

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 06784541
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1128054

Shifnal and Albrighton Christian Youth Project
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 August 2025

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 August 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Shifnal and Albrighton Christian Youth Project
Charity registration number	1128054
Company registration number	06784541
Principal office and registered office	St Mary's Church Centre Vicarage Fields High Street Albrighton Wolverhampton WV7 3EQ

The trustees

A Chatham
C Walker
Rev'd M Thomas
A Lang
D P Samuel
M W Shaw
(Resigned 17 May 2025)

Independent examiner	Matthew Baker BA FCA Haines Watts Wolverhampton Limited Keepers Lane The Wergs Wolverhampton West Midlands WV6 8UA
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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Charity constitution

The company is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company was incorporated on 7 January 2009 and registered as a charity on 13 February 2009.

Trustee selection methods

The trustees are appointed by ordinary resolution from the supporter's group which is open to the local churches.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Additional governance issues

All the trustees and supporters of the charity are volunteers.

The charity now known as Shifnal and Albrighton Christian Youth Project is working closely with the Diocese of Lichfield for policy and training issues.

The charity is made up of trustees, supporters and volunteers and is involved with local churches; community and church run youth groups and local schools.

A funding agreement is in place with two local churches.

The trustees consider the main risks to be:

- i) Health and safety of the Youth Leader, volunteers and the young people who benefit from the work of the charity. Policies are in place to manage these risks.
- ii) Safeguarding the young people engaged in the activities of the charity. All staff and volunteers who work with young people must undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check before they are allowed to work with children and young people involved with sayYES.

Objectives and activities

The overall aim of sayYES is to establish and maintain a youth ministry, employing a youth work co-ordinator to provide leadership for activities and outreach with teenagers. The work is to be balanced between secular youth work, evangelistic work and pastoral care and nurture.

The core objectives of the project are:

- i) advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of children and young people in the areas described above;
- ii) demonstration, promotion and encouragement of Christian values;
- iii) advancement of education including support and mentoring;
- iv) relief of poverty and sickness through practical action.

Project core activities

- i) promoting good quality activities for young people;
- ii) evangelistic work to raise awareness of the Gospel;
- iii) leadership and teaching for young people interested in the Christian faith.

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Achievements and performance

During the period under review

i) Thank you to everyone who supports sayYES through prayer, giving and encouragement. Your generosity continues to make a real difference to young people across Shifnal, Albrighton, and the surrounding area. We remain grateful for regular financial support from St Andrew's Shifnal, St Mary's Sutton Maddock, St Bartholomew's Tong along with Methodist churches in Shifnal and Albrighton and Shifnal Christians Together in Shifnal and District as well as a number of individual donors.

ii) Mark's health has remained steady. Although his pioneering treatment leaves him more vulnerable to illness, *"his condition has not restricted his ability to work with young people."* He continues to attend Catalyst for spiritual support and ministry development.

iii) **Volunteers & Staffing**

Albrighton welcomed 3 new committed volunteers. Shifnal continues to rely heavily on Mark and Angela, with additional help always appreciated. Despite this, the team has shown resilience and dedication.

iv) **Youth Clubs**

Shifnal Attendance has been consistently strong:

- Boys: peaks of 7-9
- Girls: peaks of 10-13
- Total per session: 3-19

Girls' attendance was particularly high, and the club remains a valued community resource.

Albrighton As a way of re-introducing sayYES into Albrighton Mark held After School Clubs for Year 6 / 10 year olds in both Primary Schools, which was well received.

Then transferred to a Youth Club on a Thursday in the Village to include a broader age group. In its first term, numbers grew steadily:

- Boys: around 6 regulars
- Girls: 2 regulars plus 8 occasional attendees
- Total per session: 2-11

Impact

Across both clubs, 62 individual young people engaged this year. Development outcomes included:

- Social and life skills
- Money handling via tuck shop
- Teamwork and sharing
- Reflective discussion
- Confidence building (supported by resources such as *"What Makes You a Star?"*)

Youth Clubs run weekly at Trinity Centre Shifnal and Wesley Methodist Church Albrighton, with support from Albrighton and Donington Parish Council and a National Lottery grant.

v) **Schools Work**

Mark continues to be warmly welcomed at Idsall School, contributing to:

- Lunchtime Open Session
- RE lessons (e.g., suffering, Christian perspectives, "Radical Jesus")
- Session Six after-school group

He also:

- Led the Remembrance Service
 - Supported Year 6 transition across four primary schools
 - Delivered Open the Book sessions
- Over 125 pupils benefited from this work.

