

Ivybridge
Youth for Christ

Annual Report
September 2021
- August 2022



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Director's Report for Ivybridge Youth for Christ

Ivybridge Youth for Christ reached its 15th birthday in September 2021 and we enjoyed celebrating this milestone in May! As Covid lockdowns became a distant memory, it was wonderful to start the year gradually getting back to normal activities in both our schools work and detached or centre-based activities. Some very real **challenges remain** in terms of both rebuilding volunteer teams and raising financial resources, following the pandemic, but I am **confident in God's faithfulness for the future**.

As we end the year, we are pleased to report that alongside our regular activities we have taken over the **running of the Wired youth group** at Ivybridge Methodist Church, which was in danger of closing, **pioneered a new area-wide youth event** - Connect, engaged with many young people in the community and worked towards **growing the team** to include new SWYM intern – Aimee from September 2022.

All these things are helping Ivybridge Youth for Christ reach its mission to see young people's lives changed by Jesus as well as providing much benefit to the public, not least by helping keep young people safe and off the streets on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night.

Ivybridge Community College C.U.'s (ICC)

Rock Solid (Year 7-9's) and Orbit (Year 10+)

As far as our secondary schools' work was concerned, the year proved a frustration in that although our clubs were listed on the enrichment programme at ICC for the entire year, they were unable to restart due to delays with administration. A new DBS has been processed; however, the sticking point remains the provision of the necessary safeguarding training.

And so, we look to the next academic year, hoping that this situation can be resolved, and the young people can have access to a space at the college that will give them a chance to meet others who share their faith or who are interested in learning more.

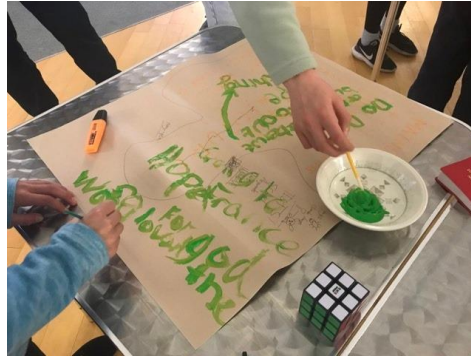
Connecting Christian youth who live in local villages

The idea of a regular get-together of some of the smaller Christian youth groups was mooted at the end of the last academic year. The idea is to meet once a term for **encouragement and Christian input** so that they don't feel so isolated as a Christian/seeker. This is particularly valuable for the young people given that the clubs in Ivybridge Community College have not been allowed to restart yet. I worked closely with the vicar of Modbury, Rev Matt Rowland and the vicar of South Brent, Rev. Prebendary Professor Gina Radford.

We were excited that the first Connect session took place on Saturday 19th March 2022, at The Bridge (Ivybridge Youth Venue). We had a small gathering with representatives from South Brent, Modbury and Wired in attendance. We looked at the topic of Peace. The feedback was entirely positive, and the young people seemed to enjoy meeting others and undertaking activities around the topic.



Games at Connect



Activities around peace at Connect

Our second Connect on Saturday 18th June took place at Ivybridge Methodist Church. South Brent, Modbury, and Wired were again in attendance, and we were joined by the new assistant vicar's 3 children from St. Johns. The topic was praying for your friends, based on the man lowered through the roof to meet Jesus.

Young people expressed that they were encouraged to meet other Christians from their own school in this setting and we look forward to developing this group further.

The Bridge Project

South Brent (Thursday evenings 7-8.30pm)

Following a summer break, September 2021 saw the team return to weekly visits to the South Brent Rec. We benefitted from mostly good weather and, with some careful Covid-safe measures in place, we used the inside of the bus when it was raining. Relatively small numbers meant that we were able to have some **good conversations**, especially with those starting at ICC for the first time. By the latter part of the Christmas term, we were seeing an average attendance of around 17 young people per night.

As is common with street work, **behaviour was challenging** at times, with a distinct lack of respect for our property and the environment. We are always looking to streamline our practice, so some new measures were introduced to help with respect:

- 1) Labelling cups with people's names so that if their cup is later littered, no drink is given the following week.
- 2) Purchasing 2 helping hands grabbers to pick up rubbish.

The bus had several trips to the garage during this term, for repairs to a leaky power steering pipe, a broken reversing buzzer, and in November, the bus went in for its MOT test and other repairs. It finally returned in May!

In the interim we had to adapt to enable the essential work of providing a safe place for young people to meet. Initially, we met outside and were buoyed by some important conversations with young people who were struggling.

We were eventually able to move into meeting in a football changing room at The Rec. It was cold and basic, but dry with lighting. Numbers were low as it wasn't quite the party bus, however, as is often the case, this led to **some important interactions**.

These included a struggle around a relationship, support for 2 young people potentially facing Juvenile prison, and 2 young people uncertain about their futures; one of whom was dealing with anger about being (in his view) unfairly excluded from school with mocks on the horizon. Giving these young people the time and space to share their struggles is a wonderful way to help these members of the community **feel valued**.

Volunteer numbers have remained a challenge. We are so grateful to Margaret who has continued to serve on a weekly basis. Towards the end of the year, we have been thrilled that the team has grown. Katie started in June, and we have 2 more potential volunteers for the Autumn following an appeal at the AGM.

