

# THE267PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1122830

## Details

---

**Other names** THE 267 PROJECT, THE2:67PROJECT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2008-02-18

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

---

**Address** St. Albans Diocesan Office  
41 Holywell Hill  
St. Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL1 1HE

**Phone** +44 7789 872025

**Email** [director@the267project.com](mailto:director@the267project.com)

**Website** [www.the267project.com](http://www.the267project.com)

## Activities

---

**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE AREA OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK IN ST. ALBANS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST.

**Activities:** the2:67project has been set up to provide six key areas of service. These are advice, support, encouragement, networking, resources and training in all areas of youth and children's work across the St Albans area.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ST. ALBANS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Central Bedfordshire
- Essex
- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£159,360	£150,060	-	-
2023-12-31	£152,098	£144,164	-	-
2022-12-31	£124,567	£142,763	-	-
2021-12-31	£147,229	£138,473	-	-
2020-12-31	£122,583	£134,035	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan MacKinnon		2020-10-03
Ben Fitzsimons		2023-01-11
Claire Oliver		2021-06-01
Hannah Puddefoot		2017-04-19
Lydia Slater		2022-12-17
NIGEL PAUL BRETTON		2011-08-24

**THE267PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122830

---

# Accounts

---



RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE

# Annual Report 2024

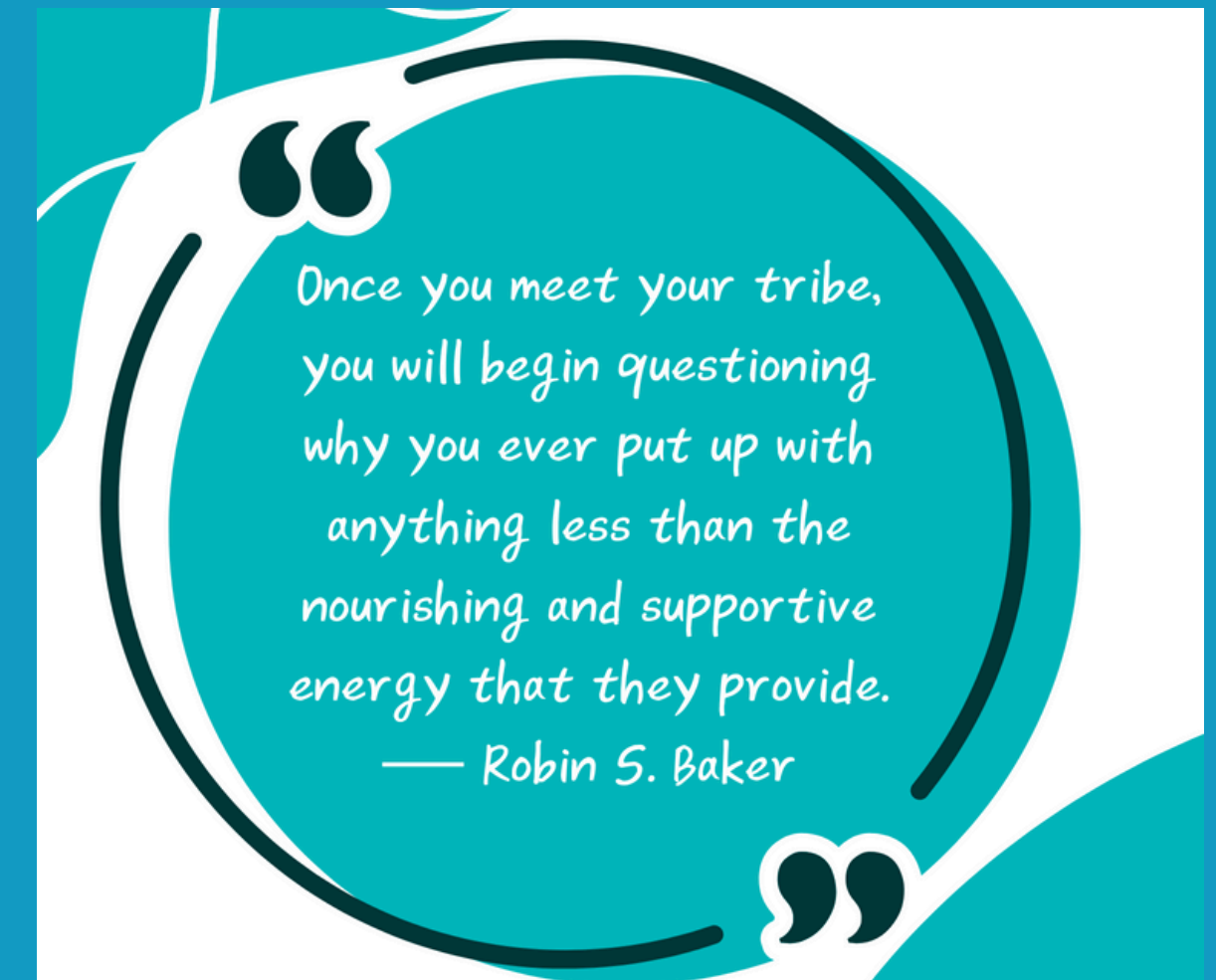
01/01/2024- 31/12/2024  
Charity Number: 1122830



'So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him, **rooted** and **built up** in Him, **strengthened** in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with **thankfulness**.' - Colossians 2 : 6-7

Wherever we meet youth and children's ministry, of any size, whether it's brand new or well established, we want to help root it, build it up, strengthen it and give thanks for it. Our hope is that every bit of our own ministry will point towards these aims. We do this by running a variety of events, hosting weekends away, holding monthly 'tribe' breakfasts, mentoring sessions, providing training, consultancy and so much more. 2024 saw Tribe breakfasts continue to thrive and gather leaders, the collaborative Illuminate ministry is growing, Fuel took a break from running, Youthscape Essentials began in St Albans, our trustees shrank in size and our employed team grew. There were some phenomenal fundraising events which we are so thankful for as finding funds to grow both 267 and Haven is incredible hard. But as 267 enters its 17<sup>th</sup> year, we feel more called than ever to gather people and build community.

*We are committed to promoting the well-being of all young people, leaders and children through upholding the Safeguarding Policy*



# Training & Encouragement



## Podcasts, Blogs and Vlogs:

We love producing content which will encourage, provoke conversation and generally inspire leaders. We have had podcasts with a huge variety of people from different organisations including YoungLife and STEP. Our blogs have had topics ranging from 'laughter is poison to fear' - all about great gatherings. '8 minutes' is all about how by just giving someone a short amount of your time you can help them avoid losing their way or being overwhelmed. Our content always seeks to encourage and happens in a bunch of ways.

## Tribe Nights:

We continue to try and find ways of gathering youth and kids ministry volunteers. For some the Tribe breakfasts are a great way to connect and find resources. But for others who have job or family commitments, we want to offer an evening of the same encouragement and community that a breakfast offers.

## Tribe Breakfasts:

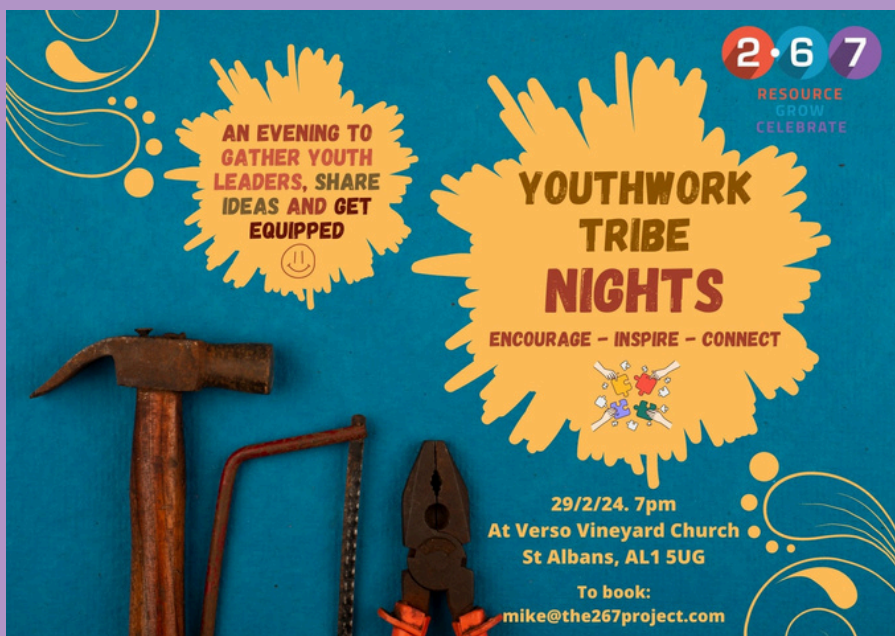
This year we have had the added bonus of 'Breakfast Plus' where after eating we invite someone in to share about their ministry and bring us something which we hope will be of benefit to all of us. This year we have had leaders speaking on 'self-care in ministry' and 'neurodiversity in youth ministry'. Both provided some great conversation and were really well attended.

## The Games Book

After years of loving playing games and people asking me for ideas, we decided to put all our best games in one place and sell it to help raise funds for 267. Get yours now by dropping Mike an email.

## Youthscape Essentials:

We have been involved with Youthscape Essentials training for a few years now. This year we partned with Youthscape to deliver 10 sessions over the year at Bute Mills in Luton. Then in September Mike and Claire, and Joe from YWAM started hosting a YSE in St Albans.





# Youth Ministry



**ILLUMINATE:** The youth ministry collaboration 'Illuminate', continued to grow and host events across the area. Organised and delivered by 'The Collective' - a group of youth leaders who works for different churches and organisations. In 2024 we ran three very distinct events; Illuminate Cathedral in St Albans Abbey, Illuminate Big Questions in partnership with OCCA (Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics) and filled the summer with Illuminate Party at Westminster Lodge Sports Centre.

**Houseparty:** At the end of 2023 into 2024 we ran our regular (except 2020 it has been running for 12 years) New Years Houseparty. We took over a scout centre just outside Hitchin. Around 25 of us gathered and we had just the best time. As we were in a much smaller venue I think it caused us all to connect more and deepen relationships. St Marks Colney Heath supported us with our food. On New Years Eve we all headed to the trampoline park and had ice cream and a lot of fun.

**678 Weekend:** We love our residentials and in 2024 we took our 'middle' age group away. We went to a new venue in Bedfordshire which is often used by schools groups. Burwell House gave us everything we needed; lots of space, outside dining, big green spaces and a lovely lounge area. Our group was around 30 in size and we had an incredible bunch of leaders that made the time just superb. Highlights were definitely being able to eat outside every day and also playing some big and wild water games. It was also the place where we invented a new game - 'Whizzball' - check out the 267 Games Book for more info.

**Illuminate Ninja Warrior:** This was our second trip to Ninja Warrior as part of our area-wide youth events. Like last time, all 120 tickets were sold and we had such a great time. We had the bonus this year of our friend Erik, a Ninja Warrior champ, come to take on challengers and give tips. It was another great gathering event for our youth groups.

**Fuel:** Fuel has been running since 2012 and it has been a significant part of 267 life, and so much ministry has been launched from the groups that attended. Early in 2024 we sensed we need to lay down this ministry for a while as it wasn't quite connecting people in the way it had previously. So in March we had our last gathering, the hope being to do some thinking and praying, chat with leaders, and start this again in 2025.

**Satellites Festival:** We embarked on our first trip to Satellites, taking two groups; St Marks and St Helens. Our small group of 20 young people and leaders joined around 3500 others from across the country. It was such a fruitful time and our group bonded in a way like they haven't done before. It was also great to see them get fully involved in the programme of fun, art, games, worship, teaching, food and chill out spaces.

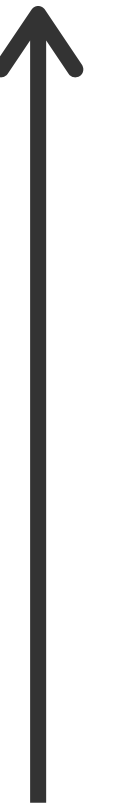


**BOOM:** A Boom event is a heady mix of a holiday club, a weekend away and a light party. We have a lot of fun and simply play games, create stuff, eat a meal, speak about what God is like and build relationships. Boom is such a great time and we hope it will lead on to other events, including a trip away.

**Residentials:** In 2024 we invited the year 6's to join the older young people on a residential, and they absolutely loved it. We haven't been able to run a trip for the younger ones as yet, I think we need to spend some time building relationships with churches and leaders to build up trust and to hear what is the best way we can serve this energetic and beautiful age group.

**Year 6's:** We have noticed a lot of Year 6's coming to our Illuminate events, which is great. The link between kids ministry and youth work is essential and we want to make it an easy space for young ones to join. There are so many changes when you go to secondary school we wanted to make the transition to 'youth' an easy one. We are taking some time to think about how we shape Fuel, Illuminate and our residentials to be able to support and gather this age group.

At our first Illuminate Ninja Warrior and Illuminate Cathedral the year 6/7's were the largest group.



# 2024 Fundraising Events



**267 BIKE RIDE**  
12th October 2024 - 8am start

We are 17 years old this year so we have set a challenge to visit 17 of our partner churches to celebrate these 17 amazing and fruitful years.

If you'd like to join us as one of our bike riders, drop Mike an email: [mike@the267project.com](mailto:mike@the267project.com) (overall distance is about 12 miles)

If you'd like to sponsor us to help raise funds for 267 and The Haven, head to this link: 

**17th ANNIVERSARY**

**267 RESOURCE GROW CELEBRATE**

All our supporters, donors and friends are invited to join us for tea and cake at our final destination, St Marks Golney Heath, and to cheer the riders 'over the line'! ETA 2pm

**267 CHARITY GOLF DAY**  
Wednesday 19th June 2024

**267 RESOURCE GROW CELEBRATE**

PORTERS PARK GOLF CLUB  
Shenley Hill, Radlett  
WD7 7AZ

PRICE OF £85 INCLUDES BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

REGISTRATION:  
[www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/267-charity-golf-day-2024](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/267-charity-golf-day-2024)



## Wine Tasting

In 2024 our Wine Tasting took place at Porters Park Golf Club. It was a stunning event with some excellent food to accompany the selection of wines. 105 people joined us for a beautiful evening where we could share about the ministry of 267 and Haven. All together we raised £6500!!!

## Golf Day

We returned to Porters Park for Golf Day this year, around 80 golfers joined us again and over c£5,000 profit was raised to continue and grow the ministry of 267.

## '17' Bike Ride

Mike and Zach Palin embarked on an epic journey to take in 17 of the churches that have been involved with 267 over the past 17 years. They covered a distance of just under 40 miles in all sorts of weather. Together they raised around £3300 for 267

## Haven 'Santas Sleigh'

Claire and Jane connected with a community group in Harpenden who were responsible for 'Santa's Sleigh' event across the area. The sleigh would 'ride' around local roads bringing some light and Christmas joy. It is a lot of fun. But each week a charity can follow them and collect for their chosen cause. In 2024 The Haven was the chosen charity and they managed to raise around £3000 from this event.



## Illuminate Cathedral

In January 2024 we hosted our first Illuminate event at St Albans Cathedral. Around 350 leaders and young people from 36 different groups across the area. We had an inflatable dodgeball arena, giant Scalextric, photo booth, candy floss, silent disco, art room and a drop-in music cafe. It was an incredible night and so good for the unity and collaboration that is happening across our area. As I write this plans are well underway for Illuminate Cathedral 2025, watch this space.

## NEW TEAM

This year we had two new members join us. Jane joined The Haven to be their 'Operations Lead', basically a partner for Claire to help Haven thrive and grow. Also we employed Tacha to take on the 'Social Media and Comms' for 267. Tacha spent her time hosting podcasts, capturing 267 life for our social media as well as being present at events bringing joy and light

## Illuminate Summer

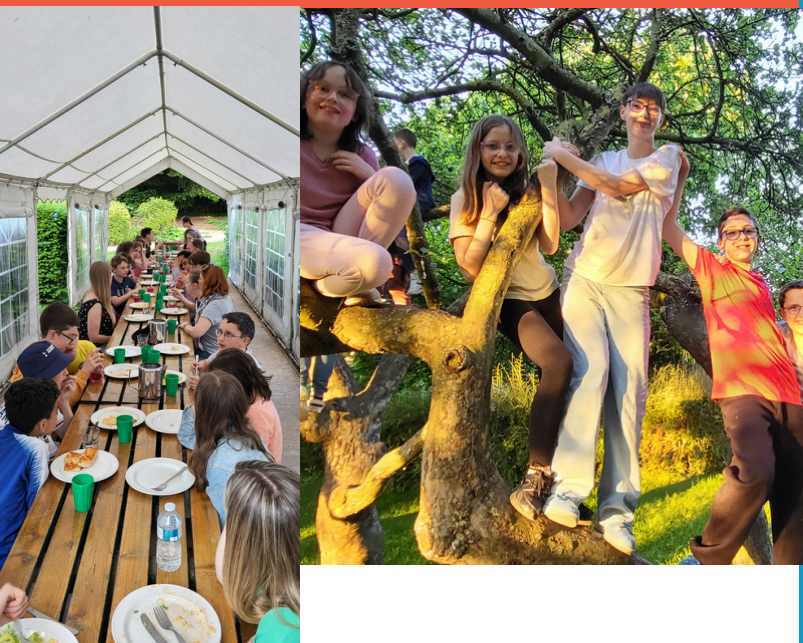
To keep growing the exciting Illuminate ministry we are involved in we planned a takeover of Westminster Lodge Sports Centre. Again around 250 young people and leaders were able to use the pool, café and climbing wall, as well as using the giant sports hall to play pickleball, basketball and football. So good to be able to create these safe, enjoyable places and also for 267 to continue to heart to gather.

## Fundraising Climb

In April 2023 a group of 12 intrepid explorers set off to climb '2 peaks in a day' to raise funds for 267. It was such a great day, even if it took a little longer than planned. But we had lush weather, met amazing people and raised loads of our ministry.

## 678 Weekend

Our time with the 11-14's age group in May was such a joy. The new venue in Bedford meant we could eat outside, run around and play big wild water games. It was just the best time and reminded us why we love trips away.



## The Games Book

After playing so many games over the years, whether in school, at Fuel or at residentials, people are always asking about our game ideas. So we thought it best to write down all the games and put them in a book that we can sell to youth leaders. It took a while to put everything together but by the end of the year the book was done.

There are already plans for a couple of other resources for 267 to produce.

