

# FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1113379

## Details

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Other names	THE FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT, FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2006-03-21
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND, IN PARTICULAR, YOUNG PEOPLE IN FOLKESTONE THROUGH THEIR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR SPIRITUAL CAPABILITIES, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, SO THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND SO THAT THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED.

**Activities:** The provision of social and recreational facilities to the young people of Folkestone for their leisure time activities, so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capabilities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE FOLKESTONE, KENT.
- Kent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£72,157	£63,469	-	-
2024-04-30	£66,749	£57,432	-	-
2023-04-30	£67,087	£57,973	-	-
2022-04-30	£115,147	£73,326	-	-
2021-04-30	£71,934	£42,101	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DAMIAN COLLINS</b>	Chair	2013-03-29
Aaron Brann		2023-01-24
James David Gunn		2016-02-26
Kevin Humphreys		2021-06-11
LYNNE SMITH		2013-03-29
PETER GANE		2013-03-29
SUSAN WALLACE		2013-03-29

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# Accounts

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YOUTH AND COMMUNITY COHESION SPACE  
BRADSTONE AVENUE

REGISTERED CHARITY 1113379

ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2024 – APRIL 2025



WRITTEN BY RUTH TYLER – PROJECT MANAGER

**Executive Summary**

The project has adapted to the everchanging climate and challenges affecting young people.

The effects of the Covid pandemic are still coming to the surface for young people and the youth team have identified the needs and work to address these.

Securing a continuation of multi-year funding from The National Lottery has given the Charity financial security to build upon.

The trustees are working towards having a long-term lease from The Arch Company.

The youth team continues to provide a wide range of activities whilst keeping sustainability at the forefront of the project.

The Trustees are pleased to have improved accessibility to the project by installing a substantial disabled ramp.

The only negative is a personal injury insurance claim which the Charity contests and which is in the hands of the insurers/solicitors.

## **Introduction**

The Charity established a youth project in Folkestone Harbour in 2006. (Full history can be read in our 2016 Annual Report.)

In 2014 we relocated onsite to modular units due to our old building being demolished for regeneration work.

In 2017 we had to leave that site and put the buildings into storage, leaving the project temporarily homeless.

In 2018 we took over Network Land to establish our new Urban Wilderness site at Bradstone Avenue. The modular units were brought out of storage and have been completely refurbished.

The project works in a holistic way to provide free activities/preventative education that support the social, emotional, and physical development of young people aged 10 -18 years through open access sessions and 1-2-1 support 10 -25 years via referral.

The Charity now delivers a wide range of activities with a sustainable ethos.

The outside space provides opportunity for wildlife garden and community gardening.

Through working with the Police and Council Crime Reduction Team, the youth team are making an impact on the lives of vulnerable young people in the area.

The project allows no social media use onsite and discourages the use of mobile phones during sessions. This is to reduce stress on young people and to give them opportunity to fully engage in activities.

## **Demographic profile of the youth population served.**

The project sits within the East of Folkestone surrounded by the Wards of Folkestone Harbour, Folkestone Foord, Folkestone Harvey Central, Folkestone Foord and Folkestone East, which are recognised as areas of deprivation and need.

The area is in the top 5% Decile for Poverty and deprivation.

Although down for redevelopment, recognised problems in the direct area are –

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- High rates of NEETS/ Young People in Inclusion.
- High levels of crime.
- Increased number of Knife crime.
- High numbers of people smoking Cannabis.
- High levels of unemployment
- High rates of contact with CAMHS
- High levels of Youth Offending.

The direct area has a high quantity of emerging ethnics groups, migrant population, and unescorted asylum seekers. The project does not see this as a problem and celebrates the diversity of its members.

The area also has numerous houses of multiple occupancy. The area has not benefitted from any investment in the town development; however rental prices have increased greatly with many families now facing being homeless due to this.

A high proportion of our members are frequently excluded from school. We are experiencing higher levels of young people who are self-harming.

Many of our young people have challenging behaviour due to conditions such as ADHD, have complex family lives and lack social skills.

The area still has high levels of drug dealing and related violence. There were two serious knife assaults in the direct area during this period.

## **Safeguarding and Policies Summary**

The Folkestone Youth Project:

- Recognizes its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people involved with the project by protecting them from physical, emotional, or sexual harm and from neglect or bullying of any kind.
  - Will ensure that all external bodies using the facilities at the centre, providing activities for our members (whether at our centre or at their own premises) exercise a similar approach to their duty of care for the young people they work with.
  - Will ensure that all adults who work with young people are aware of their role and responsibilities and that training opportunities are made available to them.

- Will practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks as appropriate.

## **Service Outcomes**

### **Service Standards**

All youth work services should enable young people to demonstrate an increase in the social and emotional capabilities which will then support them in making positive transitions from childhood to adulthood. These capabilities include:

- The ability to communicate effectively.
- Developing self-confidence and self-esteem
- Developing resilience and determination
- Learning to manage their feelings & relationships well.
- Developing creativity and problem-solving skills
- Reduce risk to vulnerable young people.
- Improve Physical and Mental Health.