We continue to attract funding from various organisations such as South Brent Parish Council and FEOFFEES (a local charity in South Brent) following the excellent work of local volunteer, Andrew.

The Bridge Project trip

Free tickets for Plymouth Argyle vs Burton Albion in October 2021 were **kindly donated** by a supporter of Ivybridge Youth for Christ.

The trip showed us once again, that many of the young people we work with at The Bridge Project, struggle to commit to things that they sign up for. We had young people drop out on the day and parents who said they'd come, suddenly realise they had other commitments and so forth.

However, 2 of our volunteers, a Bridge Project family from South Brent, a young person from Ivybridge, and the family of a member of our Council of Reference were able to come and enjoy another Argyle victory.

The Bridge Project Ivybridge (Friday evenings)

Ivybridge (Friday evenings at The Bridge Youth Venue – 6.30pm-9.30pm)

Throughout the year we continued meeting at The Bridge Youth Venue. We had a lot of younger newcomers and saw many young people from The Bridge Project in South Brent attending The Bridge Project in Ivybridge as well.

As numbers grew, it became harder to hold conversations and we occasionally had some discipline issues, but our volunteers were **amazing at building bridges and engaging with young people**.

In the early part of the year 2 craft projects were completed at The Bridge:

1. We **decorated a bike** for the Tour of Britain event that passed through Ivybridge.
2. We **painted an Ivy Leaf** as part of the Ivybridge Community Art Project.

It was fantastic for The Bridge Project to be represented amongst the town's efforts for both these events.



Volunteers on the Argyle Trip Bike decorated for Tour of Britain

Just as in South Brent, this type of youth work has its challenges and following an evening of particularly unruly behaviour and rudeness, we put **new control systems** in place to make it safer and more enjoyable for the majority.

- 1) To strive to have a larger team on duty each week where possible
- 2) To restrict movement around the building by having one entry and exit point only.
- 3) To limit numbers allowed in the building if the behaviour becomes challenging or the atmosphere is obviously volatile before we start.
- 4) Plan to set up a prayer support network

Although it was a hard time, it was a **privilege** to be available to young people who wanted to chat about their interests and struggles or to interact with them via games and sport.

As the Autumn term progressed, numbers grew and the large number of younger ones seemed to be putting off the older youth. By Christmas, we re-evaluated the work and decided to split the group into 2 age brackets. This has proved to be a good move.

Session 1 - Years 6,7 & 8 meet from 6.30-8pm

Session 2 – Years 9+ meet from 8.30-10pm

In January, following a conversation with VOYC Devon (a network of youth practitioners), an online meeting was held with representatives from other youth organisations, the Town Council, the Police, the local school academy, and the Community Safety Partnership. This recognised the need for youth work on other nights of the week other than Fridays and the need for detached and therapeutic services to complement the work that we do. We continued to hold discussions with other organisations to support a safer community including with the Youth Genesis Trust who have restarted the Youth Leisure Nights at the Leisure Centre on Fridays.

In the meantime, there continued to be significant anti-social behaviour in Ivybridge itself, some of which involved violence and arrests. Following another meeting in April, funding became available to recruit 2 detached youth workers to support the existing work on Friday nights. Youth Genesis Trust was asked to recruit them although these plans later fell through.

The volunteer team evolved over the year, with a few people stepping down after several years of service (Tony, Jenny, Matt and Sophie) and some new volunteers stepping up to join us (Lucie, Caroline, Jane and Pam). Another volunteer, Helen, also returned to the team after a break. We have established a group of people who are prepared to pray for the work while it happens, and we are grateful to them.

18+ Youth

The young people in this category know that they can get in touch if they need further support. During this year we have continued to see some of them on an ad-hoc basis. Sometimes it can be for socialising, sometimes for ongoing support.

Wired

Over this year, I have been keen to find more ways to **share the gospel** with young people. I met with Rev. Amanda Roper (Ivybridge Methodist Church) and their outgoing youth worker (Phil Blunt) in November to look at the possibility of Ivybridge Youth for Christ re-assuming the leadership for Wired youth group, with the group under threat from closure with Phil leaving his post.

Wired is a low-key evangelistic youth group that Ivybridge Youth for Christ started and led for about 10 years until 2019 when Ivybridge Methodist Church took it on.

My wife, Helen (Youth and Children's Worker) and I visited Wired in the Autumn, interacted with the young people, and shared some of our testimony. I already knew most of the young people either from church or from The Bridge Project in Ivybridge. We held a meeting in January to meet the existing volunteers, to talk about child protection and to make plans for the new term.



Crafts, Cooking and games at Wired

We relaunched Wired towards the end of January with a session on thankfulness. The group gives plenty of good opportunities for conversation and fun around craft, games (such as X-Box and snooker), tuck-shop and Christian teaching.

During the next few months we covered sessions on Friendship, John 3:16 (God's love), and Justice (Fairtrade Fortnight). We led a lot of craft, cooking activities and games. We are pleased to be **building relationships** with young people through these activities.

Most young people can cope with the structure of the group, however, a couple of young people who came along for a few sessions caused trouble and were asked to leave. This is not a decision we took lightly. We gave them the challenge to come to The Bridge Project drop-in and show that they can respect the rules there and then we would provide something structured for them in the summer. Sadly, they have come to The Bridge Project and have not been able to show respect there either. This backs up the idea that some youth simply cannot cope with structured clubs or indeed drop-in clubs in a building. Our desire is for all to know Christ and have a safe place to be and so we continue to look for ways to enable this to happen for all.