## The Collective and Illuminate Ministry

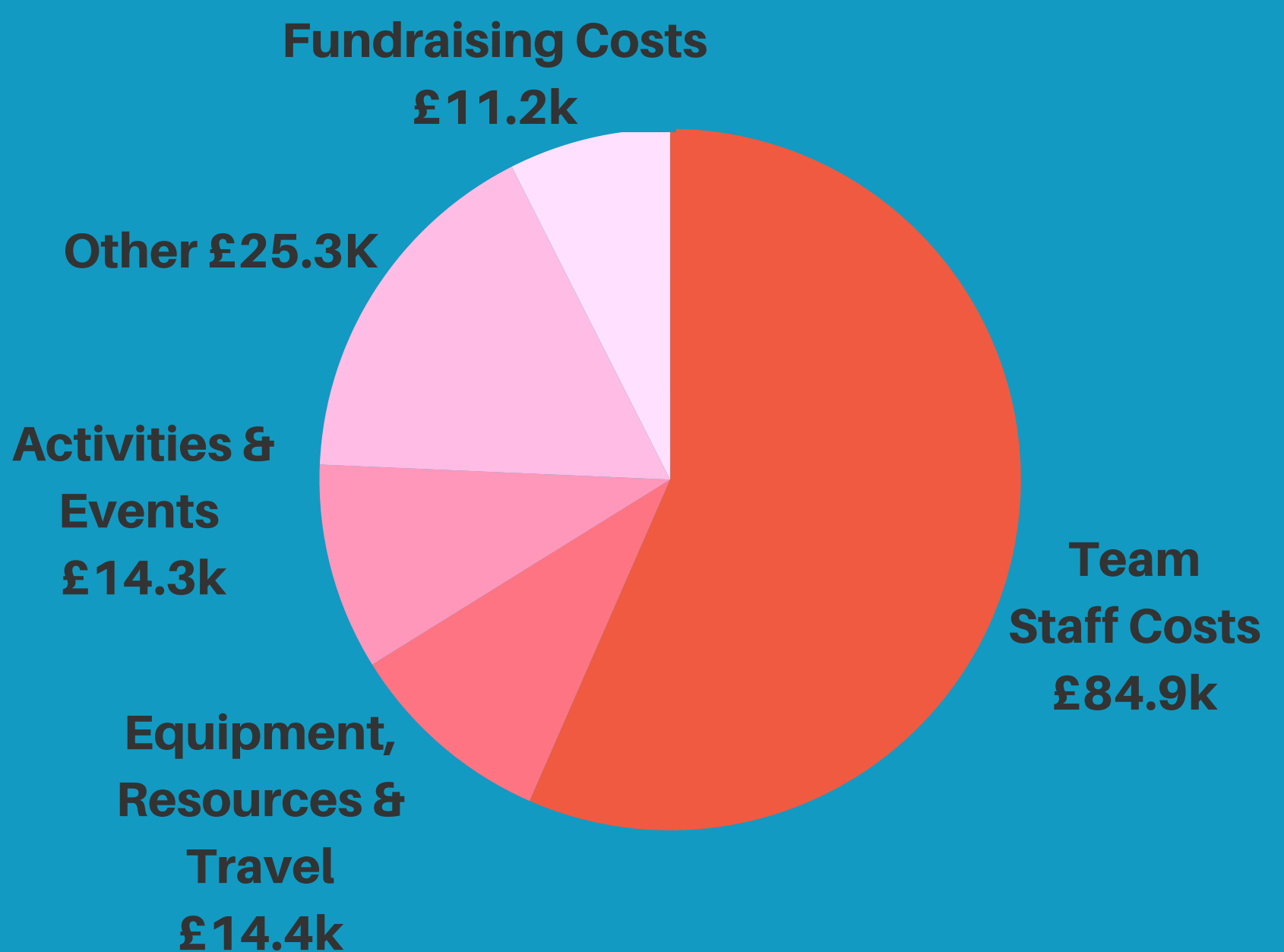
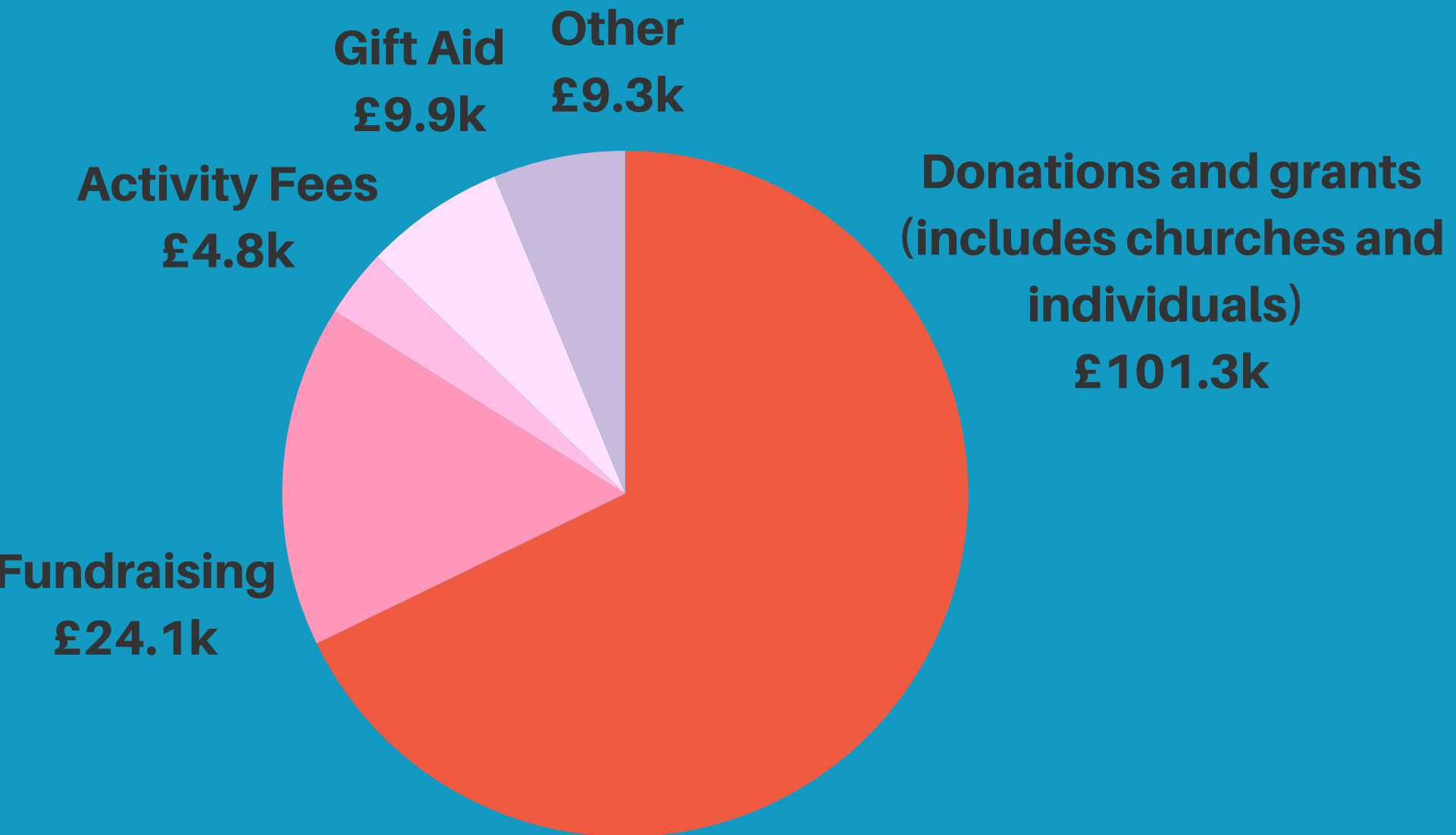
The Collective or Tribe, as we are affectionately called, is made up of a bunch of like-minded, but very different, youth leaders. Over the year we have met to share stories, pray, eat food and of course plan excellent youth events.

# 2024 Key Highlights



# Income £149.4k

# Expenditure £150.1k



# 2023 Finances

267 aims for a minimum bank balance at all times of £9,000. The calculation of this reserve is based on an expected ability to meet one month's staff costs, worst case timing of the quarterly liability to HMRC, coverage of a quarter of contracted overheads (eg rent, insurance) offset by assumed unclaimed gift aid of one quarter. 267 does not hold funds as a Custodian. Full Accounts and Examiners Report to be found in Appendices / on Charity Commission website.



**Mike Palin**  
Director



**Claire Banham**  
Project Youth Worker  
and Haven Director



**Liz Buckley**  
Project  
Administrator



**Jane Wilson**  
Haven  
Operations



**Tacha Lyes-  
Robinson**  
Social Media and  
Comms Lead



# The Team



**RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE**



*Building resilience together*

# The Trustees



**Jane Munroe**

Dec 2007 - July 2024



**Alan MacKinnon**

June 2020



**Nigel Bretton**

Aug 2011



**Ben Fitzsimons**

Jan 2023



**Hannah Puddefoot**

Apr 2017



**Rob McNerney**

July 2022



**Sean Ryan**

Dec 2007 - July 2024



**Lydia Slater**

Jan 2022



**Claire Oliver**

Sept 2021

The 267 Project is a Charitable Trust which has been governed according to its Trust Deed since Dec 2007 and registered with the Charity Commission since Feb 2008. New trustees are elected by existing trustees and team members. Trustees regularly meet with the team for monthly meetings and inspiring Strategy Days.

# A Word From Us

It was a year that was shaped around our heart to gather people! Following a break from running regular residentials (due to the 2020/21 madness), we came back with a trip for the 678 year group. It was just what we had hoped, full of noise, energy, laughter, great food and forming friendships (with God and each other). These times of gathering are so significant and pour so much life into people. In these spaces we can deepen our friendships and give time to wrestle with our questions. They are ;life-giving in every way you can imagine. Linked to this is the growth of Illuminate - this is the area-wide youth ministry hosted by The Collective (a group of youth leaders from different organisations choosing unity and collaboration). Illuminate happens through our cross-city events which have included taking over the Ninja Warrior venue in Watford, through to St Albans Cathedral giving us their space for the evening and then to a evening of fun and activity at Westminster Lodge Sports Centre. These spaces, these safe, joyful spaces are where we can all do great youth work. During unhurried times of play we can really get to know one another and also take time to explore what a faith in Jesus looks like in the every day.

Gathering is our heart and 2024 was a year of gathering.

**Mike Palin**  
Director



"In 2024 the267project has continued to be dynamic and flexible - essential qualities since the pandemic - and has developed new activities and initiatives in response to the new growth and rebuilding of the communities of young people that we are beginning to see.

The shift to jointly facilitating services with other organisations and creating new leadership groups continues as does expanding our social media presence with blogs, podcasts and vlogs, not to mention the long-awaited games book which we hope will be the first of further publications from Mike. Boom and Illuminate continue to be well received offerings as was the restoration of residentials, whereas conversely this year it was felt right to pause Fuel; as mentioned we constantly need to adapt and change.

Driven by Mike and sanctioned by the trustees, there is an ever-stronger calling towards finding a more permanent 'home', a multi-purpose centre where current activities can thrive and where new ventures are made possible. Last year this took a back seat in favour of creating new core ministry activities and developing The Haven's offerings but this should be pushed forward in the year ahead. It's a formidable undertaking that will take the usual combination of hard work, prayer and God's intervention.

Reflecting more widely: having recently navigated the challenging Covid years, the267project finds itself at an exciting time where it has reviewed and reassessed its vision and strategies, identifying the need for important, necessary and challenging steps forward with respect to growth. Related, during July's trustees' meeting it was decided that the charity would benefit from a new Chair of Trustees to help make this next phase of the267project's vision become a reality. I have been a trustee for close to 17 years since the project began and Chair for only a few years less than that which is a long time to remain in any post; in my absence as a trustee also, a new Chair will have the freedom they will need to assess and implement new strategies and plans. Of course, I continue to fully endorse the work of the267project and of Mike, who is a gifted person whom God has called to bless youth and children's work and the lives of the young people at the heart of its ministry via the work of the267project."



**Sean Ryan**  
Chair of Trustees

"It was a privilege to serve as Interim Chair of Trustees for the 267 Project from November 2024 to April 2025. During this time, I was able to see the charity's heart for 'resourcing, growing and celebrating' youth and children's ministry thoroughly lived out.

Some particular highlights for 267 during my time as Interim Chair in 2024 include Claire and Mike being invited to contribute once again to the National Youth Ministry Weekend, where they led the new Connect space, welcoming leaders who came on their own and helping them make the most of the weekend. Our Christmas Quiz Fundraiser brought great energy and support, and we were thankful to St Mark's Church, Colney Heath for hosting us. The Illuminate ministry continued to grow through popular events such as Ninja Warrior.

We were disappointed not to run the New Year's House Party this year, the first time not running it (excluding 2020) since 2012. The team is continuing to reflect and pray for wisdom for how we gather groups and for the future of all our residential.

I am so grateful to the trustees, staff, volunteers and supporters who make 267 what it is. Thank you for your continued commitment to encouraging and equipping those who serve young people"



**Hannah Puddefoot**  
Interim Chair of Trustees

# Looking Ahead...

Our hope is to gather and grow...



**The Collective and Illuminate** - it is clear that God is blessing both The Collective and Illuminate. We want to grow this work so we can have greater collaboration and unity, but also to reconnect with more young people and walk with them.

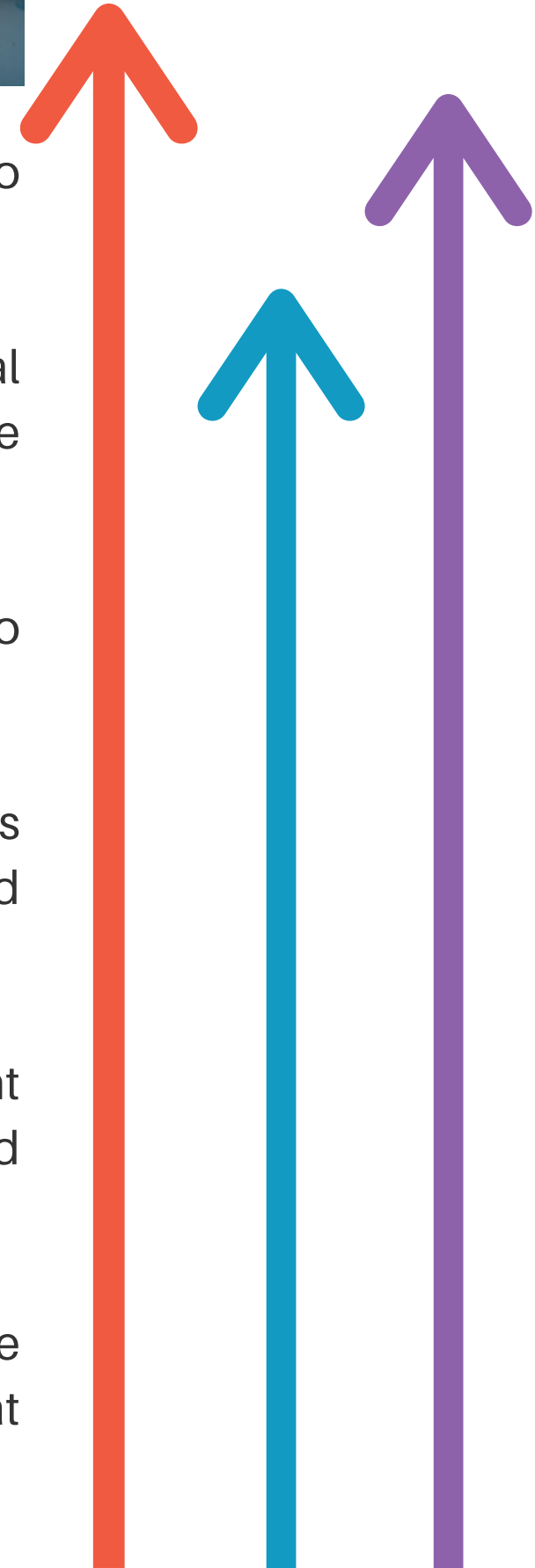
**The Haven** - As the team has grown so has the need. The Haven is reaching out to support more young people with their mental health story. We want to be able to spend time in primary schools which may help avoid some of the challenges teenagers face as they get older.

**Partnership and Collaboration** - We love working with other, supporting others and cheering other ministries on. We hope to always be a charity that is about unity and collaboration.

**Impact and Visibility** - One of the areas we feel we need to work on is the profile of 267 and The Haven. How do we get words out about this amazing work we do. Our hope is to grow our marketing and communications and so raise our visibility and impact.

**Stability of Finances** - As a charity we are always aware that fundraising is difficult at time. It would be great to get to a point where there is a little less pressure on finding funds and so allow the team to fully involve themselves in the front line ministry and purpose.

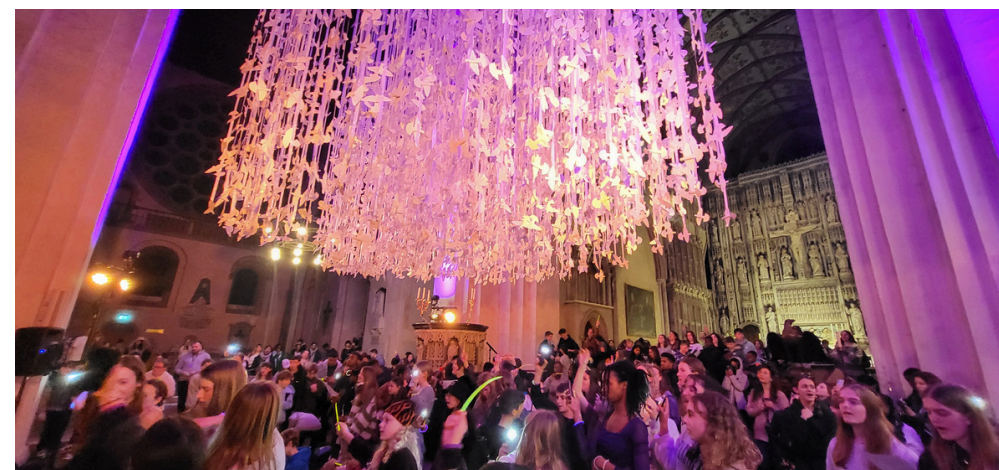
**A New Home:** More and more we are sensing God calling 267 to host a permanent 'gathering place'. This would be where we could gather leaders to encourage and support them, resource groups in new ways, host events and activities, offer a space that can be used for retreats, collaborative work spaces, a chapel and hopefully a youthwork apprenticeship scheme.





**“Mike and the 26:7 team have helped to give our Youthwork some quality backbone over the past 18 years, they’ve been a constant support and encouragement and we are always confident that their events and gatherings are 100% on point for the needs of our young people. I don’t know where we would be without them.” Jez - Youth Pastor**

***267 has been a massive benefit to my life. It has been the source of friendships that have spanned 10+ years, and given me a foundation for youth ministry that I’ve taken into my own work. The team at 267 have always a massive support, and their encouragement and cheering on of my work has helped me stay within my calling for as long as I have been a youth worker! Ben N***



***267 has blessed me with inspiration and support when youth ministry feels tough and isolating at times and love and belonging when life has been tough 267 sticks around like a best friend. 267 is fun and creative and has given me ideas for games and creative ways to do ministry even provided the kit to the them! Rob Mc***



RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE



267life



The 267 Project



the267project



07789 815516



director@the267project.com



www.the267project.com  
www.thehaven.uk



c/o St Albans  
Diocese  
Holywell Lodge  
41 Holywell Hill  
St Albans  
AL1 1HE

Charity Number: 1122830



## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

1/1/2024

To

12/31/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	63,518	37,820	-	101,338	90,780
Gift aid tax reclaim	9,905	-	-	9,905	9,018
Fundraising events	23,546	588	-	24,134	34,056
Fees for activities	9,890	4,950	-	14,840	12,562
Other	1,746	7,397	-	9,143	5,682
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>108,605</b>	<b>50,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159,360</b>	<b>152,098</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>108,605</b>	<b>50,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>159,360</b>	<b>152,098</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and NI	76,728	8,159	-	84,887	84,379
Haven cost recharge	- 20,417	20,417	-	-	-
Office rent	5,980	-	-	5,980	5,200
Insurance	3,120	-	-	3,120	2,840
Equipment and office supplies	4,209	932	-	5,141	2,257
Travel	5,745	152	-	5,897	6,029
Books and resources	984	2,421	-	3,405	1,939
Telephone	912	-	-	912	527
Fuel Team costs	413	-	-	413	1,077
Youth event costs	4,742	9,129	-	13,871	18,326
Fundraising costs	11,157	15	-	11,172	13,376
Other costs	12,348	2,914	-	15,262	8,214
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>105,921</b>	<b>44,139</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,060</b>	<b>144,164</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>105,921</b>	<b>44,139</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,060</b>	<b>144,164</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>6,616</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>7,934</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>12,724</b>	<b>2,446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>7,236</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,408</b>	<b>9,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,470</b>	<b>15,170</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		15,408	9,062	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	15,408	9,062	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NIGEL BRETTON	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

The 2:67 Project

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no (if any)

1122830

Set out on pages

1-2 attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~ *Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

*Kate Collis*

Date:

*14/10/25*

Name:

Kate Collis

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICAEW – ACA, BSc (Hons)

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		15,408	9,062	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	15,408	9,062	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

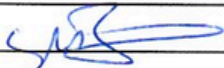
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NIGEL BRETTON	14/10/25

**THE267PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122830

---

# Accounts

---



RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE

# Annual Report 2023

01/01/2023- 31/12/2023

Charity Number: 1122830





'So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him, **rooted** and **built up** in Him, **strengthened** in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with **thankfulness**.' - Colossians 2 : 6-7

Wherever we meet youth and children's ministry, of any size, whether it's brand new or well established, we want to help root it, build it up, strengthen it and give thanks for it. Our hope is that every bit of our own ministry will point towards these aims. We do this by running a variety of events, hosting weekends away, holding support groups and mentoring sessions, providing training, consultancy and more.

2023 saw the growth of 'The Collective', a group of youth leaders seeking unity and collaboration. Our 'Illuminate' events have grown from strength to strength.

We continue to explore creative ways to encourage and resource ministry across our network.

*We are committed to promoting the well-being of all young people, leaders and children through upholding the Safeguarding Policy*

# Training



**Podcasts. Blogs and Vlogs:** 2023 was full of opportunities to encourage youth and kids leaders in a whole host of ways. We recorded some great podcasts including a challenging one as we tried to unpack the Soul Survivor story a bit, Joe Butler from YWAM was our guest. Mike continues to write a monthly blog and has lots of interest in this.

**Encouragement:** Mike led a retreat for Phase Hitchin and The Souster Youth Project, he also spent time with a church team to offer them support, training and insight.

**Special Delivery:** We know everyone loves post and so 267 continued to mail out physical 'encouragement packs' to various people. We delivered to youth leaders, young people, church leaders, kids workers, Uni students and the 267 team. While it was still incredibly difficult to meet face-to-face these little connecting points were hugely fruitful.

**St Mellitus:** Mike also visited St Mellitus again which runs a training course for youth ministry. This year he is visiting twice to share about 'budgets and planning' and also 'creating a 10-year vision for youth ministry'

**National Youth Ministry Weekend:** This is a highlight of the year for the youth ministry tribe. We had a great time attending along with the STEP team. Lots of great input, conversations and team time.

