

Exmoor Youth Project
Charity No 1121419

Annual Report

Report for the period: 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

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
Mrs Frances Nicholson		
Mr Lyn Edwards	Treasurer	From September 2020
Mrs Lynne Wooldridge		To June 2021
Revd Nick Lakin		From September 2018

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

Bank details:

NatWest Bank, 9 The Parade, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5ZD

Trustees

Trustees met via Zoom in June, September and November 2021 and February 2022

Objects of the charity

In the areas of 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 continue to operate as an ecumenical team with other church workers to provide outreach and support as much as possible, especially when Covid restrictions started to ease. Following a period of mainly online provision due to Covid, and many school senior leadership staff changes, new links and relationships were established. Lynne worked particularly hard on this during the 2021 autumn term and 2022 spring term whilst Jess was on maternity leave. Activities and support offered during the year included:

Spring/Summer 2021

- Minehead First School – Easter assembly held in person, the first for a long time
- On-line assembly at West Somerset College
- Gradually returning to presence in schools, including collective worship at Timberscombe, St Michaels and Minehead First Schools
- Talking about Leavers' assemblies
- Church symbols workshop planned with Minehead First
- Some on line assemblies remained on offer

Autumn/Winter 2021

- Summer day camp for three days at Treborough
- Holiday Club with Minehead Methodists – pirate themed, Paul's conversion
- Porlock Fun Day at St Dubricius School
- St Andrew's Club - running outside in the vicarage garden, moved inside to church in second half term. A hot meal served – establishing strong links with first school families and Christian community building.
- Prayer Shed established at St Michael's First School – prayer space decorated and filled with reflections and prayers
- Minehead First School – assemblies for Remembrance, Harvest, Christmas
- Pumpkin Trail – offered twice following inclement weather on 31 October
- Support to West Somerset College families in light of a particular tragedy
- Ongoing concerns about Covid infection rates prevented several in person activities – Lynne supported outside events and services.

Spring 2022

- RE support offer in schools welcomed and with SIAMS - continuing to build new and good relationships with new headteachers.
- Collective worship started at Old Cleeve School
- LB advised she was effectively starting from scratch with schools following restrictions and widespread changes in school headships.
- St Andrew's Club
- Bible workshop – booked for Timberscombe
- Church visits – arranged for Minehead First and Old Cleeve schools as part of RE Christianity topic – tour of churches, looking at church symbols with work books.

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 and Hall Trust, the second of three years of funding 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 2022.

Declaration

Name	Steven Pugsley, Chair of Trustees
Date	15 September 2022

EXMOOR YOUTH PROJECT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH

	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Planned Giving	1640	710
Other Donations	0	0
PCC Contributions		
Regular Annual Exmoor Deanery Synod	6001	6213
Dulverton	0	5000
Grants:		
Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District	3000	3,500
West Somerset Methodist Circuit	8500	8,500
Fund for Church Growth	2265	0
Somerset Community Foundation	0	2,500
Leighland Church Lands Trust	0	1,000
Christians Together in Minehead	0	208
Minehead Church Institute	0	5,000
Allchurches Trust Ltd	0	1,000
Youth Camp Income	430	0
Holiday Club	27	0
Porlock Fun Day	18	0
Employment Allowance	1255	983
Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) recovered	4771	0
HMRC JRS Grant	2104	8,249
Bank Interest	0	2
	<u>30011</u>	<u>42,865</u>
	2022 £	2021 £
Expenditure		
Youth Workers		
Salary (including SMP)	26764	24,684
Employer's NIC	1255	983
Pension Scheme	429	366
Travel Expenses	844	(836
Other Expenses	422	(
DBS checks	105	0
Training	64	0
Use of Office	0	0
Youth Camp Expenses	489	0
Easter Holiday Club	0	0
Bookkeeper	235	300
Administrator	77	0
Insurances	906	857
Postages and stationery	8	14
Website	43	43
Purchase of Tablet and Keyboard	535	331
Purchase of Marquee	347	0
CCPAS subscription	129	129
	<u>32652</u>	<u>28,543</u>
Net surplus / deficit for the year	<u>-2641</u>	<u>14,322</u>

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 2022

Charity Number 1121419

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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

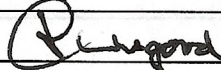
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- 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:

23.11.2022

Name:

Revd Preb John Martin Thorogood

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

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