

DARLINGTON AREA CHURCHES YOUTH MINISTRY

England & Wales · Charity number 1137059

Details

Other names DACYM

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [07217418](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1.1 The Charity's objects are restricted specifically, in each case only for the public benefit to: (a) advance the education of children and young people including but not limited to support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments as well as within their family environment; provision of lunchtime and after-school clubs and street-based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved; (b) advance the Christian faith for the benefit of children and young people in accordance with the Statement of Faith by proclaiming Christian messages of a teaching nature in keeping with the Christian gospel by demonstrating, promoting and encouraging Christian values, including but not limited to dignity, empowerment and partnership, to all young people in, but not restricted to, the Borough of Darlington; (d) relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith including, but not limited to, promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

Activities: DACYM works from an inclusive Christian value base, using the principles of informal education and community development. It is our aim that through this work, the lives of young people will be transformed educationally, socially and spiritually, thus empowering them to achieve their full potential.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DARLINGTON
- Darlington
- Durham
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£84,538	£74,834	-	-
2024-04-30	£70,685	£79,957	-	-
2023-04-30	£77,639	£77,762	-	-
2022-04-30	£61,032	£67,141	-	-
2021-04-30	£64,679	£64,891	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tim Francis John Middleton-Evans	Chair	2018-10-25
Amanda Susan Meeks		2015-10-09
Claire Louise Hunter		2021-02-04
Emily Carling		2018-10-25
Penelope Jane Melville Moon		2023-10-06
REVEREND COLIN JAY BA		2015-10-07
Rev Jessica Jayne Monopoli		2025-10-14
Trisha Marie Raeburn-Prouse		2015-10-09

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Accounts

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
30 April 2025

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Financial Statements

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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

Year Ended 30 April 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 30 April 2025.

Aims and Objectives of DACYM

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry (DACYM) works from an inclusive Christian value base, using the principles and practices of informal education and community development. Through this work, DACYM aims to transform the lives of young people educationally, socially, and spiritually, empowering them to achieve their full potential. DACYM supports both community and church-based youth work activities.

Our activities continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the young people we have had the privilege to work with during this accounting period.

Activities and Achievements During the Year

The Listening Post

The Listening Post is a Darlington community and school-based listening and mentoring service, providing one-to-one 'listening' time and/or mentoring for young people. It was established in 2017 as an expression of Christian care in action.

During the academic year ending July 2024, we facilitated over 2289 listening sessions across Darlington for 241 students. We anticipate that the number of sessions in 2024/25 will increase again.

These appointments predominantly took place in secondary school settings... Carmel College, Haughton Academy, Hummersknott Academy, Hurworth Academy, Longfield Academy, Polam Hall School, St Aidan's CofE Academy, and Wyvern Academy. However, we also provided the Listening Post in the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Rise Carr College, St Mary's Primary School, Cockerton, West Park Academy and Skerne Park Academy. Sessions also took place at Primary Healthcare Darlington (A central multi-purpose venue for health and care activities for the population of Darlington and surrounding area).

Over the last 12 months issues that have arisen for our young people are wide ranging. Areas include toxic family dynamics; general family relationships; historic eating disorders; suicidal thoughts; pressure from expectations of academic achievements; friendship breakdowns; gender identity; low mood and fatigue; bullying (some historic, some online); sexuality; managing college/school work and life; living and managing over-thinking and associated anxiety; environmental anxiety; managing anger; illness within family; cost of living crisis; impact of ADHD; self-loathing; issues relating to sleep patterns; impact of historic sexual abuse; boyfriend / girlfriend issues, and, in the primary school setting, the transition from Primary to Secondary.

The difference these sessions make for each young person is significant...

"I have faced many challenges this academic year, with stuff going on at home, and anxiety around my studies. I have really appreciated the external support the Listening Post have given me. It has helped me put things into perspective. I have learnt so much about myself. I now know I can cope with certain things life throws at you." Sixth Form Student - Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College.

"I get very stressed, and things build up, but my listening sessions help me to calm down so I can feel more relaxed." Year 6 pupil - St Marys School, Cockerton.

"My listening sessions feel like I actually have someone who will listen to me, rather than having to play it all down." Secondary School Student - Carmel College

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"The Listening Post is my safe space to talk. It is a good place to deal with those emotions that bubble up inside, as I was having to bottle them up before. Talking gets me to let go of those negative thoughts trapped in my mind. The sessions make me feel happier. In fact, my Mum and Dad have noticed a difference in me" Secondary School Student - Hurworth Academy

Referrals have come from a wide variety of sources including GP surgeries, social workers, youth workers, parents, teachers, CAMHS, Family Support/Early Help and the young people themselves.

One of the key strengths of the Listening Post is that we are not prescriptive on the number of sessions we offer in support of a young person. Listening sessions have been offered on a short, medium, and long-term basis - dependent upon the individual needs of each young person.

The schools also appreciate the work we do...

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of The Listening Post and the vital role they play in the lives of our students. Thanks to their volunteers, we're able to access support for 10-15 students every week-many of whom are among the most vulnerable in our school community. Having a safe, trusted space to talk and be truly listened to makes a powerful difference. For those struggling with anxiety, trauma, or personal challenges, just knowing someone is there can be life changing. Thank you to the Listening Post the team, for the compassion and care you offer to our students and families. Mrs N Douglass, Assistant Head Teacher - Hurworth Academy (Secondary)

I would like to extend our gratitude to the Listening Post for the support they have given our pupils on a 1:1 basis and the wider school. The Listeners we have here are very flexible and support the pastoral team in being proactive, offering support to pupils at an early stage to prevent problems manifesting. There are a lot of organisations out there that offer resources around mental health awareness, the Listening Post do a wonderful job of that via delivering whole school assemblies and youth clubs, but it is the long-term 1:1 work with our young people that creates the biggest impact and sets the Listening Post apart. The Listening Post have been part of Longfield for over 10 years now, they are part of the furniture and the time and expertise they offer our pupils is priceless. An example of this are the Year 11 pupils who are taking the initiative to organise their own appointments around GCSE's and intervention, as they know from experience that the sessions will make all the difference to their mindset at this crucial time. Mr J Tattersall, Assistant Head Teacher - Longfield Academy (Secondary)

The Listening Post works. It gives children who are struggling to manage their thoughts and emotions time and space to think and talk. As they struggle to make sense of the world around them and find their place in it, they are given space to explore, discuss and offload with a trusted adult. Our listener has been brilliant at building trusting relationships with the children she has worked with, and they have responded so well to her. They are eager for her to come, enjoy the time they spend with her and benefit from her wisdom, patience and unflinching cheer. I am so glad we have a listener as part of our pastoral support. Mrs S Hirst, Head Teacher - West Park Academy (Primary)

In conjunction with Darlington College in May/June 2024, we ran a Level 2 Effective Listening Course. As a result of this course we recruited new listeners who started volunteering with the Listening Post in September 2024.

Hurworth Youth Project (HYP)

DACYM have been involved in the running of youth activities in Hurworth, in partnership with All Saints Church, for 17 years. These activities come under the banner of Hurworth Youth Project and include the Friday Night Hang-Out, Friday Night Drop-In and Friday Night Walk-About.

The Friday Night Hang-Out started as a monthly activity about eight years ago. Following the COVID lockdown, we decided to make it weekly, and it very quickly became increasingly popular with between 40 - 50 primary school children attending each week. Attendances have been strong throughout the year, especially in the autumn and winter months.

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The Friday Night Drop-In has been a long-established fixture in Hurworth; originally set-up in response to the numbers of young people (secondary school age) hanging around in Hurworth on a Friday evening. Over the past 17 years, well in excess of a 1100 young people have attended sessions at the drop-in. Sadly, due to behaviours with a minority of young people, we had to pause The Friday Night Drop-In for a number of weeks during the year, but in September 2024 we relaunched the Drop-In as a club just for those in Year 7, attendance has been modest, but a core committed group of young people have really enjoyed the provision. In September 2025 there are plans to expand the club to include young people in school years 7 & 8.

On the nights we had sufficient volunteers and/or weren't able to open the Drop-In, we delivered some detached work nicknamed 'The Friday Night Walk-About'. This involved the team walking around the village engaging with young people hanging around in conversation and activities, and listening to what they have to say.

The Friday Night Hang-Out and Friday Night Drop-In take place in All Saint's Church.

Polam Hall School Chaplaincy Project

The Polam Hall Chaplaincy Project, which commenced in September 2022, continued into its third year. The chaplaincy continued to grow as an integral part of school life, building on foundations laid in previous years. New initiatives were introduced alongside ongoing work. Key activities included:

- Continued 1:1 and small group pastoral care, responding to grief, anxiety, friendship and faith challenges.
- Ongoing development and daily use of the Credo chaplaincy space, now firmly established as a safe, inclusive and valued part of the school.
- Expansion of the Engage group for Years 7-9, with new topics and increased student participation.
- Creation and delivery of weekly reflection resources for form time, aligned with school values.
- Leading regular assemblies and collective worship across all key stages. Key events included: Christmas, Easter, Refugee Week and Mental Health Week.
- Provision of interfaith prayer spaces and support during faith events, fostering belonging and inclusion.
- Continued collaboration with local churches and charities, including Refugee Week input from Darlington Assistance for Refugees.
- Increased trust from students and staff, allowing more pastoral conversations.

After School Clubs & Activities

Longfield Academy - We have been running INSPIRE in Longfield since 2011. We continue to attract a core group of students who attend weekly, they help set the programme and even give presentations on people and social issues that matter to them.

Assemblies And Church Visits

DACYM continue to assist schools by helping with the provision of assemblies (or collective worship) throughout the academic year, and special times of seasons such as Christmas and Easter.

In our Listening Post capacity, assemblies about Mental Health and Wellbeing were delivered in Longfield Academy, Hurworth Academy and Hummersknott Academy, spread over the year utilising Mental Health Awareness week, World Mental Health Day and Children's Mental Health week.

As DACYM we delivered Harvest, Advent/Christmas, Fairtrade, and Easter assemblies in Hummersknott Academy, some of which were extended assemblies at 45 minutes long.

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In March 2024 we facilitated school to church visits for Longfield Academy. Year 10 GCSE pupils visited The Kings Church centre, The Well Methodist Church, St Thomas Aquinas RC Church and St Marks CofE Church learning about the similarities and differences of each place of worship.

Mr Andrew Brown, Head of RE at Longfield says... DACYM organised a series of 4 church visits for Y10 GCSE RE pupils at Longfield. The visits were a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn about the different denominations of Christianity in their local area and really contextualise the beliefs that they had learnt about in class. It enabled pupils to see all aspects of the work that local churches do and ask questions about belief and practices and hear them direct from the believers themselves. The pupils themselves really enjoyed learning directly from Church leaders and being able to quiz them about what the pupils were learning in the classroom. Many pupils had no idea about the extent of the work that local churches do or the amazing buildings in their local area. Without help from DACYM and their local contacts we would not have been able to organise this school trip and the pupils would have missed out on a thoroughly enriching experience. The trip was such a success we are looking to run it every year with our GCSE Y10 classes.

School to Church visits are something we would like to continue to develop.

Conclusion

The period of May 2024 to April 2025 has been one of continuing to respond to the ever-changing world around us, facilitating support for hundreds of young people whilst also continuing to develop other aspects of work in schools, local communities, and churches. We are grateful for those who have continued to support the work of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry, whether that be financially, or by being a volunteer for the Listening Post and/or Hurworth Youth Project. Without such support the vital work undertaken would not have been possible.

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Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £84,538 (2024 - £70,685) of which £53,472 (2024 - £32,742) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £74,835 (2024 - £79,957) of which £36,637 (2024 - £35,849) was restricted. The overall surplus of £9,704 (2024 - deficit of £9,272) comprised a deficit of £7,131 (2024 - £6,165) on unrestricted funds and a surplus of £16,835 (2024 - deficit of £3,107) on restricted funds. At 30th April 2025 net assets totalled £46,694 (2024 - £36,990) of which £29,683 (2024 - £12,848) was held in restricted funds and £17,011 (2024 - £24,142) in unrestricted funds. The Trustees consider the current financial position to be stable.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of funding are from private individuals, local churches, personal support and service level agreements. Personal support is a long standing commitment by individuals providing funding for salary costs of particular named members of staff. We also received funding from Charitable Trusts, aimed specifically at the Listening Post. The Charity will aim to carry out additional fund raising events each year. We wish to thank funders and donors for their continued support enabling DACYM to impact the lives of young people

Investment Policy

The Charity does not have an investment policy at the current time; it is purely a case of ensuring that income is greater than expenditure.