**YSE: Youthscape Essentials** is an incredible piece of youth ministry training and in 2023/24 we partnered with Youthscape and St Albans Diocese to deliver this to 40+ leaders.

Mike and Lizzy also went on a coaching course called 'Transforming Conversations'.

Mike also had the opportunity to go to the Church of England 'Vocations Conference' - this was to share with 60 church leaders about the importance of youth work.

# Youth Ministry



**FUEL:** We went on tour again with Verso Vineyard, St Pauls and St Marks, hosting our Fuel events.

**The Haven:** A growing team, a growing need. The Haven went into more schools this year and even started looking into a 'Haven Schools Course' for primary schools. It was great to have Lizzy and Maddie on the team to really help Claire push into new spaces with the incredible Haven ministry. 'Haven Taster' Sessions have also been running in five secondary schools.



**The Collective and Illuminate:** Unity, collaboration and 'tribe' are key to our ministry and The Collective is a beautiful example of it. A bunch of leaders from different organisations and churches choosing to give time to something outside of their usual. We had Illuminate at Verso Vineyard which gathered 200 young people, we spent the evening playing games including glow-in-the-dark crazy golf, basketball, duck shooting, waffles and panna football. In the summer we had Illuminate Prom and in the autumn we hosted another Ninja Warrior event, both events really well attended and giving us more opportunities to build relationships.



**Prayer Summit:** In June we joined with 70 leaders from 33 youth organisations to pray and connect. It was an incredible time of unity.

**Residentials:** We had a New Years Houseparty with 32 young people, and 6 of the leaders were previous Houseparty attendees. The 678 weekend was our last at Felden Lodge (as it is closing), it was a weekend of mixed emotions, but also included the invention of 'Whizzball'! We have been going to Felden for over 12 years and in that time we have run 30 residentials and taken 850 kids and young people away.

**BOOM:** After an truly wonderful time away with the 3-4-5 age group at our March residential, we felt it important to gathers these guys again. So 'Boom' was born, it's a little like a holiday club with a flavour of X:site and a weekend away put together. 14 kids from 3 churches came along and we really hope to do more of these events in the future.

**Residentials:** In 2023 we ran a hugely joy-filled weekend for school years 345. 25 kids and 12 leaders joined us at Felden Lodge. Felden is such a great venue and we shall miss it, but the kids loved our final trip. We hope to find a new venue for the future.

**Gathering:** We still encourage kids workers out to our Tribe breakfasts. Even though we have a larger group of youth leaders we feel it is vital and great unity to gather all together often.

**Year 6's:** We have noticed a lot of Year 6's coming to our Illuminate events, which is great. The link between kids ministry and youth work is essential and we want to make it an easy space for young ones to join. There are so many changes when you go to secondary school we wanted to make the transition to 'youth' an easy one.



# 2023 Fundraising Events



## Wine Tasting

In 2023 our Wine Tasting took place at Porters Park Golf Club. It was a stunning event with some excellent food to accompany the selection of wines. We also had live music and a great raffle. All together we raised £8500!!!

## Golf Day

In July Old Fold Manor hosted our Golf Day, and even with a huge number of people joined us again and over c£6,000 profit was raised to continue and grow the ministry of 267.

## Peak District Climb

A team of 12 decided to take on '2 Peaks in a Day' so we climbed, Jacobs Ladder and Kinder Scout. When Mike tested this route it took him around 4 hours, some how our group of 12 individuals took nearly 10 hours! But we did raise £3,500 :)

## Haven Fundraising



To launch a new exciting season of Haven Ministry, Claire and the team embarked on some amazing new ways to communicate and fundraise. With Claire 'jumping' off the Tottenham Stadium and our friend Ellie shaving her head, Haven raised £8,000!! The Haven also hosted a sumptuous Cream Tea which also helped loads towards their fundraising target for the year.



What can  
centenarians  
teach us about  
youth work?

**TEDx**  
St Albans



## 267 Vision Evening

In July 2023 we gathered around 60 of our supporters for a night of cheese, pudding, AND vision!

267 is 16 years old and one of the things that have been at the heart of all we do, is COMMUNITY. We love to gather people, whether it is for Tribe Breakfast, at Fuel, on our residential, on training evenings, and in loads of other spaces.

We long to create spaces where people can connect, network, cheer one another on, collaborate, encourage and share deep relationship and community. 267 longs to have a space for ourselves where we can grow this 'gathering' ministry. It will be a place where we can offer support, community, inspiration, like-minded leaders, a space for young people to connect, and SO much more. This vision is where we feel God is taking us in this next season.

We are on the look out for a space which will enable us to host groups, offer food and coffee to leaders, it will have a chapel space for gathering, a resource centre to support leaders, a place to allow youth groups to come visit and a home for the ministry we are seeking to begin in the coming year. This 'Third Space' is where we sense God leading us.

## TEAM

It has been so exciting to see our team grow. With Lizzy joining The Haven, and having an intern - Maddie, our office has had a real buzz to it. We have plans to add another team member to The Haven as well as a 'social media and comms' person for the whole ministry.

## Tedx St Albans

**Mike was chosen, out of a group of 190 entering and auditioning, as part of 14 individual selected to give a Ted talk live at the first Tedx St Albans event.**

**Mike received some amazing coaching and support and In October gave his 13-minute Ted Talk in front of a live audience of 100. You can check out his talk here:**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyzWPIRbnl0&list=PLJNsHJpiZkkzsJLhACP\\_HrUVkNllyHmds9&index=8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyzWPIRbnl0&list=PLJNsHJpiZkkzsJLhACP_HrUVkNllyHmds9&index=8)**

## Fundraising Climb

In April 2023 a group of 12 intrepid explorers set off to climb '2 peaks in a day' to raise funds for 267. It was such a great day, even if it took a little longer than planned. But we had lush weather, met amazing people and raised loads of our ministry.

### Ninja Warrior

Our 2nd trip to Ninja Warrior was as much fun as the first, and we sold out even quicker. 120 young people from our network joining together for a lot of bouncing, chasing and falling. These Illuminate events are so easy for youth groups to bring friends and fringe people, we will keep offering them as a way to invite people in.



## Last 267 Residential at Felden Lodge

It was really hard to say goodbye to Felden Lodge. Over the last 12 years we have made 30 trips there and taken 850 young people. It is truly a site of significant 267 memories. So many young people made friends there, grew in faith there, laughed till they hurt there and connected with their group there. It was an incredible space and we will miss it hugely.

## The Collective

The Collective or Tribe, as we are affectionately called, is made up of a bunch of like-minded, but very different, youth leaders. Over the year we have met to share stories, pray, eat food and of course plan excellent youth events. The Collective continues to grow and we are always open to anyone joining us. The collaboration and unity we have been a part of this year has been mind-blowing. Our 'partnership in the gospel' has been a source of huge life and joy, long may it continue.

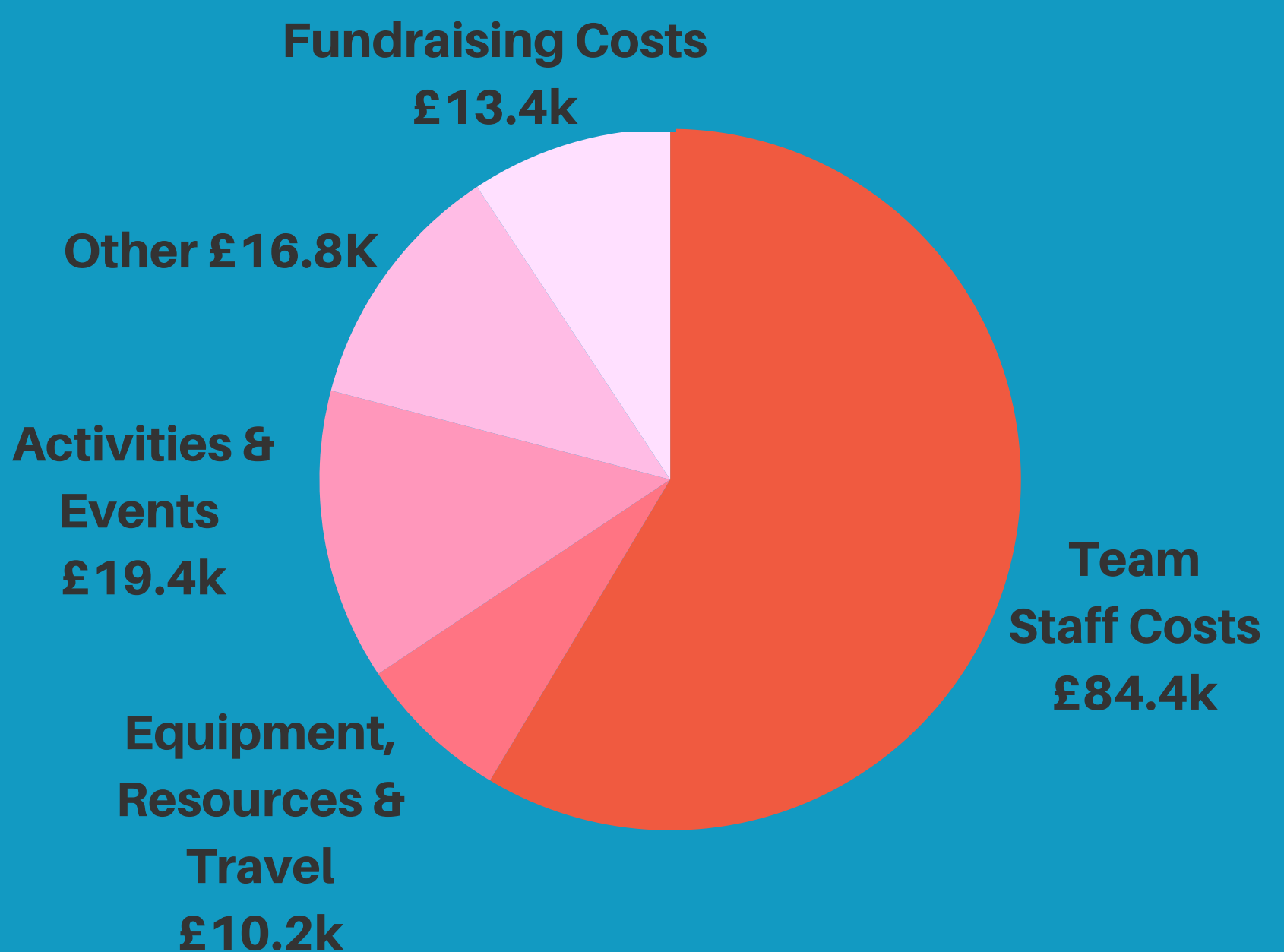
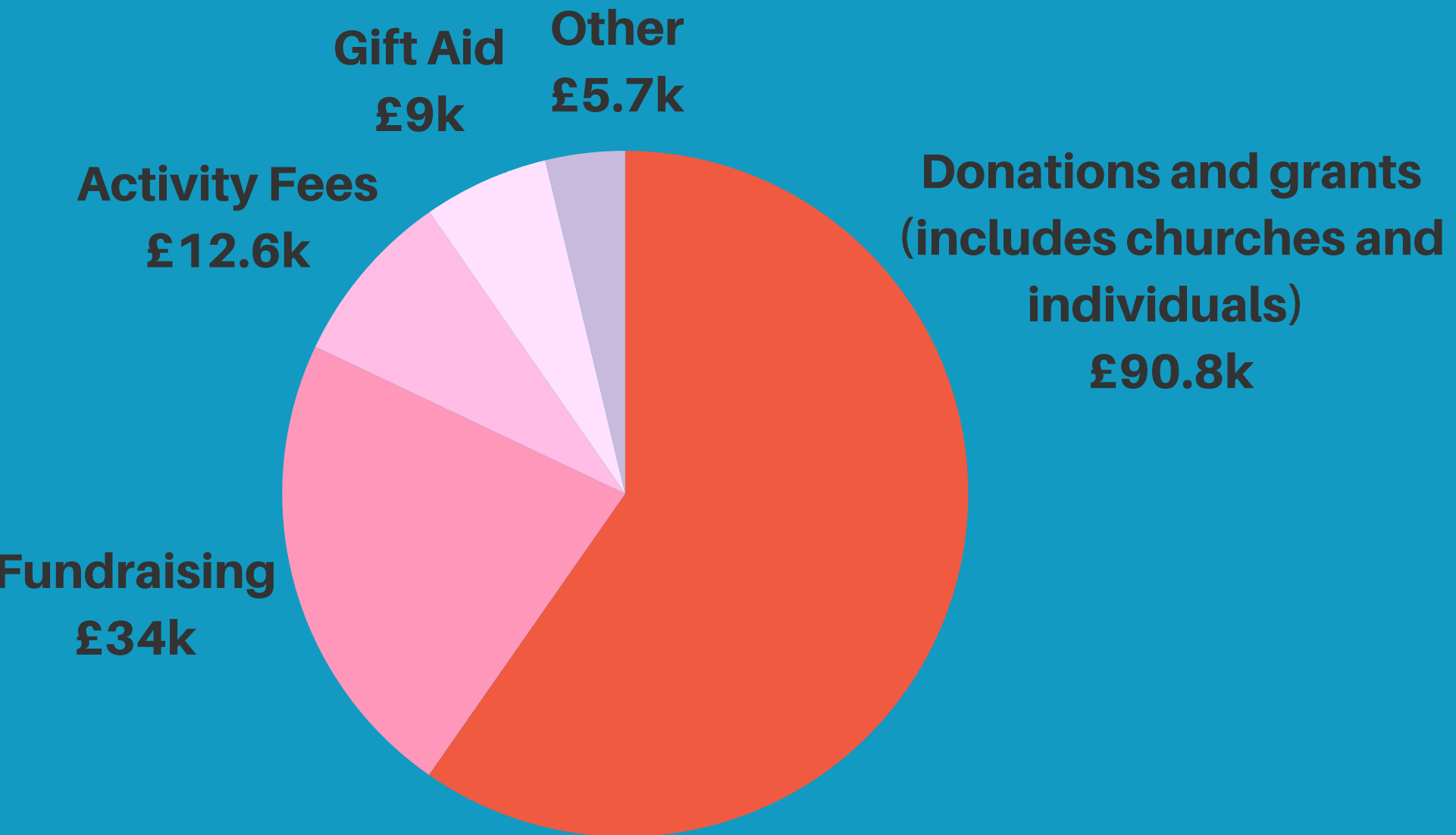


# 2023 Key Highlights



# Income £152.1k

# Expenditure £144.2k



# 2023 Finances

267 aims for a minimum bank balance at all times of £9,000. The calculation of this reserve is based on an expected ability to meet one month's staff costs, worst case timing of the quarterly liability to HMRC, coverage of a quarter of contracted overheads (eg rent, insurance) offset by assumed unclaimed gift aid of one quarter. 267 does not hold funds as a Custodian. Full Accounts and Examiners Report to be found in Appendices / on Charity Commission website.



**Mike Palin**

Director



**Claire Banham**

Project Youth Worker  
and Haven Director

2067  
**The  
Team**

**Liz Buckley**

Project  
Administrator



**Lizzy Plummer**

Haven Growth  
Developer



**Maddie  
Hunter**

Haven Intern



**RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE**



*Building resilience together*

# The Trustees



**Jane Munroe**

Dec 2007



**Alan MacKinnon**

June 2020



**Nigel Bretton**

Aug 2011



**Ben Fitzsimons**

Jan 2023



**Hannah Puddefoot**

Apr 2017



**Rob McNerney**

July 2022



**Sean Ryan**

Dec 2007



**Lydia Slater**

Jan 2022



**Claire Oliver**

Sept 2021

The 267 Project is a Charitable Trust which has been governed according to its Trust Deed since Dec 2007 and registered with the Charity Commission since Feb 2008. New trustees are elected by existing trustees and team members. Trustees regularly meet with the team for monthly meetings and inspiring Strategy Days.

# A Word From Us



**Sean Ryan**  
Chair of Trustees

It was a year of exceptional Haven growth, a final farewell to Feldon Lodge – our weekend away venue for the last decade – an incredible fundraising climb in the Peak District, The Collective thrived, our team grew in size, we launched a new kids event and Mike, 267 Director, had the opportunity to give Ted Talk about the importance of community. It was also a year where Mike was able to ‘encourage youthwork’ in wide variety of spaces, this included leading retreats for Phase and Souster (schoolwork ministries), he shared with 60 church leaders about the importance of youthwork and got to speak at St Mellitus College again. Fundraising has been hard but The Haven had some incredible success with a cream tea, a head shave and a jump off a stadium! God is using 267 and our team to breathe life into youth and kids ministry, to encourage the leaders, to gather the kids and young people and to host exciting, life-giving events. For me a couple of standout moments from the year are when we gathered for our Illuminate event at Vineyard St Albans – 200 young people – and nearly all of them took part in our glow-in-the-dark crazy golf course. My second standout moment was on our 6-7-8 weekend away. It was beautiful sunshine and we spent the afternoon slinging young people down a slip&slide – safe, fun, exhilarating, joyful and a real memory maker. Feeling thankful and up for the next season but also aware of the challenges ahead. Praying for God to firmly place our feet in His steps.



**Mike Palin**  
Director

In last year’s report I remember recounting how dynamic and flexible the charity had to be since the pandemic, which brought fresh change but new challenges also; 2023 has continued in this vein and it’s a been at time of new activities and initiatives in addition to opportunities for the project to have a wider reach, for example the TedX talk and continued and strengthened links with larger youthwork organisation such as Youthscape.

We are seeing buds of new growth with respect to young people being able to re-establish community: since the pandemic there has never been a greater need for this but post-pandemic habits and ways of interacting have been difficult to change and break – but changing they are thanks to the work of 267. Whilst the project has been engaged with ‘coal face’ children’s and youth work ministry there has also been a shift from directly leading groups and events to jointly facilitating with other organisations. Mike has been able to negotiate often competing desires and had been able to lead when needed and facilitate and enable when required, which could easily have been a challenge for a director less able to view the bigger picture.

Driven by Mike and sanctioned by the trustees, there is an ever-stronger calling towards finding a more permanent ‘home’, a multi-purpose centre where current activities can thrive and where new ventures are made possible; this has taken a back seat this year in favour of new core ministry activities, not to mention mainstays such as The Haven, but we feel sure this will be progressed with vigour in the year ahead.

# Looking Ahead...

## Our hope is for growth...

**The Collective and Illuminate** - it is clear that God is blessing both The Collective and Illuminate. We want to grow this work so we can have greater collaboration and unity, but also to reconnect with more young people and walk with them.

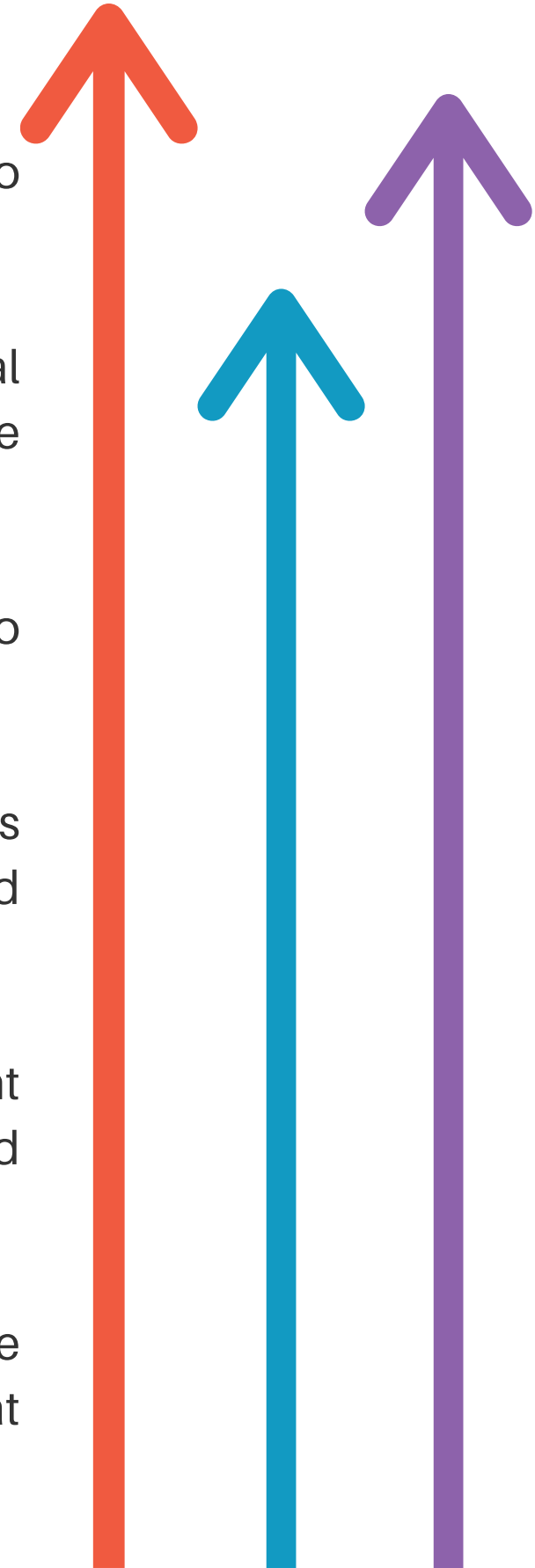
**The Haven** - As the team has grown so has the need. The Haven is reaching out to support more young people with their mental health story. We want to be able to spend time in primary schools which may help avoid some of the challenges teenagers face as they get older.

