

Exmoor Youth Project
Charity No 1121419

Annual Report

Report for the period: 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Trustees

Name	Position	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Mr Steven Pugsley	Chair	
Revd Caroline Ralph	Ex officio (Rural Dean)	From June 2017
Revd Richard Higgins		From November 2020
Revd Kenneth Cross	Line Manager	Ended September 2020
Mrs Frances Nicholson		
Mr Lyn Edwards	Treasurer	From September 2020
Mrs Lynne Wooldridge		
Revd Nick Lakin		From September 2018

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Mrs Lyn Fisher, Secretary, Red Deer, Simonsbath, Somerset, TA24 7JY

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Trustees

Trustees met in September, and then by Zoom in November 2020 and February 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The Revd Kenneth Cross resigned as a trustee in September and Mr Lyn Edwards was welcomed and formally welcomed as a trustee and Treasurer. The Revd Richard Higgins was welcomed as a trustee in November.

Objects of the charity

In the areas of the former West Somerset District Council and such adjoining and nearby areas as the Trustees may from time to time determine (the area of benefit) the promotion of the moral, physical, social and spiritual growth of children and young people based on the Christian faith in both formal and informal educational contexts.

Achievements & performance

The Project continues to work ecumenically but is particularly contributing to and helping to deliver the vision of the Diocese of Bath and Wells in the Exmoor area, and is supporting the mission of the West Somerset Methodist Circuit. The Project is promoting and sharing the Christian faith in an accessible, practical and positive way to children, young people and their families.

The Project Workers (Jess and Lynne) have responded to the challenges of delivering support and activity to children and families during Covid related lockdowns and restrictions. Lynne was furloughed between April and July 2020, then part time furlough and work until the end

of March 2021. Jess reduced her hours in the early stages of the pandemic, then went on to part time work and part furlough from January to the end of March 2021. They have been operating as an ecumenical team with other church workers to provide outreach and support as much as possible.

The Project's online offer increased significantly, particularly in the early stages of the pandemic.

Spring/Summer 2020

- Lockdown Leavers' Assembly
- Messy Church Online (with Methodist colleagues)
- Holiday Club Online with other local churches

Autumn 2020

- Online Harvest Experience, and resource packs
- All Hallows Light Trail

Winter 2020/Spring 2021

- QR Nativity Trail
- Christingle Services (filmed and available online)
- Advent and Christmas assemblies and resource packs
- Christmas experience packs
- SPARK magazine – Advent and Christmas themed
- Online Crib service
- Pancake Quiz online
- Easter resource packs and Easter egg trail

Financial review

The increased regular contributions from churches in the Exmoor Deanery was sustained. Further grants have been gratefully received from the Minehead Church Institute Hall and Hall Trust, Somerset Community Foundation, and All Churches Trust (Hope Beyond Fund). Three years of funding has been secured from the Methodist District Trust Fund and West Somerset Methodist Circuit – this is of great help to the future sustainability of the Project.

The Accounts were presented to Trustees in September 2021 (Trustees did not meet in person in June 2021 due to the Covid-19 virus).

Declaration

Name	Steven Pugsley
Position	Chair of Trustees
Date	30 September 2021

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the Exmoor Youth Project

Report to the trustees of The Exmoor Youth Project

On accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

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**Respective
responsibilities of trustees and
examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I 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:



Date:

27.10.2021

Name:

Revd Preb John Martin Thorogood

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

None.

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