Reserves Policy

The management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity. At 30 April 2025 there were restricted funds held in the amount of £29,683 principally restricted for use on the Hurworth Youth Project, Polam Hall and the Listening Post.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 April 2010 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register is to be established and updated regularly. Procedures re Health & Safety etc are to be periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a management committee who meet approximately five to six times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described in other parts of the trustees' report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name	Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry
Charity registration number	1137059
Company registration number	07217418
Principal office and registered office	The DACYM Office Elm Ridge Methodist Church Carmel Road South Darlington County Durham DL3 8DJ

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Year Ended 30 April 2025

The Trustees

Rev D Bage (Resigned 14/10/25)
Ms T Raeburn-Prouse
Ms A Meeks
Rev C Jay
Mr T Evans (Chair)
Mrs E Carling
Ms C L Hunter
Ms P J M Moon
Rev J J Monopoli (Appointed 14/10/25)

Independent Examiner

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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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 14th October 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Year Ended 30 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the 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 the 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 April 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	28,137	40,863	69,000	46,626
Charitable activities	6	1,114	9,597	10,711	19,277
Other trading activities	7	1,815	3,012	4,827	4,782
Total income		<u>31,066</u>	<u>53,472</u>	<u>84,538</u>	<u>70,685</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	8	750	–	750	2,915
Costs of other trading activities	9	2,275	143	2,418	1,883
Expenditure on charitable activities	10,11	35,172	36,494	71,666	75,159
Total expenditure		<u>38,197</u>	<u>36,637</u>	<u>74,834</u>	<u>79,957</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds					
		<u>(7,131)</u>	<u>16,835</u>	<u>9,704</u>	<u>(9,272)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		24,142	12,848	36,990	46,262
Total funds carried forward		<u>17,011</u>	<u>29,683</u>	<u>46,694</u>	<u>36,990</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	16		629	838
Current Assets				
Stocks	17	150		150
Debtors	18	5,122		5,981
Cash at bank and in hand		42,559		33,541
		<u>47,831</u>		<u>39,672</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>1,766</u>		<u>3,520</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>46,065</u>	<u>36,152</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>46,694</u>	<u>36,990</u>
Net Assets			<u>46,694</u>	<u>36,990</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			29,683	12,848
Unrestricted funds			17,011	24,142
Total charity funds	21		<u>46,694</u>	<u>36,990</u>

For the year ending 30 April 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 14th October 2025 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 April 2025

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The DACYM Office, Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Carmel Road South, Darlington, County Durham, DL3 8DJ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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. The Trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 30th April 2025 there were 8 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

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5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations from individuals	9,959	4,235	14,194
Donations from churches	4,800	1,061	5,861
Personal support	7,712	300	8,012
Cash collections	–	289	289
Gift aid	3,766	–	3,766
Grants			
Hurworth Parish Council	–	400	400
County Durham Community Foundation	1,900	17,100	19,000
Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust	–	5,000	5,000
Darlington Lions Club	–	5,000	5,000
Darlington Mayor's Fund	–	7,478	7,478
	<u>28,137</u>	<u>40,863</u>	<u>69,000</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations from individuals	16,677	3,824	20,501
Donations from churches	5,300	2,658	7,958
Personal support	7,127	300	7,427
Cash collections	–	238	238
Gift aid	2,502	–	2,502
Grants			
Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust	–	5,000	5,000
Hadrian Trust	–	1,000	1,000
Ashburn Charitable Trust	–	2,000	2,000
	<u>31,606</u>	<u>15,020</u>	<u>46,626</u>

6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Listening Post	–	7,687	7,687
Polam Hall	–	1,800	1,800
Other income from charitable activities	1,114	110	1,224
	<u>1,114</u>	<u>9,597</u>	<u>10,711</u>

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6. Charitable Activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Listening Post	–	10,239	10,239
Polam Hall	–	3,600	3,600
Quest	–	3,700	3,700
Other income from charitable activities	1,738	–	1,738
	<u>1,738</u>	<u>17,539</u>	<u>19,277</u>

7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising income	–	3,012	3,012
Tuck shop income	1,815	–	1,815
	<u>1,815</u>	<u>3,012</u>	<u>4,827</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising income	–	183	183
Tuck shop income	4,599	–	4,599
	<u>4,599</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>4,782</u>

8. Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donor admin costs	750	750	2,915	2,915
	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>2,915</u>

9. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tuck shop purchases	1,530	–	1,530
Advertising and publicity	555	143	698
Fundraising costs	190	–	190
	<u>2,275</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>2,418</u>

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9. Costs of Other Trading Activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tuck shop purchases	1,860	23	1,883
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>1,883</u>

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Costs of charitable activities	34,174	36,494	70,668
Support costs	998	–	998
	<u>35,172</u>	<u>36,494</u>	<u>71,666</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities	38,569	35,826	74,395
Support costs	764	–	764
	<u>39,333</u>	<u>35,826</u>	<u>75,159</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities	70,668	–	70,668	74,395
Governance costs	–	998	998	764
	<u>70,668</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>71,666</u>	<u>75,159</u>

12. Net Income/(Expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	209	279

13. Independent Examination Fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	560	564

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14. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,446	63,129
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,338	1,332
	<u>64,784</u>	<u>64,461</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2024: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Number of project staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

15. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2024 - Nil).

16. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 May 2024 and 30 April 2025	<u>3,545</u>	<u>3,545</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 May 2024	2,707	2,707
Charge for the year	209	209
At 30 April 2025	<u>2,916</u>	<u>2,916</u>
Carrying amount		
At 30 April 2025	<u>629</u>	<u>629</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>838</u>	<u>838</u>

17. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stock	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

18. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,093	3,063
Prepayments and accrued income	507	467
Other debtors	1,522	2,451
	<u>5,122</u>	<u>5,981</u>

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19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	574	498
Accruals and deferred income	568	2,399
Social security and other taxes	624	623
	<u>1,766</u>	<u>3,520</u>

20. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,338 (2024: £1,332).

21. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	21,253	28,337	(34,755)	–	14,835
Tuck shop	2,889	2,729	(3,442)	–	2,176
	<u>24,142</u>	<u>31,066</u>	<u>(38,197)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>17,011</u>

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	30,307	33,344	(42,248)	(150)	21,253
Tuck shop	–	4,599	(1,860)	150	2,889
	<u>30,307</u>	<u>37,943</u>	<u>(44,108)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>24,142</u>

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21. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Breathe	4,230	–	–	–	4,230
Listening Post	–	31,002	(16,296)	–	14,706
HYP	7,951	3,570	(8,439)	–	3,082
Polam Hall	667	18,900	(11,902)	–	7,665
	<u>12,848</u>	<u>53,472</u>	<u>(36,637)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>29,683</u>

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Breathe	4,799	–	(569)	–	4,230
Listening Post	(5,109)	21,982	(16,873)	–	–
HYP	7,971	3,460	(3,480)	–	7,951
Polam Hall	8,777	3,600	(11,710)	–	667
Quest	(483)	3,700	(3,217)	–	–
	<u>15,955</u>	<u>32,742</u>	<u>(35,849)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>12,848</u>

22. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	629	–	629
Current assets	18,148	29,683	47,831
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,766)	–	(1,766)
Net assets	<u>17,011</u>	<u>29,683</u>	<u>46,694</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	838	–	838
Current assets	26,824	12,848	39,672
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,520)	–	(3,520)
Net assets	<u>24,142</u>	<u>12,848</u>	<u>36,990</u>

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Management Information

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	14,194	20,501
Donations from churches	5,861	7,958
Personal support	8,012	7,427
Cash collections	289	238
Gift aid	3,766	2,502
Hurworth Parish Council	400	–
County Durham Community Foundation	19,000	–
Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust	5,000	5,000
Hadrian Trust	–	1,000
Ashburn Charitable Trust	–	2,000
Darlington Lions Club	5,000	–
Darlington Mayor's Fund	7,478	–
	<u>69,000</u>	<u>46,626</u>
Charitable activities		
Listening Post	7,687	10,239
Polam Hall	1,800	3,600
Quest	–	3,700
Other income from charitable activities	1,224	1,738
	<u>10,711</u>	<u>19,277</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising income	3,012	183
Tuck shop income	1,815	4,599
	<u>4,827</u>	<u>4,782</u>
Total income	<u>84,538</u>	<u>70,685</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure		
Donor admin costs		
Donor admin costs	<u>750</u>	<u>2,915</u>
Costs of other trading activities		
Tuck shop purchases	1,530	1,883
Advertising and publicity	698	–
Fundraising costs	<u>190</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>2,418</u>	<u>1,883</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Costs of charitable activities		
Wages	63,446	63,129
Pension contributions	1,338	1,332
Insurance	467	425
Legal & professional fees	990	1,225
Telephone and IT	839	1,012
Printing, stationery & postage	183	69
Depreciation	209	279
Activity costs	1,211	4,254
Training	1,450	1,598
Staff travel & expenses	459	371
Other costs	<u>76</u>	<u>701</u>
	<u>70,668</u>	<u>74,395</u>
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner's fees	560	564
Board expenses	<u>438</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>998</u>	<u>764</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>71,666</u>	<u>75,159</u>
Total expenditure	<u>74,834</u>	<u>79,957</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>9,704</u>	<u>(9,272)</u>

DARLINGTON AREA CHURCHES YOUTH MINISTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137059

Accounts

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Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
30 April 2024

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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

Year Ended 30 April 2024

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 30 April 2024.

Aims and Objectives of DACYM

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry (DACYM) works from an inclusive Christian value base, using the principles and practices of informal education and community development. Through this work, DACYM aims to transform the lives of young people educationally, socially, and spiritually, empowering them to achieve their full potential. DACYM supports both community and church-based youth work activities.

Our activities continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the young people we have had the privilege to work with during this accounting period.

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Year Ended 30 April 2024

Activities and Achievements During the Year

THE LISTENING POST

The Listening Post is a Darlington community and school-based listening and mentoring service, providing one-to-one 'listening' time and/or mentoring for young people. It was established in 2017 as an expression of Christian care in action.

During the academic year ending July 2023 we facilitated over 2115 listening sessions (an increase of 17% on 2021/22) across Darlington for 268 students (an increase of 30% on 2021/22). We anticipate that the number of sessions in 2023/24 will increase again.

These appointments predominantly took place in secondary school settings... Carmel College, Haughton Academy, Hummersknott Academy, Hurworth Academy, Longfield Academy, Polam Hall School, St Aidan's CofE Academy, and Wyvern Academy (May - July 2023). However, we also provide the Listening Post into the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and St Mary's Primary School, Cockerton. Sessions also took place at Primary Healthcare Darlington (A central multi-purpose venue for health and care activities for the population of Darlington and surrounding area).

Over the last 12 months issues that have arisen for our young people are wide ranging. Areas include toxic family dynamics; general family relationships; historic eating disorders; suicidal thoughts; pressure from expectations of academic achievements; friendship breakdowns; gender identity; low mood and fatigue; bullying (some historic, some online); sexuality; managing college/school work and life; living and managing over-thinking and associated anxiety; environmental anxiety; managing anger; illness within family; cost of living crisis; impact of ADHD; self-loathing; issues relating to sleep patterns; impact of historic sexual abuse; boyfriend / girlfriend issues and in the primary school setting the transition from Primary to Secondary.

The difference these sessions make for each young person is significant...

"Attending the Listening Post helps with the way I cope with things; the sessions allow me to express myself. I can verbalise things in my session I can't anywhere else. That then helps me to communicate with other people, enabling me to feel more comfortable with my friends, family and teachers. I like the informal approach of the Listening Post; it makes me relaxed and more able to talk." - Secondary School Student.

"When I am having a bad week, I just want to get it out by talking. The Listening Post is great because they just listen, I tried a solution focused therapy and it just annoyed me, sometimes I just want to talk and be heard. At home, when my parents are stressed, they don't have time to listen, and I don't want to burden them with my issues. The Listening Post gives me such a vital outlet. It helps me feel better, it also helps stop me getting into trouble." - Secondary School Student.

"The Listening Post allows me to let my emotions out - by telling someone how I am feeling, calms me right down" - Secondary School Student.

"My Listening Post sessions help me get a lot off my chest and there is no judgement. It helps me turn my emotional boulders into manageable pebbles" - Secondary School Student.