This service will also contribute to the following geographic and thematic priorities which have been identified through local needs assessment.

The service will focus on raising the aspirations of young people aged 10-25 and support them in achieving their potential.

### **General Youth Work Principles**

Our ethos is that all young people deserve a space where they feel welcome and valued regardless of their individual circumstances.

Therefore, the project must -

- Be inclusive; offering an equality of access for young people regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexual identity and/or disability.
- Offer challenging, free and fun activities which allow for young people to engage in informal education, develop positive relationships and increase personal and social skills.
- Deliver a broad curriculum of activities including (but not exclusively) healthy choices, participation, challenging prejudice, creativity and information and guidance.
- Offer the opportunity for young people to gather and socialise in safe spaces during evenings and school holidays.
- Develop the participation of young people, involving them in the design, delivery and evaluation of services.
- Promote positive relationships between young people and the wider community.
- Contribute to a preventative agenda which recognises young people who are more vulnerable and offers pathways to additional support where required.
- Demonstrate a partnership approach ensuring that a range of organisations and community sectors work together to help young people.

The project has adopted a sustainable and environmentally friendly approach,

### **Evidence of Impact.**

Youth services in the area have drastically reduced with government cuts.

The effects of lockdown on young people are now being realised, especially those from lower income families.

Attendance has increased and the youth team have worked very closely with young people to identify challenges to their well being both physically and mentally.

All activities remain free.

Most young people attend both open access sessions for the full three hours. Therefore, we provide 6 hours free engagement per week for some of the most vulnerable young people in the area.

Over the period of this report we have welcomed over 100 new young people and session attendance is averagely 20 young people per session.

### **YOUTH WORK AND PREVENTATIVE EDUCATION.**

The project opened two evenings per week 4pm -7pm for open access to young people aged 10 -18 years.

The youth team provided weekly 1-2-1 support for two clients aged 20 -25 years from the local Early Psychosis unit and one young person aged 13 years.

From June, a Kent Wildlife Community worker visited weekly to do extra environmental work with young people focusing on their Blue water project.

Young people and the youth team worked together to mend the potting/greenhouse and erect sunshade for the kitchen garden area. This work was funded by local councillors.

The Charity purchased a new Air Hockey table for young people.

Young people had a Christmas Party.

The youth team attended two school engagement mornings.

The project provided work experience for four young people from the local secondary school and one young person from East Kent College.

Currently we have one student from Canterbury University doing work placement.

Preventive education has focused on positive relationships and vaping.

### **COMMUNITY AND URBAN WILDERNESS WORK.**

The youth team have continued to develop the sustainability ethos of the project.

Partnership working on this includes Kent Wildlife, AW Rail for building supplies and Sandgate Community Gardens for compost.

A local sustainable flower farm held a fundraising plant sale for the project and donated any unsold plants.

We had the large trees onsite checked for safety and overhanging branches trimmed to allow more sunlight onto the meadow area.

The youth team continued to keep the site weeded and safe for use.

A new septic tank was fitted.

We started 2025 of with the installation of a disabled ramp, allowing more access for all to the project.

In March we started an extensive revamp of the meadow area which includes the addition of a seating area, expansion of the meadow area and animal habitats.

### **FUNDING**

We secured multi year funding from The National Lottery.

Starbucks Community fund provided the creation of the new decking area/meadow revamp.

Rotarians

FHDC

Kent Community Foundation



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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from	01/05/2024	To	30/04/2025
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Rental	11,050	-	-	11,050	9,350
Grants	-	56,108	-	56,108	54,762
Donations	4,999	-	-	4,999	2,637
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>16,049</b>	<b>56,108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,157</b>	<b>66,749</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>16,049</b>	<b>56,108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,157</b>	<b>66,749</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Activities	-	16,451	-	16,451	4,848
Security	678	-	-	678	912
Waste Removal	-	1,841	-	1,841	4,170
Insurance and Professional Services	2,427	-	-	2,427	2,245
Wages	-	41,461	-	41,461	44,681
Internet/Telephone	611	-	-	611	576
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,716</b>	<b>59,753</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,469</b>	<b>57,432</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,716</b>	<b>59,753</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,469</b>	<b>57,432</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,333</b>	<b>- 3,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,688</b>	<b>9,317</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>35,971</b>	<b>68,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,671</b>	<b>95,354</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>48,304</b>	<b>65,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,359</b>	<b>104,671</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank balance	48,304	65,055	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>48,304</b>	<b>65,055</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

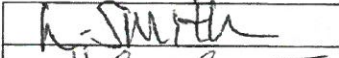

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	L. SMITH	23.9.25
	H. COCKER	23/9/25



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 April 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1113379

**Set out on pages**

Annual Report and Receipts and payments accounts pages 1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/04/2025.