We have been pleased to provide some trips for members of Wired. We have been bowling and to Clayart pottery painting. A particular highlight of my whole year was a trip to Pennywell Farm in July provided at the invitation of the owner, Chris Murray. We had the place to ourselves and there was a pig race, red rocket ride, train ride, a chance meet the animals and some food. Chris shared his story of how he **follows Jesus** and how he came to open the farm.



Wired Bowling Trip



Wired Pennywell Trip

The year ended with a summer holiday trip to Clayart which they all enjoyed. It was great to be joined by Aimee, who will be an intern student with us from September 2022.

Speaker at Plymouth Methodist Central Hall (PMCH) Youth residential at Rora House

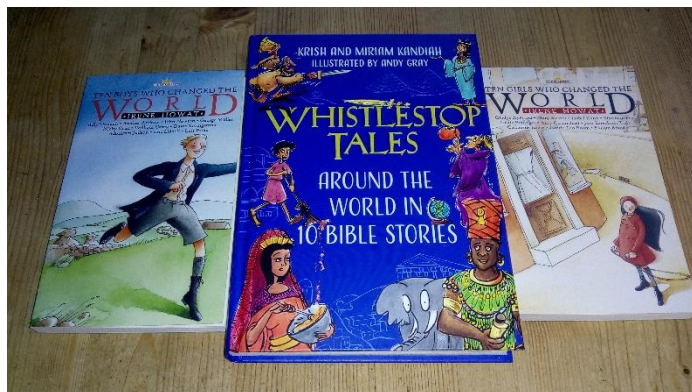
During Holy Week, I joined the youth team from Plymouth Methodist Central Hall on their residential. I was one of the leaders for the six young people in the 11-14's group (one member of Wired was in that group). It was great to be able to share on such an enjoyable trip and to give back to a church who have been **generous supporters** of the charity.

Primary school assemblies

I led a collective worship assembly at Cornwood Primary School Assembly in November. It was the first in-person assembly there since the pandemic and was on the topic of perseverance. In March the topic was the miracle of Jesus calming the storm.

Shine Holbeton

The theme for the year for both Shine Holbeton and Shine Newton Ferrers was 'The World', inspired by a book by respected Christian leader Krish Kandiah and his wife. It is called 'Whistlestop Tales, around the World in 10 Bible Stories.' They have written it to introduce children to the inspiring people of ethnic origin featured in the Bible.



The tales were interspersed with other topics including 'Sharing with Others Throughout the World at Harvest,' 'Creation of the World,' 'Fairtrade Fortnight,' 'COP26' and 'God loves the whole world'.

Two other books based on famous Christians were used – 'Ten Girls Who Changed the World and 'Ten Boys Who Changed the World.'

The final aspect of the teaching plan was based around the main Christian festivals of Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

There are 2 volunteers who join Helen on a rota. I have, on occasion, also helped out as has Rev Kim Lovell.

During the Harvest session the children learned about sharing our food with others throughout the world. A globe was used (Holbeton) and a giant inflatable globe (NF) to find the places that our food comes from. We played a Hangman game to spell the words, Starve, Share and Harvest (all words appear in the word 'Harvest') to talk about how we should share with those in need as we remember the Harvest. Newton Ferrers also did a craft based on being thankful with Hebrews 13:16 being the verse for the day.

Some of the members regularly go to retrieve an adult Bible from the library where they meet. It is a King James translation, and with the language not being ideal for their age, we have provided the school with a more modern version for their library.

At Christmas, one girl brought in a craft she made at Shine last Christmas and several exclaimed that they already had theirs on their tree. Hopefully, this will prove a constant reminder of their time learning about Jesus at Shine.

One of the most poignant testimonies of the public benefit of Shine occurred in January when we looked at the plight of refugees thorough the story of Naomi and the work of Gladys Aylward taking children to safety in China. We talked about being **kind to refugees**. At that point none of us foresaw what would eventually unfold in Ukraine. None of us knew that by Easter, the children would be putting this teaching into practice as refugees from Ukraine joined their classes.

In the Spring the group looked at topics including Fairtrade (the Good Samaritan), How God can use us (the story of Esther), Thankfulness (the story of Joni Earackson-Tada), Telling others (the story of Philip and the Ethiopian), Water scarcity (making sure people have enough), Encouragement (the story of Barnabas), Faithful Service to God (The Queen's story), The Footprints Poem (the story of Lydia and Nicky Cruz).

One development this year was that the Year 6 members asked if they could have a leavers' party. They had no idea that Helen already does this at Newton Ferrers. Helen was able to arrange a Friday lunchtime and all 3 leavers, as well as both volunteers, were able to come. This was a great event with fun, food, and Pie Face. Helen was able to give them a Gideon New Testament each which they all seemed pleased to receive. She gave guidance of how to find useful passages as listed in the front.

Over the 31 sessions held this year, 21 different children attended, with a regular membership of 16 at the end of the year.