"I don't really speak to a lot of people, so the Listening Post is important for me. It helps me reflect on my behaviour and helps me be a better person" - Secondary School Student.

"I love the Listening Post. It is the only place where I can talk honestly and openly about how I feel and I feel listened to. I love it when I know I have an appointment coming up with my Listener." - Secondary School Student.

Referrals have come from a wide variety of sources including GP surgeries, social workers, youth

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workers, parents, teachers, CAMHS, Family Support/Early Help and the young people themselves.

One of the key strengths of the Listening Post is that we are not prescriptive on the number of sessions we offer in support of a young person. So, listening sessions have been offered on a short, medium, and long-term basis - dependent upon the individual needs of each young person.

The schools also appreciate the work we do...

Sarah Thornton, Vice Principal of Pastoral Care DSL, Carmel College says..."The impact of the Listening Post on our students at Carmel College cannot be overstated. Their listeners have been a beacon of hope for many of our pupils, offering crucial support even in their darkest hours. Our students consistently report feeling genuinely heard and understood when sharing their personal challenges and struggles. This level of empathy and support has been transformative for many."

Sarah McTimoney, Deputy Head, St Mary's Cockerton says...

"The Listening Post service at St Mary's Cockerton has been invaluable. The Listeners have given our children a safe space, week in week out to share their anxieties, experiences, achievements and progress. Each child knows that they are valued by their Listener, and name them as trusted adults in school. The children who access the service are not children who present with disruptive or distressing behaviours - they are the children who are quietly worried, internally anxious, those who could be overlooked yet whose worries are significant none the less. The gentle, supportive, encouraging, accessible approach of the Listening Post is just what these children have needed to help them through this year - parents and carers have commented on the difference they have seen in their children, how the strategies they have developed through working with the Listening Post are helping their children at home as well as in school. I cannot recommend the Listening Post highly enough, and I look forward to their continued work in our school, where some new pupils will be able to access this amazing service."

Claire Howlett, Emotional Wellbeing Officer, Longfield Academy says...

"The Listening Post is an integral asset to the pastoral offer at Longfield. Over the last academic year, and many before, dozens of our pupils have benefitted from their support. The positive impact of the Listening Post supports our pupils in overcoming barriers to learning which is evident in their attendance, self-esteem and engagement in the classroom."

In conjunction with Darlington College in May/June 2023, we ran a Level 2 Effective Listening Course; as a result of this course we recruited new listeners who started volunteering with the Listening Post in September 2023.

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HURWORTH YOUTH PROJECT (HYP)

DACYM have been involved in the running of youth activities in Hurworth, in partnership with All Saints Church, for nearly 16 years. These activities come under the banner of Hurworth Youth Project and include the Friday Night Hang-Out, Friday Night Drop-In and Friday Night Walk-About.

The Friday Night Hang-Out started as a monthly activity about eight years ago. Following the COVID lockdown we decided to make it weekly, and it very quickly became increasingly popular with between 40 - 50 primary school children attending each week. Attendances have been strong throughout the year, especially in the autumn and winter months.

The Friday Night Drop-In has been a long-established fixture in Hurworth, and it was originally set-up in response to the numbers of young people (secondary school age) hanging around in Hurworth on a Friday evening. Over the past 16 years, well in excess of a 1000 young people have attended sessions at the drop-in. Sadly, due to behaviours on a minority of young people, we had to pause The Friday Night Drop-In for a number of weeks during the year.

However, on the nights we weren't able to open the Drop-In, we ensured that our detached work 'The Friday Night Walk-About' which involves the team walking around the village engaging, with those young people hanging around, in conversations and activities - and listening to what they have to say.

The Friday Night Hang-Out and Friday Night Drop-In take place in All Saint's Church.

POLAM HALL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROJECT

In September 2022, in partnership with a local church and a grant making trust, DACYM were able to employ a Chaplain to work in Polam Hall School. The purpose of the role is to provide spiritual guidance, pastoral care, and support to the school community. Since September 2022 our Chaplain has been involved in all aspects of the life of both the Primary and Secondary schools. Over the past 12 months this has included leading and/or participating in the following: -

Harvest Festival	Bereavement support to students
Remembrance Service	Interfaith Dialogue Week
Christmas and Advent activities and services	Children's Mental Health Week
Weekly Reflection / Prayer activities	Easter
Pastoral support of students	Celebration Assemblies
Leading weekly in school activities	Response to world events

The work of our Chaplain has been recognised by the students, being nominated twice for an ABCD Award (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) for the support being offered to students. Staff and students have also appreciated what the role of Chaplain can bring to a school community...

"The Chaplain has really helped students who struggle with friendships at Playtime. She has worked closely with girls in a family who lost their mum this year. When there have been really challenging times, it has been comforting to know that our Chaplain has been there to support students and the school community" - Staff Member

"Our Chaplain is amazing. She cares and looks out for us as well as providing an amazing Easter service." - Student

"It makes the school unique to me. Having a School Chaplain that you can tell stuff to has made a big difference to me since my mum passed away." - Student

"The Chaplain gives me and other students a point of comfort. It makes Polam Hall a better place to be." - Student

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LUNCHTIME / AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Drop-In - for the third consecutive academic year (following Covid) in partnership with Holy Trinity Church we have run a drop-in café facility for students from the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College on a Monday lunchtime. Attendances fluctuated over the year, but a core group of students attended each Monday lunchtime.

Longfield Academy 7-UP Club & INSPIRE - In September 2023, for the second year running, we ran 7-UP, an after-school club for those students who had just started secondary school. It ran for seven weeks, until October half-term, with the aim of helping new students settle into secondary school and enable them to make new friends. The club consisted of games, activities, and a relevant short talk / reflection. From October half-term we switched back to our INSPIRE format, which has been running in Longfield for over 11 years. We continued to attract a core group of students who attended weekly, helped set the programme and gave presentations on people and social issues that mattered to them.

ASSEMBLIES AND CHURCH VISITS

DACYM continue to assist schools by helping with the provision of assemblies (or collective worship) throughout the academic year, and special times of seasons such as Christmas and Easter.

In our Listening Post capacity, assemblies about Mental Health and Wellbeing were given as part of Mental Health Awareness week to each year group at Longfield Academy in May 2023.

A live stream video assembly was also delivered to all students at Hurworth Academy on World Mental Health Day on October 10th 2023.

As DACYM we delivered Harvest, Advent/Christmas, Fairtrade, and Easter assemblies into Hummersknott Academy, some of which were extended assemblies at 45 minutes long.

Cathryn Johnson, RE Teacher at Hummersknott says... "

"Martin Stand, DACYM's Project Director, has provided four assemblies at Hummersknott Academy this academic year: Harvest, Christmas, Fair-Trade and Easter. The range of assemblies at Hummersknott Academy have been of great benefit to our students. The assemblies are meticulously planned, interactive and with a clear, positive and thoughtful message for students. We (staff and students) always look forward to these assemblies and are very grateful for Martin's time."

In April 2023 we facilitated school to church visits for West Park Academy. Pupils visited St Mary's Cockerton, Cockerton Methodist Church and The Holy Family Catholic Church. Experiencing different activities in each place of worship.

Mrs Sam Hirst, Head Teacher at West Park Academy says...

"I would just like to say a huge thank you from myself to you and all of the people involved in the school to church visits. You put a huge amount of work in organising it and we are very grateful to yourself and the whole team. The children came back really excited and full of joy."

School to Church visits are something we would like to continue to develop.

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RESIDENTIALS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

DACYM normally organise and run a number of special activities and residentials during the year, including our annual, 'Breathe Youth Retreat' and 'Quest Weekends'

We were able to run a Quest Weekend in September 2023. Quest is for younger students and is held at Marrick Priory, near Richmond. Children, from Years 5, 6 and 7, enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including abseiling, rock climbing, night-walk, leap of faith and the low ropes course. As part of the weekend, short reflection times were held in the chapel. Quest is taking a break in 2023.

Breathe Youth Retreat remains on hiatus, but discussions (and a potential site visit), have taken place on how we may relaunch Breathe in due course.

CONCLUSION

The period of May 2023 to April 2024 has been one of continuing to respond to the ever-changing world around us, facilitating support for hundreds of young people whilst also continuing to develop other aspects of work in schools, local communities, and churches. We are grateful for those who have continued to support the work of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry, whether that be financially, or by being a volunteer for the Listening Post and/or Hurworth Youth Project. Without such support the vital work undertaken would not have been possible.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £70,685 (2023 - £77,639) of which £32,742 (2023 - £49,872) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £79,957 (2023 - £77,762) of which £35,849 (2023 - £47,012) was restricted. The overall deficit of £9,272 (2023 - £123) comprised a deficit of £6,165 (2023 - £1,183) on unrestricted funds and a deficit of £3,107 (2023 - surplus of £1,060) on restricted funds. At 30th April 2024 net assets totalled £36,990 (2023 - £46,262) of which £12,848 (2023 - £15,955) was held in restricted funds and £24,142 (2023 - £30,307) in unrestricted funds. The Trustees consider the current financial position to be stable.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of funding are from private individuals, local churches, personal support and service level agreements. Personal support is a long standing commitment by individuals providing funding for salary costs of particular named members of staff. We also received funding from Charitable Trusts, aimed specifically at the Listening Post. The Charity will aim to carry out additional fund raising events each year. We wish to thank funders and donors for their continued support enabling DACYM to impact the lives of young people

Investment Policy

The Charity does not have an investment policy at the current time; it is purely a case of ensuring that income is greater than expenditure.

Reserves Policy

The management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity. At 30 April 2024 there were restricted funds held in the amount of £12,848 principally restricted for use on the Hurworth Youth Project and the Listening Post.

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

Year Ended 30 April 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 April 2010 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register is to be established and updated regularly. Procedures re Health & Safety etc are to be periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a management committee who meet approximately five to six times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Owing to the restrictions placed on travel, the committee met 6 times during 2020/21 via video conference to maintain business continuity and contact with staff.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described in other parts of the trustees' report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

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Year Ended 30 April 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Charity registration number 1137059

Company registration number 07217418

Principal office and registered office The DACYM Office
Elm Ridge Methodist Church
Carmel Road South
Darlington
County Durham
DL3 8DJ

The Trustees

Rev D Bage
Ms T Raeburn-Prouse
Ms A Meeks
Rev C Jay
Mr T Evans (Chair)
Mrs E Carling
Mr C E Miller (Retired 5 October 2023)
Ms C L Hunter
Ms P J M Moon (Appointed 6 October 2023)

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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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 19/9/24 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Year Ended 30 April 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the 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 the 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 April 2024

		2024	2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	31,606	15,020	46,626	56,992
Charitable activities	6	1,738	17,539	19,277	12,987
Other trading activities	7	4,599	183	4,782	7,635
Investment income	8	—	—	—	25
Total income		<u>37,943</u>	<u>32,742</u>	<u>70,685</u>	<u>77,639</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	9	2,915	—	2,915	2,476
Costs of other trading activities	10	1,860	23	1,883	3,359
Expenditure on charitable activities	11,12	<u>39,333</u>	<u>35,826</u>	<u>75,159</u>	<u>71,927</u>
Total expenditure		<u>44,108</u>	<u>35,849</u>	<u>79,957</u>	<u>77,762</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds					
		<u>(6,165)</u>	<u>(3,107)</u>	<u>(9,272)</u>	<u>(123)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,307	15,955	46,262	46,385
Total funds carried forward		<u>24,142</u>	<u>12,848</u>	<u>36,990</u>	<u>46,262</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	17		838	1,117
Current Assets				
Stocks	18	150		150
Debtors	19	5,981		6,349
Cash at bank and in hand		33,541		40,646
		<u>39,672</u>		<u>47,145</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>3,520</u>		<u>2,000</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>36,152</u>	<u>45,145</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>36,990</u>	<u>46,262</u>
Net Assets			<u>36,990</u>	<u>46,262</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			12,848	15,955
Unrestricted funds			24,142	30,307
Total charity funds	22		<u>36,990</u>	<u>46,262</u>

For the year ending 30 April 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 19/04/24, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 April 2024

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The DACYM Office, Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Carmel Road South, Darlington, County Durham, DL3 8DJ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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. The Trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2024

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2024

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 30th April 2024 there were 8 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations from individuals	16,677	3,824	20,501
Donations from churches	5,300	2,658	7,958
Personal support	7,127	300	7,427
Cash collections	–	238	238
Gift aid	2,502	–	2,502