**Partnership and Collaboration** - We love working with other, supporting others and cheering other ministries on. We hope to always be a charity that is about unity and collaboration.

**Impact and Visibility** - One of the areas we feel we need to work on is the profile of 267 and The Haven. How do we get words out about this amazing work we do. Our hope is to grow our marketing and communications and so raise our visibility and impact.

**Stability of Finances** - As a charity we are always aware that fundraising is difficult at time. It would be great to get to a point where there is a little less pressure on finding funds and so allow the team to fully involve themselves in the front line ministry and purpose.

**A New Home:** More and more we are sensing God calling 267 to host a permanent 'gathering place'. This would be where we could gather leaders to encourage and support them, resource groups in new ways, host events and activities, offer a space that can be used for retreats, collaborative work spaces, a chapel and hopefully a youthwork apprenticeship scheme.



*"The 267 project has had a massive impact on my life with me being involved in events and weekends away for about 13 years now! 267 has been a steadfast foundation for my faith and has provided me with great opportunities to learn, grow and serve in my faith in Jesus. Through the project I have met some of my best friends who have been instrumental in my wellbeing and faith journey. I have had such an amazing experience with everything that 267 does and I always come away from events and meet ups with such a great sense of joy and excitement about life and I want others to have the same great experience. I am so grateful to God for the blessing that the267project is and I am hopeful about the many more lives the project will touch!"*

**Katie C (267 Alumni)**

*"267 has consistently been a positive influence in my faith journey; they have become my best friends and a family."*

**Alex, 18**

*"From a Mum's point of view, 267 provides amazing activities and outreach in a safe and fun setting for youngsters. It's so important for our kids to know other Christians and to be able to strengthen their faith through exploring and challenging it. From a trustee point of view: I'm incredibly proud to be part of a team who are striving to provide Christian activity and support for young people that is so needed in our modern world".* **Claire, Mum and Trustee**



*"The team at 267 are simply fantastic. The energy, enthusiasm and love for sharing the gospel with young people is inspiring. As young persons leader within our church, having access to all of 267's amazing resources, events and input has been a huge blessing. All the young people who attend their events come back glowing, they have always learnt something about the bible, themselves and have taken another step in their journey with Jesus."* **Oliver, Parent**



RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE



267life



The 267 Project



the267project



07789 815516



director@the267project.com



www.the267project.com  
www.thehaven.uk



c/o St Albans  
Diocese  
Holywell Lodge  
41 Holywell Hill  
St Albans  
AL1 1HE



Charity Number: 1122830



**Receipts and payments accounts**

CC16a

For the period from		To	
---------------------	--	----	--

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	90,780	-	-	90,780	65,809
Gift aid tax reclaim	9,018	-	-	9,018	9,246
Fundraising events	34,056	-	-	34,056	32,465
Fees for activities	12,562	-	-	12,562	10,598
Other	5,682	-	-	5,682	6,449
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>152,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152,098</b>	<b>124,567</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>152,098</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152,098</b>	<b>124,567</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and NI	84,379	-	-	84,379	79,730
Office rent	5,200	-	-	5,200	5,473
Insurance	2,840	-	-	2,840	2,716
Van, equipment and office supplies	2,257	-	-	2,257	8,199
Travel	6,029	-	-	6,029	6,220
Books and resources	1,939	-	-	1,939	3,695
Telephone	527	-	-	527	512
Fuel Team costs	1,077	-	-	1,077	2,954
Youth event costs	18,326	-	-	18,326	13,509
Fundraising costs	13,376	-	-	13,376	10,897
Other costs	8,214	-	-	8,214	8,858
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>144,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,164</b>	<b>142,763</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>144,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,164</b>	<b>142,763</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>18,196</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>7,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,236</b>	<b>25,432</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>7,236</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		15,170	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

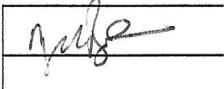
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NIGEL BRETTON	21/10/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
The 2:67 Project

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1122830

Set out on pages

1-2 attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2023

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: 20 10 2024

Name: Stephen D. Smith

Relevant professional ICAEW - ACA

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

--

**Address:**

Millswood, Old Neighbouring
Chalford
Glos GL6 8AA

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

Not applicable
----------------

**THE267PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122830

---

# Accounts

---



**RESOURCE**  
**GROW**  
**CELEBRATE**

# Annual Report 2022

01/01/2022- 31/12/2022

Charity Number: 1122830



# FUEL



'So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him, **rooted** and **built up** in Him, **strengthened** in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with **thankfulness**.' - Colossians 2 : 6-7

Wherever we meet youth and children's ministry, of any size, whether it's brand new or well established, we want to help root it, build it up, strengthen it and give thanks for it. Our hope is that every bit of our own ministry will point towards these aims. We do this by running a variety of events, hosting weekends away, holding support groups and mentoring sessions, providing training, consultancy and more. 2022 saw the beginnings of 'The Collective' - a group of youth leaders seeking unity and collaboration.

We continue to explore creative ways to encourage and resource ministry across our network.

We are committed to promoting the well-being of all young people, leaders and children through upholding the Safeguarding Policy.

# Training



**Podcasts. Blogs and Vlogs:** 2022 was full of opportunities to encourage youth and kids leaders in a whole host of ways. We recorded a bunch of podcasts including topics such as: “longevity in youthwork” with Michael Hunter from Younglife International. We also chatted to Calum from St Albans Cathedral on the subject of ‘loving Jesus but struggling with church’. Regular encouragements were sent via social media and email, these were a variety of messages to ‘check-in’, ‘cheer-on’ and inspire.

**Retreat:** We took 11 leaders away on a days retreat. The day was a mix of quality food, time to share stories and chat and also time to breathe in some fresh air out in nature.

**Special Delivery:** We know everyone loves post and so 267 continued to mail out physical 'encouragement packs' to various people. We delivered to youth leaders, young people, church leaders, kids workers, Uni students and the 267 team. While it was still incredibly difficult to meet face-to-face these little connecting points were hugely fruitful.

**St Mellitus:** Mike also visited St Mellitus again which runs a training course for youth ministry. This year he is visiting twice to share about 'budgets and planning' and also 'creating a 10 year vision for youth ministry'

**National Youth Ministry Weekend:** This is a highlight of the year for the youth ministry tribe. We had a great time attending along with the STEP team. Lots of great input, conversations and team time.



**fuel**

# Youth Ministry



**FUEL:** After a tough start to the year with some post-covid challenges we began to gather stronger in September. From Sept 2022 we went 'on tour' visiting a different church each term. Partnering with local churches is vital to supporting ministry across the area and promoting unity and collaboration. Numbers averaged around 50 and we had some great times looking at three topics: hope, story and purpose.

**The Haven:** A growing team, a growing need; The Haven went into more schools this year and even started looking into a 'Haven Schools Course' for primary schools. Claire also got selected for the 'Cinnamon Network Incubator Programme' which supports charities seeking to grow and replicate into others areas. Over the coming year Claire will be able to take part in a whole range of coaching, networking and development events.

**The Collective:** Unity, collaboration and 'tribe' are key to our ministry and The Collective is a beautiful example of it. A bunch of leaders from different organisations and churches choosing to give time to something outside of their usual

**Illuminate:** Even before the craziness of 2020/21 The Collective was forming. A few youth leaders with a heart for connecting young people across a wider area and beyond our own individual spaces. As The Collective gathered new leaders 'Illuminate' was boring - a space to connect, and reconnect young people. Launched in Feb 2022 with 104 young people and 22 leaders attending, from at least 12 different groups. In December 2022 this expanded as we had a 'Ninja Warrior' Takeover at their venue in Watford. 120 young people joined us with over half being in school years 6, 7 & 8 - the main age group we are seeing at events.

**Residentials:** Despite the phenomenal success of BackToLife in 2021, which we know was fruitful because of the time and need which we were experiencing. We attempted to run another similar event in summer 2022 but numbers just weren't there. So we ran a small 'mini Houseparty' and had a great time with 8 young people. In 2022 we ran a hugely joy-filled weekend for school years 345. 27 kids and 11 leaders joined us. We also loved our school years 678 weekend which had a trip to Lee Valley Youth Hostel and the invention of 'balcony dodgeball' - not as dangerous as it sounds.

**X:site:** This is a children's event that was started in partnership with churches across Harpenden, St. Albans and Wheathampstead. It's a chance to gather 7-11's for games, craft, songs, mess, fun and a clear message of how good the good news of Jesus is. We relaunched X:site at Hatfield Road Methodist Church with 15 leaders and 27 kids. Xsite has run for years but this is the first time we have had an event since Jan 2020.

**Residentials:** In 2022 we ran a hugely joy-filled weekend for school years 3-5. 27 kids and 11 leaders joined us at a new site in Cuffley. The weather wasn't great but we still managed a campfire, a night hike, trampolining and shooting. A really good time away.

**Gathering:** We still encourage kids workers out to our Tribe breakfasts. Even though we have a larger group of youth leaders we feel it is vital and great unity to gather all together often.



# 2022 Fundraising Events



## Chair of Trustees Marathon

In 2022 our Chair of Trustees Sean ran the London Marathon to raise funds for 267. This isn't the first time he has done this and we feel utterly blessed to have this effort and support for our ministry. This time Sean raised around £2500, which is phenomenal, and we are so grateful.

## Golf Day

In July Porters Park hosted our Golf Day once again, and even with a few restrictions still in place we had a superb day. A huge number of people joined us again and over c£6,000 profit was raised to continue and grow the ministry of 267.

## Snowdonia Climb

A team of 12 climbed Moel Siabod in Snowdonia, the weather was horrendous, but we raised over £3k. It was an amazing team effort with everyone really encouraging one another. We had an 11 + 12 year old climb with us too, and they were unfazed mountain goats!



## The Haven

The Haven had a relaunch late in 2022 and shared new resources and a new vision. Our hope was to increase awareness and founding for this significant ministry.

Claire was also selected to join the 'Cinnamon Network Incubator Programme' which supports charities seeking to grow and replicate into others areas. Over the coming year Claire will be able to take part in a whole range of coaching, networking and development events.

## TEAM

The Haven expanded its core team this year as Lizzy joined us to support Claire. In September we also had Maddie join us as a 'Haven Intern'. Maddie and Lizzy enabled Claire to grow and develop much of the Haven ministry.

We had a couple of work experience weeks with Ellie and Grace. The stewardship of 267 was strengthened with new trustees included Rob, Lydia, Ben and Becki.

## 15th Birthday

**Cake is key to life. Around 60 supporters joined us at The Dutch Nursery to celebrate all things 267 and The Haven. It was great to share stories, share vision and to eat and celebrate. There is so much to give thanks for and it was great to be able to do this in the company of people who have journeyed with us. Some have been supporters for a few weeks and some since the very beginning, we are so thankful for both.**

## New Office

In February we had the joy of moving into a new office space. After our portacabin finally started to be inhabitable we were given space at the St Albans Diocese office. Our new space is lush, warm and in central St Albans.

## Ninja Warrior

As part of our 'Illuminate' Ministry we took over the whole of the Ninja Warrior venue in Watford. 120 young people gathered to jump, chase, bounce and run. Almost half were new to our gatherings and around 60% were in school years 6, 7 & 8 - exciting for the future.



## Partnership

In summer of 2022 we took part in an Urban Saints Spree event. 267 was heading up the youth venue and we had around 200 young people for the weekend. We played a whole bunch of 'big room' games, we met with God, we laughed, played and built some deep friendships. As an 'agile' organisation, 267 was able to step in last minute to lead this event due to another team pulling out.

## The Tribe

Tribe Breakfast - I know it feels weird calling a breakfast a 'key highlight', but it is. Because it gathers people and allows us space and time to connect and build one another up. These times have become essential to all of us and we are seeing 18-25 leaders every month coming to share a meal and share stories of ministry. These times of community are essential in prolonging the 'life expectancy' of children's and families workers, removing an all-too-often sense of isolation.

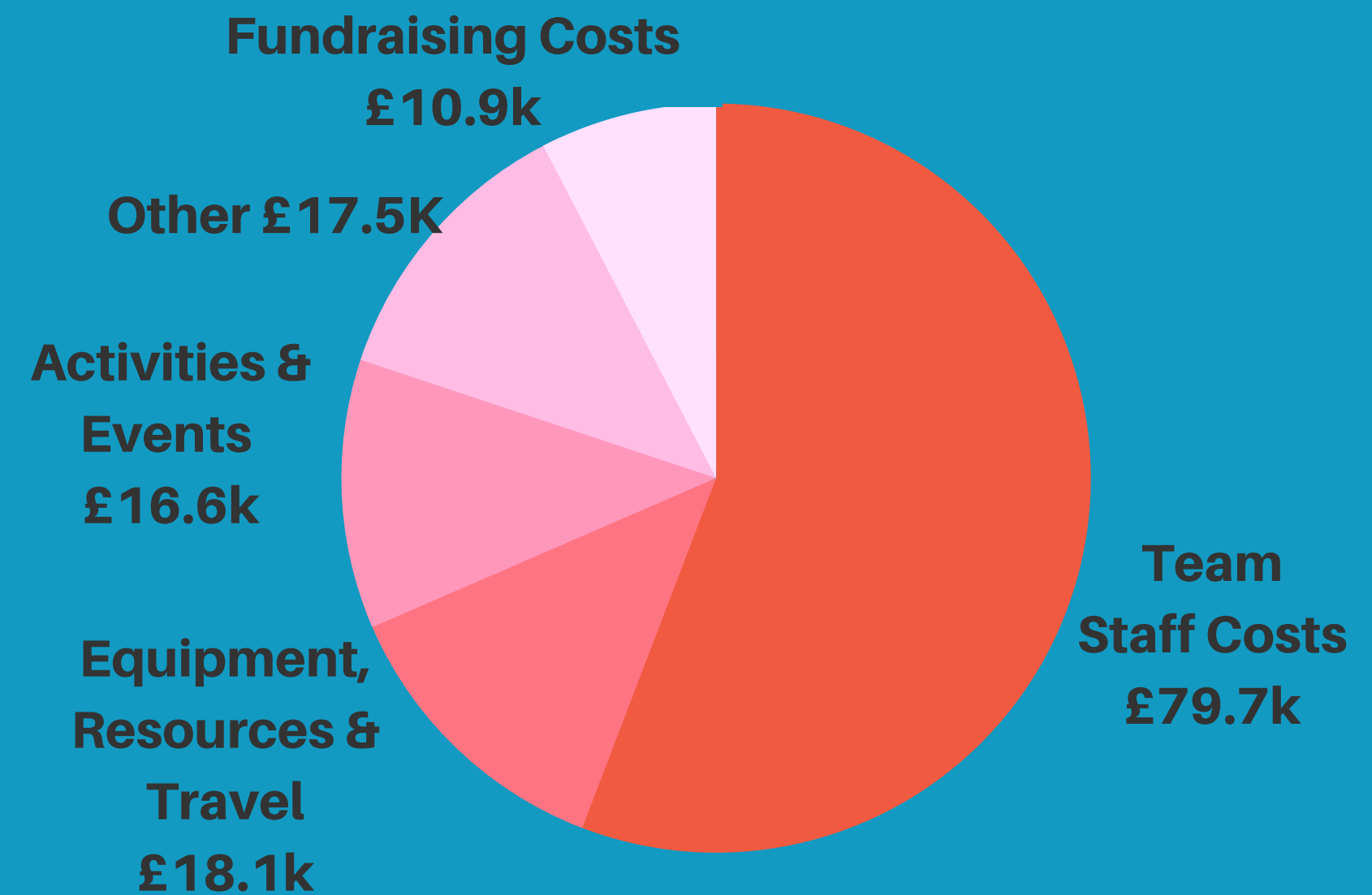
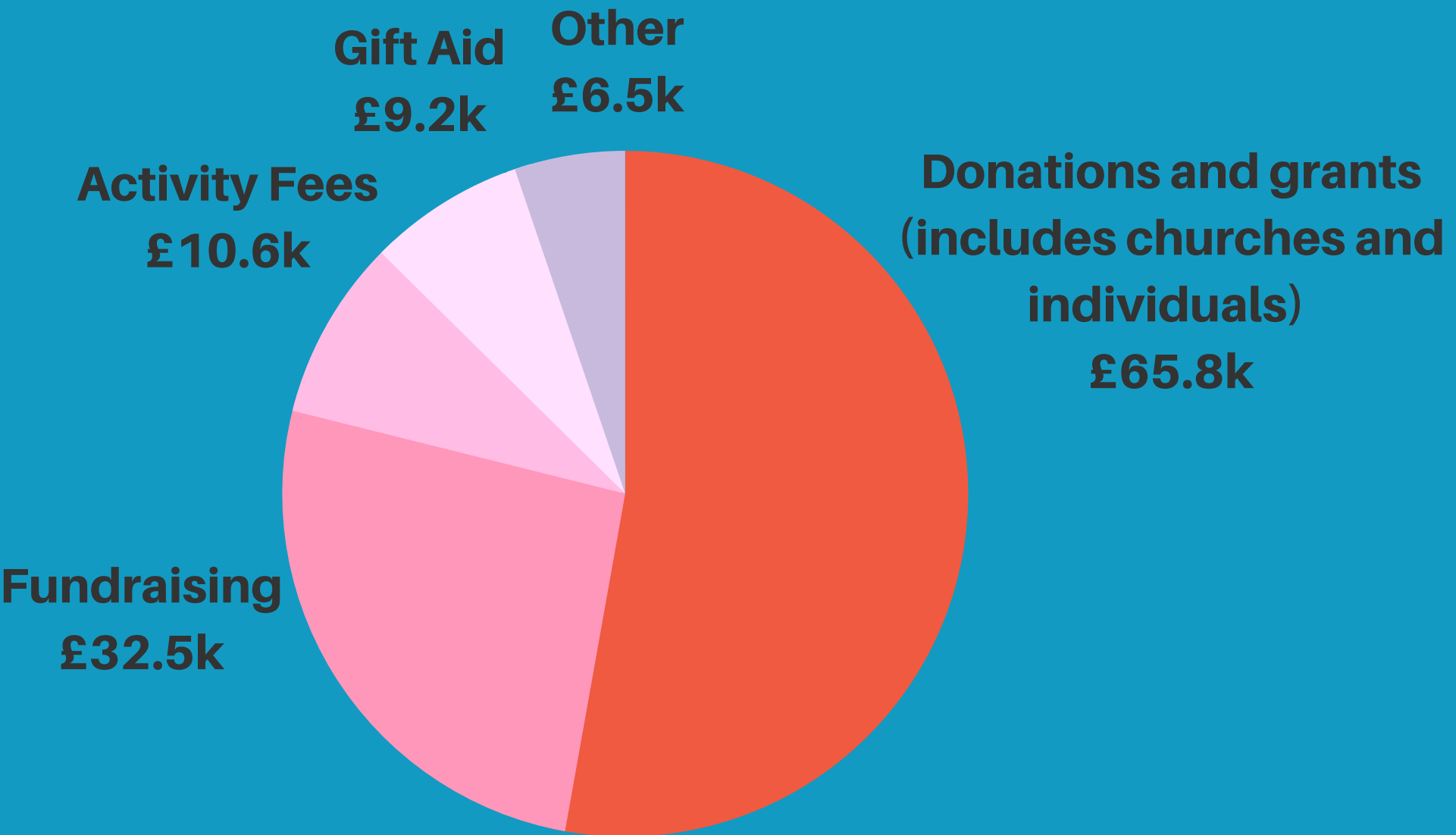


# 2022 Key Highlights



# Income £124.6k

# Expenditure £142.8k



# 2022 Finances

267 aims for a minimum bank balance at all times of £9,000. The calculation of this reserve is based on an expected ability to meet one month's staff costs, worst case timing of the quarterly liability to HMRC, coverage of a quarter of contracted overheads (eg rent, insurance) offset by assumed unclaimed gift aid of one quarter. 267 does not hold funds as a Custodian. Full Accounts and Examiners Report to be found in Appendices / on Charity Commission website.