Shine Newton Ferrers

It was a joy that Shine Newton Ferrers was able to meet as one group as there were no 'Covid bubbles' in schools this year. However, by November, the school had decided to revert to bubbles for the school day. As an after-school club Shine continued to meet as one group, but Helen had to try to keep the groups separate within the club. This made it much harder to manage, especially as one of the younger boys liked to sit with his brother who is in the other bubble. Therefore, Helen effectively had 3 bubbles to manage, as the siblings sat aside but together. These times have certainly felt unique.

The group covered the same topics as Holbeton.

During the year the team of volunteers grew to 4 and we are grateful to them all as we are to the Holbeton volunteers. 16 different children attended over the year with 12 regulars as of July 2022.

A session was inspired by The COP 26 conference and saw the children produce a **large artwork representing the world**, with the slogan Care 4 God's World. It used a recycled supermarket display board from 1998 that a previous trustee, Geoff Screeton had provided for the charity!



COP26 Care for the World



Christmas Nativity Craft

The 2 Christmas sessions were interesting – with a craft project that covered both weeks being much harder in practice than it looked online! However, by the end they all had a finished wooden stable complete with characters to take home! One child exclaimed ‘I’ll be able to get this out every year’.

Shine Newton Ferrers was a lively group – particularly the six Year 6 members who were very vocal. There were continued efforts to ensure good behaviour in the group, whilst keeping it welcoming and different to a school lesson.



Easter Baking



Leavers' Party

JAM Youth Group

JAM's lifespan came to a natural end at the end of the last academic year partly due to a lack of volunteers but also existing members starting tutoring and sports activities following the pandemic. However, Helen Norton and Rev. Kim Lovell have had several meetings over the year to look to the way forward.

Helen has kept up contact with several members. She was able to meet one member and her mum in a café to help the member process the possibility of them hosting a Ukrainian refugee.

Helen also visited another member and her mum (on their doorstep) to drop off a card and some chocolates as the member had been diagnosed with a serious health condition. Helen continues to have occasional contact with this family.

Networking

Ivybridge Churches Together: The Church Leaders continued meeting throughout the year and welcomed Rev. Amanda Roper (Ivybridge Methodist) in September. As a group we had a stall at the **Christmas market** – my role being to help set up; and we held an **Outdoor Carol Service** in the Watermark car park in December. It was well attended and there was a good atmosphere despite the rain! I was invited to share a reading. The community benefited greatly from a sense of togetherness following the pandemic.

During the year I was invited to preach at St Johns (Anglican) and to lead the family service in Ivybridge Methodist Church.

Plymouth Youth for Christ Launch: Helen and I both had the privilege of attending the launch of Plymouth Youth for Christ in September. We were also able to host Lauren Fox from British Youth for Christ over the weekend and had some valuable discussions with her.

United Youth Leader Gathering: It is exciting that as a development from the Youth Leader online prayer meeting that I started in January 2021, an **in-person event, United**, has sprung. This is being co-led by SWYM and Ivybridge Youth for Christ. I have led worship at the events so far, which started in October and happen every term.

Pennywell Farm Breakfast Meetings: This continues to be a valuable place for **encouragement and networking**. Many people are very aware of our prayer and practical needs, and it's a good way to keep in touch with some of our supporters. I occasionally lead worship for the event.

Salisbury Road Baptist Church Men's Breakfast: In November I was invited to be the guest speaker at this event, **sharing my testimony**.

SWYM – South West Cluster: We love working together with our friends at SWYM and this year have helped with arrangements for Live Football in Ivybridge in May/June.

Wise and Wonderful, a group for the older generation, Ivybridge Methodist Church: I was able to share about Christ and our work with around 15 members. From this, we added the local Catholic church to our prayer email.

James and Katie Harding: we were excited to meet with James and Katie in June. James is the new curate at St. John's and Kate works for a humanitarian relief charity. James is keen to bring his mixed martial arts skills to the table in relation to future youth work possibilities.

South Hams Youth Network: I attend Zoom meetings as part of this group and am excited about a potential fully funded trip to Woodlands theme park in October that we could access for some of our young people.

Behind the Scenes

As always, the charity couldn't function without many people beaver away in the background. We are **immensely grateful** for all the hard work that is undertaken to enable all of the children's and youth work to happen.

Governance, Finance and Fundraising

Chartering:

The staff team completed the annual chartering paperwork for British Youth for Christ in September 2021. This allows us to operate with them as a chartered ministry.

Fundraising:

Party in the Park: Ivybridge Youth for Christ were able to raise funds by providing a refreshments service at this year's Party in the Park in September. Many thanks to the volunteers and Trustees who provided cakes and practical support on the day.

A Spring Sale with refreshments happened at St. John's Church in March. We were grateful for the opportunity to connect with so many supporters, who because of the pandemic, we have not seen for a long time. Many thanks to our team of trustees (old and new) who helped on the day and to local tradespeople who held stalls at the event.

I am starting to prioritise looking at **grants** that could be accessed for the charity. To this end, in May, I applied for Co-Op Community funding for South Brent Bridge Project. We should find out if we are successful in October.

Prayer:

It has been a pleasure to continue our IYFC Zoom prayer meetings every Wednesday morning and later in the year on a Monday. We welcomed a few new faces joining in.

On occasion, Marian Griffiths has co-ordinated prayer for the older session of Ivybridge Bridge Project from **The Bridge venue** itself. This has really helped to bring God's peace to what can often be a highly charged environment.