**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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*Mark Minus*

**Date:**

26/09/2025

**Name:**

Mark Minus FCA, Beresfords

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

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**Address:**

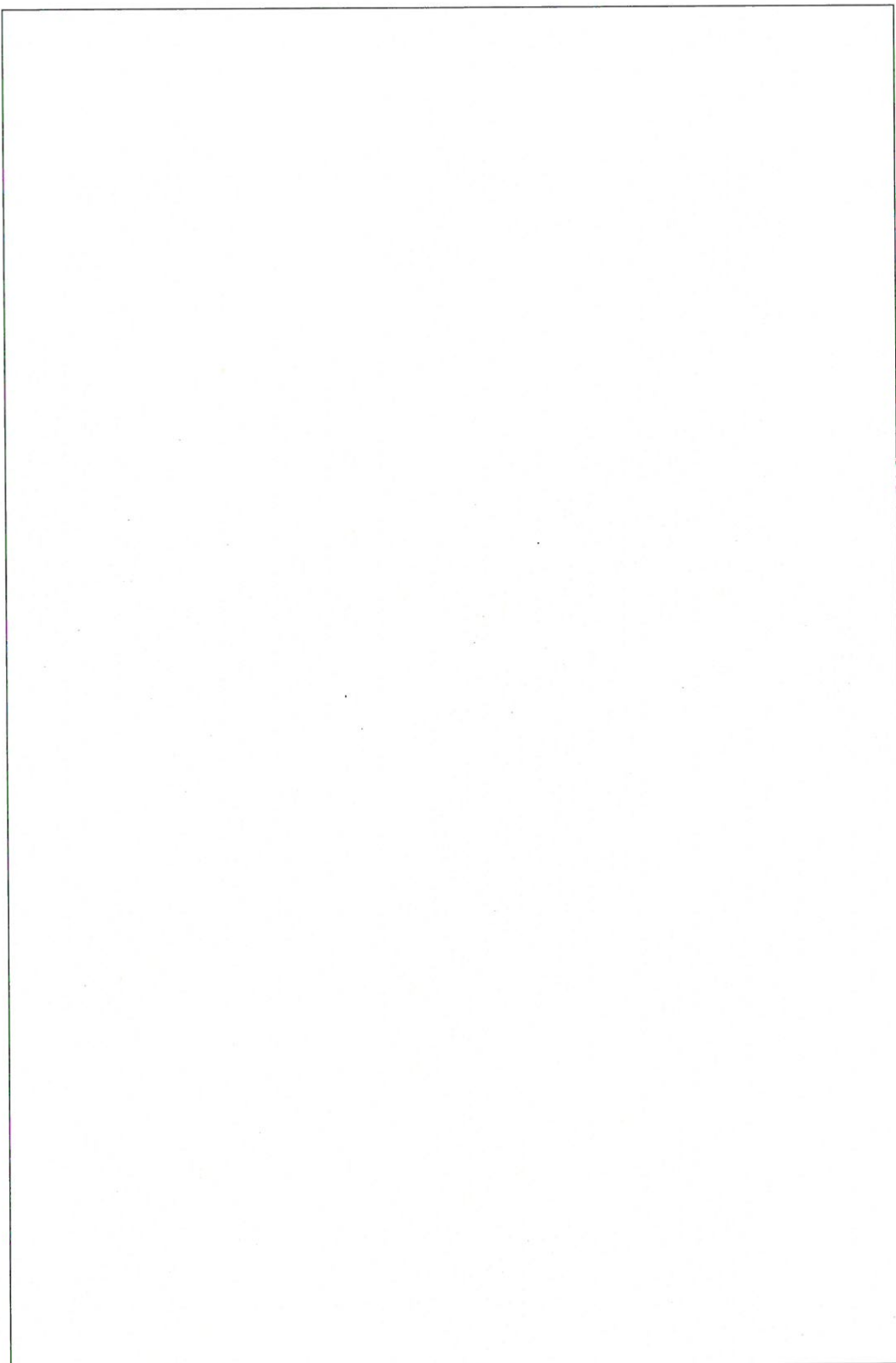
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Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent

CT18 7TQ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**



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BRADSTONE AVENUE

REGISTERED CHARITY 1113379

ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2023 – APRIL 2024



WRITTEN BY RUTH TYLER – PROJECT MANAGER.



## Executive Summary

There has been continued effort by the Trust and Staff to provide and improve a free safe space for young people. The Youth team have endeavoured to promote the project and increase attendance.

Finances have been steady, mainly due to The National Lottery Funds which ends this year.

Recently the Trust have bolstered their numbers, gaining two new trustees including a new Treasurer.

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- Demonstrate a partnership approach ensuring that a range of organisations and community sectors work together to help young people.

## **Evidence of Impact.**

Although attendances are still lower than desired, the cohort of young people that attend every session has been maintained. All these young people started after lockdown and have been supported through the transition from primary to secondary school.

All Young people have complex needs. 1-2-1 referrals were busy and had successful outcomes.

### **YOUTH WORK AND PREVENTATIVE EDUCATION.**

The project provided two open access sessions per week and continued 1-2-1 support when needed.