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2024

5. Donations and Legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants			
Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust	–	5,000	5,000
Hadrian Trust	–	1,000	1,000
Ashburn Charitable Trust	–	2,000	2,000
	<u>31,606</u>	<u>15,020</u>	<u>46,626</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
General donations	19,981	4,264	24,245
Donations from churches	4,800	960	5,760
Gift aid	2,961	26	2,987
Grants			
Chaplaincy Fund	–	18,000	18,000
Stay Well fund	–	5,000	5,000
Hospital of God	–	1,000	1,000
	<u>27,742</u>	<u>29,250</u>	<u>56,992</u>

6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Listening Post	–	10,239	10,239
Polam Hall	–	3,600	3,600
Quest	–	3,700	3,700
Other income from charitable activities	1,738	–	1,738
	<u>1,738</u>	<u>17,539</u>	<u>19,277</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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6. Charitable Activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Breathe	–	1,300	1,300
Listening Post	–	8,717	8,717
Quest	–	2,970	2,970
	<u>–</u>	<u>12,987</u>	<u>12,987</u>

7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising income	–	183	183
Tuck shop income	4,599	–	4,599
	<u>4,599</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>4,782</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Subscriptions	–	2,365	2,365
Fundraising income	–	788	788
Tuck shop income	–	4,482	4,482
	<u>–</u>	<u>7,635</u>	<u>7,635</u>

8. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	–	–	25	25
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>

9. Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donor admin costs	2,915	2,915	2,476	2,476
	<u>2,915</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>2,476</u>	<u>2,476</u>

10. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tuck shop purchases	1,860	23	1,883
	<u>1,860</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>1,883</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2024

10. Costs of Other Trading Activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tuck shop purchases	–	3,359	3,359
	<u>–</u>	<u>3,359</u>	<u>3,359</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 24)	38,569	35,826	74,395
Support costs	764	–	764
	<u>39,333</u>	<u>35,826</u>	<u>75,159</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 24)	27,578	43,653	71,231
Support costs	696	–	696
	<u>28,274</u>	<u>43,653</u>	<u>71,927</u>

12. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 24)	74,395	–	74,395	71,231
Governance costs	–	764	764	696
	<u>74,395</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>75,159</u>	<u>71,927</u>

13. Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	279	372
	<u>279</u>	<u>372</u>

14. Independent Examination Fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	564	600
	<u>564</u>	<u>600</u>

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 30 April 2024

15. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	63,129	62,449
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,332	1,195
	<u>64,461</u>	<u>63,644</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2023: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Number of project staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

16. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2023 - Nil).

17. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024	<u>3,545</u>	<u>3,545</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 May 2023	2,428	2,428
Charge for the year	279	279
At 30 April 2024	<u>2,707</u>	<u>2,707</u>
Carrying amount		
At 30 April 2024	<u>838</u>	<u>838</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>1,117</u>	<u>1,117</u>

18. Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tuck shop	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

19. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,063	2,973
Prepayments and accrued income	467	425
Other debtors	2,451	2,951
	<u>5,981</u>	<u>6,349</u>

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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Year Ended 30 April 2024

20. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	498	540
Accruals and deferred income	2,399	821
Social security and other taxes	623	639
	<u>3,520</u>	<u>2,000</u>

21. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,332 (2023: £1,195).

22. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	30,307	33,344	(42,248)	(150)	21,253
Tuck shop	—	4,599	(1,860)	150	2,889
	<u>30,307</u>	<u>37,943</u>	<u>(44,108)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>24,142</u>

	At 1 May 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	31,490	27,767	(30,750)	1,800	30,307
	<u>31,490</u>	<u>27,767</u>	<u>(30,750)</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>30,307</u>

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 30 April 2024

22. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Breathe	4,799	–	(569)	–	4,230
Listening Post	(5,109)	21,982	(16,873)	–	–
HYP	7,971	3,460	(3,480)	–	7,951
Polam Hall	8,777	3,600	(11,710)	–	667
Quest	(483)	3,700	(3,217)	–	–
	<u>15,955</u>	<u>32,742</u>	<u>(35,849)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>12,848</u>

	At 1 May 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Hurworth Youth Project	7,092	–	–	–	7,092
Breathe	3,699	1,300	(200)	–	4,799
Listening Post	4,104	19,795	(29,008)	–	(5,109)
HYP	–	7,807	(6,928)	–	879
Polam Hall	–	18,000	(7,423)	(1,800)	8,777
Quest	–	2,970	(3,453)	–	(483)
	<u>14,895</u>	<u>49,872</u>	<u>(47,012)</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>15,955</u>

The Listening Post is funded by a grants from Ashburnham Charitable Trust, Hadrians Trust and the Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust, a service level agreement with Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and donations.

Breathe is funded by donations and group activities.

The Hurworth Youth project is funded by grants from the Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust and donations from All Saints Church.

Polam Hall is funded by a grant from the Poor Moor fund, via County Durham Community Foundation

23. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	838	–	838
Current assets	26,824	12,848	39,672
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,520)	–	(3,520)
Net assets	<u>24,142</u>	<u>12,848</u>	<u>36,990</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,117	–	1,117
Current assets	31,190	15,955	47,145
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,000)	–	(2,000)
Net assets	<u>30,307</u>	<u>15,955</u>	<u>46,262</u>

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Management Information

Year Ended 30 April 2024

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 April 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
General donations	–	24,245
Donations from individuals	20,501	–
Donations from churches	7,958	5,760
Personal support	7,427	–
Cash collections	238	–
Gift aid	2,502	2,987
Hurworth Rogers Charitable Trust	5,000	–
Chaplaincy Fund	–	18,000
Stay Well fund	–	5,000
Hospital of God	–	1,000
Hadrian Trust	1,000	–
Ashburn Charitable Trust	2,000	–
	<u>46,626</u>	<u>56,992</u>
Charitable activities		
Breathe	–	1,300
Listening Post	10,239	8,717
Polam Hall	3,600	–
Quest	3,700	2,970
Other income from charitable activities	1,738	–
	<u>19,277</u>	<u>12,987</u>
Other trading activities		
Subscriptions	–	2,365
Fundraising income	183	788
Tuck shop income	4,599	4,482
	<u>4,782</u>	<u>7,635</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	–	25
	<u>–</u>	<u>25</u>
Total income	<u>70,685</u>	<u>77,639</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

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	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure		
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Donor admin costs	<u>2,915</u>	<u>2,476</u>
Costs of other trading activities		
Tuck shop purchases	<u>1,883</u>	<u>3,359</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages	63,129	62,449
Pension contributions	1,332	1,195
Insurance	425	426
Legal & professional fees	1,225	–
Telephone and IT	1,012	989
Printing, stationery & postage	69	448
Depreciation	279	372
Activity costs	4,254	3,653
Training	1,598	–
Staff travel & expenses	371	810
Other costs	701	889
	<u>74,395</u>	<u>71,231</u>
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner's fees	564	540
Board expenses	200	156
	<u>764</u>	<u>696</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>75,159</u>	<u>71,927</u>
Total expenditure	<u>79,957</u>	<u>77,762</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(9,272)</u>	<u>(123)</u>

DARLINGTON AREA CHURCHES YOUTH MINISTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137059

Accounts

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
30 April 2023

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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

Year Ended 30 April 2023

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 30 April 2023.

Aims and Objectives of DACYM

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry (DACYM) works from an inclusive Christian value base, using the principles and practices of informal education and community development. Through this work, DACYM aims to transform the lives of young people educationally, socially, and spiritually, empowering them to achieve their full potential. DACYM supports both community and church-based youth work activities.

Our activities continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the young people we have had the privilege to work with during this accounting period.

Activities and Achievements During the Year

The Listening Post

The Listening Post is a Darlington community and school-based listening and mentoring service, providing one-to-one 'listening' time and/or mentoring for young people. It was established in 2017 as an expression of Christian care in action.

During the academic year ending July 2022 we facilitated over 1,800 listening sessions across Darlington for 208 students.

These appointments took place in Carmel College, Haughton Academy, Hummersknott Academy, Hurworth Academy, Longfield Academy, Polam Hall School, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, St Aidan's CofE Academy, and Wyvern Academy. Sessions also took place at Primary Healthcare Darlington (A central multi-purpose venue for health and care activities for the population of Darlington and surrounding area).

Over the last 12 months issues that have arisen for our young people are wide ranging. Areas include toxic family dynamics; general family relationships; historic eating disorders; suicidal thoughts; pressure from expectations of academic achievements; friendship breakdowns; gender identity; low mood and fatigue; bullying (some historic, some online); sexuality; managing college/school work and life; living and managing over-thinking and associated anxiety; illness within family; cost of living crisis; impact of ADHD; self-loathing; issues relating to sleep patterns; impact of historic sexual abuse and boyfriend / girlfriend issues.

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The difference these sessions make for each young person is significant...

"Attending the Listening Post has been really positive, being able to speak my mind without the fear of being judged has helped me feel less stressed. I came with anxieties about my family and exams. Simply being able to get things off my chest has made me happier. It has been so helpful" - Secondary School Student.

"The best thing about the Listening Post has been being in a place comfortable enough to talk about my problems. It has been a place to turn to, it has helped me deal and cope with situations I'd might not otherwise been able to. Being able to talk to someone has definitely helped me. I am so glad this service is available. I would give it '5 stars!'" - Secondary School Student.

"When I first came to the Listening Post, I was tearful all the time, had issues with one of my parents and I was generally unhappy with life, it was just doom and gloom. The Listening Post gave me a place to talk about 'anything'. Being able to unburden myself once a week has helped me. I am handling life much better. I am not as tearful, and I feel happier" - Secondary School Student.

"I get listened to; the Listening Post is the only place in my life where that happens" - Secondary School Student.

"I am thankful to my Listener for giving me a place where I could be open and comfortable with someone about my issues and mental health struggles. I had accessed other services but for me this was so much better because my Listener listened, I had the freedom to talk about anything with them. I set the agenda. When I began to attend the Listening Post, it was because I felt overwhelmed by life and school, I was struggling with anxiety and was uncertain about my identity. The Listening Post has helped me to accept myself, it has helped me to talk about and have conversations about my issues and feeling and I don't feel as bad all the time. Thank you" - Secondary School Student.

"I wanted to be able to talk to someone who wasn't family or a friend, as I felt nobody was listening to me. The Listening Post has been a safe space, with no judgement. I have been able to speak about how I have been feeling, as well as being able to laugh at silly stuff. It has been a nice experience for me. I feel a lot less angry, and more calm having been able to talk" - Secondary School Student.

Referrals have come from a wide variety of sources including GP surgeries, social workers, youth workers, parents, teachers, CAMHS, Family Support/Early Help and the young people themselves.

One of the key strengths of the Listening Post is that we are not prescriptive on the number of sessions we offer in support of a young person. So, listening sessions have been offered on a short, medium, and long-term basis - dependent upon the individual needs of each young person.

In conjunction with Darlington College in May 2022, we ran a Level 2 Effective Listening Course; as a result of this course we recruited 8 new listeners who started volunteering with the Listening Post in September 2022.

Hurworth Youth Project (HYP)

DACYM have been involved in the running of youth activities in Hurworth, in partnership with All Saints Church, for nearly 15 years. These activities come under the banner of Hurworth Youth Project and include the Friday Night Hang-Out, Friday Night Drop-In and Friday Night Walk-About.

The Friday Night Drop-In is a long-established fixture in Hurworth, and it was originally set-up in response to the numbers of young people (secondary school age) hanging around in Hurworth on a Friday evening. Over the past 15 years, well in excess of 1000 young people have attended sessions at the drop-in. Attendances bloomed this year with a number of young people making the transition from the Hang-Out to the Drop-In.

The Drop-In's younger sibling the Friday Night Hang-Out started as a monthly activity about seven

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years ago. Following the COVID lockdown we decided to make it weekly, and it very quickly became increasingly popular with between 40 - 50 primary school children attending each week. Attendances have been strong throughout the year.

The Friday Night Hang-Out and Friday Night Drop-In take place in All Saint's Church.

The Friday Night Walk-About is our detached youth work which started during COVID and involves engaging with young people hanging around the village usually in meaningful conversations and activities. This work has continued throughout the year, albeit in a low-key capacity.