We are also grateful to people who pray from their own homes for this outreach, often prompted by our weekly prayer email.

Trustees:

We are **grateful to Rev. Dave Martin** for the time he served as a Trustee. Dave stood down in November 2021, due to increased family and church commitments. This left us below our required minimum number of 5 trustees as per the Constitution. The Charity Commission clarified that the work was able to carry on, but trustees were not able to vote on matters other than in relation to appointing new trustees. The Charity Commission stated that recruiting trustees has been a problem nationally. Thankfully, by January, we were able to **co-opt Mike Cade and Dr Andy Hutchinson**, confirming their trustee appointment again at the AGM in May. Both Mike and Andy have experience of teaching and various other youth roles and will be great assets to the team. We also say **thank you to Steve Harvey**, who stepped down from his second term as a trustee in March 2022, with lots of other commitments.

Kate and I have worked hard to try and recruit a new Treasurer, advertising around church networks, to no avail. Sophie Hill officially stepped down as our bookkeeper early in the year but continued doing payroll until June, when we outsourced the task to Clear Blue Sky Accountancy Ltd. Helen Norton will take over the Gift-aid claims from Sophie. Sharon English, our former bookkeeper, kindly produced the 2020-21 accounts to go to our auditors. Robin Duckering helped produce forecast spreadsheets in the interim. I took over the pension payments. As the year ends, I am glad to say we are in the process of appointing a trustee who is an accountant, who will take over the oversight of the finance of the charity.



Natalie at Party in the Park



Staff with Sir Gary Streeter

Ivybridge Youth for Christ trustees held the annual **AGM** in May and combined it with a **celebration of 15 years of the charity**. Sir Gary Streeter MP was the keynote speaker, and it was wonderful to reminisce over the past years through a comedic quiz, as well as catch up with lots of supporters.

The Charity Commission Annual Return was completed on time.

The trustees held annual **appraisals** for both staff in August. A new Appraisal Policy was presented to the staff which will include targets.

A **GDPR audit** was undertaken in August 2022.

Pastoral Support for Staff:

Helen continues to meet with Sara Bromage for **pastoral support**. I continue to meet with Rev. Dave Martin who has a lot of youth work experience. Even though he has stepped down as a trustee, he has agreed to continue with this ministry. Both Helen and I find the meetings very helpful, and we're very grateful.

At the beginning of November, I went to **Sheldon Retreat Centre** for 3 nights to pray, think and plan. It was enormously beneficial to have this time away in solitude and I am grateful to the trustees for releasing me to do this. As a direct result of this, our involvement with Wired materialised.

Website and Social Media

At the end of the academic year 287 people like and 318 people follow our Facebook page. We are aware that we should work towards increasing our social media presence and will look for a volunteer with these skills. Having had a member of staff attend the course (see below) it is clear that this is a time-consuming pursuit.

Training

In September, Helen was able to attend the **VOYC – Get to grips with Social Media** training course held on Zoom. VOYC is a Devon organisation that supports people working with youth. The content was very helpful and as a result a plan needs to be drawn up to be more strategic with our posts on Facebook and other media.

I attended training provided by British Youth for Christ about **Vision and Strategy** knowing that we were focussing on this at our Away Day on January 29th.

Youth for Christ Conference in January was cancelled due to concerns about coronavirus, replaced by a one-day **online gathering**. Following the 75th anniversary in Birmingham a **one-day conference** was held; Kate Duckering, Helen Norton and myself were able to attend.

Helen attended **Creating Safer Space Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Advanced Module 2020** in May 2022.

Helen and I both gained **Level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety for Catering**, which is useful for cooking activities at Wired and Shine and I was able to renew my **Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work**.

As well as taking part in training I have also led Safeguarding training for volunteers and trustees. This took place in June.

Volunteers

We are always looking to improve our volunteer **recruitment process** and a pack received from British Youth for Christ has given us further ideas for improvement.

All volunteers received Christmas cards and small gifts as a small token of our **appreciation** of their work within Ivybridge Youth for Christ. With Covid still prevalent it was not felt prudent to hold a thank you gathering.

National Youth for Christ news



Helen, Kate and I were pleased to attend **Youth for Christ's 75th birthday celebrations** on Friday, March 11th at Birmingham Town Hall. Worship was led by Tim Hughes and Graham Kendrick with some inspiring interviews with some of the previous leaders of Youth for Christ including Gavin Calver and Eric Delve.

On Monday, May 7th, a **Pray Through May (South West)** event took place in Taunton. This was a chance to meet people from the National team in person and it replaced the Focus Tour of previous years. Helen, Kate and I attended this day, which had various sessions praying for different issues regarding young people and the charity.

Youth for Christ has started inviting Centre staff to join their **staff meeting** via Zoom once a month. We have been on a few occasions, and it has been encouraging and helpful.

In July I was pleased to attend the **Centre Director's Retreat** in North Wales. I have been asked to join the steering group for the development of the strategy for Youth for Christ in Wales.

Conclusion

We are pleased with the new developments such as our renewed leadership of Wired and the launch of Connect. Although disappointed that Rock Solid at Ivybridge Community College could not restart, we remain hopeful that it will be able to return in the next academic year.