Throughout the year young people took part in free activities either inside or outside. A second pool table, karaoke machine and safety darts board was purchased to add new activities for the Winter period.

In May young people from the project worked together with young unescorted asylum seekers to provide a cream tea to celebrate the Coronation. It was a lovely sunny evening and guests included Rotarians who presented a cheque to go towards activities in the Urban Wilderness space.

We also provided two weeks work experience for two students from Folkestone Academy.

1-2-1 support was provided for two young people for the year until they returned to full time education.

The youth team supported another three young adults (25 plus years) from the Early Psychosis Centre. One of these clients went from not being able to leave his room to being able to catch a train by himself to get to the project.

Two young adults from a local supported housing space with very complex physical /learning needs came each week for 1-2-1 support. One of whom visits to spend time with Forrest, the Shed pup.

In July young people held a plant give away and we had a visit from trustees at the Kent Community Foundation.

In September two of the youth team attended Turner Free School for a school's mental health and wellbeing day.

In October we hosted the Kent Wildlife team who interviewed the youth team about working with young people on environmental projects. We also had a visit from the Kent Enablement team. They have asked us to do a podcast about this.

Late in the year we hosted young people from East Kent College and talked to them about social issues and working with vulnerable young people.

Young people helped to design and make a 'litter picking station' as part of their environmental work.

Housing issues are still one of the increasing worries for young people attending the project. Exclusion from education is increasing and young people are disillusioned with the education process.

## **COMMUNITY AND URBAN WILDERNESS WORK.**

Work continued outside aided by our new 'partnership' with AW Rail who provide building materials for re use. This is both good for the environment and our finances.

Young people built large tree planters and helped paint them. For Halloween they made a sculpture using recycled items from onsite.

Volunteers from the community mornings helped to maintain and improve the outside space. Community giving lots of praise but still reluctant to join in.

The large sycamore has been trimmed to help light get to the meadow area and a new septic tank installed with new fence shutting off that area. New foxes have appeared in the wildlife area.

The young peoples' toilet was gutted and renovated due to water damage.

We installed another PIR Light to light up the multi games area.

## **FUNDING.**

We are in the last year of National Lottery funding which allowed stability over the last three years.

Other grants included – Rotary £325, Town Marathon £500, Kent Community Foundation £13,570.08, Kent Police £1000, Sport England £500. James Gunn £170.

## **FUTURE PLANS/ACTIONS**

Currently looking to advertise for 1 new youth worker to replace Elliot who is going onto work as a zookeeper.

Increase attendance by interacting with schools before summer holidays.

Increase seating outside.

To hold free Yoga/Thia Chi/wellbeing sessions for young people and community.



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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<b>For the period from</b>	<i>Period start date</i> 01/05/2023	<b>To</b>	<i>Period end date</i> 30/04/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Rental	9,350	-	-	9,350	10,200
Grants	-	54,762	-	54,762	56,387
Donations	2,637	-	-	2,637	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,987</b>	<b>54,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,749</b>	<b>67,087</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,987</b>	<b>54,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,749</b>	<b>67,087</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Activities	-	4,848	-	4,848	8,311
Security	912	-	-	912	1,532
Waste Removal	-	4,172	-	4,172	1,191
Business Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance and Security	2,245	-	-	2,245	2,071
Travelling	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	44,681	-	44,681	44,295
Internet/Telephone/Fax	576	-	-	576	573
Stationary	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,732</b>	<b>53,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,432</b>	<b>57,973</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,732</b>	<b>53,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,432</b>	<b>57,973</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,255</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,317</b>	<b>9,114</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,716	67,638	-	95,354	86,240
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>35,971</b>	<b>68,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,671</b>	<b>95,354</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
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	Bank balance	35,971	68,700	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>35,971</b>	<b>68,700</b>	<b>-</b>
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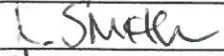

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LYNNE SMITH	10.10.24
	HOWARD COCKER	10-10-24



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 April 2024 **Charity no  
(if any)** 1113379

**Set out on pages**

Annual Report and Receipts and payments account pages 1-2  
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**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  
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Name:**

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

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**FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1113379

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# Accounts

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FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT  
**SHED**  
URBAN WILDERNESS  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY COHESION SPACE  
BRADSTONE AVENUE  
REGISTERED CHARITY 1113379  
**ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2022 -2023**



**WRITTEN BY RUTH TYLER -  
PROJECT MANAGER**

**Executive Summary**



**SHED**

The project has continued to develop ways to help young people and the local community. We have noticed the change in behaviour of young people brought about by lockdown has led to less engagement by upper age group 14 -18 years. One of our focuses is to address the effects of lockdown on the social and emotional wellbeing of young people.

A multi-year National Lottery grant has given financial stability. The need to attract new trustees has been recognised, especially a new treasurer. The Charity would like to improve the diversity of the trust to reflect Folkestone's community.

The youth team have made good progress on the development of the Urban Wilderness site and engaging the local community.

