



The Furzedown Youth Centre Limited Annual Report 2020 – 2021

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Working in partnership with:



St James, St Albans, St Pauls & Mitcham Lane Baptist Churches
Graveney School Member of Jack Petchey
Endorsed by Sadiq Khan Mayor of London

Chairman's Report on Activities and Plans

The Furzedown Youth Centre Limited exists to provide high quality recreational and educational activities to young people in Year 6 to Year 12, within a safe and supportive Christian environment, to help promote their social, emotional and spiritual well-being and to maximise their leadership potential.

To achieve this aim, The Furzedown Youth Centre runs a Friday club night each week during term time with a variety of activities, having due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The Furzedown Youth Centre employs a part-time youth worker plus a full-time centre manager/outreach worker and engages the services of volunteers from a pool of adults and young adults. On-site apprenticeship training is given to younger volunteers and opportunity is given to Duke of Edinburgh Award and City Leaders candidates and to exercise leadership skills through running club activities, for the public benefit.

The Furzedown Youth Centre Limited has a Mission Action Plan showing its aims and objectives against specific time scales, which demonstrates the ways in which we propose to benefit the public.

All leaders are DBS checked and The Furzedown Youth Centre Limited maintains exemplary standards in Safeguarding, in association with Thirtyone: Eight (formerly CCPAS The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service), overseen by a vigilant Safeguarding Officer and supplemented by regular training of volunteers in safeguarding matters and rigorous safer recruiting practices.

The work of The Furzedown Youth Centre Limited is commissioned and part funded by the 4 Churches of the Furzedown Team: St. James, West Streatham, St. Alban's, Streatham Park, St. Paul's, Furzedown and Mitcham Lane Baptist Church. We work in close co-operation with the Churches and with the youth service in the churches, Furzedown Churches Limited.

During the year 2019 - 2020 we actively tried to recruit a new Outreach Youth Worker who will also act as Centre Manager to replace the former part-time manager who left in October 2019. This appointment was made in November 2020.

One of the main ways in which we have achieved public benefit during this time has been the inauguration of a new after-school drop-in facility at the Centre, opened in June 2019 and this proved to be a great success with over 30 young people dropping in. The aim was to keep them safe during the critical period between 3pm and 5pm, when they are in danger from drug-related gang recruitment in the local parks and streets where they hang out. The drop-in continued to run throughout the autumn and into January 2020, as did the club night from 6pm – 8pm.

During this time, we developed a plan for the future focussing on 4 streams of work which we hope will be taken forward by our new Outreach Worker:

- 1) To continue running the Friday evening FYC Club night as it is, whilst improving it, but also gradually to introduce some more explicit Christian content, perhaps through things like 10-minute God-slots, short videos, or discussion groups, and maybe eventually things like Youth Alpha. FYC Club night does not really exist for the young people who are already in the churches - they have their own groups and worship times. By far the majority of FYC club members are unchurched.
- 2) To re-open the after-school drop-in facility at FYC to help keep young people safe and off the street at the critical period between 3pm and 5pm, when some of them are vulnerable. We previously opened it on one afternoon a week (Friday) because we could not staff it for additional times, but the hope is to recruit more volunteers and open on more afternoons. At the drop-in, the Christian content is not explicit but given through a caring Christian manner with the (mainly Muslim) young people.
- 3) To begin to engage the Graveney 6th formers in a day-time cafe at St. Paul's where the Christian input is initially through things like posters and background Christian music but leading to engaging in discussions on life-issues. This, we hope, could lead to the creation of a small group of Christian young people (there must be some amongst the 700 or so 6th-formers) and non-Christian young people in a session involving maybe some Bible study or equivalent (e.g Youth Alpha) and some worship. This would also then be what we would call a "fresh expression" of church.
- 4) To engage in schools work, possibly having some involvement in the Christian Union at Graveney or assemblies and RE lessons.

Our activities, like those of many other youth organisations, have been seriously affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. We had to close the club for extended periods during the first half of 2021 and although we advertised the new Outreach Worker post in January 2020, we were unable to interview the preferred candidate, who was working in South Africa at the time, and was unable to return to the UK due to the pandemic. He did eventually return in October 2020, was interviewed and appointed. He has begun work preparing various projects to begin, hopefully after Easter 2021.



Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward

DIRECTORS
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Company Registration: 4804966 Charity Number:

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| Rev Canon Geoff Vevers | Chairman and Secretary |
| John Moore | Treasurer |
| Helen Long | |
| Jane Soodeen | |
| Malcolm Baker | |
| Jennifer Mwangi | |
| Peter Phillips | |

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Independent Examiner

Eileen Flanagan ACMA MiP will serve as Independent Examiner following appointment by the Annual Meeting date 24/02/21.