As the year ends, we look forward with excitement to the new chapter in the life of Ivybridge Youth for Christ with the arrival of a trainee youth worker through the South West Youth Ministries Scheme. With the team growing there is a great sense of hope for reaching more young people for Jesus.

Elis Norton
Director

Chair's Comments

In March 2022, Youth for Christ marked 75 years in Britain with a celebratory event in Birmingham. Ivybridge Youth for Christ, in its 16th year as a centre, was represented by Elis and Helen Norton and myself.

A regular after-school Christian Youth Club has been successfully re-established and new events organised to connect young people from different churches in the district.

Kate Duckering
Chair

Ivybridge Youth for Christ

Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year Ended 31 Aug 22	Year Ended 31 Aug 21
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>				
Donations and Legacies	43,046	2,870	45,916	58,252
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	787
Investments	10	-	10	9
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Total Income	43,056	2,870	45,926	59,048
 <u>Expenditure On</u>				
Charitable activities	44,354	4,255	48,609	43,984
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Total Expenditure	44,354	4,255	48,609	43,984
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Net Income/ (expenditure)	(1,298)	(1,385)	(2,683)	15,064
 Transfer between funds	(3,000)	3,000	-	-
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Net movement in funds	<u>(4,298)</u>	<u>1,615</u>	<u>(2,683)</u>	<u>15,064</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	23,958	18,115	42,073	27,009
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Total funds carried forward	19,660	19,730	39,390	42,073
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IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022**

		2022	2021
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Motor Vehicles		3,164	4,219
Current Assets			
Debtors	4,401	3,831	
Cash at bank and in hand	33,566	34,796	
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	37,967	38,627	
Creditors: Amounts falling	(1,741)	(773)	
Due within one year	————	————	
Net current assets		<u>36,226</u>	<u>37,854</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		39,390	42,073
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Net assets		39,390	42,073
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Income Funds			
Unrestricted funds		19,660	23,958
Restricted funds		19,730	18,115
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Total funds		39,390	42,073
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Serving Trustees – Sep 2021 – Aug 2022

Mike Cade was co-opted as a trustee on 28 January 2022. His appointment was confirmed at the AGM on 7 May 2022. Mike worships at Bittaford Methodist Church, is a local preacher and has previously served as a Street Pastor. He is also Head of Religious Education at Eggbuckland Community College in Plymouth.

Myers Cooper became a trustee at the AGM in March 2019. He has worked in electrical engineering, software development, mission, and church administration, and is currently a company director. He has served in Christian youth work and church leadership and is now the executive director of Cambodian Communities out of Crisis. Myers is currently serving as Secretary.

Kate Duckering joined the trustees in November 2012 and currently holds the post of Chair. She is retired from her role in the human resources team at Torbay Hospital. Kate worships at Ivybridge Methodist Church and helps with the childrens' work there.

Natalie Dugdall joined the trustees in January 2021, initially co-opted onto the Board by the trustees. Natalie works for the Breakthrough Trust.

Steve Harvey rejoined the trustees in September 2018 being co-opted onto the Board. He served as our named Treasurer, a person who our volunteer bookkeeper can turn to and is responsible to. Steve is a retired newspaper editor. Steve worships at Yealmpton Methodist Church. Steve stepped down from being a trustee on 29 March 2022 but remains supportive in other ways.

Andy Hutchinson (Dr) was co-opted as a trustee on 28 January 2022. His appointment was confirmed at the AGM on 7 May 2022. Andy has a background in church leadership and English teaching and currently works for Compassion UK.

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Council of Reference

Ian and Ruth Hammond (Cpts) are the leaders of the Salvation Army in Ivybridge.

Marian Langsford (Dr) is a retired GP who worked in Ivybridge for over 20 years. Marian worships at St. John's, Ivybridge.

Jonny Libby works for Plymouth Methodist Central Hall and has a lot of experience working with youth and young adults. He is passionate about his faith, family, food, and football.

Jeff Stephenson (Dr) recently retired as Medical Director at St Luke's Hospice Plymouth, where has worked as a doctor for over 15 years.

Lois Stephenson (Dr) Lois is a primary school teacher and has had a long interest in children and young people's work. Lois and Jeff worship at St Matthias Church, Plymouth.

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IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeds £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 next statement.

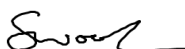
Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has not been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



.....
Mr S Wood FCCA (Honorary)
Newton Abbot, Devon

25 June 2023

.....
Date

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

				Year ended 31 Aug 22 £	Year ended 31 Aug 21 £
	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £		
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	43,046	2,870	45,916	58,252
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	787
Investments	4	10		10	9
Total Income		43,056	2,870	45,926	59,048
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	5	44,354	4,255	48,609	43,984
Total expenditure		44,354	4,255	48,609	43,984
Net income / (expenditure)		(1,298)	(1,385)	(2,683)	15,064
Transfer between funds		(3,000)	3,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,298)	1,615	(2,683)	15,064
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward		23,958	18,115	42,073	27,009
Total funds carried forward		19,660	19,730	39,390	42,073