# The Team



**Mike Palin**  
Director



**Claire Banham**  
Project Youth Worker  
and Haven Director

**Liz Buckley**  
Project  
Administrator



**Lizzy Plummer**  
Haven



**Maddie Hunter**  
Haven Intern



**Ben Fitzsimons**  
Media Wizard

**Ellie Catlin**  
Events & Social Media  
Coordinator



# The Trustees



**Jane Munroe**

Dec 2007



**Alan MacKinnon**

June 2020



**Nigel Bretton**

Aug 2011



**Tori Redding**

Feb 2019



**Hannah Puddefoot**

Apr 2017



**Kate Collis**

July 2012



**Sean Ryan**

Dec 2007



**Anne Clark**

Jan 2017



**Claire Oliver**

Sept 2021

The 267 Project is a Charitable Trust which has been governed according to its Trust Deed since Dec 2007 and registered with the Charity Commission since Feb 2008. New trustees are elected by existing trustees and team members. Trustees regularly meet with the team for monthly meetings and inspiring Strategy Days.

# A Word From Us



**Sean Ryan**  
Chair of Trustees

We are post pandemic but we are most certainly not post change. In fact I can't think of a season when 267 has had to be more reactive to the changing social environment. We pride ourselves on being a dynamic organisation but we have been tested in this last year. Again, it's been a year when Mike has had to dig at least as deep as he did in 2021 in order for the 267 project to do all it could to support young people, both via direct engagement and via the services we offer to children's and families workers. The primary challenge is creating an in-person community once more, overcoming the digital ones that were a life-line during the pandemic but are not a permanent substitute and are now a tether. But react the project has, and new strategies and events have become new foundation stones for new post-pandemic communities. As a body of trustees, we've grown in numbers and this allows us to consider a move towards a working group structure, devolving strategies and planning activities to smaller groups, reporting in to the larger trustee group meetings for governance and accountability. We still feel called to our core ministries and we still feel led towards finding a more permanent 'home', a multi-purpose centre where current activities can thrive and where new ventures are made possible. Watch this space in the year ahead!

My time in 2022 was filled with an array of new things. I spent time at St Mellitus encouraging the youth ministry students. I met with various people involved in youth ministry to help me think about what 267 might look like in the next few years. The ministry and trustee teams both saw and new additions, which brings new energy and creativity. There is still a little 'pandemic hangover' and drawing churches, groups and individuals has been a struggle at times. I sense that 267 is in a season of flux and change in order to adapt to how the youth ministry landscape has changed. I'm also aware as a lifelong youth worker that I want to always be where God needs me to be so I am seeking each step forward wisely. 267 is still very much driving my heart and the longer term vision to have our own space is what wakes me each morning. The sense of collaboration and unity that currently exists in our tribe is hugely exciting and encouraging. 267 always wants to reach out and support the ministry of others, this only happens by building strong and humble relationships and these have been gifted to us this year. I continue to pray and seek how we can 'resource-grow-celebrate' all kids and youth ministry, and those individuals that give themselves to it.



**Mike Palin**  
Director

# Looking Ahead...

Our hope is for growth...

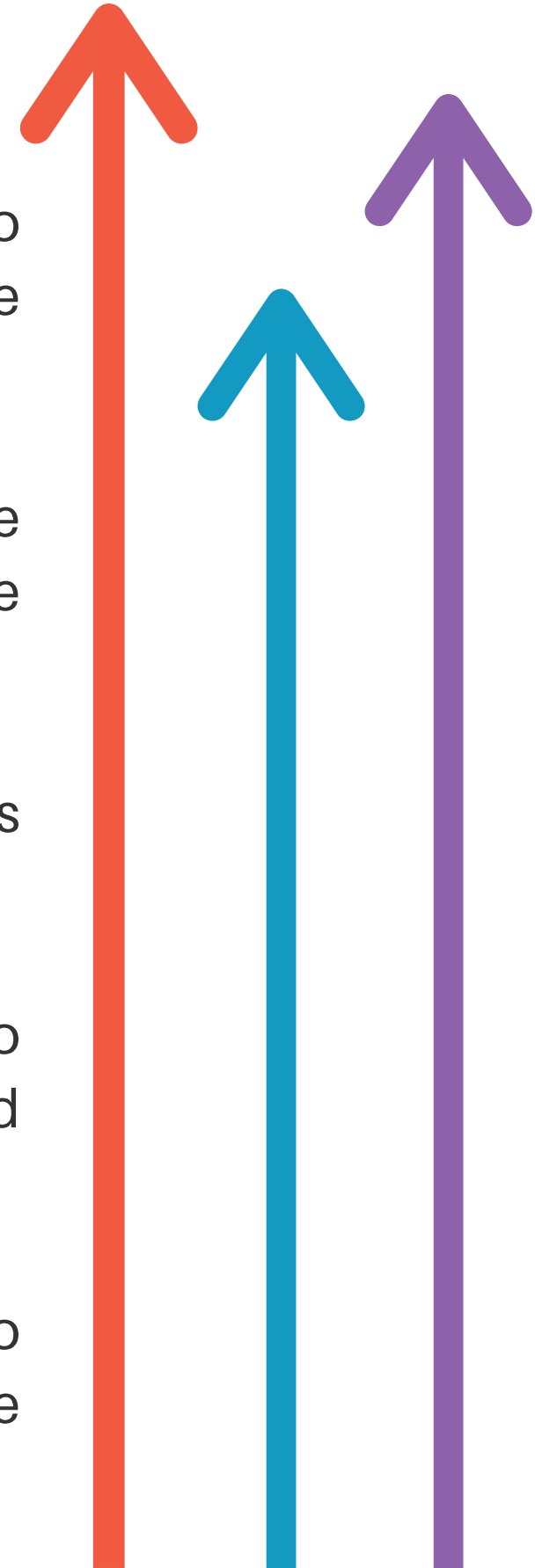
**The Collective and Illuminate** - it is clear that God is blessing both The Collective and Illuminate. We want to grow this work so we can have greater collaboration and unity, but also to reconnect with more young people and walk with them.

**The Haven** - As the team has grown so has the need. The Haven is reaching out to support more young people with their mental health story. We want to be able to spend time in primary schools which may help avoid some of the challenges teenagers face as they get older.

**Partnership and Collaboration** - We love working with other, supporting others and cheering other ministries on. We hope to always be a charity that is about unity and collaboration.

**Impact and Visibility** - One of the areas we feel we need to work on is the profile of 267 and The Haven. How do we get words out about this amazing work we do. Our hope is to grow our marketing and communications and so raise our visibility and impact.

**Stability of Finances** - As a charity we are always aware that fundraising is difficult at time. It would be great to get to a point where there is a little less pressure on finding funds and so allow the team to fully involve themselves in the front line ministry and purpose.



"The 267 project has had a massive impact on my life with me being involved in events and weekends away for about 13 years now! 267 has been a steadfast foundation for my faith and has provided me with great opportunities to learn, grow and serve in my faith in Jesus. Through the amazing work that the project has been doing over the many years, I have met some of my best friends who have been instrumental in my wellbeing and faith journey. I have had such an amazing experience with everything that 267 does and I always come away from events and meet ups with such a great sense of joy and excitement about life and I want others to have the same great experience. I am so grateful to God for the blessing that The 267 Project is and I am hopeful about the many more lives the project will touch!"

**Katie C (267 Alumni)**

"267 has consistently been a positive influence in my faith journey; they have become my best friends and a family." **Alex, 18**

"From a Mum's point of view, 267 provides amazing activities and outreach in a safe and fun setting for youngsters. It's so important for our kids to know other Christians and to be able to strengthen their faith through exploring and challenging it. From a trustee point of view: I'm incredibly proud to be part of a team who are striving to provide Christian activity and support for young people that is so needed in our modern world". **Claire, Mum and Trustee**



**Thrive Youth Cafe**

Come and hang out in a great space where, with the help of some fantastic contributors, we consider what "wellbeing" looks like for each of us... mind, body and soul.

**FADE TO BLACK** Fade to Black Café -  
yummy drinks and cakes available to buy  
65 The Quadrant, The Ridgeway, St Albans AL4 9RD  
Tuesday evening, 6-8pm  
October 19th & November 9th, 16th and 23rd.

"The team at 267 are simply fantastic. The energy, enthusiasm and love for sharing the gospel with young people is inspiring. As young persons leader within our church, having access to all of 267's amazing resources, events and input has been a huge blessing. All the young people who attend their events come back glowing, they have always learnt something about the bible, themselves and have taken another step in their journey with Jesus." **Oliver, Parent**



RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE



267life



The 267 Project



the267project



07789 815516



director@the267project.com



www.the267project.com  
www.thehaven.uk



c/o St Albans  
Diocese  
Holywell Lodge  
41 Holywell Hill  
St Albans  
AL1 1HE

Charity Number: 1122830



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THE 2:67 PROJECT

1122830

CC16a

### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
---------------------	------------	----	------------

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	65,809	-	-	P 65,809	87,129
Gift aid tax reclaim	9,246	-	-	A 9,246	9,913
Fundraising events	32,465	-	-	B 32,465	28,900
Fees for activities	10,598	-	-	C 10,598	15,243
Other	6,449	-	-	D 6,449	6,044
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>124,567</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,567</b>	<b>147,229</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>124,567</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,567</b>	<b>147,229</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and NI	79,730	-	-	F 79,730	73,912
Office rent	5,473	-	-	G 5,473	4,526
Insurance	2,716	-	-	H 2,716	2,363
Van, equipment and office supplies	8,199	-	-	N 8,199	6,551
Travel	6,220	-	-	M 6,220	3,188
Books and resources	3,695	-	-	I 3,695	2,946
Telephone	512	-	-	L 512	758
Fuel Team costs	2,954	-	-	J 2,954	117
Youth event costs	13,509	-	-	K 13,509	23,342
Fundraising costs	10,897	-	-	E 10,897	12,375
Other costs	8,858	-	-	O 8,858	8,395
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>142,763</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,763</b>	<b>138,473</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>142,763</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,763</b>	<b>138,473</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 18,196</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 18,196</b>	<b>8,756</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>25,432</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,432</b>	<b>16,676</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,236</b>	<b>25,432</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		7,236	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		7,236	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>			

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

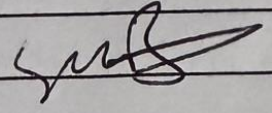
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

igned by one or two trustees on half of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NIGEL BRETTON	27/10/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name:  
The 2:67 Project

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1122830

Set out on pages

1-2 attached

(to give a full list include the page numbers of additional sheets.)

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

30/10/2023

Name:

Stephen D. Smith

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

ICAEW - ACA



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Address:** Millswood, Old Neighbouring

Chalford

Glos GL6 8AA

### Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**THE267PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122830

---

# Accounts

---



RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE

# Annual Report 2021

01/01/2021- 31/12/2021

Charity Number: 1122830



'So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him, **rooted** and **built up** in Him, **strengthened** in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with **thankfulness**.' - Colossians 2 : 6-7

Wherever we meet youth and children's ministry, of any size, whether it's brand new or well established, we want to help root it, build it up, strengthen it and give thanks for it. Our hope is that every bit of our own ministry will point towards these aims. We do this by running a variety of events, hosting weekends away, holding support groups and mentoring sessions, providing training, consultancy and more. 2021 still had a whole host of restrictions and challenges in place because of the ongoing pandemic. We continue to explore creative ways to encourage and resource ministry across our network.

We are committed to promoting the well-being of all young people, leaders and children through upholding the Safeguarding Policy.



# Training

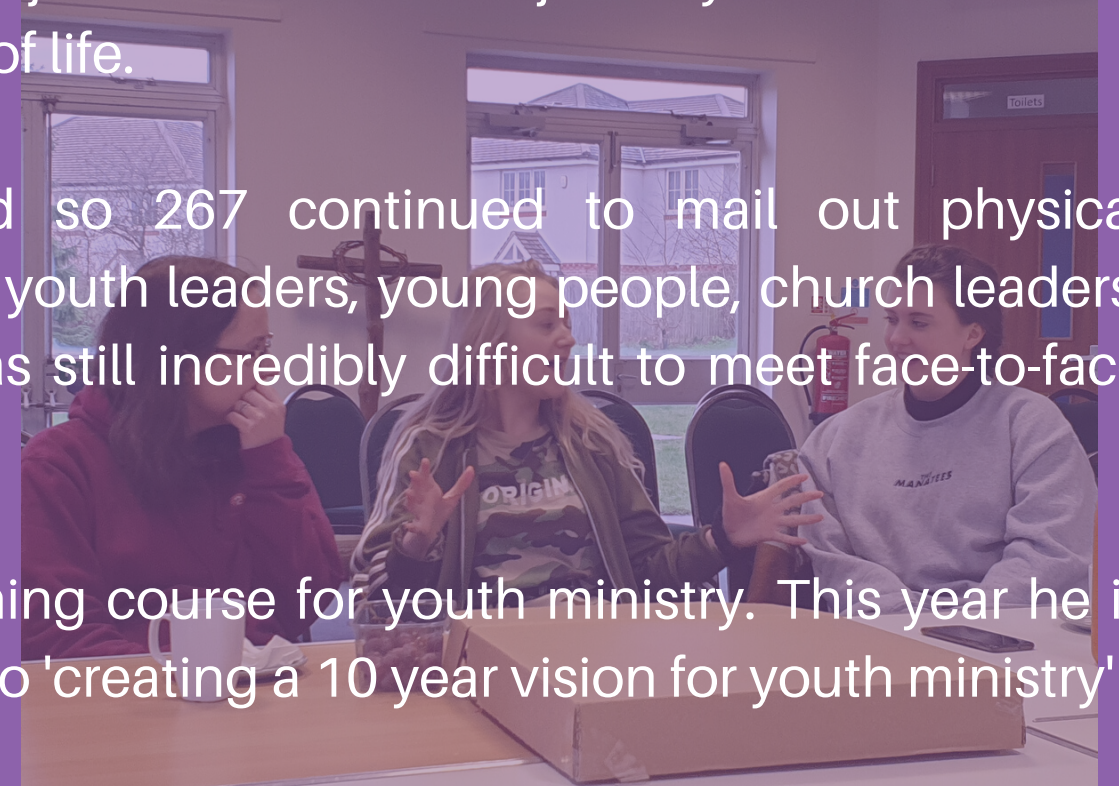


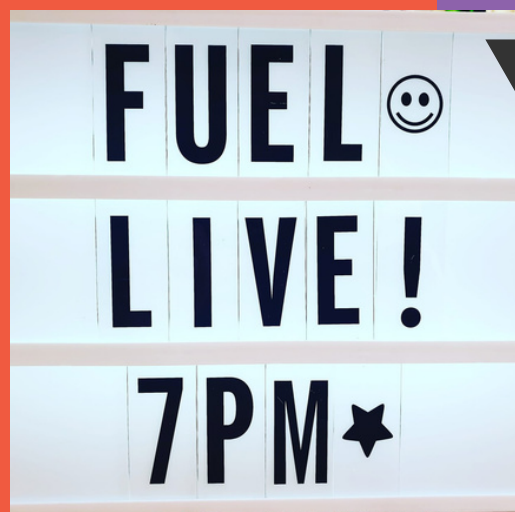
**Podcasts. Blogs and Vlogs:** 2021 continued to be a time of finding new and different stories within the world of youth and children's ministry. We have been encouraged by how many people have engaged with our podcasts and blogs, so we made sure we created some engaging material this year. There were podcasts on dating as well as grief and loss. But the most significant conversation was with Ellie, Lauren and Alex on the topic of 'sexual violence against women'. These three young women who are part of our 267 family were deeply inspiring, refreshingly honest and brought some sharp and challenging insight. I loved sitting with them, hearing stories and learning so much.

**'The Conversation:** We ran a fascinating online discussion around the topic of mentoring and discipleship. 14 youth leaders joined us as we spent an hour so chatting about the best ways to connect with and support young people on their journey. This wasn't just about their faith journey but also how we, as youth leaders, support them through the trials and joys of life.

**Special Delivery:** We know everyone loves post and so 267 continued to mail out physical 'encouragement packs' to various people. We delivered to youth leaders, young people, church leaders, kids workers, Uni students and the 267 team. While it was still incredibly difficult to meet face-to-face these little connecting points were hugely fruitful.

**St Mellitus:** Mike also visited St Mellitus which runs a training course for youth ministry. This year he is visiting twice to share about 'budgets and planning' and also 'creating a 10 year vision for youth ministry'





# Youth Ministry

**FUEL:** For much of 2021 Fuel was online but we did manage a couple of outdoor events in May and June. Then in September 2021 we were able to start a rhythm again of visiting different churches each month and drawing youth groups together. We continue to want to encourage giftings within the young people we disciple and we have had a whole bunch get involved in the planning, preaching, worship leading and games.

It was interesting to note that those slightly younger teenagers found it much easier to engage with FUEL on Zoom, this was something that we were able to build on in the future.



**The Haven:** Even though this vital ministry works so much better 'in person' it was important that we still supported young people on their mental health journey. The 'Haven in Schools' Course was happening in so many places and 4 schools ran a full course this year. The Haven also had a shiny new website which made it easier to share and promote the ministry.

The Haven also began a new drop-in cafe ministry called Thrive. This took place in a local St Albans cafe and hoped to explore what might want to speak into our mental health. It was a small group that engaged with this event but we definitely learnt loads should we choose to run it again in the future.

**YouTube:** Alex and Ellie planned, hosted and posted a whole bunch of online support. 'Two-minute Tuesday' and 'Five-Minute Friday' gave young people and leaders an opportunity to share some encouragement, testimony or discovery that they thought would be a support and blessing to someone else. Around 20 of these took place in 2021 and a lot of them were amazing and so inspirational.

**Residentials:** After time away was restricted for so long we managed to take away the years 789 guys in October and we had a great time. It was a smaller group (28) but it was so important to make the most of this time. "Residentials are like a years' worth of youth ministry in a weekend" - these times are precious and life-giving.



**X:site:** This is a children's event that was started in partnership with churches across Harpenden, St. Albans and Wheathampstead. It's a chance to gather 7-11's for games, craft, songs, mess, fun and a clear message of how good the good news of Jesus is. In 2021 we were unable to run Xsite. We pray and hope to bring X:site back as soon as we are able.

**Residentials:** After our time away was restricted for so long, we managed to take away the years 345 guys in July and we had a great time. We always follow a kids film and draw out biblical ideas from the film. This year we watched 'Big Hero 6' and spoke about our unique giftings and how God could use them. To have the weekend fully booked was also a massive encouragement.

**The GodBox:** In January of 2021 we launched, with a local church, the GodBox material. Its aim was simple; to engage families in a God conversation through while on Zoom. There were 10 families joining us and each had been delivered a 'GodBox' which had all the materials and games they need for the 12-week journey. It was a lot of fun and so great to see kids, young people and adults playing together and having faith conversations and discoveries. In the time since this resources was launched the group have continued to meet and is now a thriving youth group!



# 2021 Fundraising Events



## Wine Tasting

In November we hosted our annual Wine Tasting evening at The Academy venue in London Colney.

As usual we were served by an abundance of wonderful young people and 95 guests enjoyed a stunning evening, which this year included an art display and sale, making profits of c£7,000.



## Golf Day

In July Porters Park hosted our Golf Day once again, and even with a few restrictions still in place we had a superb day. A huge number of people joined us again and over c£7,000 profit was raised to continue and grow the ministry of 267.

## 'Chef Live' Night

To combat the restrictions and not being able to gather people we embarked on a new fundraiser for us; a guest chef night, 'Chef Live'. Chef Doug Crampton) guided everyone on the Zoom to cook a Thai masterpiece along with him. We had over 100 people logged in for this event and it was such a joy.

Even though we were in the depths of a February lockdown I felt like I was having dinner with a bunch of friends. So thankful for this event which raised over £2,000





## Breakfast begins again!

It wasn't until late in 2021 that we were allowed to gather in groups larger than 6. The 'Tribe' breakfasts were a key part of 267 life and it enabled us to be a blessing to many but also to catch up, encourage, share stories, mentor and check in. To be able to start these monthly gatherings over food again was simply a huge highlight of the year.

## Our 10th Houseparty

I will confess New Years Houseparty is probably the thing I enjoy most in my ministry! It was hard to miss it in 2020 so we were really looking forward to our 10th Houseparty in 2021. It did not disappoint, we had such a blast and even the all LFT's we had to do during the event did not dampen the mood. 8 leaders and 23 young people joined us at our favourite venue of Felden Lodge. This year for the gatherings we paired leaders and young people together to present the talks and sessions, this was such encouragement all round and some stunning gift sings were on show. New Years Eve was spent ice skating, eating pizza, in fancy dress, chatting and dancing; simply, joyful community.

## BackToLife

**-'BackToLife' was everything we could have wanted or imagined. God was soooo good. 42 of us gathered and embraced the simple joys of being together. We had wonderful food, we got creative with pottery, we got energetic on inflatables, we got spoilt with ice creams, we threw frisbees and water bombs, we shared stories of faith and challenge, we discussed and debated big issues, we reflected on the year gone by and we laughed a lot!**

**Check out the B2L Highlights Video here:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=85rfNLUc2m8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85rfNLUc2m8)**

## BackToLife 2021

The reason I want to mention B2L again is because of the continuing effect it had in our ministry. The connections, adventure, relationships and laughter that we experienced in the summer of 2021 have had an incredible ongoing benefit. Many of the young people that attended have come to other events, new gifts have been explored, relationships between groups have strengthened and individuals mental health and positivity have been boosted. I am so thankful for all those who donated and gave time so that B2L could run and be so fruitful.