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2021.

Status

The centre is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The organisation achieved registered charitable status on 27th October 2005.

Results

Details of the company's results for the year are shown on page 10 of the financial statements.

Directors

The directors named above have served during the year. Appointment of directors to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing director are governed by the memorandum and articles of association.

Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

The law requires us, the directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its profit and loss for that period. In preparing the financial statements, we are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently through the years
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that should be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities should they exist.

Reserves.

It is the Policy of the charity to attempt to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to 6 months unrestricted cash expenditure excluding in kind contributions. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration, and support cost.

Risk Management.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that by maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Fixed Assets

Details of any changes in the fixed assets are shown on the attached accounts.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'G.M. Vevers'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rev Geoff Vevers

Chairman

By Order of the Board

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Charity Name

Furzedown Youth Centre

On accounts for the year ended

30th June 2021

Charity no.:

1111797

Company no.:

4804966

Set out on pages

Pages 10 to 14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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: Eileen Flanagan

Date: 28/1/22

Name: Eileen Flanagan

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

Associate member and member in practice Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The Furzedown Youth Centre Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 30th June 2021

| | Notes | 2020/21 | 2019/20 |
|--|-------|---------------|---------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | |
| Grants Receivable | 2 | 10,953 | 17,004 |
| Donations and activities | 3 | 36,531 | 20,851 |
| Interest | | 7 | 8 |
| Income repayable | | 0 | 168 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 47,491 | 38,031 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | |
| Charitable Expenditure | 4 | 29,158 | 21,311 |
| Repayments | 4 | 256 | 1,668 |
| Total Expended Resources | | 29,414 | 22,979 |
| Net (expended) / incoming resources | | 18,077 | 15,052 |
| | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 60,545 | 45,493 |
| Transfer between funds | | 0 | 0 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 78,622 | 60,545 |

THE FURZEDOWN YOUTH CENTRE LTD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021

| Employment of Capital | Notes | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | | 0 | 0 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors & prepayments | 7 | 0 | 1,509 |
| Cash and bank balances | | 78,622 | 59,036 |
| Total Current Assets | | 78,622 | 60,545 |
| CREDITORS | | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 78,622 | 60,545 |
| FINANCED BY | | | |
| unrestricted funds | | 78,622 | 60,545 |
| restricted funds | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Funds | | 78,622 | 60,545 |

The directors are satisfied:

(a) that for the year in question the company is entitled to the exemption from audit by Section-477(2) of Companies Act 2006

(b) that no notice has been deposited under Section 476 of the Act in relation to the accounts for the financial year

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and

(ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 of the Act, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts, so far as applicable to the company

The financial statements were approved by the Board:

Treasurer

John Moore *J L Moore* Date *27/01/2022*

The accompanying notes form an **integral** part of the financial statements.

Note 1: Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Furzedown Youth Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note. There are no material uncertainties about Furzedown Youth Centre's ability to continue as a going concern.

Cashflow

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption under Charities SORP (FRS 102) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small.

Income

Grant, voluntary income, and donations are included in incoming resources when they are received except when donors' conditions have not been fulfilled, then the income is deferred.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with VAT (which is irrecoverable) included within the item of expense to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Funds

Funds held by the charity are unrestricted funds. These are funds received for use in line with the general objects of the charity.

Fixed Assets

An asset is defined as a unit of tangible property which has an economic useful life of more than 12 Months. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis at rates which are intended to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives: Furniture & Equipment 25%.

Fixed assets have been fully depreciated as at 30th June 2012.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors are amounts owed to the charity. They are measured on the basis of their recoverable amount. Prepayments are expenditure relating to the next accounting period.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Tax

The company is registered as a charity and all of its income falls within the exemptions under Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

Note 2: Grants receivable

| GRANTS RECEIVABLE | 2020/21 | 2019/20 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Jack Petchey | 0 | 0 |
| Grants, awards and loans (other) | 10,953 | 17,004 |
| Total Grants receivable | 10,953 | 17,004 |

Note 3: Donations and Activities

| DONATIONS AND ACTIVITIES | Notes | 2020/21 | 2019/20 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| St James Church | 5 | 4,583 | 5,351 |
| Mitcham Lane Baptist Church | | 4,658 | 5,500 |
| St Albans Church | | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| St Pauls Church | | 17,592 | 1,960 |
| Fundraising & other donations | | 7,028 | 4,611 |
| Activities | | 270 | 1,029 |
| Total Donations and Activities | | 36,531 | 20,851 |

Note 4: Charitable Expenditure

| CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE | Notes | 2020/21 | 2019/20 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Rent, rates, light & heat | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Salaries & Wages | | 23,746 | 15,280 |
| Centre operating costs | 6 | 2,274 | 2,534 |
| Activities, Equipment & Materials | | 993 | 1,864 |
| Repairs and maintenance | | 125 | 115 |
| Insurance | | 2,020 | 1,518 |
| Repayments | | 256 | 1,668 |
| | | 29,414 | 22,979 |

Note 5: Rent, light and heat

Up to and including the year 2014/15 St James church made a donation to cover the cost of Rent light and heat. For the five years commencing 2015/16 St James PCC have agreed to make no charge for rent, light and heat and as such both the entries for donations and expenditure are excluded from the accounts.