## **Introduction**

The Charity established a youth project in Folkestone Harbour in 2006. (Full history can be read in our 2016 Annual Report.)

In 2014 we relocated onsite to modular units due to our old building being demolished for regeneration work.

In 2017 we had to leave that site and put the buildings into storage, leaving the project temporarily homeless.

In 2018 we took over Network Land to establish our new Urban Wilderness site at Bradstone Avenue. The modular units were brought out of storage and have been completely refurbished.

The project works in a holistic way to provide free activities/preventative education that support the social, emotional, and physical development of young people.

The project is now also committed to teaching young people about the environment and conservation. The outside space provides opportunity for wildlife garden and community gardening.

We have maintained our efforts to prevent items going into landfill.

Through working with the Police and Council Crime Reduction Team, the youth team are making an impact on the lives of vulnerable young people in the area.

The project has a no social media onsite policy and discourages the use of mobile phones during sessions. This is to reduce stress on young people and to give them opportunity to fully engage in activities.

Activities include – Cookery, Gardening, Board Games, Art/Craft, DIY/Up cycling furniture, Music Technology, Photography, Preventative education and much more.

In 2020, as a response to the pandemic, the Charity set up a new referral service, providing 1-2-1 support to the most vulnerable and at risk Young People.

## **Demographic profile of the youth population served.**

The project sits within the East of Folkestone surrounded by the Wards of Folkestone Harbour, Folkestone Foord, Folkestone Harvey Central, Folkestone Foord and Folkestone East, which are recognised as areas of deprivation and need.

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Although down for redevelopment, recognised problems in the direct area are –

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- Increased number of Knife crime.
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The direct area has a high quantity of emerging ethnics groups, migrant population and unescorted asylum seekers. The project does not see this as a problem and celebrates the diversity of its members.

We work with 10-25 years

Young people in education mainly attend Folkestone Academy, Folkestone Grammar, Folkestone School for Girls and Brockhill School. At Primary age young people attend Christchurch and Primary Academy. Further education includes Universities such as UCA, university of Kent and K-College.

A high proportion of our members are frequently excluded from school.

A majority of our young people have challenging behaviour either due to conditions such as ADHD and lack social skills.

Much face challenges at home and are already involved with many support services. We have noticed an increase in young people with mental health issues.

We have begun to support older age ranges with mental health issues.

## **Safeguarding and Policies Summary**

The Folkestone Youth Project:

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- Will ensure that all external bodies using the facilities at the centre, providing activities for our members (whether at our centre or at their own premises) exercise a similar approach to their duty of care for the young people they work with.
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## **1. Service Outcomes**

**Service Standards** All youth work services should enable young people to demonstrate an increase in the social and emotional capabilities which will then support them in making positive transitions from childhood to adulthood. These capabilities include:

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- Developing self-confidence and self-esteem
- Developing resilience and determination
- Learning to manage their feelings & relationships well
- developing creativity and problem solving skills
- Reduce risk to vulnerable young people.
- Improve Physical and Mental Health.

This service will also contribute to the following geographic and thematic priorities which have been identified through local needs assessment.

The service for will focus on raising the aspirations of young people aged 10-25 and supporting them in achieving their potential.

### **General Youth Work Principles**

The service must:

- Be inclusive; offering an equality of access for young people regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexual identity and/or disability;
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- Offer the opportunity for young people to gather and socialise in safe spaces during evenings and school holidays.
- Develop the participation of young people, involving them in the design, delivery and evaluation of services;
- Promote positive relationships between young people and the wider community.
- Contribute to a preventative agenda which recognises young people who are more vulnerable and offers pathways to additional support where required;
- Demonstrate a partnership approach ensuring that a range of organisations and community sectors.

## **Evidence of Impact**

Although attendances are lower than before Covid, the 'social value' and need for a safe space has increased.

There has been a noted increase of the risk of exploitation, especially from County lines.

Since re opening for open access, initially 1 evening per week and now 2, the staff have been able to gather information about the effects of the Pandemic on young people and the community and are using this to find ways to reach disengaged young people.

The project provides a free, safe, space for young people which is vital in such a low-income area. Feedback from participants/parents is positive.

Recently we have begun to support young people up to 25 years who are referred from the Early Psychosis Unit. Young people come from as far as Ashford as no other suitable engagement can be found.

We have continued to work closely with Kent Refugee Action Network.

### **Youth Work and Preventative Education**

New 1-2-1 support referral service has continued including young unescorted refugees, young people with Autism/complex needs and clients of the Early Psychosis Services.

Young people took part in activities that were catered to their interests.

Preventative education was delivered in the usual non-judgemental and relaxed way.

The youth team did numerous online training and seminars.

Local young people were re engaged although numbers are still lower. However, our younger age group have been supported transitioning from Primary to Secondary education.

Young people have held a Nature Inspired Art Show, held a Jubilee Celebration and recently a cream tea to celebrate the Coronation. We planted trees for the Royal occasions.