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

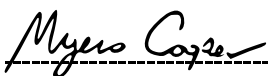
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Motor Vehicles	9		3,164		4,219
Current Assets					
Debtors	10	4,401		3,831	
Cash at bank and in hand		33,566		34,796	
		<u>37,967</u>		<u>38,627</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,741)		(773)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			<u>36,226</u>		<u>37,854</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>39,390</u>		<u>42,073</u>
Net assets			<u><u>39,390</u></u>		<u><u>42,073</u></u>
Income Funds					
Unrestricted funds			19,660		23,958
Restricted funds	12		<u>19,730</u>		<u>18,115</u>
Total Funds	13		<u><u>39,390</u></u>		<u><u>42,073</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on

25 June 2023



Trustee

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	14	(1,240)	13,642
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Interest received		10	9
Net cash generated from/ (used in) investing activities		10	9
Net cash used in financing activities		-	-
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,230)	13,651
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year		34,796	21,145
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year		33,566	34,796

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Ivybridge Youth for Christ is an unincorporated charity established by constitution in 2006.

1.1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(continued)

1.4 Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:

- when donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods; and
- when donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income;

the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Interest receivable:

Interest receivable is included in investment income when it is receivable by the charity.

Rental income:

Rent is received on a monthly basis and is recognised when due.

Intangible income, comprising donated services, is included in incoming resources at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised when there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure is allocated to categories either on a direct or a usage basis.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to raising funds is included in the costs of generating funds.

Expenditure attributable to meeting the aims and objectives, including the support costs, is included in charitable activities.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(continued)

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charities's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measure at cost or valuation, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual value over their useful economic lives as follows:

Motor Vehicles	25% Reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and any carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the net income/(expenditure) for the year.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:				
Donations and gifts	37,880	2,870	40,750	51,424
Gift aid rebates	5,166	-	5,166	6,828
	43,046	2,870	45,916	58,252
For the year ended 31 August 2021	52,960	5,292		58,252

3 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising activities	-	787
Grants	713	2,262
	713	3,049

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

4 Investments	2022 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	10	9
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

5 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depre- ciation £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable activities						
<u>Advancement of religion</u>						
Unrestricted	35,243	-	9,111	-	44,354	36,427
Restricted	2,188	1,055	1,012	-	4,255	7,557
Total	<u>37,431</u>	<u>1,055</u>	<u>10,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,609</u>	<u>59,787</u>

Costs allocated to The Bridge Project include the depreciation on the Van purchased for the project along with wages costs and 10% of the support overheads for the charity as a whole.

6 Support costs

	£	£
Staff costs	37,431	34,889
Telephone	82	91
Computer costs	656	632
Postage	115	331
Photocopying and stationery	121	134
Travelling expenses	776	713
Insurance	419	391
Resources	887	743
Events inc. refreshments	1,361	208
Training & Conferences	724	-
Sundries	276	543
Bank charges	249	124
Outreach costs	4,457	3,779
Depreciation	1,055	1,406
	<u>48,609</u>	<u>43,984</u>

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, and none of them were reimbursed travelling expenses (2021: none were reimbursed).

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Chief Executive Officer	1	1
Administrative Assistant	1	1
	2	2

Employment costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,337	33,229
Pension Contributions	2,414	1,660
	36,751	34,889

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2021: Nil).

9 Fixed Assets

	Van
	£
<i>Cost</i>	
Balance Brought Forward	10,000
Additions in year	
Balance Carried Forward	10,000
<i>Depreciation</i>	
Charge Brought Forward	5,781
Charge in the Year	1,055
Charge Carried Forward	6,836
Net Book Value at 31 August 2022	3,164
Net Book Value at 31 August 2021	4,219

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

10 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid Debtor	4,113	3,556
Prepayments and accrued income	288	275
	4,401	1,342

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Taxes and social security costs	728	359
Other creditors & accruals	1,013	414
	1,741	773

12 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Redundancy Fund	16,758	-	-	3,000	19,758
Bridge Project	1,357	2,870	(4,255)	-	28
					-
	18,115	2,870	(4,255)	3,000	19,730

Costs allocated to The Bridge Project include the depreciation on the Van purchased for this project along with 25% of the wages costs and 10% of the support overheads for the charity as a whole.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	-	3,164	3,164
Current assets	21,401	16,566	37,967
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,103)	-	(1,741)
Creditors: amounts falling due			-
	20,298	19,730	39,390

At 31 August 2022 the amount of the Free Reserves at the charity's disposal was £23,628 (2021: £23,628).

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

14 Cash generated from operations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	(2,683)	15,064
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in profit or loss	(10)	(9)
Depreciation	1,055	1,406
Movements in working capital		
(Increase) in debtors	(570)	(2,489)
Increase in creditors	968	(330)
	<u>(1,240)</u>	<u>13,642</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year the trustees made donations to the charity totalling £990 (2021 - £493)

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Trustee

25 June 2023
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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 15.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeds £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 next statement.