Polam Hall School Chaplaincy Project

In September 2022, in partnership with a local church and a grant making trust DACYM were able to employ a Chaplain to work in Polam Hall School. The purpose of the role is to provide spiritual guidance, pastoral care, and support to the school community. Since September our Chaplain has been involved in all aspects of the life of both the Primary and Secondary schools. This has included leading and/or participating in the following: -

Queen's Memorial Service	Harvest Festival
Remembrance Service	Interfaith Dialogue Week
Christmas and Advent activities and services	Children's Mental Health Week
Prayer / Reflection activities	Easter
Pastoral student of students	Celebration Assemblies
Leading weekly in school activities	Response to world events

The work of our Chaplain has been recognised by the students, being nominated twice for an ABCD Award (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty) for the support being offered to students. Staff have also appreciated what the role of Chaplain can bring to a school community...

"The Chaplain has really helped children who struggle with friendships at playtime. They have worked closely with girls in a family who lost their mum this year. The assemblies have been a revelation, with tricky topics addressed perfectly. They are excellent." - Staff Member

"The Chaplain has offered support and guidance to a wide range of children in school. They have supported them with a range of issues and been a listening ear, friendly face, and comfort to all. They have led whole school assemblies where they have shared important messages with children including how to develop as individuals and to become more rounded, considerate members of our community. Thank you for all you have done!" - Staff Member

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Lunchtime/After School Clubs & Activities

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Drop-In - for the second consecutive academic year in partnership with Holy Trinity Church we have run a drop-in café facility for students from the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College on a Monday lunchtime. Attendances fluctuated over the year, but soon developed a core group of students each Monday lunchtime.

Longfield Academy 7-UP Club & INSPIRE - In September 2022 we launched 7-UP, an after-school club for those students who had just started secondary school. Initially it was only going to run until October half-term to help students settle into secondary school and enable them to make new friends. The club consisted of games, activities, and a relevant short talk / reflection. Due to the popularity of the club, it was extended to Christmas. INSPIRE: We had been running an RE lunchtime club at Longfield for over 10 years but due to changes to the school day and the introduction of staggered lunchtimes for different year groups, INSPIRE had to move to after-school. We relaunched INSPIRE in January 2023, following the conclusion of 7-UP. We attracted a core group of students who attended weekly, helped set the programme and gave presentations on people and issues that mattered to them.

Mr Andrew Brown, Head of RE at Longfield says... 7UP quickly became one of the most popular clubs in Longfield. It was well attended by many Year 7 pupils and it helped greatly with Year 7 transition. Pupils were able to make friends and integrate into the school. There was also some really important input from some of our Y10s who helped out with running the games.

When we moved the focus to INSPIRE some students who attended 7UP for the social element didn't make the switch. However, a core group of students whose speaking and (more importantly) listening skills improved massively as the year went on. Pupils gave their own presentations on topics of their own choice, including Poverty, Organ Donation, the Education System, Gay Rights, Taylor Swift, and Aliens. Pupils matured massively from all shouting and talking over each other without much focus, to being able to hold "Question and Answer" sessions and debates with a polite and respectful manner.

I am looking forward to next year when this core group of students will be able to help us run another 7UP and further develop their social and leadership skills.

Assemblies and Church Visits

DACYM continue to assist schools by helping with the provision of assemblies (or collective worship) throughout the academic year, and special times of seasons such as Christmas and Easter.

In our Listening Post capacity, assemblies about Mental Health and Wellbeing were given as part of World Mental Health Day to each year group at Hurworth Academy in October 2022.

As DACYM we delivered Harvest, Advent/Christmas, Fairtrade, and Easter assemblies into Hummersknott Academy, some of which were extended assemblies at 45 minutes long.

Cathryn Johnson, RE Teacher at Hummersknott says... Martin Stand, DACYM's Project Director, has provided four assemblies at Hummersknott Academy this academic year: Harvest, Christmas, Fair-Trade and Easter.

All of these assemblies have been of a quality second to none. They are engaging, thought-provoking, thoroughly well planned and with a clear moral message. Students really enjoy the assemblies and will often talk about them afterwards. This is only due to the time and effort put into preparing them. We can't wait to have Martin back at the academy in the next academic year.

During this financial year it was not possible to facilitate school visits to local churches, but it is something we hope to recommence again in due course.

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Residentials & Special Activities

DACYM normally organise and run a number of special activities and residentials during the year, including our annual, 'Breathe Youth Retreat' and 'Quest Weekends'

We were able to run a Quest Weekend in September 2022. Quest is for younger students and is held at Marrick Priory, near Richmond. Children, from Years 5, 6 and 7, enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities including abseiling, rock climbing, night-walk, leap of faith and the low ropes course. As part of the weekend, short reflection times were held in the chapel. Quest is scheduled to run again in September 2023.

Breathe Youth Retreat remains on hiatus until at least 2024.

Conclusion

The period of May 2022 to April 2023 has been one of continuing to respond to the ever-changing world around us, facilitating support for hundreds of young people whilst also continuing to develop other aspects of work in schools, local communities, and churches. We are grateful for those who have continued to support the work of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry, whether that be financially, or by being a volunteer for the Listening Post and/or Hurworth Youth Project. Without such support the vital work undertaken would not have been possible.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £77,639 (2022 - £61,032) of which £49,872 (2022 - £29,594) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £77,762 (2022 - £67,141) of which £47,012 (2022 - £36,666) was restricted. The overall deficit of £123 (2022 - £6,109) comprised a deficit of £1,183 (2022 - surplus of £963) on unrestricted funds and a surplus of £1,060 (2022 - deficit of £7,072) on restricted funds. At 30th April 2023 net assets totalled £46,262 (2022 - £46,385) of which £15,955 (2022 - £14,895) was held in restricted funds and £30,307 (2022 - £31,490) in unrestricted funds. The Trustees consider the current financial position to be stable.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of funding are from private individuals, local churches, personal support and service level agreements. Personal support is a long standing commitment by individuals providing funding for salary costs of particular named members of staff. We also received funding from Charitable Trusts, aimed specifically at the Listening Post. The Charity will aim to carry out additional fund raising events each year. We wish to thank funders and donors for their continued support enabling DACYM to impact the lives of young people

Investment Policy

The Charity does not have an investment policy at the current time; it is purely a case of ensuring that income is greater than expenditure.

Reserves Policy

The management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity. At 30 April 2023 there were restricted funds held in the amount of £15,955 principally restricted for use on the Hurworth Youth Project and the Listening Post.

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Year Ended 30 April 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 April 2010 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts. Rev Colin Jay, Trish Raeburn-Prouse, Amanda Meeks, Tim Evans and Emily Carling retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. During the year we have augmented our experience, skills and support with the recruitment of 2 new trustees, Charles Miller and Claire Hunter.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register is to be established and updated regularly. Procedures re Health & Safety etc are to be periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a management committee who meet approximately five to six times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Owing to the restrictions placed on travel, the committee met 6 times during 2020/21 via video conference to maintain business continuity and contact with staff.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described in other parts of the trustees' report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Charity registration number 1137059

Company registration number 07217418

Principal office and registered office The DACYM Office
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The Trustees

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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 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Year Ended 30 April 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the 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 the 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 April 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	27,742	29,250	56,992	45,130
Charitable activities	6	–	12,987	12,987	13,677
Other trading activities	7	–	7,635	7,635	2,151
Investment income	8	25	–	25	6
Other income	9	–	–	–	68
Total income		<u>27,767</u>	<u>49,872</u>	<u>77,639</u>	<u>61,032</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	2,476	–	2,476	2,798
Costs of other trading activities	11	–	3,359	3,359	854
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	28,274	43,653	71,927	63,489
Total expenditure		<u>30,750</u>	<u>47,012</u>	<u>77,762</u>	<u>67,141</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(2,983)</u>	<u>2,860</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>(6,109)</u>
Transfers between funds		1,800	(1,800)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(1,183)</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>(123)</u>	<u>(6,109)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		31,490	14,895	46,385	52,494
Total funds carried forward		<u>30,307</u>	<u>15,955</u>	<u>46,262</u>	<u>46,385</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	19		1,117	1,489
Current Assets				
Stocks	20	150		250
Debtors	21	6,349		7,523
Cash at bank and in hand		40,646		39,711
		<u>47,145</u>		<u>47,484</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	<u>2,000</u>		<u>2,588</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>45,145</u>	<u>44,896</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>46,262</u>	<u>46,385</u>
Net Assets			<u>46,262</u>	<u>46,385</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			15,955	14,895
Unrestricted funds			30,307	31,490
Total charity funds	24		<u>46,262</u>	<u>46,385</u>

For the year ending 30 April 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 April 2023

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The DACYM Office, Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Carmel Road South, Darlington, County Durham, DL3 8DJ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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. The Trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2023

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

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3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 30th April 2023 there were 8 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
General donations	19,981	4,264	24,245
Donations from churches	4,800	960	5,760
Gift aid	2,961	26	2,987

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5. Donations and Legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants			
Chaplaincy Fund	–	18,000	18,000
Stay Well fund	–	5,000	5,000
Hospital of God	–	1,000	1,000
	<u>27,742</u>	<u>29,250</u>	<u>56,992</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
General donations	22,501	8,765	31,266
Donations from churches	5,435	494	5,929
Gift aid	3,488	147	3,635
Grants			
Hurworth Parish Council	–	300	300
Hurworth Rogers Trust	–	4,000	4,000
	<u>31,424</u>	<u>13,706</u>	<u>45,130</u>

6. Charitable Activities

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Service level agreements	8,717	8,717	12,377	12,377
Group activities	4,270	4,270	1,300	1,300
	<u>12,987</u>	<u>12,987</u>	<u>13,677</u>	<u>13,677</u>

7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Subscriptions	–	2,365	2,365
Fundraising income	–	788	788
Shop income	–	4,482	4,482
	<u>–</u>	<u>7,635</u>	<u>7,635</u>

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7. Other Trading Activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Subscriptions	8	607	615
Fundraising income	–	395	395
Shop income	–	1,141	1,141
	<u>8</u>	<u>2,143</u>	<u>2,151</u>

8. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

9. Other Income

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>68</u>

10. Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>2,476</u>	<u>2,476</u>	<u>2,798</u>	<u>2,798</u>

11. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of other trading activities - Shop costs	<u>3,359</u>	<u>3,359</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>854</u>

12. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 23)	<u>28,274</u>	<u>43,653</u>	<u>71,927</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 23)	<u>27,677</u>	<u>35,812</u>	<u>63,489</u>

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13. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Total funds	Total fund
	£	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities (see page 23)	71,927	71,927	63,489

14. Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	372	429

15. Independent Examination Fees

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	600	600

16. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	62,449	56,428
Social security costs	–	124
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,195	1,056
	63,644	57,608

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2022: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Number of project staff	3	3

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

17. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2022 - Nil).

18. Transfers Between Funds

During the year £1,800 (2022 - £Nil) was transferred from the Polam Hall fund to general funds in respect of management fees.

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19. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023	<u>3,545</u>	<u>3,545</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 May 2022	2,056	2,056
Charge for the year	372	372
At 30 April 2023	<u>2,428</u>	<u>2,428</u>
Carrying amount		
At 30 April 2023	<u>1,117</u>	<u>1,117</u>
At 30 April 2022	<u>1,489</u>	<u>1,489</u>

20. Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Tuck shop stock	<u>150</u>	<u>250</u>

21. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	2,973	3,750
Prepayments	425	–
Accrued income	–	125
Other debtors	<u>2,951</u>	<u>3,648</u>
	<u>6,349</u>	<u>7,523</u>

22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	540	1,244
Accruals and deferred income	821	600
Social security and other taxes	639	744
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,588</u>

23. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,195 (2022: £1,056).

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24. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>31,490</u>	<u>27,767</u>	<u>(30,750)</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>30,307</u>

	At 1 May 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>30,527</u>	<u>31,438</u>	<u>(30,475)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>31,490</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Hurworth Youth Project	7,092	–	–	–	7,092
Breathe	3,699	1,300	(200)	–	4,799
Listening Post	4,104	19,795	(29,008)	–	(5,109)
HYP	–	7,807	(6,928)	–	879
Polam Hall	–	18,000	(7,423)	(1,800)	8,777
Quest	–	2,970	(3,453)	–	(483)
	<u>14,895</u>	<u>49,872</u>	<u>(47,012)</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>15,955</u>

	At 1 May 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Hurworth Youth Project	9,799	2,896	(5,603)	–	7,092
Breathe	3,555	1,300	(1,156)	–	3,699
Listening Post	8,613	25,398	(29,907)	–	4,104
	<u>21,967</u>	<u>29,594</u>	<u>(36,666)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>14,895</u>

The Listening Post is funded by a grant from County Durham Community Foundation, a donation from Mercers Trust, a service level agreement with Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and donations.