Open access provides numerous free activities which have mainly been outside. Young people have been encouraged to make positive contributions by helping to create outdoor planters etc.

The project has opened for extra hours during school holidays.

### **Community Work/Urban Wilderness**

We established 2 community sessions for gardening/ DIY and support. This has been slow as expected due to the demographics of the area.

The staff, young people and volunteers continued to make progress in the outside. We have erected a greenhouse, made large planters for trees and recently re-instated our old sculpture with a nature theme.

We continue to work with Butterfly Conservation.

### **Additional Achievements**

The manager has been involved in the Folkestone Sustainability Forum, taking part in Tedex speech training, and delivering a short talk at the FSF convention.

This work brought about partnerships with other businesses most notable a local construction company who now donates wood and industry related items for us to recycle.

The current staff have managed to cover the loss of one staff member to Maternity Leave.

### **Moving Forward**

To continue to promote community engagement and progress in outside space.

Mural planned for workshop wall plus a community wall/mural planned for external wall.





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT

1113379

**Receipts and payments accounts**

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/05/2022

To

30/04/2023

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Rental	10,200	-	-	10,200	10,200
Grants	-	56,387	-	56,387	103,759
Donations	500	-	-	500	1,181
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>56,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,087</b>	<b>115,140</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>56,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,087</b>	<b>115,140</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Activities	-	8,311	-	8,311	12,369
Security	1,532	-	-	1,532	1,248
Waste Removal	-	1,191	-	1,191	1,251
Business Rates	-	-	-	-	8,672
Insurance and Security	2,071	-	-	2,071	4,152
Travelling	-	-	-	-	-
Wages	-	44,295	-	44,295	45,062
Internet/Telephone/Fax	573	-	-	573	620
Stationary	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>53,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,973</b>	<b>73,374</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>53,797</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,973</b>	<b>73,374</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,524</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,114</b>	<b>41,766</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>21,192</b>	<b>65,048</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,240</b>	<b>44,474</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>27,716</b>	<b>67,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,354</b>	<b>86,240</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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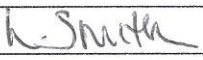
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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LYNNE SMITH	16.1.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT

On accounts for the year ended

30 April 2023

Charity no (if any)

1113379

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Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

06/01/2024

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# Accounts

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FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT  
**SHED**  
URBAN WILDERNES  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY COHESION SPACE  
BRADSTONE AVENUE

REGISTERED CHARITY 1113379

ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2021 -2022



WRITTEN BY RUTH TYLER – PROJECT MANAGER

Executive Summary



SHED

This report covers the period and recovery after the Covid 19 Pandemic. Some restrictions were still in place and precautions to protect staff and project attendees continued.

The project managed to sustain a good financial position and looked forward to re establishing old sessions and expanding community work.

The project has adapted with the ever-changing climate. We are pleased to have a new website.

## **Introduction**

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- Demonstrate a partnership approach ensuring that a range of organisations and community sectors.

### **Evidence of Impact**

At the start of the pandemic, the project was working with over 150 young people.

The youth team had to start over again to re-engage young people.

There has been a noted increase of the risk of exploitation. Covid 19 has further increased the risk to young people from County Lines and other exploitive activities.

Since re opening for open access, initially 1 evening per week and now 2, the staff have been able to gather information about the effects of the Pandemic on young people and the community and use this to support emotional, social and physical welfare.

The project provides a free, safe, space for young people which is vital in such a low-income area. Feedback from participants/parents is positive.

Individual young people have returned to education after 1-2-1 support helped them to overcome issues. Behaviour and skills of other individuals have improved.

### **Youth Work and Preventative Education**

New 1-2-1 support referral service has continued including young unescorted refugees and young people with Autism.

Young people took part in activities that were catered to their interests. This includes photography, science, music and Sport.

One young person held a photographic exhibition which was well attended by local dignitaries and general public. After a year of support he went onto college.

Preventative education was delivered in the usual non-judgemental and relaxed way.

The youth team did numerous online training and seminars.

The staff delivered a Job or No Job project, finding out young people's views on Vaccination and looking at conspiracy theories.

Local young people were re engaged although numbers are still lower. However, our younger age group have been supported transitioning from Primary to Secondary education.

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The project has opened for extra hours during school holidays.

### **Community Work/Urban Wilderness**

We established 2 community mornings for gardening/ DIY and support. This has been slow as expected due to the demographics of the area.

The staff, young people and volunteers continued to make progress in the outside.

Once able, we worked with Butterfly Conservation to hold 2 family Moth Workshops.

With funding, we invested in new potting sheds/greenhouse and cold frames.

We were gifted new front gates and made a new pedestrian entrance thanks to Glew Fencing.

We established a nature pond and decking area. The site is being developed to allow for any future Covid restrictions.

### **Additional Achievements**

The Project was a finalist for The Kent Charity Awards and attended Rochester Cathedral for the finals.

We employed a flexi worker to work as and when needed.

