

**Exmoor Youth Project**  
**Charity No 1121419**

**Annual Report**

Report for the period: 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

**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
Revd Nick Lakin		From September 2018

**Charity Contact Address:**

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

**Bank details:**

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

**Trustees**

Trustees met in June, September and November 2022 and February 2023

**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, support, input and activity. Jess returned from her maternity leave in June. Collective worship, school assemblies, workshops, Christian festival events were organised and supported, together with holiday clubs and activities including:

Spring/Summer 2022

- Fortnightly collective worship in Timberscombe, St Michael's and Old Cleeve schools
- Lent, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost assemblies

- Easter workshops and experiences at St Michael's school and at St Andrew's Church, helping at breakfast church at St Andrew's
- Pentecost experience at Old Cleeve – reflecting on waiting, receiving, sharing, the Trinity
- Leavers' services at St Michael's, Minehead First, Old Cleeve and Dulverton schools
- Supporting a growing St Andrew's Club – outside and inside the church
- Camp reunion day for 18-25s at Treborough Woodland
- Holiday club at Alcombe – looking at the Armour of God
- Fund day at Porlock
- Woodland fun days at Treborough woodland

#### Autumn/Winter 2022

- Regular collective worship at Timberscombe, St Michael's, Old Cleeve, Knights Templar and occasionally at Porlock
- New links established with Knights Templar and with the Moorland Federation of schools
- Special services for Harvest and Remembrance
- A Harvest Day
- Assemblies for Remembrance
- Workshop at St Michael's including the importance of prayer and saying thank you
- Support of the Beacons on the Beach prayer event (part of South West Awake) – with over 60 children around two firepits
- Light Party at St Andrew's
- Driveway ministry at Watchet, with Watchet Baptist Church
- Advent – family service at St Andrew's, and a day and assembly at Knights Templar
- Christmas experience at Exford
- Christingle services at Knights Templar, Minehead Middle, Timberscombe, Minehead First, St Michael's First schools
- Collective worship at Minehead Middle – glad to be back

#### Spring 2023

- Church visits as part of 'special places' curriculum models – at Minehead First and Old Cleeve
- Bible Day at Old Cleeve – covering the Creation, the Fall, People of God, Incarnation, Kingdom of God (with Rev Higgins and Andy Levett)

#### **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, and from Old Cleeve PCC. The third of three years of funding from the Methodist District Trust Fund and West Somerset Methodist Circuit was of particular help to the future sustainability of the Project, together with a commitment from the West Somerset Circuit to grant funding for a further three years. The Accounts were presented to Trustees in September 2023.

#### **Declaration**

Name	Steven Pugsley, Chair of Trustees
Date	14 September 2023

**EXMOOR YOUTH PROJECT**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Planned Giving	560	1,640
Other Donations	0	0
PCC Contributions		
Regular Annual Exmoor Deanery Synod	6,115	6,001
Grants:		
Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District	2,500	3,000
West Somerset Methodist Circuit	8,500	8,500
Fund for Church Growth	0	2,265
Minehead Church Institute	5,000	0
Old Cleeve PCC	10,000	0
Youth Camp Income	110	430
Holiday Club	0	27
Porlock Fun Day	0	18
Employment Allowance	998	1,255
Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) recovered	1,313	4,771
HMRC JRS Grant	0	2,104
Bank Interest	17	0
	35,113	30,011
	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure		
Youth Workers		
Salary (including SMP)	24,923	26,764
Employer's NIC	998	1,255
Pension Scheme	373	429
Travel Expenses	1,280	844
Other Expenses	294	422
DBS checks	0	105
Training	264	64
Youth Camp Expenses	218	489
Easter Holiday Club	0	0
Bookkeeper	195	235
Administrator	68	77

Insurances		906
Postages and stationery	987	8
Website	76	43
Purchase of Tablet and Keyboard	0	535
Purchase of Marquee	0	347
CCPAS subscription	129	129
	<u>29,805</u>	<u>32,652</u>
Net surplus / deficit for the year	<u>5,308</u>	<u>-2,641</u>

**EXMOOR YOUTH PROJECT**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Assets		
Sundry Debtor	138	138
Bank Accounts	13,888	13,888
Cash (including cash for camp)	97	97
	<u>14,123</u>	<u>14,123</u>
Current Liabilities		
PAYE	-3,954	-3,954
Sundry Creditors	264	264
	<u>-3,690</u>	<u>-3,690</u>
Net Assets	<u>17,813</u>	<u>17,813</u>
Capital and Reserves		
General Reserves		
As at 1st April	17,813	20,454
Net surplus / deficit for the year	5,308	-2,641
	<u>23,121</u>	<u>17,813</u>
As at 31st March		

# Independent Examiner's Certificate for the Exmoor Youth Project

Report to the trustees of The Exmoor Youth Project

On accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

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**

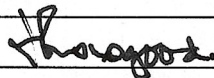
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- 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:

09/11/23

Name:

Revd Preb John Martin Thorogood

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

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