Breathe is funded by donations and group activities.

The Hurworth Youth project is funded by grants from the Hurworth Parish Council and the Hurworth Rogers Trust.

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25. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,117	–	1,117
Current assets	31,190	15,955	47,145
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,000)	–	(2,000)
Net assets	<u>30,307</u>	<u>15,955</u>	<u>46,262</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,489	–	1,489
Current assets	32,589	14,895	47,484
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,588)	–	(2,588)
Net assets	<u>31,490</u>	<u>14,895</u>	<u>46,385</u>

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Management Information

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 April 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
General donations	24,245	31,266
Donations from churches	5,760	5,929
Gift aid	2,987	3,635
Hurworth Parish Council	–	300
Hurworth Rogers Trust	–	4,000
Chaplaincy Fund	18,000	–
Stay Well fund	5,000	–
Hospital of God	1,000	–
	<u>56,992</u>	<u>45,130</u>
Charitable activities		
Service level agreements	8,717	12,377
Group activities	4,270	1,300
	<u>12,987</u>	<u>13,677</u>
Other trading activities		
Subscriptions	2,365	615
Fundraising income	788	395
Shop income	4,482	1,141
	<u>7,635</u>	<u>2,151</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	25	6
Other income		
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	–	68
	<u>–</u>	<u>68</u>
Total income	<u><u>77,639</u></u>	<u><u>61,032</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure		
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Donor admin costs	<u>2,476</u>	<u>2,798</u>
Costs of other trading activities		
Shop costs - purchases	<u>3,359</u>	<u>854</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages	62,449	56,428
NIC	–	124
Pension contributions	1,195	1,056
Insurance	426	426
Other premises costs	–	80
Travel expenses and subsistence	360	380
Accountancy and Independent Examination	540	600
Telephone and IT	989	1,077
Printing, stationery & postage	448	316
Depreciation	372	429
Breathe event costs	200	–
Quest direct costs	3,453	–
Staff welfare	450	810
Other costs	<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,763</u>
	<u>71,927</u>	<u>63,489</u>
Total expenditure	<u>77,762</u>	<u>67,141</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(123)</u>	<u>(6,109)</u>

DARLINGTON AREA CHURCHES YOUTH MINISTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137059

Accounts

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Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
30 April 2022

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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

Year Ended 30 April 2022

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 30 April 2022.

Aims and Objectives of DACYM

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry (DACYM) works from an inclusive Christian value base, using the principles and practices of informal education and community development. Through this work, DACYM aims to transform the lives of young people educationally, socially, and spiritually; empowering them to achieve their full potential. DACYM supports both community and church-based youth work activities.

Throughout this accounting period the activities of DACYM continue to be impacted by the after-effects of the COVID 19 pandemic. With some activities still in hiatus, and others only being relaunched during this period.

The Listening Post (one of our core projects) continues to be crucial for many young people at this time.

Activities and Achievements During the Year

The Listening Post

The Listening Post is a community and school-based listening and mentoring service in Darlington, providing one-to-one 'listening' time and/or mentoring for young people. It was established in 2017 as an expression of Christian care in action.

COVID continues to have a significant impact with both listeners and young people having to isolate following positive test results, and with one core listener suffering from long-covid symptoms. However, despite the challenges during the academic year ending July 2021 we facilitated over 1,520 listening sessions across Darlington for 185 students. A tremendous total considering the ongoing disruption during this period.

Appointments took place in Carmel College, Haughton Academy, Hummersknott Academy, Hurworth Academy, Longfield Academy, Polam Hall School, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Rise Carr and Wyvern Academy. Plus, those that took place at Primary Healthcare Darlington in Forsyth House.

Over the last 12 months, the issues that have arisen for our young people are wide ranging; including family breakdown, exam pressure and uncertainty, bullying, social isolation, sexuality, anxiety, health issues, loss of a parent, sexual assault, anger/behaviour management and the long-lasting emotional effects of Covid & the lockdown.

Referrals have come from a wide variety of sources including GP surgeries, social workers, youth workers, parents, teachers, CAMHS, Family Support/Early Help and the young people themselves.

One of the key strengths of the Listening Post is that we are not prescriptive on the number of sessions we offer in support of a young person. So, listening sessions have been offered on a short, medium and long-term basis, dependent upon the needs of each young person.

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The Listening Post makes a significant difference to those young people with whom we work as these testimonies demonstrate... A sixth form student writes...

"When I started the Listening Post sessions, I wasn't sure what I was expecting. However, the service has been extremely helpful for me especially during times I have been struggling. The Listening Post provides an opportunity to vent and rant about my life and talk knowing that it won't be spread. The Listening Post have supported me through some difficult challenges in my life and I always feel better after I come out from a session.

The work the Listening Post do is absolutely amazing, and I find it so beneficial and have really found it to be one of the best things I have done for my mental health. The Listener always remembers details about past stories and accounts I have told them, which makes it much easier to open up about my feelings. I am thankful for the Listening Post and the provision of such a positive service for young people and students."

A parent writes...

"You have literally brought my child back to me - the Listening Post are lifesavers!"

Helen Suggett, Student Support Worker for Houghton Academy writes...

"The Listening Post provides us with two listeners, so Houghton Academy pupils can have a safe space weekly to talk with a professional listening ear.

Like most schools, the pastoral team have a constant waiting list of pupils who need 1:1 support and the Listening Post are crucial in helping to provide that support. The pupils connect easily with the listeners as they are an outside agency and are seen as not school staff - and this really works for our students.

We also benefit from the provision of a male listener, as we do not have any male pastoral staff on our team, and those pupils who see him thrive off having a positive male role model in their lives.

The listeners are always approachable, friendly, and professional. We value and appreciate all of the hard work, time, and commitment the Listening Post give to our students. It makes a real difference."

Tracey Tipton, School Counsellor for Hummersknott Academy writes...

"The Listening Post provision is now firmly embedded into Hummersknott and the pastoral support services we offer. The benefit and positive impact for our students simply cannot be underestimated - it is certainly valued by staff, students, and parents alike.

We can clearly see the positive difference in the students that attend and the fact that they turn up to their sessions so regularly is testament to what they gain from being valued, heard and listened to.

Of course, without the Listener none of this would happen - they are a calm and caring and give of their time freely, keeping the students at the heart of the work they do - truly person-centred."

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Hurworth Youth Project

DACYM have been involved in the running of youth activities in Hurworth, in partnership with All Saints Church, for nearly 15 years.

During the COVID pandemic the core activities of Hurworth Youth Project were placed on a hiatus, with the exception of our detached youth work (Friday Night Walk-About) which was launched in March 2021.

The detached work involved engaging with young people hanging around the village usually in meaningful conversations and activities. This work has continued throughout the year, albeit in a low-key capacity, following the re-opening of the other core activities in November 2021.

In November 2021 we decided to re-launch both the Friday Night Drop-In, and the Friday Night Hang-Out.

The Friday Night Drop-In has been a long-established fixture in Hurworth, and it was originally set-up in response to the numbers of young people hanging around in Hurworth on a Friday evening. Over the past 15 years, well in excess of 1000 young people have attended sessions at the drop-in. Attendances have been steady since we re-opened with a core group of young people choosing, each Friday, to make use of the facilities.

The Drop-In's young sibling the Friday Night Hang-Out started out as a monthly activity about six years ago. From November 2021 we decided to make it weekly and very quickly became increasingly popular with between 40 - 50 primary school children attending each week.

Lunchtime Clubs and Activities

Prior to COVID, DACYM ran a number of lunchtime activities across different educational establishments including Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and Longfield Academy.

This financial year we have been able to re-commence some of these activities following the hiatus.

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Drop-In - the sixth form drop-in had run for many years at Bondgate Methodist Church, utilising the space of the Memorial Hall. Sadly, Bondgate Methodist Church closed during the Covid pandemic, so we were unable to use Bondgate as a venue moving forward.

This year we were able to re-launch the Sixth Form Drop-In at, and in partnership with, Holy Trinity Darlington. An ideal location just a few minutes' walk from the College. Attendances fluctuated over the year, but slowly developed a core group of students each Monday lunchtime.

Longfield Academy - INSPIRE, the RE lunchtime club at Longfield, restarted this year. It was a low-key relaunch; however, we quickly established a core committed group of Year 9 & 10 students who attended weekly. Due to changes to the school day and the introduction of staggered lunchtimes for different year groups INSPIRE had to move to after-school which has impacted attendances.

There are plans to rebuild INSPIRE next year as an after-school activity.

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Assemblies and Church Visits

DACYM continue to assist schools by helping with the provision of assemblies (or collective worship) at Christmas, Easter and during the academic year.

In our Listening Post capacity assemblies, about Mental Health and Wellbeing, were given to Year 11 leavers at Carmel College in May 2021, and as part of World Mental Health Day to each year group at Hurworth Academy in October 2021..

As DACYM we delivered Harvest, Advent/Christmas, Fairtrade and Easter assemblies into Hummersknott Academy, some of which were extended assemblies at 45 minutes long.

During this financial year it was not possible to facilitate school visits to local churches, but it is something we hope to recommence next year.

Residentials and Special Activities

DACYM normally organise and run a number of special activities and residentials during the year, including our annual, 'Breathe Youth Retreat' and 'Quest Weekends'. This was not possible during this financial period.

We do have a Quest Weekend nearly fully booked in September 2022. Although having tried to revive the Breathe Youth Retreat it will remain on hiatus until at least 2024.

Conclusion

The period of May 2021 to April 2022 has been one of picking-up after the impact of Covid with many core activities being revived and subsequently blossoming.

We continue to respond to the everchanging world around us, facilitating support for hundreds of young people whilst also continuing to develop other aspects of work in schools, local communities and churches.

We are grateful for those that have continued to support the work of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry, whether that be financially, or by being a volunteer for the Listening Post and/or Hurworth Youth Project. Without such support the vital work undertaken would not have been possible.

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Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £61,032 (2021 - £64,679) of which £29,594 (2021 - £32,931) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £67,141 (2021 - £64,891) of which £36,666 (2021 - £34,737) was restricted. The overall deficit of £6,109 (2021 - £212) comprised a surplus of £963 (2021 - £2,064) on unrestricted funds and a deficit of £7,072 (2021 - £2,276) on restricted funds. At 30th April 2022 net assets totalled £46,385 (2021 - £52,494) of which £14,896 (2021 - £21,967) was held in restricted funds and £31,490 (2021 - £30,527) in unrestricted funds. The Trustees consider the current financial position to be stable.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of funding are from private individuals, local churches, personal support and service level agreements. Personal support is a long standing commitment by individuals providing funding for salary costs of particular named members of staff. We also received funding from Charitable Trusts, aimed specifically at the Listening Post. The Charity will aim to carry out additional fund raising events each year. We wish to thank funders and donors for their continued support enabling DACYM to impact the lives of young people

Investment Policy

The Charity does not have an investment policy at the current time; it is purely a case of ensuring that income is greater than expenditure.