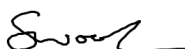
Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has not been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In connection with my examination, no other matter except that referred to in the previous paragraph has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mr S Wood FCCA (Honorary)
Newton Abbot, Devon

25 June 2023

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Date

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

				Year ended 31 Aug 22 £	Year ended 31 Aug 21 £
	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £		
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	43,046	2,870	45,916	58,252
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	787
Investments	4	10		10	9
Total Income		43,056	2,870	45,926	59,048
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	5	44,354	4,255	48,609	43,984
Total expenditure		44,354	4,255	48,609	43,984
Net income / (expenditure)		(1,298)	(1,385)	(2,683)	15,064
Transfer between funds		(3,000)	3,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,298)	1,615	(2,683)	15,064
<u>Reconciliation of funds:</u>					
Total funds brought forward		23,958	18,115	42,073	27,009
Total funds carried forward		19,660	19,730	39,390	42,073

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Motor Vehicles	9		3,164		4,219
Current Assets					
Debtors	10	4,401		3,831	
Cash at bank and in hand		33,566		34,796	
		<u>37,967</u>		<u>38,627</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,741)		(773)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			<u>36,226</u>		<u>37,854</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>39,390</u>		<u>42,073</u>
Net assets			<u><u>39,390</u></u>		<u><u>42,073</u></u>
Income Funds					
Unrestricted funds			19,660		23,958
Restricted funds	12		19,730		18,115
Total Funds	13		<u><u>39,390</u></u>		<u><u>42,073</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on

25 June 2023



Trustee

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	14	(1,240)	13,642
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Interest received		10	9
Net cash generated from/ (used in) investing activities		10	9
Net cash used in financing activities		-	-
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,230)	13,651
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year		34,796	21,145
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year		33,566	34,796

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Ivybridge Youth for Christ is an unincorporated charity established by constitution in 2006.

1.1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(continued)

1.4 Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:

- when donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods; and
- when donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income;

the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Interest receivable:

Interest receivable is included in investment income when it is receivable by the charity.

Rental income:

Rent is received on a monthly basis and is recognised when due.

Intangible income, comprising donated services, is included in incoming resources at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised when there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(continued)

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure is allocated to categories either on a direct or a usage basis.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to raising funds is included in the costs of generating funds.

Expenditure attributable to meeting the aims and objectives, including the support costs, is included in charitable activities.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(continued)

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charities's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measure at cost or valuation, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual value over their useful economic lives as follows:

Motor Vehicles	25% Reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and any carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the net income/(expenditure) for the year.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:				
Donations and gifts	37,880	2,870	40,750	51,424
Gift aid rebates	5,166	-	5,166	6,828
	43,046	2,870	45,916	58,252
For the year ended 31 August 2021	52,960	5,292		58,252

3 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising activities	-	787
Grants	713	2,262
	713	3,049

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

4 Investments	2022 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	10	9
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

5 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Depre- ciation £	Other costs £	Grant funding £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable activities						
<u>Advancement of religion</u>						
Unrestricted	35,243	-	9,111	-	44,354	36,427
Restricted	2,188	1,055	1,012	-	4,255	7,557
Total	<u>37,431</u>	<u>1,055</u>	<u>10,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,609</u>	<u>59,787</u>

Costs allocated to The Bridge Project include the depreciation on the Van purchased for the project along with wages costs and 10% of the support overheads for the charity as a whole.

6 Support costs

	£	£
Staff costs	37,431	34,889
Telephone	82	91
Computer costs	656	632
Postage	115	331
Photocopying and stationery	121	134
Travelling expenses	776	713
Insurance	419	391
Resources	887	743
Events inc. refreshments	1,361	208
Training & Conferences	724	-
Sundries	276	543
Bank charges	249	124
Outreach costs	4,457	3,779
Depreciation	1,055	1,406
	<u>48,609</u>	<u>43,984</u>

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, and none of them were reimbursed travelling expenses (2021: none were reimbursed).

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Chief Executive Officer	1	1
Administrative Assistant	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Employment costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,337	33,229
Pension Contributions	2,414	1,660
	<u>36,751</u>	<u>34,889</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more (2021: Nil).

9 Fixed Assets

	Van
	£
<i>Cost</i>	
Balance Brought Forward	10,000
Additions in year	
Balance Carried Forward	<u>10,000</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>	
Charge Brought Forward	5,781
Charge in the Year	1,055
Charge Carried Forward	<u>6,836</u>
Net Book Value at 31 August 2022	<u>3,164</u>
Net Book Value at 31 August 2021	<u>4,219</u>

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

10 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid Debtor	4,113	3,556
Prepayments and accrued income	288	275
	4,401	1,342

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Taxes and social security costs	728	359
Other creditors & accruals	1,013	414
	1,741	773

12 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Redundancy Fund	16,758	-	-	3,000	19,758
Bridge Project	1,357	2,870	(4,255)	-	28
					-
	18,115	2,870	(4,255)	3,000	19,730

Costs allocated to The Bridge Project include the depreciation on the Van purchased for this project along with 25% of the wages costs and 10% of the support overheads for the charity as a whole.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	-	3,164	3,164
Current assets	21,401	16,566	37,967
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,103)	-	(1,741)
Creditors: amounts falling due			-
	20,298	19,730	39,390

At 31 August 2022 the amount of the Free Reserves at the charity's disposal was £23,628 (2021: £23,628).

IVYBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

14 Cash generated from operations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	(2,683)	15,064
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in profit or loss	(10)	(9)
Depreciation	1,055	1,406
Movements in working capital		
(Increase) in debtors	(570)	(2,489)
Increase in creditors	968	(330)
	<u>(1,240)</u>	<u>13,642</u>

15 Related party transactions

During the year the trustees made donations to the charity totalling £990 (2021 - £493)