still a shortfall between income and expenditure. Therefore, my message remains the same as in previous years that 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: please pray.

	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	2021
--	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------

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
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
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
Total incoming resources		59726.62	0.00	59726.62	63815.89
Resources expended					
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
Total resources expended		63935.49	185.65	64867.33	53221.24
Net incoming/(outgoing -)resources		-4208.87	-185.65	-5140.71	10594.65
Total Funds brought forward		28636.63	229.63	28866.26	18,271.61
Total funds carried forward		24427.76	43.98	23725.55	28866.26

Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2021

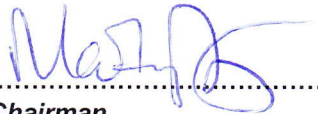
	Note	Year ended 31 December 2021 £	Year ended 31 December 2020 £
Income			
Donations and voluntary income	2	53313.31	62136.39
Interest received	2	7.94	61.53
Other income and reimbursements	2	6405.37	1617.97
		<u>59726.62</u>	<u>63815.89</u>
Expenditure			
Employee costs	4	56652.41	46467.22
Other operating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


Shrewsbury Youth for Christ - Charity number 1106486

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

		At 31 December 2021		At 31 December 2020	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		239.00		341.00
Current Assets					
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>	
Current Liabilities					
Trade Creditors	7	<u>0.00</u>		<u>2411.00</u>	
Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)			23486.55		28525.26
Net Assets			<u>23725.55</u>		<u>28866.26</u>
Funds of the Charity					
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 the 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
	£	£
5 Tangible Fixed Assets		
Expenditure		
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>
Depreciation		
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>
Net value at 31 December 2021	<u>239.00</u>	<u>341.00</u>
	£	£
6 Debtors		
Payments in Advance(paid 2021 for training event in 2022)	441.00	0.00
Other Debtors(Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	<u>1632.57</u>	<u>899.47</u>
	£	£
7 Creditors		
Trade creditors - due within one year (mainly Lichfield Diocese for payroll costs)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2411.00</u>