Reserves Policy

The management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity. At 30 April 2022 there were restricted funds held in the amount of £14,895 principally restricted for use on the Hurworth Youth Project and the Listening Post.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 April 2010 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts. Rev Colin Jay, Trish Raeburn-Prouse, Amanda Meeks, Tim Evans and Emily Carling retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. During the year we have augmented our experience, skills and support with the recruitment of 2 new trustees, Charles Miller and Claire Hunter.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register is to be established and updated regularly. Procedures re Health & Safety etc are to be periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a management committee who meet approximately five to six times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Owing to the restrictions placed on travel, the committee met 6 times during 2020/21 via video conference to maintain business continuity and contact with staff.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described in other parts of the trustees' report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Charity registration number 1137059

Company registration number 07217418

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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 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Year Ended 30 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the 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 the 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 April 2022

		2022			2021
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	31,424	13,706	45,130	47,101
Charitable activities	6	–	13,677	13,677	11,673
Other trading activities	7	8	2,143	2,151	1,768
Investment income	8	6	–	6	9
Other income	9	–	68	68	4,128
Total income		<u>31,438</u>	<u>29,594</u>	<u>61,032</u>	<u>64,679</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	2,798	–	2,798	2,769
Costs of other trading activities	11	–	854	854	–
Expenditure on charitable activities	12,13	27,677	35,812	63,489	62,122
Total expenditure		<u>30,475</u>	<u>36,666</u>	<u>67,141</u>	<u>64,891</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>963</u>	<u>(7,072)</u>	<u>(6,109)</u>	<u>(212)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		30,527	21,967	52,494	52,706
Total funds carried forward		<u>31,490</u>	<u>14,895</u>	<u>46,385</u>	<u>52,494</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	19		1,489	1,767
Current Assets				
Stocks	20	250		–
Debtors	21	7,523		9,313
Cash at bank and in hand		39,711		44,494
		<u>47,484</u>		53,807
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	<u>2,588</u>		3,080
Net Current Assets			<u>44,896</u>	<u>50,727</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>46,385</u>	<u>52,494</u>
Net Assets			<u>46,385</u>	<u>52,494</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			14,895	21,967
Unrestricted funds			31,490	30,527
Total charity funds	24		<u>46,385</u>	<u>52,494</u>

For the year ending 30 April 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 April 2022

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The DACYM Office, Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Carmel Road South, Darlington, County Durham, DL3 8DJ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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. The Trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 30th April 2022 there were 8 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
General donations	22,501	8,765	31,266
Donations from churches	5,435	494	5,929
Gift aid	3,488	147	3,635
Grants			
Hurworth Parish Council	—	300	300
Hurworth Rogers Trust	—	4,000	4,000
	<u>31,424</u>	<u>13,706</u>	<u>45,130</u>

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

5. Donations and Legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
General donations	21,196	8,079	29,275
Donations from churches	6,369	1,250	7,619
Gift aid	3,553	54	3,607
Grants			
Hurworth Parish Council	–	2,000	2,000
Hurworth Rogers Trust	–	4,600	4,600
	<u>31,118</u>	<u>15,983</u>	<u>47,101</u>

6. Charitable Activities

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Service level agreements	12,377	12,377	10,373	10,373
Group activities	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
	<u>13,677</u>	<u>13,677</u>	<u>11,673</u>	<u>11,673</u>

7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Subscriptions	8	607	615
Fundraising income	–	395	395
Shop income	–	1,141	1,141
	<u>8</u>	<u>2,143</u>	<u>2,151</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Subscriptions	–	–	–
Fundraising income	591	1,177	1,768
Shop income	–	–	–
	<u>591</u>	<u>1,177</u>	<u>1,768</u>

8. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	6	6	9	9
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 30 April 2022

9. Other Income

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	68	68	4,128	4,128

10. Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donor admin costs	2,798	2,798	2,769	2,769

11. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Shop costs - Purchases	854	854	-	-

12. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 23)	27,677	35,812	63,489

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 23)	27,385	34,737	62,122

13. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Costs of charitable activities (see page 23)	63,489	63,489	62,122

14. Net Expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	429	252

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

15. Independent Examination Fees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>600</u>	<u>480</u>

16. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	56,428	55,780
Social security costs	124	24
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>1,056</u>	<u>1,014</u>
	<u>57,608</u>	<u>56,818</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2021: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Number of project staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

17. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2020 - Nil).

18. Transfers Between Funds

During the year £0 (2021: £500) was transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds being the Hurworth Youth Project annual management fee.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

19. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 May 2021	3,931	3,931
Additions	200	200
Disposals	(586)	(586)
At 30 April 2022	<u>3,545</u>	<u>3,545</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 May 2021	2,164	2,164
Charge for the year	429	429
Disposals	(537)	(537)
At 30 April 2022	<u>2,056</u>	<u>2,056</u>
Carrying amount		
At 30 April 2022	<u>1,489</u>	<u>1,489</u>
At 30 April 2021	<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,767</u>

20. Stocks

	2022 £	2021 £
Stocks	<u>250</u>	<u>–</u>

21. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	3,750	5,659
Accrued income	125	–
Other debtors	3,648	3,654
	<u>7,523</u>	<u>9,313</u>

22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	1,244	1,913
Accruals and deferred income	600	480
Social security and other taxes	744	687
	<u>2,588</u>	<u>3,080</u>

23. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,056 (2021: £1,014).

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

24. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2022 £
General funds	<u>30,527</u>	<u>31,438</u>	<u>(30,475)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>31,490</u>

	At 1 May 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2021 £
General funds	<u>28,463</u>	<u>31,718</u>	<u>(30,154)</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>30,527</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2022 £
Hurworth Youth Project	9,799	2,896	(5,603)	—	7,092
Breathe	3,555	1,300	(1,156)	—	3,699
Listening Post	8,613	25,398	(29,907)	—	4,104
	<u>21,967</u>	<u>29,594</u>	<u>(36,666)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>14,895</u>

	At 1 May 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2021 £
Hurworth Youth Project	4,751	9,636	(4,311)	(277)	9,799
Breathe	1,297	2,258	—	—	3,555
Listening Post	17,972	21,067	(30,426)	—	8,613
Hurworth PPC	223	—	—	(223)	—
	<u>24,243</u>	<u>32,961</u>	<u>(34,737)</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>21,967</u>

The Listening Post is funded by a grant from County Durham Community Foundation, a donation from Mercers Trust, a service level agreement with Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and donations.

Breathe is funded by donations and group activities.

The Hurworth Youth project is funded by grants from the Hurworth Parish Council and the Hurworth Rogers Trust.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

25. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,489	–	1,489
Current assets	32,589	14,895	47,484
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,588)	–	(2,588)
Net assets	<u>31,490</u>	<u>14,895</u>	<u>46,385</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,767	–	1,767
Current assets	31,840	21,967	53,807
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,080)	–	(3,080)
Net assets	<u>30,527</u>	<u>21,967</u>	<u>52,494</u>

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Management Information

Year Ended 30 April 2022

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 April 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
General donations	31,266	29,275
Donations from churches	5,929	7,619
Gift aid	3,635	3,607
Hurworth Parish Council	4,000	2,000
Hurworth Rogers Trust	—	4,600
Hurworth LP	300	—
	<u>45,130</u>	<u>47,101</u>
Charitable activities		
Service level agreements	12,377	10,373
Group activities	1,300	1,300
	<u>13,677</u>	<u>11,673</u>
Other trading activities		
Subscriptions	615	—
Fundraising income	395	1,768
Shop income	1,141	—
	<u>2,151</u>	<u>1,768</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	6	9
Other income		
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	68	4,128
Total income	<u>61,032</u>	<u>64,679</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Donor admin costs	<u>2,798</u>	<u>2,769</u>
Costs of other trading activities		
Shop costs - purchases	<u>854</u>	<u>–</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages	56,428	55,780
NIC	124	24
Pension contributions	1,056	1,014
Insurance	426	627
Other premises costs	80	–
Travel expenses and subsistence	380	–
Accountancy and Independent Examination	600	1,080
Telephone and IT	1,077	1,251
Printing, stationery & postage	316	371
Depreciation	429	252
Training	–	250
Staff welfare	810	584
Other costs	<u>1,763</u>	<u>889</u>
	<u>63,489</u>	<u>62,122</u>
Total expenditure	<u>67,141</u>	<u>64,891</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(6,109)</u>	<u>(212)</u>

DARLINGTON AREA CHURCHES YOUTH MINISTRY

England & Wales - Charity number 1137059

Accounts

Company Registration Number: 07217418
Charity Registration Number: 1137059

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
30 April 2021

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Financial Statements

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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

Year Ended 30 April 2021

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 30 April 2021.

Aims and Objectives

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry (DACYM) works from an inclusive Christian value base, using the principles and practices of informal education and community development. Through this work, DACYM aims to transform the lives of young people educationally, socially, and spiritually; empowering them to achieve their full potential.

The impact of the COVID 19 pandemic has severely affected the activities of DACYM, throughout this accounting period, with many activities in hiatus. However, the work of the Listening Post (one of our core projects) has been crucial for many young people during this time.

Activities and Achievements During the Year

The Listening Post

The Listening Post is a community and school-based listening and mentoring service in Darlington, providing one-to-one 'listening' time and/or mentoring for young people. It was established in 2017 as an expression of Christian care in action.

Despite COVID this financial year, the Listening Post has continued to support over 125 young people. When possible, during the pandemic, sessions took place in person (either at Primary Healthcare Darlington or in local schools and colleges). When face to face appointments were not possible, telephone sessions were offered as an alternative.

Over the last 12 months, the issues that have arisen for our young people are wide ranging; including family breakdown, exam pressure and uncertainty, bullying, isolation (especially during lockdown), sexuality, anxiety, health issues, loss of a parent, sexual assault, anger/behaviour management, the effects of lockdown, and the effects of the easing of lockdown.

Covid and the subsequent lockdowns exacerbated circumstances and feelings for many young people, so having someone to talk to was a vital way for these young people to cope and develop on-going resilience.

The pandemic also delayed some of our new volunteer listeners (who completed the listening training during the previous year) from actively joining the listening team. Over this current year, we have begun to deploy these volunteers, who now provide listening and mentoring sessions in local schools and colleges supporting the work of the Senior Listener and the sessional team.

Referrals have come from a wide variety of sources including GP surgeries, social workers, youth workers, parents, teachers, CAMHS, Family Support/Early Help and the young people themselves.

One of the key strengths of the Listening Post is that we are not prescriptive on the number of sessions we offer in support of a young person. So, listening sessions have been offered on a short, medium and long-term basis, dependent upon the needs of each young person.

The Listening Post makes a significant difference to those young people with whom we work as these testimonies demonstrate...

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

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

Year Ended 30 April 2021

Helen Suggett, Student Support Worker for Haughton Academy writes:

"In such unprecedented times particularly affecting young people of our town, the Listening Post has been such an invaluable source of support for the young people of Haughton Academy. Many of these students have struggled to return to school after numerous lockdowns and to the level of normality that has been required. The Listening Post come into school on a weekly basis and work with identified pupils who are struggling with a vast array of barriers to their learning. These students look forward to the consistency of having a listening ear from somebody who will not judge and is not connected to school but is professional. Listening Post staff work and liaise professionally with all school colleagues to give 100 percent to all pupils across all year groups."

Tracey Tipton, School Counsellor for Hummersknott Academy writes:

"In a year like no other, the Listening Post provision in school has been invaluable. Despite a false start, bubbles in and bubbles out, the Listener has settled into the academy seamlessly, being both professional and reliable. I have personally seen the students, with whom the Listener works, blossom. Several parents have contacted school to show their appreciation for the service and have commented on how their children have benefitted. Looking forward, as the need for mental health support increases, we would hope that the Listening Post remains an integral part of our student support provision as it is highly valued."

Sara Thornton, Pastoral Learning Manager of Year 7 & Emmaus Lead for Carmel College writes...

"We would like to offer our appreciation to the Listening Post in what has been a challenging year. We recognise that, more than ever before, there is a real need for our young people to be heard, to have time to talk, and to share their thoughts with an adult, in a safe and non-judgemental environment. This important service, promoting well-being, has been offered to three of our Year 8 students, who have benefitted greatly. They have responded with overwhelming positivity, valuing the opportunity to offload to an adult who is not a staff member but a neutral professional. They have looked forward to the planned meetings and all would recommend their experience to their peers."

A parent comments...

"I am writing to say a huge thank you for your continued support for my son. It means so much to me, as a parent, that he has the Listening Post. Your help has given him consistent support where others have fallen away.

The flexibility of the Listening Post has been a major benefit. Not to have to worry about a limited number of sessions together with you being able to meet with him at the different schools he has attended, and also outside of school at Primary Healthcare Darlington has been so vital and something I doubt many other agencies could have accommodated.

I also want to thank you for advocating for him when the need has arisen. I really don't know where we would have been without the Listening Post as any school-based support would have ended when he transferred. He could have been left with no support at all.

The Listening Post do an amazing job and I am so pleased that we have you."

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Hurworth Youth Project

The Hurworth Youth Project is a venture through which DACYM provides activities to engage and connect with young people from the local community of Hurworth and neighbouring areas. Sadly, many of these activities have had to be placed on a hiatus due to COVID - including the Friday Night Drop-In, the Friday Hang-Out and Refresh Café Church.

However, prior to the first lockdown, in March 2020, we had already approached Hurworth Parish Council (civic) about establishing detached work to run alongside the Friday Night Drop-In in response to complaints on social media about the presence and behaviour of some young people throughout the Village on a Friday evening - and it seemed like a natural extension of the drop-in. The Parish Council agreed a small grant to support this work. This detached work, now affectionately known as the 'Friday Night Walk About' was due to start after Easter 2020, but due to COVID it was delayed for 12 months. So in Autumn 2020, volunteers were recruited and external training given, and the detached work commenced in Spring 2021, once regulations allowed and has proceeded weekly.