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vi) **Messy Church**

sayYES supports Messy Church through the "10 Plus Zone"

vii) **Community Partnerships**

Encouraging developments include:

- Albrighton Parish Council and the Methodist Church exploring new youth provision and sayYes remains affiliated with SYA, benefitting from training and resources.

viii) **Governance**

The charity operated within a carefully managed budget, and we welcomed David Samuel as he re-joined the Board of Trustees, who met as required and contribute to uphold the Apostles' Creed as the Statement of Faith.

ix) **Vision**

Our vision remains: "*Inspiring young lives, transforming our community together through faith in Jesus.*" We look ahead with hope and trust in God's guidance. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for the young people of our community.

Financial review

Charity's policy on reserves

Minimum of 6 months' operating costs to be held in bank account.

Funding has been received from a number of sources including donations from local churches, individuals and organisations to ensure that the project has reserves in place to secure the next 12 months of operation.

Donations in kind

During the year local churches provided meeting rooms, office space, halls and kitchen facilities free of charge. Donations in kind amounted to the equivalent of c £2,400 in cash terms.

Furthermore, the work of SAYYES would not have been possible without the generous support and time given on a regular basis by a number of volunteers.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 13th May 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



A Chatham
Trustee



C Walker
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Shifnal and Albrighton Christian Youth Project

Year ended 31 August 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Shifnal and Albrighton Christian Youth Project ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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15th May 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities (Including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 August 2025

		2025		2024
		Unrestricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	funds	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	32,878	32,878	12,997
Investment income	5	143	143	12
Total income		<u>33,021</u>	<u>33,021</u>	<u>13,009</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	17,361	17,361	12,720
Total expenditure		<u>17,361</u>	<u>17,361</u>	<u>12,720</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>15,660</u>	<u>15,660</u>	<u>289</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		2,936	2,936	2,647
Total funds carried forward		<u>18,596</u>	<u>18,596</u>	<u>2,936</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2025

		2025		2024
	Note	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	3		5,598	-
Current assets				
Debtors	10	1,927		912
Cash at bank and in hand		11,491		2,444
		<u>13,418</u>		<u>3,356</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>420</u>		<u>420</u>
Net current assets			12,998	2,936
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>18,596</u>	<u>2,936</u>
Net assets			<u>18,596</u>	<u>2,936</u>
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds			18,596	2,936
Total charity funds	12		<u>18,596</u>	<u>2,936</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13th May 2026 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



A Chatham
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.
- Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.
- Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity as opposed to those costs associated with fundraising or charitable activity.

Irrecoverable value added tax (VAT) is included in the relevant expense categories.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

2. Limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
Additions	8,398
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	2,800
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2025	5,598
At 31 August 2024	-

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4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations	7,764	7,764	6,684	6,684
Gift aid	1,869	1,869	1,596	1,596
St Andrews	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Lottery Grant- Albrighton Project	18,510	18,510	-	-
Churches Together Shifnal District	135	135	1,577	1,577
Sutton Maddock PCC	300	300	300	300
St Bartholomew's Tong	600	600	600	600
Albrighton Methodist	-	-	1,040	1,040
Albrighton Parish Council	2,500	2,500	-	-
	<u>32,878</u>	<u>32,878</u>	<u>12,997</u>	<u>12,997</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>143</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Youth work	14,123	14,123	12,240	12,240
Depreciation	2,800	2,800	-	-
Support costs	438	438	480	480
	<u>17,361</u>	<u>17,361</u>	<u>12,720</u>	<u>12,720</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2025	Total fund 2024
	£	£	£	£
Youth work	14,123	-	14,123	12,240
Governance costs	-	438	438	480
	<u>14,581</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>14,561</u>	<u>12,720</u>

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8. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>438</u>	<u>480</u>

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

10. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,927</u>	<u>912</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2025 £
General funds	<u>2,936</u>	<u>33,021</u>	<u>(17,361)</u>	<u>18,596</u>

	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	<u>2,647</u>	<u>13,009</u>	<u>(12,720)</u>	<u>2,936</u>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	2025 £
Fixed assets	5,598	5,598
Current assets	13,418	13,418
Creditors less than 1 year	(420)	(420)
Net assets	18,596	18,596

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	2024 £
Current assets	3,356	3,356
Creditors less than 1 year	(420)	(420)
Net assets	2,936	2,936