

**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). 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

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Statement of Financial Activities - Year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31 December 2022	Year ended 31 December 2021
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Voluntary Income	2	53613.17	0.00	53613.17	53313.31
Investment Income	2	27.49	0.00	27.49	7.94
Other Incoming Resources (incl. Grants)	2	4720.80	0.00	4720.80	6405.37
Total incoming resources		58361.46	0.00	58361.46	59726.62
Resources expended					
Costs of generating voluntary income	3	34.79	0.00	34.79	746.19
Charitable Activities	3,4&5	58116.56	43.98	58160.54	64121.14
Total resources expended		58151.35	43.98	58195.33	64867.33
Net incoming/(outgoing -)resources		210.11	-43.98	166.13	-5140.71
Total Funds brought forward		23681.57	43.98	23725.55	28,866.26
Total funds carried forward		23891.68	0.00	23891.68	23725.55

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Income and Expenditure Account - Year ended 31 December 2022

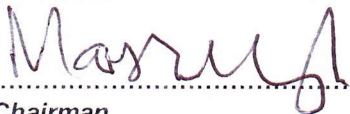
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Expenditure			
Employee costs	4	51079.87	56652.41
Other operating costs	3	7013.46	8112.92
Depreciation	5	102.00	102.00
		<u>58195.33</u>	<u>64867.33</u>
Surplus/(deficit)		<u>166.13</u>	<u>-5140.71</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Reserve brought forward		23725.55	28866.26
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

		At 31 December 2022		At 31 December 2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		137.00		239.00
Current Assets					
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	
Current Liabilities					
Trade Creditors	7	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Net Current Assets/Liabilities(-)			23754.68		23486.55
Net Assets			<u>23891.68</u>		<u>23725.55</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds			23891.68		23681.57
Restricted Funds			<u>0.00</u>		<u>43.98</u>
			23891.68		23725.55

The above accounts, together with the accompanying notes, were considered by the Trustees at their meeting on ^{17 September} ~~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

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 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	<u>445.31</u>	<u>27.45</u>
	<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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4949.49</u>
	<u>51079.87</u>	<u>56652.41</u>

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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

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5 Tangible Fixed Assets		
Expenditure		
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>
Depreciation		
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>
Net value at 31 December 2022	<u>137.00</u>	<u>239.00</u>
6 Debtors		
Payments in Advance (paid 2022 for training event in 2023)	230.00	441.00
Other Debtors (Gift Aid Receipts and Accounts for services)	<u>651.06</u>	<u>1632.57</u>
7 Creditors		
Trade creditors - due within one year	<u>0.00</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
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):

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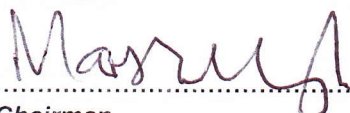
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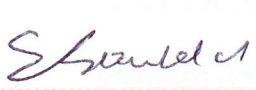
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