### Haven on Zoom!

Haven is 4 years old in 2021 and continues to be a vital lifeline to those young people suffering with anxiety. Even during lockdown Haven was connecting via Zoom with the young people who needed it. As the world opened up Haven jumped at the chance to head back into school and work face-to-face with young people who needed them more than ever.

### Thrive

The thrive cafe was a chance to connect with young people in a relaxed and safe environment and be able to continue support them on their mental health journey.

## The Academy

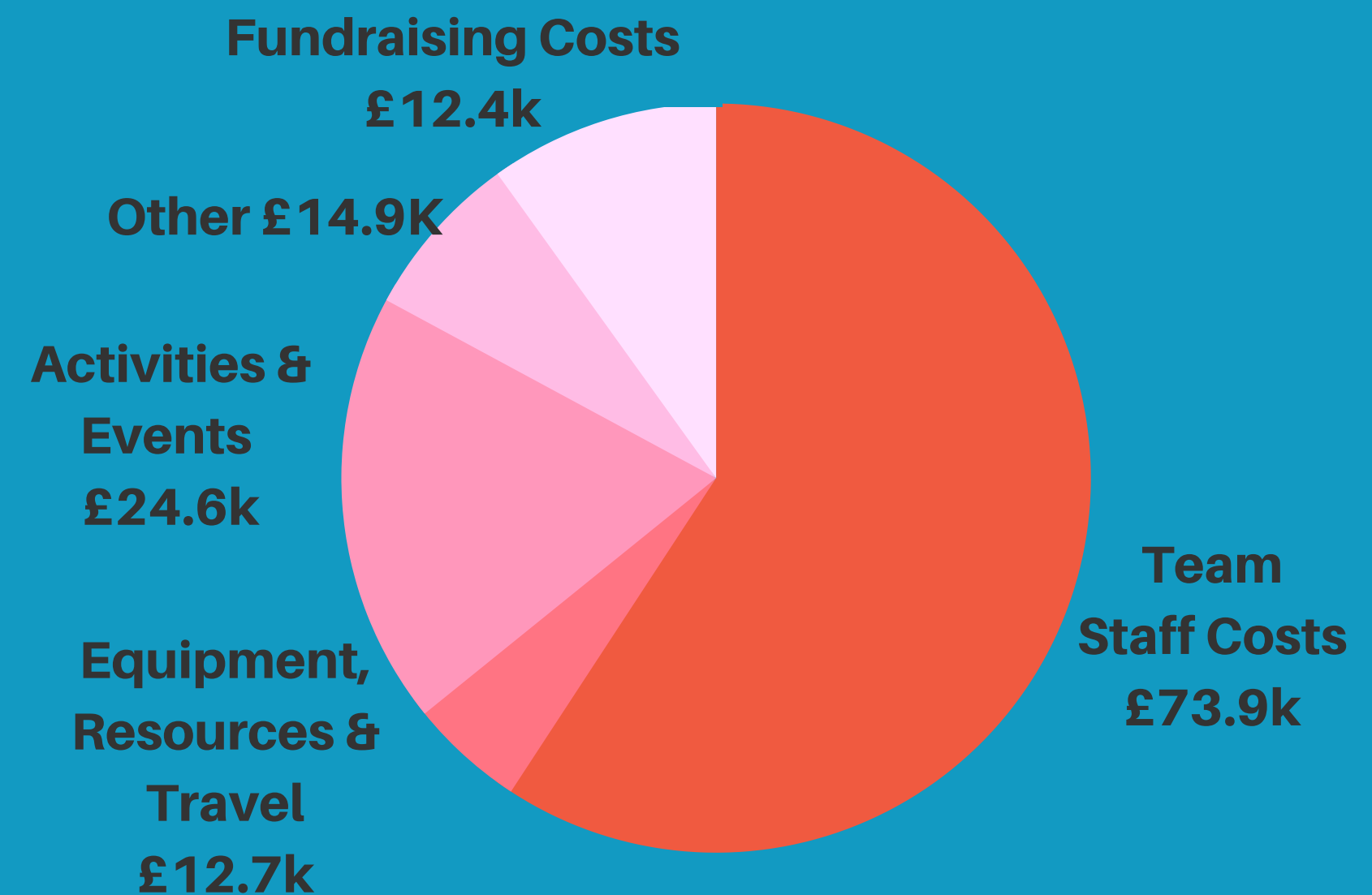
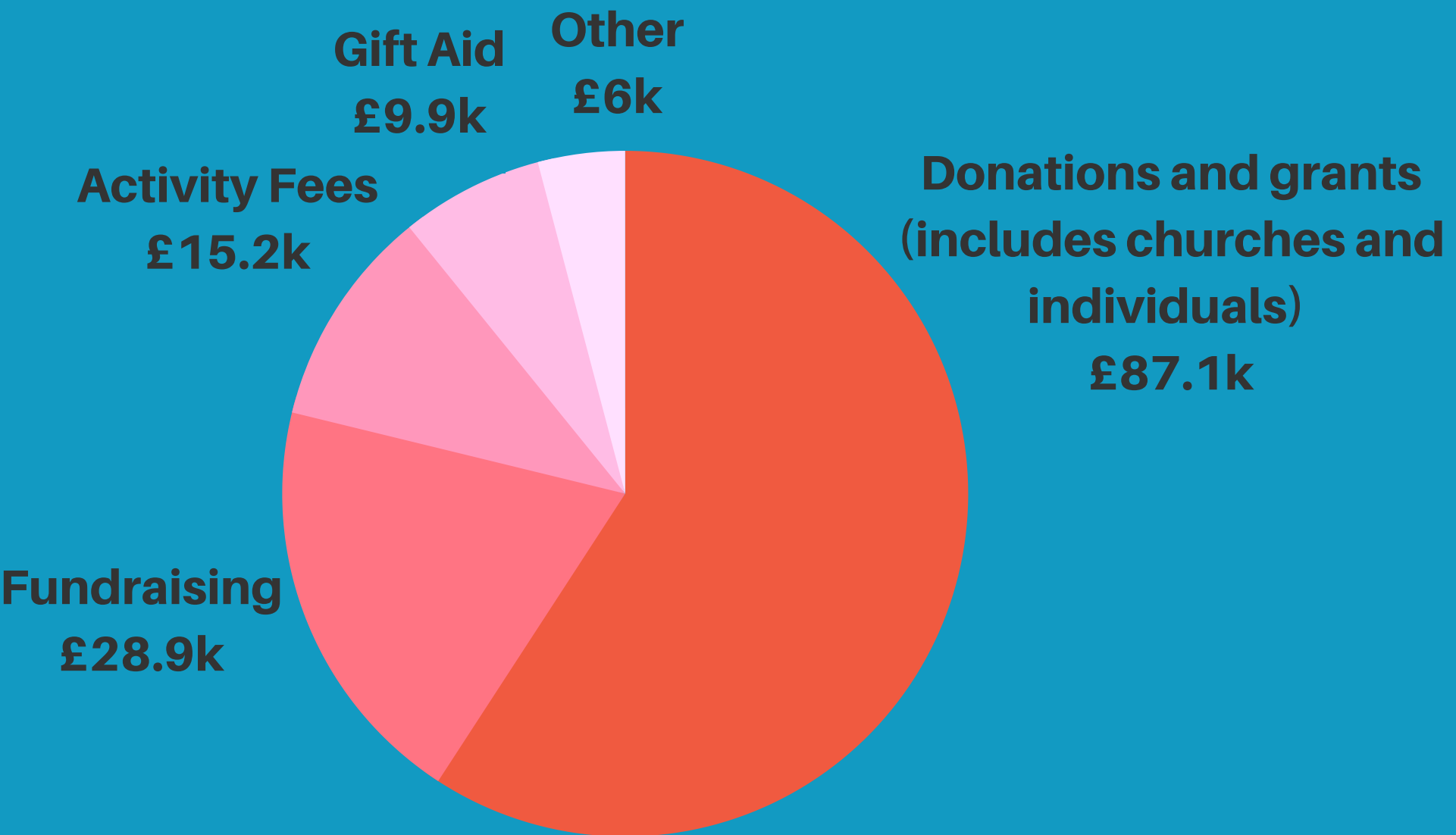
During 2021 the 267 community went on an adventure which we hoped would lead us to have a retreat/event space of our own. 'The Academy', or All Saints Pastoral Centre, was a retreat and residential venue for the church and we had been talking with them about taking over a small part of it called St Annes. This would give us new office space, meeting rooms, a chapel and a training/podcast/vlog recording area. During 2021, we raised funds and were offered donations of time, equipment and labour to be able to refurbish the venue, and we had shared with our supporters about our plans. Sadly though in late November 2021 we would discover the managing company of The Academy would go into liquidation, resulting in likely losses of c5k for 267 (which have been booked in the 2021 accounts) and a setback to our plans. It was a time of challenge for us as a team. The vision for what we were wanting to do has not changed and we have regrouped and are on the hunt for a new space to build a 267 venue that will be a blessing to the entire youth and kids work community.

# 2021 Key Highlights



# Income £147.2k

# Expenditure £138.5k



# 2021 Finances

Policy, in case of reduction in donations and fundraising income, is to keep minimum reserves (c£12k) wherever possible, to cover 3 months' employment of minimum staff numbers. Disposal of owned assets would provide further cover. 267 does not hold funds as a Custodian. Full Accounts and Examiners Report to be found in Appendices / on Charity Commission website.



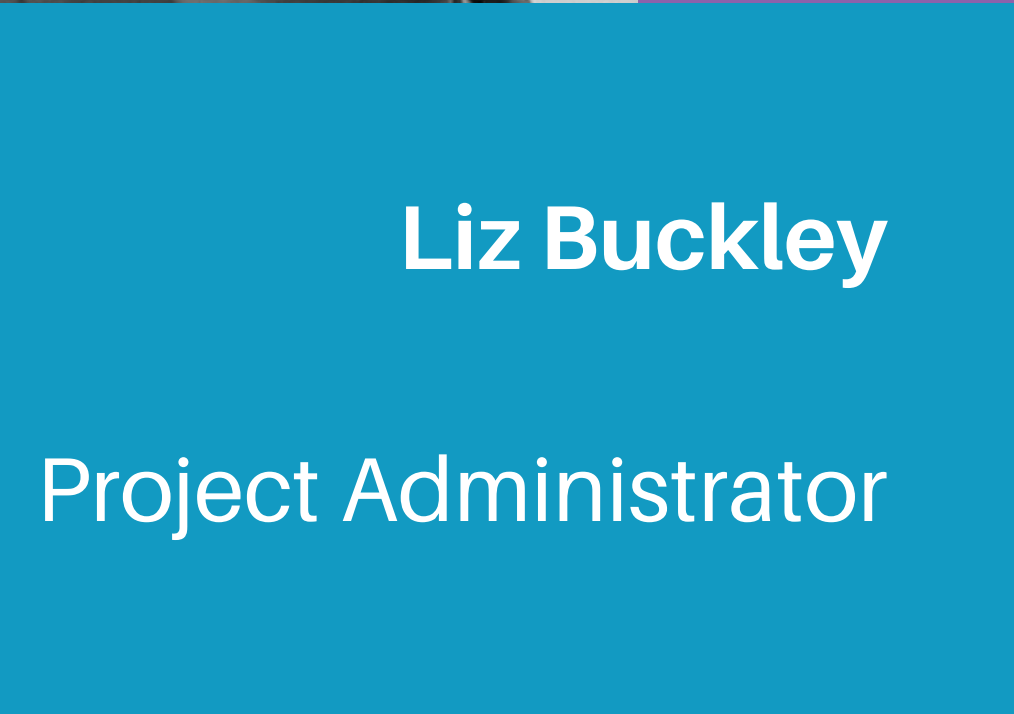
**Mike Palin**

Director



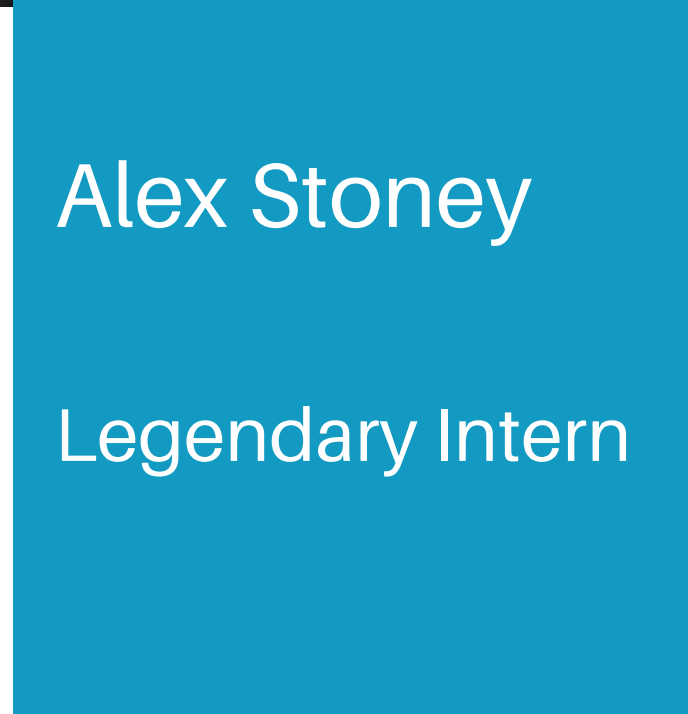
**Claire Banham**

Project Youth Worker  
and Haven Director



**Liz Buckley**

Project Administrator



**Alex Stoney**

Legendary Intern



**Ben Fitzsimons**

Media Wizard



**Ellie Catlin**

Events & Social Media  
Coordinator



# The Trustees



**Jane Munroe**

Dec 2007



**Alan MacKinnon**

June 2020



**Nigel Bretton**

Aug 2011



**Tori Redding**

Feb 2019



**Hannah Puddefoot**

Apr 2017



**Kate Collis**

July 2012



**Sean Ryan**

Dec 2007



**Anne Clark**

Jan 2017



**Claire Oliver**

Sept 2021

The 267 Project is a Charitable Trust which has been governed according to its Trust Deed since Dec 2007 and registered with the Charity Commission since Feb 2008. New trustees are elected by existing trustees and team members. Trustees regularly meet with the team for monthly meetings and inspiring Strategy Days.

# A Word From Us



**Sean Ryan**  
Chair of Trustees

The pain of lockdown and what that has mean to young people, their youth workers and Mike and the project team was tangible. Personally, I found it all quite conflicting: Mike is the267project's Director who is accountable to the trustees but he is also a much loved and respected friend and it was hard to see him challenged in a way that I had not see before. However, in time he rose to the challenges and was able to steer the project through pandemic life as well as any other organisation. Mike's pain was, of course, rooted in the needs of the young people God has placed on his heart to serve. Lockdowns meant disrupted learning, disengagement, social media pressures and a growing mountain of mental health issues that they faced and that we were compelled to respond to. the267project has needed to respond and completely re-think, to create and apply new strategies and ways of working; regressing in order to move forward once again. We find ourselves in new and challenging 'small steps' territory, with a backdrop of fewer and fewer paid and volunteer youthworkers and increasing pressures in funding - yet how we look after and develop our young people has never been more critical. the267project is still more than committed to resourcing and encouraging ministry of all shapes and sizes, whether new or established, struggling or thriving - and as a body of trustees we will continue to support Mike as Director and all of his amazing team.

As I have shared with many people, running a youth and kids ministry that thrives on gathering people was incredibly hard during the pandemic. Not only did we simply miss being with people, we felt as though we were unable to do 'what we were made to do!'

Also, many of the team found energy themselves from being in these gathering spaces where we 'did life' with a whole range of people. As the year went on life opened up again and it became clear our calling was more essential than ever but probably got just a little bit harder. Our times of isolation had meant we were out of 'practice' in being together but more than that, for many individuals time without face-to-face contact had left its mark. Our time at 'BackToLife' reminded us of our calling and of the huge blessing and benefit gathering is. Our challenge for the coming year is to create safe and joyful spaces where people can take baby steps back into community, these life-giving spaces are what 267 are about so we are excited for seeing God move in them. But as we 'lick our wounds' from The Academy let down we are committed more than ever to find a place we can call home where we can build a residential and retreat space for youth and children's ministry, and all those who serve it. Getting to this 'home' feels a mountain to climb but one that we believe God has prepared us for, so we are able to get to somewhere He is preparing for us!

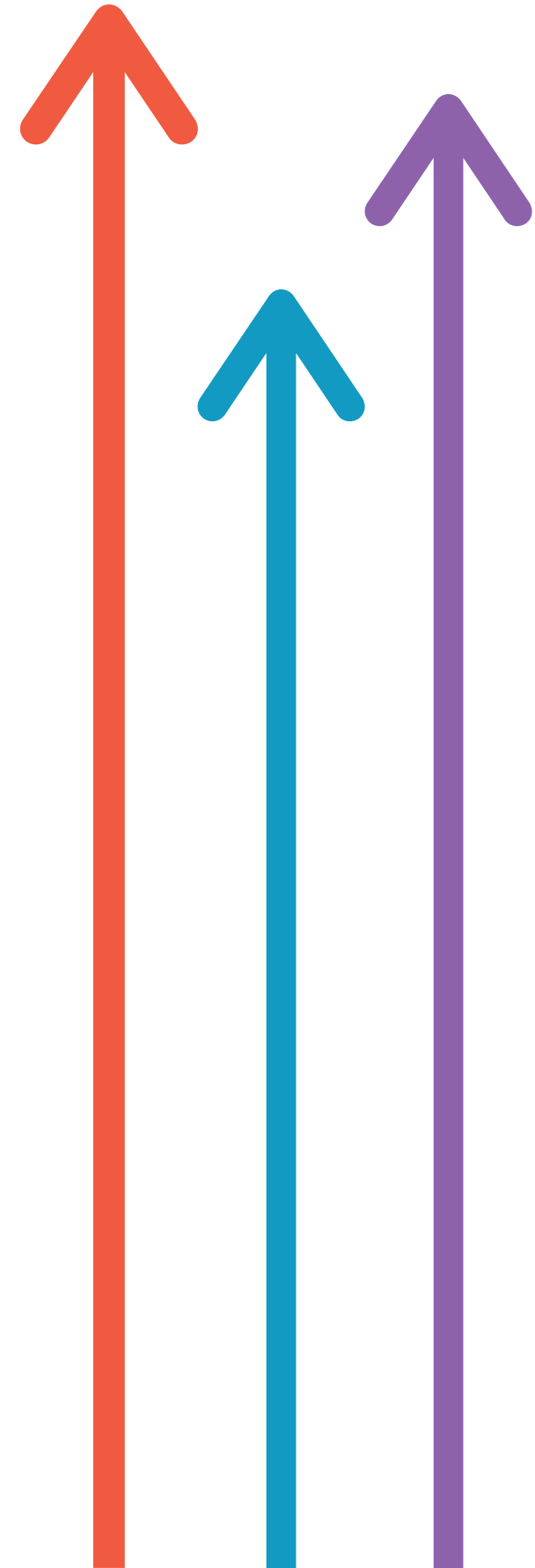
But this year we are also celebrating the wonderful growth of The Haven which is more important than ever at this time. Claire longs to grow her team so that Haven can grow and more young people can get support for their anxiety and build resilience as they move forward.

**Mike Palin**  
Director



# Looking Ahead...

- Our hope is for The Haven to grow in schools more and more. The mental health support that Claire and the team bring via this initiative is so essential, needed more than ever after the struggles of 2020/21 lockdown and home-schooling. To support The Haven's ability to connect we are going to be investing time and energy into The Haven's online presence; Alex, Ellie and Claire will be recording content so that young people can be supported through their phone or computer, and also The Haven resources will be available to more people across a wider area.
- As we have mentioned we still feel hugely called to building a space where we can grow various 267 ministries such as our residentials, Fuel and The Haven. This space will also provide a venue where we can gather leaders and pour into them through community, training, resources and encouragement.
- As the ministry grows we are always asking God where we should be investing in new team. It is highly likely that as The Haven grows Claire will need additional support so a new Haven team member is definitely something we will pursue in the coming months. We would also love another intern as they not only serve our events they provide essential insight into 'life as a young person' that all of us need to be able to ensure 267 is bringing what is needed.
- We want to build upon the work that Ellie has done in producing the 'Welcome Packs' and follow up with churches that received them. 267 continues to seek ways in which we can communicate what we do and get the resources to those that need them. Churches often have volunteers that faithfully serve kids and young people all the time, it is these individuals that over the coming year we want to find and support.