We created our first website which went live in December 2021.  
[www.originalshed.org.uk](http://www.originalshed.org.uk)

### **Future Plans**

To continue to promote community engagement and progress in outside space.

Hold more community events. To continue to provide a wide range of activities for young people

### **Funding Summary**

We secured a large multi-year fund from The National Lottery. Some grants were delayed or extended due to Covid 19.

Total Grants came to £103,759 which includes some multiyear funds.

Account details can be found on the Charity Commission Website.





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<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
	Bank balance	21,192	65,048	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,192</b>	<b>65,048</b>	<b>-</b>

*(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))*

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
L. Smith	LYNNE SMITH	20.2.23



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30 April 2022  
Charity no (if any) 1113379

**Set out on pages**

Annual Report and Receipts and payments account pages 1-2  
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/04/2022.

**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 gives 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:** Mark Minus

**Date:** 17/02/2023

**Name:** Mark Minus FCA, Beresfords

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

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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**FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1113379

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# Accounts

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FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT  
**SHED**  
URBAN WILDERNESS  
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY COHESION SPACE  
BRADSTONE AVENUE

REGISTERED CHARITY 1113379

ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2020 -2021



WRITTEN BY RUTH TYLER – PROJECT MANAGER



## **Executive Summary**

This reporting year started during of the Covid 19 Lock Down which affected every aspect of the project.

March 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 the project had to close in line with Government Guidelines, staff were furloughed and we waited to see how things would progress.

Until Covid 19 the project was looking good to make a financial recovery after relocation costs depleted funds.

Throughout the next few months the Centre Manager worked with Kent Police to assess the effect on local Young People.

New Covid 19 procedures were put in place and PPE installed. Trustee meetings went online.

We established a new referral system and returned to supporting young people face to face (social distanced) in July. 1-2-1 sessions continue.

The project has adapted with the ever-changing climate.

Due to Covid 19 difficulties, the Trustees encountered difficulty securing a local Auditor for the annual account.

## **Introduction**

The Charity established a youth project in Folkestone Harbour in 2006. (Full history can be read in our 2016 Annual Report.)

In 2014 we relocated onsite to modular units due to our old building being demolished for regeneration work.

In 2017 we had to leave that site and put the buildings into storage, leaving the project temporarily homeless.

In 2018 we took over Network Land to establish our new Urban Wilderness site at Bradstone Avenue. The modular units were brought out of storage and have been completely refurbished.

The project is now committed to teaching young people about the environment and conservation. The outside space provides opportunity for wildlife garden and community gardening.

We have maintained our efforts to prevent items going into landfill.

Through working with the Police and Council Crime Reduction Team, the youth team are making an impact on the lives of vulnerable young people in the area.

The project has a no social media onsite policy and discourages the use of mobile phones onsite. This is to reduce stress on young people and to give them opportunity to fully engage in activities.

Activities include – Cookery, Gardening, Board Games, Art/Craft, DIY/Up cycling furniture, Music Technology, Photography, Preventative education and much more.

In 2020, as a response to the pandemic, the Charity set up a new referral service, providing 1-2-1 support to the most vulnerable and at risk Young People.

### **Demographic profile of the youth population served**

The project sits within the East of Folkestone surrounded by the Wards of Folkestone Harbour, Folkestone Foord, Folkestone Harvey Central, Folkestone Foord and Folkestone East, which are recognised as areas of deprivation and need.

The area is in the top 5% Decile for Poverty and deprivation.

Although down for redevelopment, recognised problems in the direct area are –

- High drug use/dealing./ risk from County Line gangs.
- Anti – social behaviour.
- High rates of NEETS/ Young People in Inclusion.
- High levels of crime.
- Increased number of Knife crime.
- High numbers of people smoking Cannabis.
- High levels of unemployment
- High rates of contact with CAMHS
- High levels of Youth Offending.

The direct area has a high quantity of emerging ethnics groups, migrant population and unescorted asylum seekers. The project does not see this as a problem and celebrates the diversity of its members.

We work with 10-25 years

Young people in education mainly attend Folkestone Academy, Folkestone Grammar, Folkestone School for Girls and Brockhill School. At Primary age young people attend Christchurch and Primary Academy. Further education includes Universities such as UCA, university of Kent and K-College.

A high proportion of our members are frequently excluded from school.

A majority of our young people have challenging behaviour either due to conditions such as ADHD and lack social skills.

Much face challenges at home and are already involved with many support services. We have noticed an increase in young people with mental health issues.

We have begun to support older age ranges with mental health issues.

## **Safeguarding and Policies Summary**

The Folkestone Youth Project:

- Recognizes its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people involved with the project by protecting them from physical, emotional or sexual harm and from neglect or bullying of any kind.
- Will ensure that all external bodies using the facilities at the centre, providing activities for our members (whether at our centre or at their own premises) exercise a similar approach to their duty of care for the young people they work with.
- Will ensure that all adults who work with young people are aware of their role and responsibilities and that training opportunities are made available to them.
- Will practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks as appropriate

### **1. Service Outcomes**

**Service Standards** All youth work services should enable young people to demonstrate an increase in the social and emotional capabilities which will then support them in making positive transitions from childhood to adulthood. These capabilities include:

- The ability to communicate effectively
- Developing self-confidence and self-esteem
- Developing resilience and determination
- Learning to manage their feelings & relationships well
- developing creativity and problem solving skills
- Reduce risk to vulnerable young people.
- Improve Physical and Mental Health.