It is hoped that the Friday Night Drop-In, the Friday Hang-Out and Refresh Café Church can recommence once regulations permit.

Lunchtime Activities/Clubs

Prior to COVID, DACYM ran a number of lunchtime activities across different educational establishments including Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Longfield Academy, Hummersknott Academy and Wyvern Academy. Due to the impact of COVID and social distancing regulations, these lunchtime activities have had to be placed on a hiatus.

Assemblies and Church Visits

Normally, DACYM would have continued to assist secondary schools with the provision of assemblies, or collective worship, throughout the academic year. However due to COVID, attending school assemblies in person has not been possible.

However, we did manage to produce three 45-minute video assemblies for Hummersknott Academy, covering the themes of Advent/Christmas, Fairtrade Fortnight and Lent/Easter. They were very well received by both pupils and staff.

'For the first time ever, thanks to these thankless days we find ourselves in, I failed to catch any of your Christmas assembly! Suffice to say though, staff coming out to the gate last night were full of how fantastic it had been. It means a great deal that you have brought this priceless feature of Hummersknott Christmas 'normal' to life for us again.' - Mr N Merifield, Senior Vice Principal

'Thank you for the Christmas Assembly video. I thought the entire video and message was excellent, hit the right notes and did the job brilliantly. Other teachers mentioned their classes were in silence watching. My form even clapped at the end of it!' - Teacher

'The assembly was bang'in' - Student

The circumstances of 2020/21 have meant we have not been able to offer our usual support for the teaching of Christianity and RE within schools by facilitating school visits to local churches. We hope to be able to continue these once regulations enable us to do so.

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Residentials & Special Activities

DACYM normally organise and run a number of special activities and residentials during the year, including our annual, 'Breathe Youth Retreat' and 'Quest Weekends'. Again, this has not been possible, but we have dates set in the diary and we hope to reintroduce these in 2022.

Conclusion

It has been a year unlike any other, however we have responded to the everchanging world around us, supported hundreds of young people whilst continuing to develop our work with young people. We look forward to the new year ahead and we are ready to re-establish core activities whilst willingly adapting where necessary.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £64,679 (2020 - £80,288) of which £32,931 (2020 - £46,237) was restricted. Expenditure totalled £64,891 (2020 - £76,177) of which £34,737 (2020 - £44,532) was restricted. The overall deficit of £212 (2020 - Surplus of £4,111) comprised a surplus of £2,064 (2020 - £4,206) on unrestricted funds and a deficit of £2,276 (2020 - £95) on restricted funds. At 30th April 2021 net assets totalled £52,494 (2020 - £52,706) of which £21,967 (2020 - £24,243) was held in restricted funds and £30,527 (2020 - £28,463) in unrestricted funds. The Trustees consider the current financial position to be stable.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal sources of funding are from private individuals, local churches, personal support and service level agreements. Personal support is a long standing commitment by individuals providing funding for salary costs of particular named members of staff. We also received funding from Charitable Trusts, aimed specifically at the Listening Post. The Charity will aim to carry out additional fund raising events each year. We wish to thank funders and donors for their continued support enabling DACYM to impact the lives of young people

Investment Policy

The Charity does not have an investment policy at the current time; it is purely a case of ensuring that income is greater than expenditure.

Reserves Policy

The management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity. At 30 April 2021 there were restricted funds held in the amount of £21,967 principally restricted for use on the Hurworth Youth Project and the Listening Post.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8 April 2010 and registered as a charity on 26 July 2010. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the notes to the accounts. Rev Colin Jay, Trish Raeburn-Prouse, Amanda Meeks, Tim Evans and Emily Carling retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. During the year we have augmented our experience, skills and support with the recruitment of 2 new trustees, Charles Miller and Claire Hunter.

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register is to be established and updated regularly. Procedures re Health & Safety etc are to be periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure

The charity has a management committee who meet approximately five to six times a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Owing to the restrictions placed on travel, the committee met 6 times during 2020/21 via video conference to maintain business continuity and contact with staff.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described in other parts of the trustees' report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry
Charity registration number 1137059
Company registration number 07217418
Principal office and registered office Room 11, Bondgate Methodist Church
Salt Yard
Darlington
DL3 7JJ

The Trustees

Mrs C Marsh
Rev M East
Rev D Bage
Ms T Raeburn-Prouse
Ms A Meeks
Rev C Jay
Mr T Evans (Chair)
Mrs E Carling
Mr C E Miller (Treasurer) (Appointed 4 February 2021)
Ms C L Hunter (Appointed 4 February 2021)

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
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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 7 October 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Year Ended 30 April 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the 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 the 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 April 2021

		2021		2020	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	31,118	15,983	47,101	64,229
Charitable activities	6	–	11,673	11,673	12,035
Other trading activities	7	591	1,177	1,768	3,437
Investment income	8	9	–	9	3
Other income	9	–	4,128	4,128	584
Total income		<u>31,718</u>	<u>32,961</u>	<u>64,679</u>	<u>80,288</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	10	2,769	–	2,769	2,860
Expenditure on charitable activities	11,12	27,385	34,737	62,122	73,317
Total expenditure		<u>30,154</u>	<u>34,737</u>	<u>64,891</u>	<u>76,177</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>1,564</u>	<u>(1,776)</u>	<u>(212)</u>	<u>4,111</u>
Transfers between funds		500	(500)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>2,064</u>	<u>(2,276)</u>	<u>(212)</u>	<u>4,111</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		28,463	24,243	52,706	48,595
Total funds carried forward		<u>30,527</u>	<u>21,967</u>	<u>52,494</u>	<u>52,706</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

30 April 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	18		1,767	1,063
Current Assets				
Debtors	19	9,313		3,581
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>44,494</u>		<u>48,864</u>
		53,807		52,445
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>3,080</u>		<u>802</u>
Net Current Assets			50,727	51,643
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			52,494	52,706
Net Assets			52,494	52,706
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			21,967	24,243
Unrestricted funds			<u>30,527</u>	<u>28,463</u>
Total charity funds	22		52,494	52,706

For the year ending 30 April 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23/4/2021 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr T Evans (Chair)
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 April 2021

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Room 11, Bondgate Methodist Church, Salt Yard, Darlington, DL3 7JJ.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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. The Trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2021

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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Year Ended 30 April 2021

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 30th April 2021 there were 9 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
General donations	21,196	8,079	29,275
Donations from churches	6,369	1,250	7,619
Gift aid	3,553	54	3,607
Grants			
Hurworth Parish Council	–	2,000	2,000
NHS Tees Valley	–	–	–
Hurworth Rogers Trust	–	4,600	4,600
	<u>31,118</u>	<u>15,983</u>	<u>47,101</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2021

5. Donations and Legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations			
General donations	20,962	9,773	30,735
Donations from churches	7,683	3,500	11,183
Gift aid	3,036	275	3,311
Grants			
NHS Tees Valley	–	15,000	15,000
Hurworth Rogers Trust	–	4,000	4,000
	<u>31,681</u>	<u>32,548</u>	<u>64,229</u>

6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Service level agreements	–	10,373	10,373
Group activities	–	1,300	1,300
	–	11,673	11,673

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Service level agreements	–	7,379	7,379
Group activities	1,915	1,961	3,876
Other income from charitable activities	180	600	780
	<u>2,095</u>	<u>9,940</u>	<u>12,035</u>

7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fundraising income	<u>591</u>	<u>1,177</u>	<u>1,768</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fundraising income	<u>272</u>	<u>3,165</u>	<u>3,437</u>

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8. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	9	9	3	3
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

9. Other Income

	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	4,128	4,128	584	584
	<u>4,128</u>	<u>4,128</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>584</u>

10. Costs of Raising Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	2,769	2,769	2,860	2,860
	<u>2,769</u>	<u>2,769</u>	<u>2,860</u>	<u>2,860</u>

11. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities (see page 22)	27,385	34,737	62,122
	<u>27,385</u>	<u>34,737</u>	<u>62,122</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities (see page 22)	28,785	44,532	73,317
	<u>28,785</u>	<u>44,532</u>	<u>73,317</u>

12. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Total funds 2021	Total fund 2020
	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities (see page 22)	62,122	62,122	73,317
	<u>62,122</u>	<u>62,122</u>	<u>73,317</u>

13. Net (Expenditure)/Income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	252	354
	<u>252</u>	<u>354</u>

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Year Ended 30 April 2021

14. Independent Examination Fees

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>480</u>	<u>480</u>

15. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	55,780	55,108
Social security costs	24	791
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>1,014</u>	<u>974</u>
	<u>56,818</u>	<u>56,873</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 3 (2020: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Number of project staff	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

16. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received either remuneration or expenses during the year (2020 - Nil).

17. Transfers Between Funds

During the year £500 was transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds being the Hurworth Youth Project annual management fee.

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Year Ended 30 April 2021

18. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 May 2020	4,013	4,013
Additions	1,272	1,272
Disposals	(1,354)	(1,354)
At 30 April 2021	<u>3,931</u>	<u>3,931</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 May 2020	2,950	2,950
Charge for the year	252	252
Disposals	(1,038)	(1,038)
At 30 April 2021	<u>2,164</u>	<u>2,164</u>
Carrying amount		
At 30 April 2021	<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,767</u>
At 30 April 2020	<u>1,063</u>	<u>1,063</u>

19. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	5,659	–
Other debtors	3,654	3,581
	<u>9,313</u>	<u>3,581</u>

20. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	1,913	(267)
Accruals and deferred income	480	480
Social security and other taxes	687	589
	<u>3,080</u>	<u>802</u>

21. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,014 (2020: £974).

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2021

22. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>28,463</u>	<u>31,718</u>	<u>(30,154)</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>30,527</u>

	At 1 May 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>24,257</u>	<u>34,051</u>	<u>(31,645)</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>28,463</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Hurworth Youth Project	4,751	9,636	(4,311)	(277)	9,799
Breathe	1,297	2,258	–	–	3,555
Listening Post	17,972	21,067	(30,426)	–	8,613
Hurworth PPC	223	–	–	(223)	–
	<u>24,243</u>	<u>32,961</u>	<u>(34,737)</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>21,967</u>

	At 1 May 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Hurworth Youth Project	10,247	3,155	(6,851)	(1,800)	4,751
Breathe	1,390	6,360	(6,453)	–	1,297
Listening Post	12,478	36,722	(31,228)	–	17,972
Hurworth PPC	223	–	–	–	223
	<u>24,338</u>	<u>46,237</u>	<u>(44,532)</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>24,243</u>

The Listening Post is funded by a grant from County Durham Community Foundation, a donation from Mercers Trust, a service level agreement with Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and donations.

Breathe is funded by donations and group activities.

The Hurworth Youth project is funded by grants from the Hurworth Parish Council and the Hurworth Rogers Trust.

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23. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,767	–	1,767
Current assets	31,840	21,967	53,807
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,080)	–	(3,080)
Net assets	<u>30,527</u>	<u>21,967</u>	<u>52,494</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	517	546	1,063
Current assets	29,367	23,078	52,445
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,421)	619	(802)
Net assets	<u>28,463</u>	<u>24,243</u>	<u>52,706</u>

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Management Information

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 April 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
General donations	29,275	30,735
Donations from churches	7,619	11,183
Gift aid	3,607	3,311
Hurworth Parish Council	2,000	–
NHS Tees Valley	–	15,000
Hurworth Rogers Trust	4,600	4,000
	<u>47,101</u>	<u>64,229</u>
Charitable activities		
Service level agreements	10,373	7,379
Group activities	1,300	3,876
Other income from charitable activities	–	780
	<u>11,673</u>	<u>12,035</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising income	1,768	3,437
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	9	3
Other income		
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	4,128	584
Total income	<u>64,679</u>	<u>80,288</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 April 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies		
Donor admin costs	<u>2,769</u>	<u>2,860</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages	55,780	55,108
NIC	24	791
Pension contributions	1,014	974
Insurance	627	619
Travel expenses and subsistence	–	948
Accountancy and Independent Examination	1,080	480
Telephone and IT	1,251	1,024
Printing, stationery & postage	371	733
Depreciation	252	354
Breathe event costs	–	6,389
Quest direct costs	–	2,662
Training	250	1,350
Staff welfare	584	705
Other costs	889	1,180
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>62,122</u>	<u>73,317</u>
Total expenditure	<u>64,891</u>	<u>76,177</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(212)</u>	<u>4,111</u>