"I will forever be grateful for 267; without them I believe I wouldn't be as confident and happy as I am today. The work they do helped me develop my relationship with God and that is a gift I will never be able to reply." - **Lauren,**

**19**

"267 has consistently been a positive influence in my faith journey; they have become my best friends and a family." -

**Alex, 18**

"From a mum's point of view, 267 provides amazing activities and outreach in a safe and fun setting for youngsters. It's so important for our kids to know other Christians and to be able to strengthen their faith through exploring and challenging it. From a trustee point of view: I'm incredibly proud to be part of a team who are striving to provide Christian activity and support for young people that is so needed in our modern world". - **Claire, Mum and Trustee**



Come and hang out in a great space where, with the help of some fantastic contributors, we consider what "wellbeing" looks like for each of us... mind, body and soul.

**FADE TO BLACK**  
Fade to Black Café -  
yummy drinks and cakes available to buy  
65 The Quadrant, The Ridgeway, St Albans AL4 9RD  
Tuesday evening, 6-8pm  
October 19th & November 9th, 16th and 23rd.



"267 is an absolutely fantastic organisation that excels at running cafes, training and weekends away. The Fuel Weekend Away was a clear demonstration of the Project's ability to mould and shape young people into the future leaders of tomorrow." - **Chris, STEP Director.**



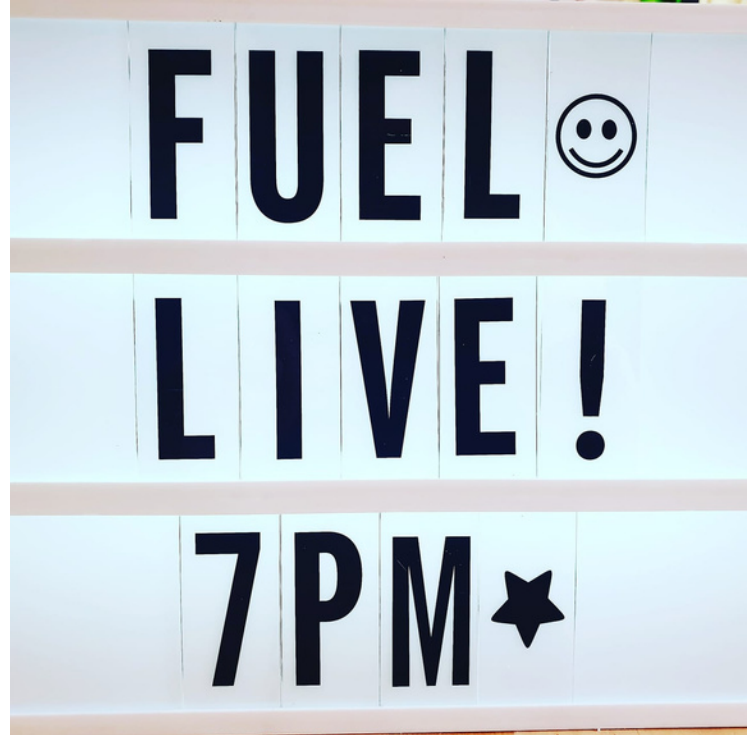
267life



The 267 Project



the267project



07789 815516



director@the267project.com



www.the267project.com



c/o St Albans  
 Diocese  
 Holywell Lodge  
 41 Holywell Hill  
 St Albans  
 AL1 1HE

Charity Number: 1122830



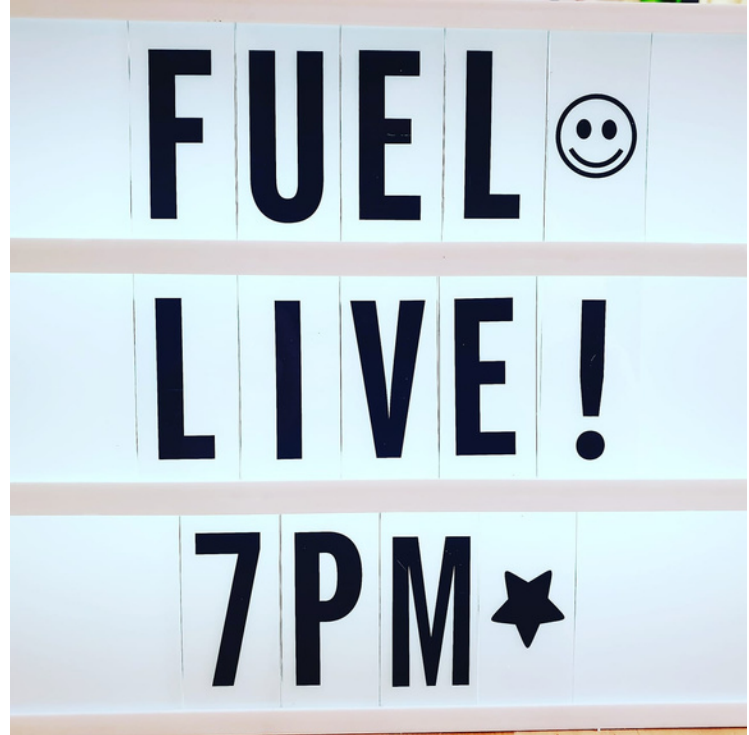
267life



The 267 Project



the267project



07789 815516



director@the267project.com



www.the267project.com



c/o St Albans  
 Diocese  
 Holywell Lodge  
 41 Holywell Hill  
 St Albans  
 AL1 1HE

Charity Number: 1122830



## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/01/2021

To

31/12/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	87,129	-	-	87,129	65,825
Gift aid tax reclaim	9,913	-	-	9,913	8,712
Fundraising events	28,900	-	-	28,900	30,281
Fees for activities	15,243	-	-	15,243	2,624
Other	6,044	-	-	6,044	2,934
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>147,229</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,229</b>	<b>110,376</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>147,229</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,229</b>	<b>110,376</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and NI	73,912	-	-	73,912	64,618
Office rent	4,526	-	-	4,526	933
Insurance	2,363	-	-	2,363	580
Van, equipment and office supplies	6,551	-	-	6,551	8,133
Travel	3,188	-	-	3,188	1,988
Books and resources	2,946	-	-	2,946	1,765
Telephone	758	-	-	758	287
Fuel Team costs	117	-	-	117	1,187
Youth event costs	23,342	-	-	23,342	4,076
Fundraising costs	12,375	-	-	12,375	11,344
Other costs	8,395	-	-	8,395	7,193
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>138,473</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,473</b>	<b>102,104</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>138,473</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,473</b>	<b>102,104</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,756</b>	<b>8,272</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>16,676</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,676</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>25,432</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,432</b>	<b>8,272</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		25,432	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	25,432	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		NIGEL BRETTON		

**THE267PROJECT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1122830

---

# Accounts

---

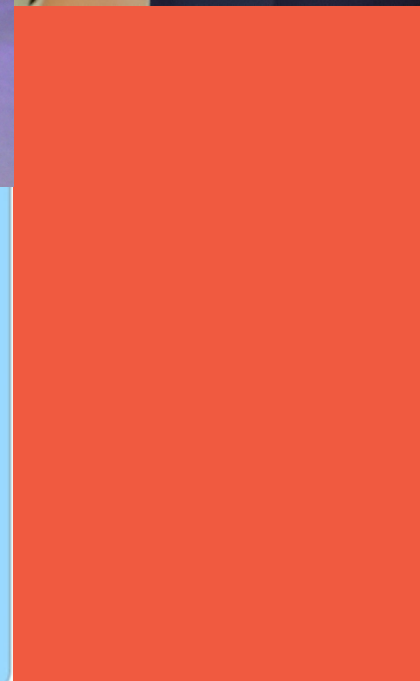


RESOURCE  
GROW  
CELEBRATE

# Annual Report 2020

01/01/2020- 31/12/2020

Charity Number: 1122830



'So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in Him, **rooted** and **built up** in Him, **strengthened** in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with **thankfulness**.' - Colossians 2 : 6-7



Wherever we meet youth and children's ministry, of any size, whether it's brand new or well established, we want to help root it, build it up, strengthen it and give thanks for it. Our hope is that every bit of our own ministry will point towards these aims. We do this by running a variety of events, hosting weekends away, holding support groups and mentoring sessions, providing training, consultancy and more.

We are committed to promoting the well-being of all young people, leaders and children through upholding the Safeguarding Policy.



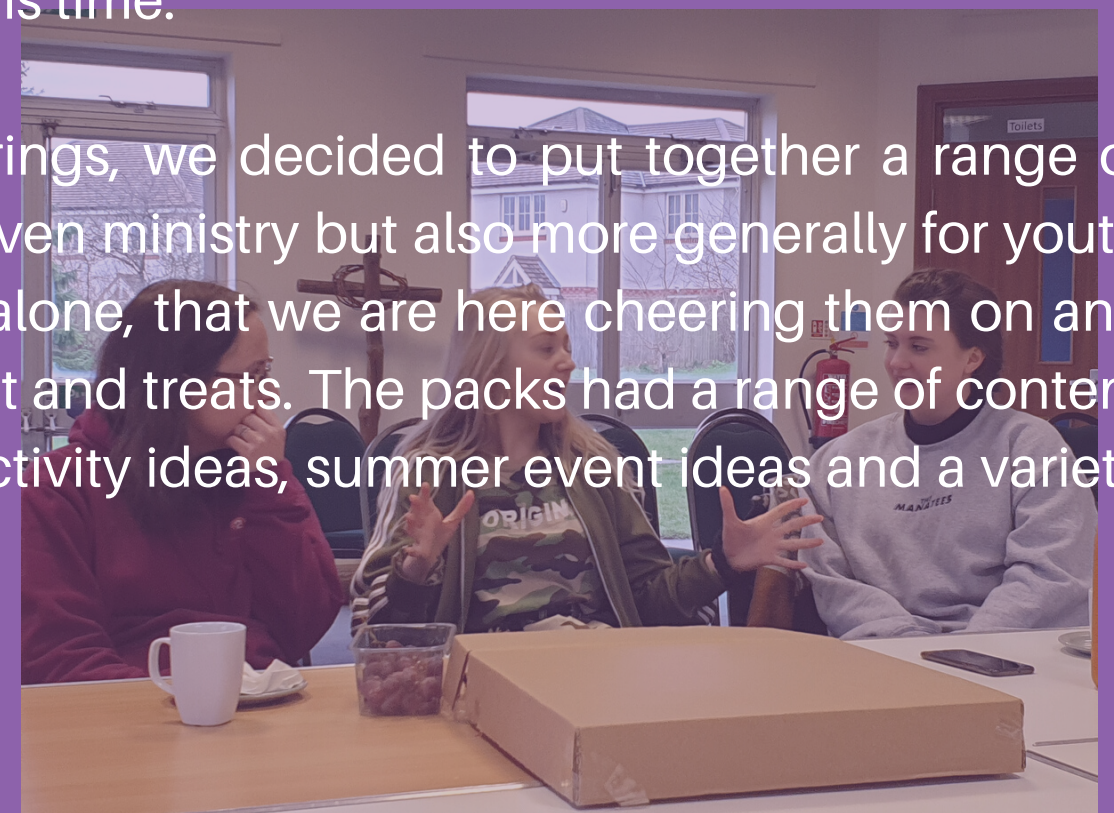
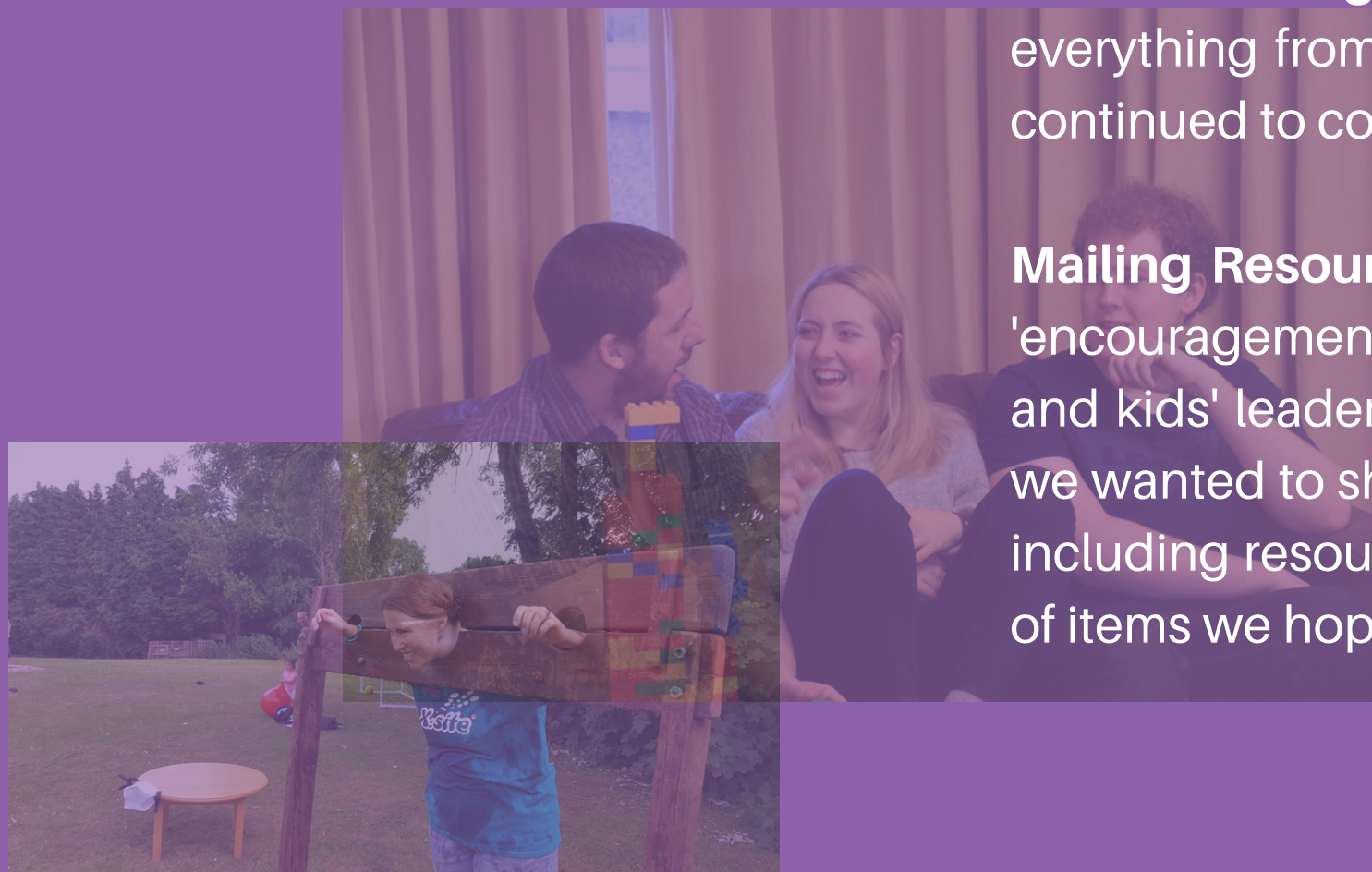
# Training



**Podcasts, Blogs and Vlogs:** Obviously, with 2020 being a year of pandemic when we could not run in-person events, 267 had to think creatively how we might connect and encourage youth and children's leaders. In this challenging season, we have been producing more content that people can access online. During 2020 we recorded and released over 25 podcasts, vlogs and blogs. These are all available on our website and we continue to share them on various social media platforms. Our recent analytics have told us these have been listened to/viewed over 1400 times. We will continue to encourage leaders in this way and are always wanting to interview a range of leaders and young people on a variety of topics.

**Zoom Training:** This year we also managed to gather various groups of leaders to chat online about everything from discipleship, to online youthwork, to maintaining a balanced mental health. The Haven continued to connect with leaders and volunteers during this time.

**Mailing Resources:** During a time of less physical gatherings, we decided to put together a range of 'encouragement packs'. These have been aimed at The Haven ministry but also more generally for youth and kids' leaders. We want to let them know they are not alone, that we are here cheering them on and we wanted to share with them some simple encouragement and treats. The packs had a range of content including resources, scripture fridge magnets, game and activity ideas, summer event ideas and a variety of items we hope will cheer them on.



# Youth Ministry



FUEL

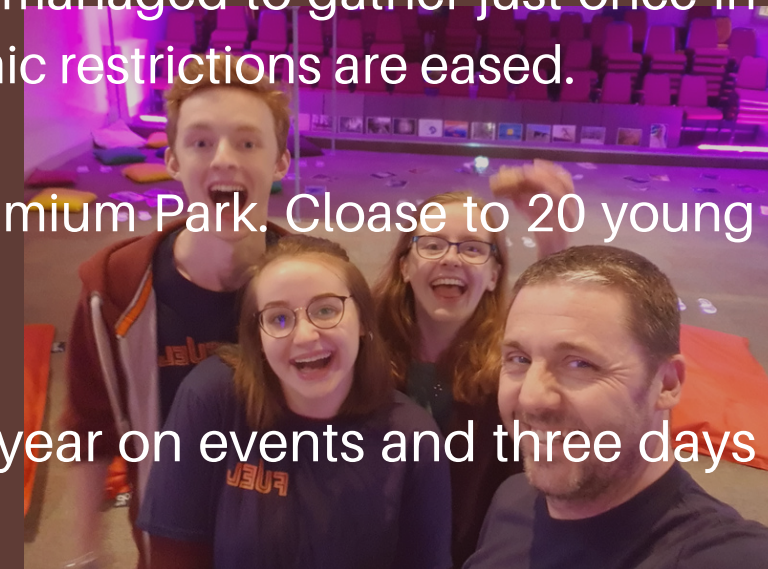
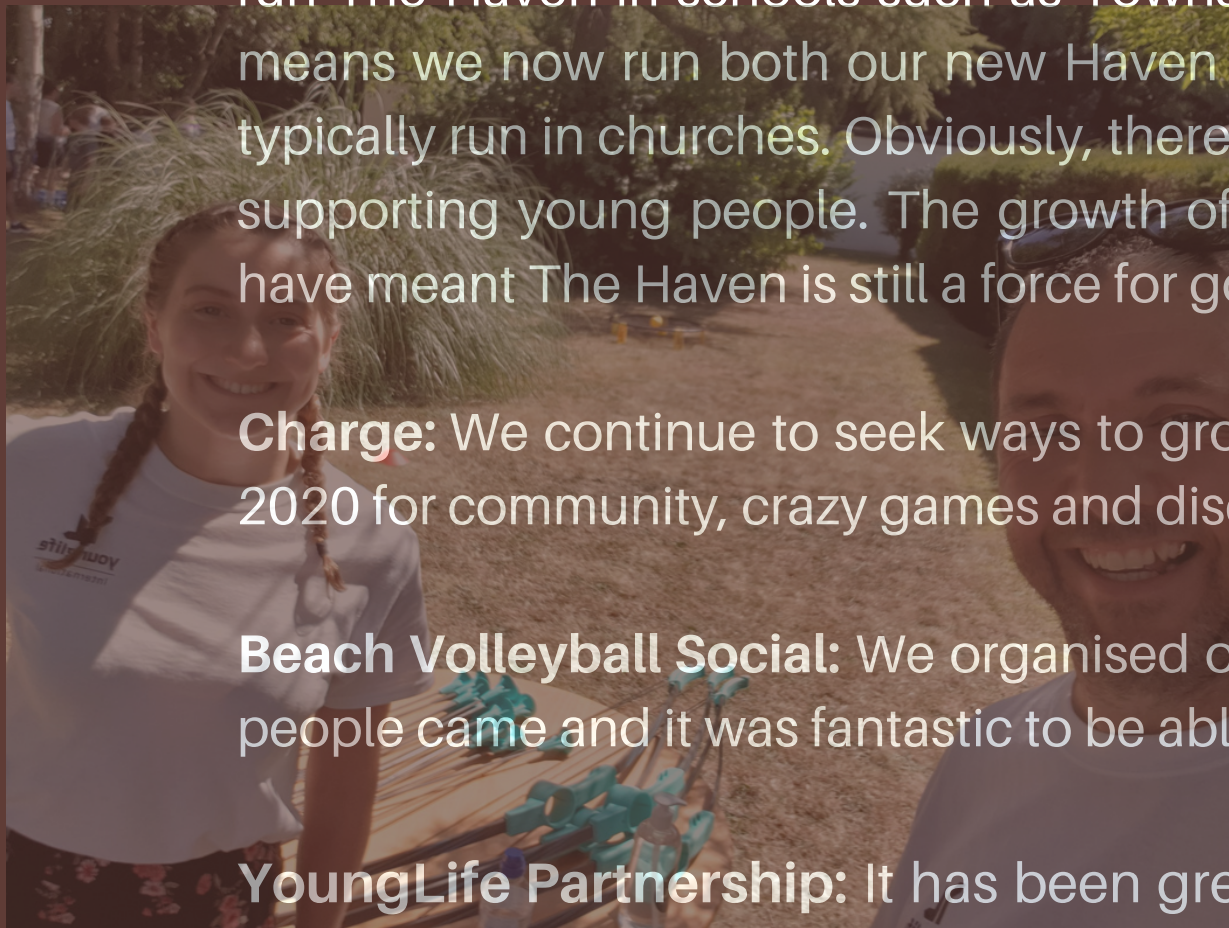
**FUEL :** After a superb Fuel 'on tour' in January and February the pandemic lockdown brakes were put on! Fuel continued online and actually we had some really beneficial times and we connected with some new young people too. FUEL on Zoom was obviously not what we had hoped or planned for but actually it was a great space to chat, share stories, hear teaching (and also win pudding or pizza delivered to your doorstep). In September and October we managed to gather in person and with masks and social distance and then retreated back online as restrictions were enforced once again. However, we can still see an incredible amount of fruit during these times.