This service will also contribute to the following geographic and thematic priorities which have been identified through local needs assessment.

The service for will focus on raising the aspirations of young people aged 10-25 and supporting them in achieving their potential.

## **General Youth Work Principles**

The service must:

- Be inclusive; offering an equality of access for young people regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexual identity and/or disability;
- Offer challenging, fun activities which allow for young people to engage in informal education, develop positive relationships and increase personal and social skills;
- Deliver a broad curriculum of activities including (but not exclusively) healthy choices, participation, challenging prejudice, creativity and information and guidance;
- Offer the opportunity for young people to gather and socialise in safe spaces during evenings and school holidays.
- Develop the participation of young people, involving them in the design, delivery and evaluation of services;
- Promote positive relationships between young people and the wider community.
- Contribute to a preventative agenda which recognises young people who are more vulnerable and offers pathways to additional support where required;
- Demonstrate a partnership approach ensuring that a range of organisations and community sectors.

## **Evidence of Impact**

At the start of the pandemic, the project was working with over 150 young people. Open access was attracting up to 40 young people per session.

There has been a noted increase of the risk of exploitation. Covid 19 has further increased the risk to young people from County Lines and other exploitive activities.

Working closely with the Police, Social Services and safeguarding teams, the youth team supported 20 young people through the pandemic, many on a weekly basis.

Young people worked with included those who on fringes of gang activity, at risk of abuse/violence and out of education. We successfully diverted young people from offending and helped three young people back into appropriate education.

We have extended our work to supporting parents and residents who have experienced mental health issues due to the last year. Feedback from parents is very good.

## **Youth Work and Preventative Education**

New 1-2-1 support referral service established.

Young people took part in activities that were catered to their interests. This includes photography, science, music and Sport. One young person is working towards a photographic exhibition.

Counselling and advice were delivered as part of holistic working.

We hosted (when we could) three Kinfe Crime Workshops in partnership with the Kent Police Violence Reduction team.

Preventative education was delivered in the usual non judgemental and relaxed way.

### **Community Work**

We have only recently been able to re look at community work. We are now supporting older people with mental health issues through offering volunteer opportunity outside.

We look forward to building up to community workshops etc when we are allowed and can safely do so.

### **Covid 19**

What can I say, another year another challenge!

We worked closely with KRAN to devise a system for use of the site safely. This involved a one way system in/out of the building, attending on separate days and putting in place a cleaning procedure.

All visitors onsite have their temperature taken on arrival and use PPE.

### **Funding Avenues**

Covid Response grants from – Kent Police VRU, Kent Community Foundation, Dulverton Trust and Children In Need.

Multiyear grants – Kent Police VRU, Children In Need and The National Lottery.

One off grants from - Folkestone Town Council, FHDC ward grant, Orchard Energy, Rotary Club, Blue Spark Foundation, Woodward CT, Kent Police and Clothworker CT.

Total Income was £71,101.67. Total Expenditure was £42,101.67 A full breakdown is available on the Charity Commission Website.

This period include staff on the Government Furlough scheme at various stages.

Some grants were unspent and extended due to lockdown making it impossible carry out projects. Grant givers have been very supportive to Charities during this time.

### **Future Plans**

Development of the outside space is now funded. This includes an 'outside classroom' and living wall areas. This space will be vital to support working through any further Covid 19 restrictions.

Returning to group work and holding workshops.

Continuation of 1-2-1 referral services.

Development of Website.

Upgrade of Music room equipment. New pool table.

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FOLKESTONE YOUTH PROJECT

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	04/01/20		03/30/21

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
RENTAL	10,200	-	-	10,200	-
DONATION	200	-	-	200	-
GRANTS	-	61,535	-	61,535	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	10,400	61,535	-	71,935	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	10,400	61,535	-	71,935	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
WASTE REMOVAL	-	406.24	-	406	-
MISC/ACTIVITIES	3,474	-	-	3,474	-
INSURANCE/SECURITY	5,094	-	-	5,094	-
TRAVEL	11	-	-	11	-
STATIONARY	56	-	-	56	-
WAGES	-	32,485	-	32,485	-
INTERNET/UTILITY	576	-	-	576	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	9,210	32,891	-	42,101	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	9,210	32,891	-	42,101	-
<b>et of receipts/(payments)</b>	1,190	28,643	-	29,833	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	14,641	-	-	14,641	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	15,831	28,643	-	44,474	-

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement	Agreement	OK
		Error	Error	

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of ABY Trust.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Folkestone Youth Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### **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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Signed: D Burton

Name: David Burton

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