Note 6: Centre operating costs

Includes staff training.

Note 7: Debtors

The prior year balance relates to insurance prepayment and a personal purchase of £25 which was inadvertently made using an FYC debit card on 02/12/2019, which was still owing on 30/06/2020, but has been repaid post year end on 30/01/2021.

Furzedown Youth Centre
Outreach Youth Worker's Report November 2020 – January 2022

Once I was employed in November 2020, I was mostly working from home because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I was able to meet the volunteers who support the Friday Night Youth Club but was not able to meet any young people or even see the club in action because we went into a National Lockdown for three months.

From January – March 2021, I was still working from home and focusing on our London Youth Quality Mark, an evidence-based portfolio that demonstrates how we provide quality youth work within our community. In March Rob, Geoff and I agreed that I would go on furlough for one month.

When restrictions were lifted in April, we were able to re-open our Friday Night Youth Club. Since we re-opened our first term was good. We saw a positive response from Year 6 pupils at Goldfinch Primary school, who attended our evenings sessions, following a Leadership Workshop we delivered to them in midweek.

Throughout April to the end May our attendance grew very rapidly (2 – 34). This was a great achievement and demonstrates how hard the volunteers work each week to ensure Friday evenings are a great and enjoyable space for young people.



Figure 1

Further complications hindered my ability to develop the club when I broke my toes at the start of June. Having accidentally kicked a goal post, I fractured three toes in four places and needed to work from home and keep my foot elevated for about 6 weeks. Fortunately, Steve Matthews who step down from FYC in January 2021, was available to lead the sessions and team.

Steve Matthews did a fantastic job as Lead Youth Worker. From June to July, we had 25 young people regularly attend. One of the outcomes that Steve achieved was getting the young people to identify the characteristics that make a good youth worker (Fig 1).

In the summer we delivered the Government's Holiday And Food (HAF) Program in partnership with Enable Leisure And Culture. The aim of the week was to get participants involved in physical activity and healthy eating.



Figure 2

Each day we started at FYC, did outdoor games on football pitches at Graveney school and then ended the session with a healthy meal at St Paul's Church. This our first joint-partnership together and it was good.

We didn't get the allocated attendance we wanted, but we did achieve some positive outcomes. For example, several young people learnt how to play pool, which was a game they had never played before (Fig 2) and receiving free goodies from the Wimbledon Foundation (Fig 3)

From September we have seen more outcomes being met across our different projects. Having renewed our London Youth (Bronze) Quality Mark and Jack Petchey Award scheme, we have been able to apply for funding with both organisations. We have our first Jack Petchey Award Winner who will



Figure 3

be able to spend £250 developing the club by buying resources or taking other people on a day trip out. We have recently been awarded London Youth's Getting Active grant (£1,500). This fund is all about getting children and young people who are 'inactive' active. To achieve this, we will be working with Year 6 pupils at Goldfinch Primary school and running different dance sessions for both Year 6 classes (60 pupils) for 15 weeks.

Sprout Gallery asked our young people to participate in their Lockdown Reflections exhibitions, which was a great way for our young people to contribute towards their community. Three young people submitted pieces of artwork which were on display (Fig 4).



Figure 4

Our Word on the Street (detached youth project) and our Youth Café at St Paul's Church is going well. Across September we spoke to over 400 students and handed out many free hot drinks. In the last few weeks our Word on the Street project has stopped due to my foot, but our Café has provided free homemade soup for over 180 students.

This is major attraction on top of the fact our Café provides students a space

to hang out with their friends between lessons and/or study. One session alone had 160 students come along!

On Wednesday 1st December, we ran a pilot Coffee Project on Furzedown Rec with Enable Leisure And Culture. Like our Café at St Paul's, we have supported over 300 students with a free hot drink and some snacks. Our next session is on Wednesday 12th January and like Youth Café at St Paul's will be a 'Take-away' service only to help protect staff, volunteers and students.

Paul Rook
Outreach Youth Worker
Furzedown Youth Centre