**The Haven :** The Haven is our monthly support group for those aged 12+ who may be dealing with stress and anxiety. This group provides practical tools and connects young people through shared experiences and emotions. This year we have run The Haven in schools such as Townsend, Roundwood, Sir John Lawes, Katherine Warrington and St Columba's; this means we now run both our new Haven For School initiative in addition to Haven Local, which is non-school based and typically run in churches. Obviously, there was much less in-person ministry in 2020 but that didn't stop Claire and her team supporting young people. The growth of Haven online, @Havenresilience on Instagram and loads of encouraging vlogs have meant The Haven is still a force for good despite the pandemic restrictions and is perhaps needed more than ever.

**Charge:** We continue to seek ways to grow youthwork with school years 6, 7 & 8; Charge managed to gather just once in 2020 for community, crazy games and discipleship. We will all be so thankful when pandemic restrictions are eased.

**Beach Volleyball Social:** We organised our second beach volleyball tournament in Verulamium Park. Cloase to 20 young people came and it was fantastic to be able to reconnect after such a tough year.

**YoungLife Partnership:** It has been great to partner with YoungLife International this year on events and three days of thier 'day camp' initiative.



**X:site:** This is a children's event that was run in partnership with churches across Harpenden, St. Albans and Wheathampstead. It's a chance to gather 7-11's for games, craft, songs, mess, fun and a clear message of how good the good news of Jesus is. In 2020 we only managed 2 events and logistics meant that this was a particularly hard event to replan to be online. We pray and hope to bring X:site back as soon as we are able.

**345 Weekend Away :** In March, we were blessed to be able to take away 9 leaders and 27 children from school years 3, 4 and 5 from 6 different churches to Felden Lodge, a great location we love to use. Our theme was 'God Made You Amazing' and we looked at Psalm 139 and the story of Esther seamlessly using the film 'Big Hero 6' to help!

**Kids' Workers:** There are now a few employed kids workers across the area and we are building a real network of encouragement and a place where we can share ideas and resources as well as partnering on events.

# Children's Ministry

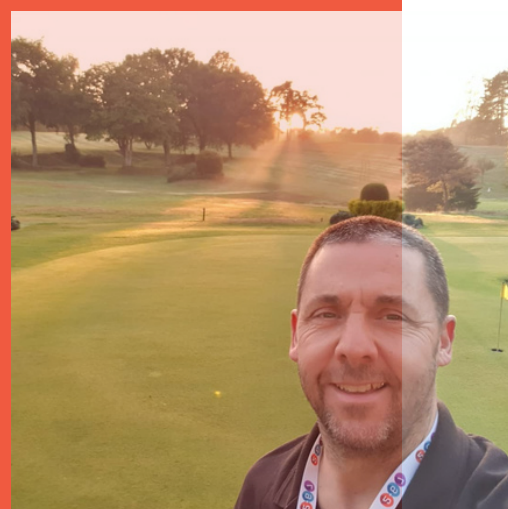




## Wine Tasting

In February, we hosted our annual wine tasting event at St Saviour's Church. It was a stunning night that included live music from 'Princes to Kings'. We also raised a grand total of £8,000 net!

# 2020 Fundraising Events

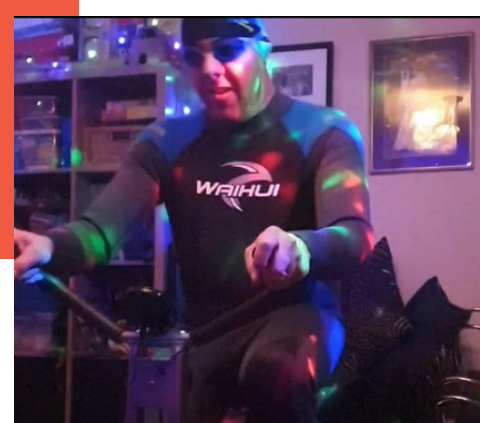


## Golf Day.

In September, we had a socially restricted but lots of fun Fundraising Golf Day, which took place at Porter's Park. We raised around £4,000 net and had a great time with our generous donors.

## Bike Ride

In December, as other fundraising events were unable to take place owing to the pandemic, we went for a bike ride! The plan was for Mike and his family to cycle 267 miles in 3 weeks; this was done partly out on a bike and partly indoors on an exercise bike (and occasionally in fancy dress!). Many friends joined us choosing to individually cycle 26.7 miles themselves. Between us all we raised over £4,000 net for 267!!





## 'A Meal for 6!'

People have said that 267 has a 6th 'love language' that is food! Those people would be 100% correct. We love sharing stories and 'doing life' with people while sharing food. In 2020 we weren't able to gather in large physical groups so we ran a series of 'Meals for 6' where we could invest in smaller groups. These times were precious and so essential.

## The Return of Fuel

Fuel has always been our opportunity to gather, to worship together, to spend simple time in one another's company, to be both teacher and student together. We missed Fuel during lockdown(s) and so when we were able to return, it was such a joy. In September and October we were able to meet in person and over 70 young people gathered. It was a much needed moment of deep community.

## 8 Gathering young people back together!

In August, after a stressful few months of lockdown, we were able to gather together for some much needed community and fun. It was so great to be able to run our annual beach volleyball event and great to spend time together not on a screen!



## Zoom!

I am not a sure anyone likes Zoom, and I'm not sure it even should count as a 'highlight'. But the truth is without it we would have missed one another much more than we did. Zoom enabled us to meet while in our own homes eating food, enabled us to discuss, chat, pray and encourage one another. We wouldn't have chosen Zoom to do youthwork, but we are thankful that we could.

## New Team!

In 2020, Alan M joined the trustee team, Alan brings much to the table including HR experience. Alex S also joined us as Intern; Alex has been part of the 267 family for many years and seeing God use her creative skills has been amazing. We were also so excited that Ellie C also joined us as Ministry Development Worker.



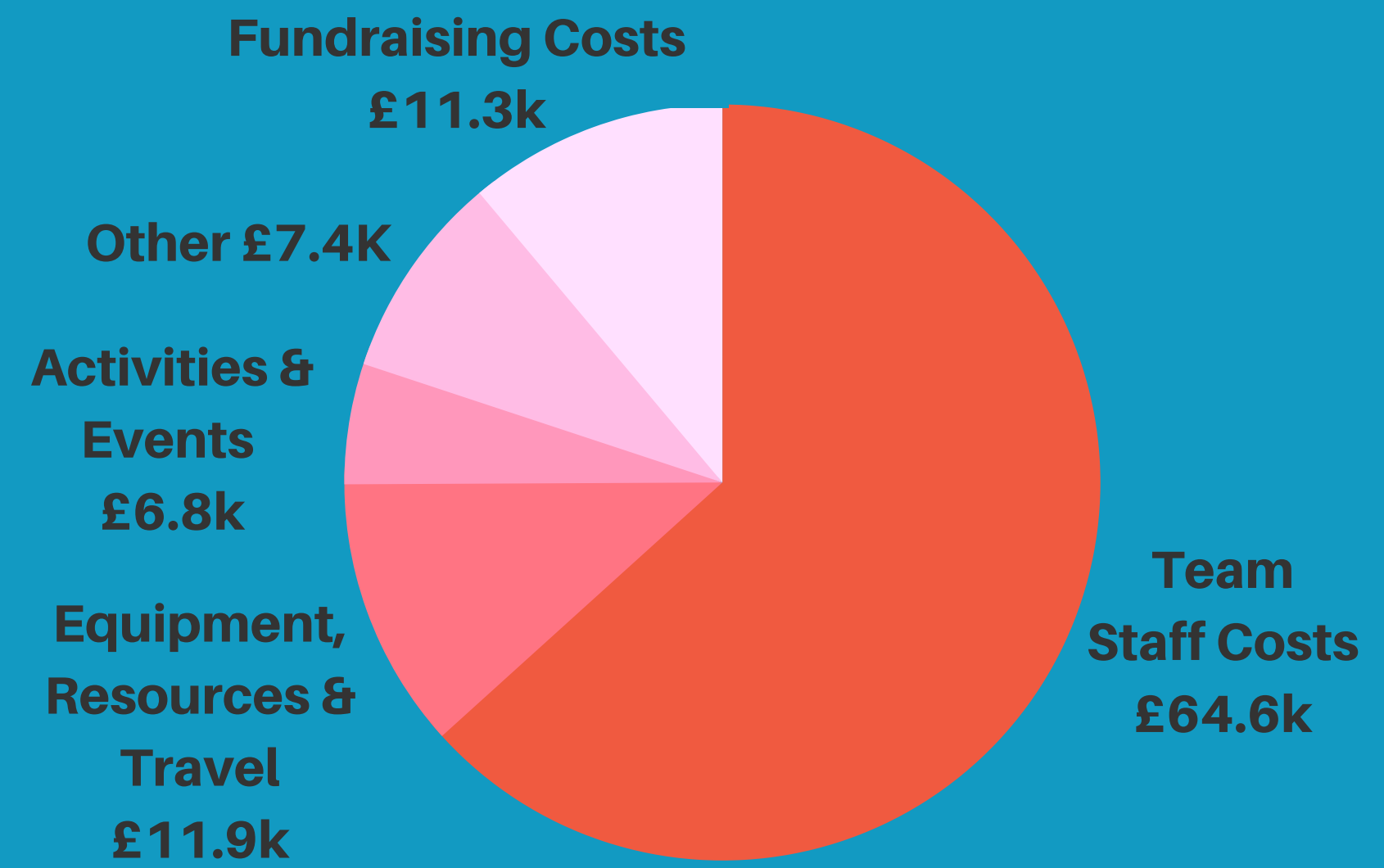
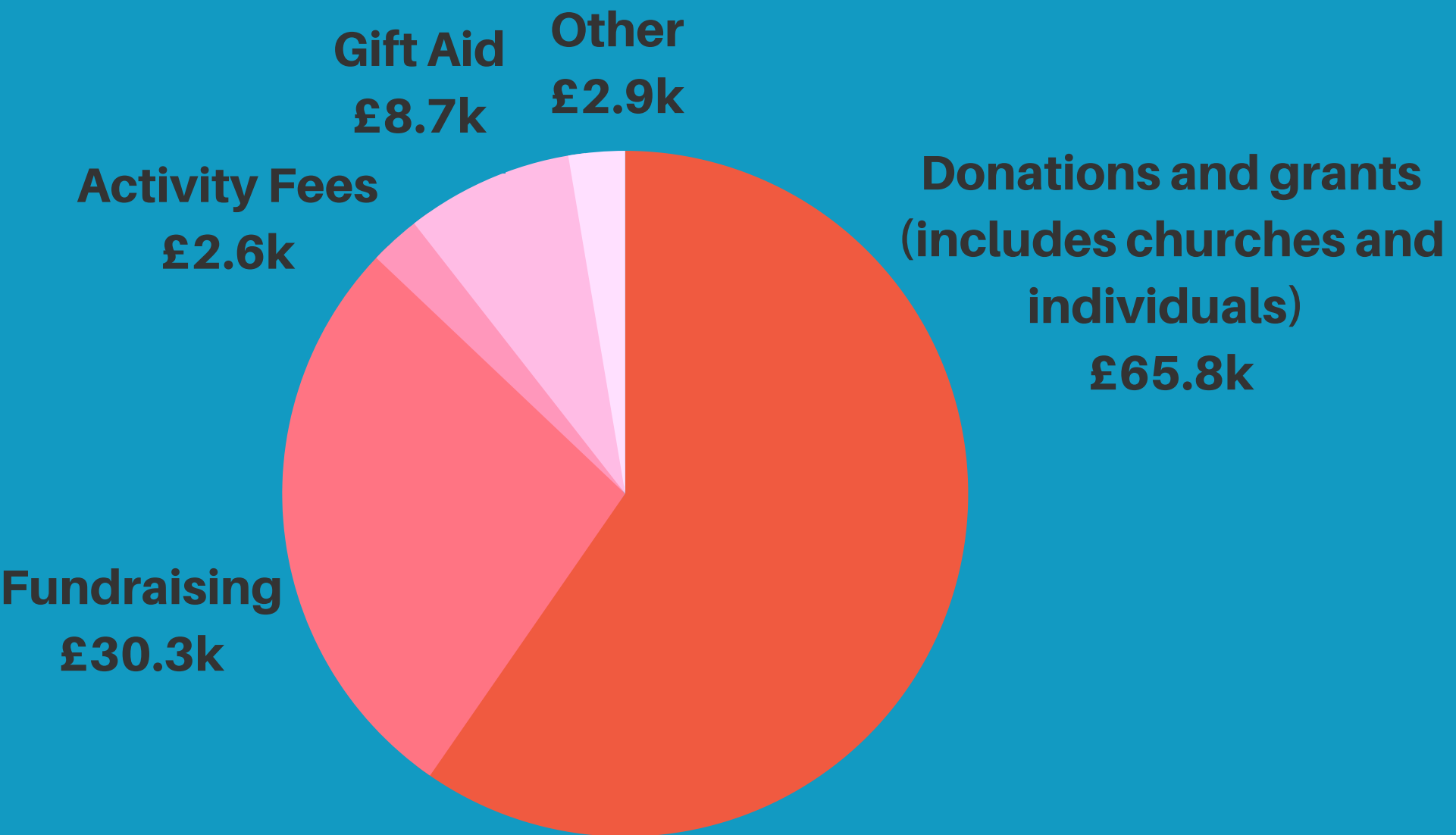
267

# 2020 Key Highlights



# Income £110.3k

# Expenditure £102k



# 2020 Finances

Policy, in case of reduction in donations and fundraising income, is to keep minimum reserves (c£9k) wherever possible, to cover 3 months' employment of minimum staff numbers. Disposal of owned assets would provide further cover. 267 does not hold funds as a Custodian. Full Accounts and Examiners Report to be found in Appendices / on Charity Commission website.



**Mike Palin**

Director



**Claire Banham**

Project Youth Worker and Haven Director



**Liz Buckley**

Project Administrator



**The Team**



**Alex Stoney**

Intern



**Ben Fitzsimons**

Media Wizard



**Ellie Catlin**

Ministry Development



# The Trustees



**Jane Munroe**

Dec 2007



**Alan MacKinnon**

June 2020



**Nigel Bretton**

Aug 2011



**Tori Redding**

Feb 2019



**Hannah Puddefoot**

Apr 2017



**Kate Collis**

July 2012



**Sean Ryan**

Dec 2007



**Anne Clark**

Jan 2017

The 267 Project is a Charitable Trust which has been governed according to its Trust Deed since Dec 2007 and registered with the Charity Commission since Feb 2008. New trustees are elected by existing trustees and team members. Trustees regularly meet with the team for monthly meetings and inspiring Strategy Days.

# A Word From Us



**Sean Ryan**  
Chair of Trustees

"What a year!" I think we can all agree 2020 was unlike any year any of us have ever experienced! It won't surprise you if I say that I found these last 18 months incredibly difficult and frustrating. The very DNA of 267 is to gather people, whether that be leaders, volunteers, kids, young people or youth and kids workers. But as often happens, as we reflect on the year I see some wonderful fruit and encouragement from the ministry we have done. It has been great to put energy into connecting with people during a time where there is distance between us. To be able to connect through Zoom, or through a WhatsApp message, or indeed through old-fashioned post, each connection reminds us we are not alone in this tumultuous pandemic year. Throughout the year my aim is for 267 to stay in touch with people, in whatever way we can. This continued connection will mean that when we are able to meet again the relationships are intact. It is vital that people know we haven't gone anywhere, that we are still 'for them' and that as soon as is possible we will be building spaces and places to gather again.

**Mike Palin**  
Director



As Christians we are not superstitious yet our 13th year as a charity was the year of the pandemic and challenged us all but especially Mike; to coin Mike's terminology, being social is in his DNA and is one of the many reasons why he is so suited to 267's work. It was hard to see him, the team and the charity's work initially suffer but as has so often happened, it was with admiration that we saw God work the team as they knuckled down, adapted and turned to new ways of working and new methods of reaching out to our community of youth workers, childrens' workers and most of important of all the young people we all serve. The pandemic also affected our income streams as fundraising events are a necessary mainstay but we are re-imagining these wherever we can and we're holding a virtual chef event early in the new year.

2020 saw us welcome our new part time team member Ellie, whose role is a Ministry Development Worker; additionally we welcomed Alex who joins us as a talented intern, both joining Mike, Claire and Liz. We go into the new year praying for continued guidance and adaptability, for the communities we served to cope through these challenging times and for the work of the project to be able to continue in person once more as restrictions are eased; as ever our motive is to see young lives changed for the better forever through 267. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, thank you.

# Looking Ahead...



- Our hope is for The Haven to grow in schools more and more. The mental health support that Claire and the team bring via this initiative is so essential, needed more than ever after the struggles of 2020 lockdown and home-schooling. To support The Haven's ability to connect we are going to be investing time and energy into The Haven's online presence; Alex and Claire will be recording content so that young people can be supported through their phone or computer.
- We would love to run a 267 Summer Festival where we can gather young people for a time of deep community whilst at the same time encouraging their leadership skills. We would then help them explore and 'flex their giftings' by running a holiday club style day camp.
- **Fuel On Tour, once again; it is so great that Fuel is able to journey round our local area, visiting various churches and youth groups. It is vital that young people see others who are on a faith journey and this growing community and 'cloud of witnesses' can be a huge encouragement to one another as we learn and share stories together.**
- We want to invest in exploring social media to communicate, encourage and inform people. Our hope is to regularly record a wide range of podcasts and vlogs that will encourage and resource people in their faith, their ministry and in their church communities.
- Looking forward, we will continue running residentials, hosting and growing The Haven as well as taking Fuel On Tour around our partner churches. We are already planning our next fundraising events which will include another Golf Day, our 5th Wine Tasting Event and hopefully a Snowdon ascent!



*"I will forever be grateful for 267; without them I believe I wouldn't be as confident and happy as I am today. The work they do helped me develop my relationship with God and that is a gift I will never be able to reply."* - **Lauren, 19**

*"267 has consistently been a positive influence in my faith journey; they have become my best friends and a family."* - **Alex, 18**

*"From a mum's point of view, 267 provides amazing activities and outreach in a safe and fun setting for youngsters. It's so important for our kids to know other Christians and to be able to strengthen their faith through exploring and challenging it. From a trustee point of view: I'm incredibly proud to be part of a team who are striving to provide Christian activity and support for young people that is so needed in our modern world".* - **Claire, Mum and Trustee**



*"267 is an absolutely fantastic organisation that excels at running cafes, training and weekends away. The Fuel Weekend Away was a clear demonstration of the Project's ability to mould and shape young people into the future leaders of tomorrow."* - **Chris, STEP Director.**



267life



The 267 Project



the267project




 07789 815516

 [director@the267project.com](mailto:director@the267project.com)

 [www.the267project.com](http://www.the267project.com)



 c/o The Cabin,  
Christ Church  
High Oaks  
St. Albans  
Hertfordshire  
AL3 6DJ

Charity Number: 1122830



## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/01/2020

To

31/12/2020

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and grants	65,825	-	-	65,825	62,674
Gift aid tax reclaim	8,712	-	-	8,712	7,530
Fundraising events	30,281	-	-	30,281	26,043
Fees for activities	2,624	-	-	2,624	10,450
Other	2,934	-	-	2,934	15,886
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>110,376</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,376</b>	<b>122,583</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>110,376</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,376</b>	<b>122,583</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and NI	64,618	-	-	64,618	57,316
Office rent	933	-	-	933	2,116
Insurance	580	-	-	580	3,790
Van, equipment and office supplies	8,133	-	-	8,133	22,409
Travel	1,988	-	-	1,988	4,149
Books and resources	1,765	-	-	1,765	5,372
Telephone	287	-	-	287	215
Fuel Team costs	1,187	-	-	1,187	1,973
Youth event costs	4,076	-	-	4,076	14,390
Fundraising costs	11,344	-	-	11,344	11,625
Other costs	7,193	-	-	7,193	10,680
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>102,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,104</b>	<b>134,035</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>102,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102,104</b>	<b>134,035</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,272</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,272</b>	<b>11,452</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,124</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,124</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>11,452</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		16,396	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

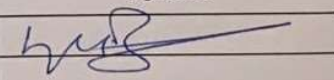
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NIGEL BRETTON	9/10/21