



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1/04/22
Period end date**

Period start date To 31/03/23

Charity name: Corbridge Youth Initiative CIO

Charity registration number: 1154200

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Corbridge Youth Initiative CIO are to support and educate young people without discrimination on any grounds. This is achieved through leisure time activities which develop young people's physical, mental and spiritual capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and enable their conditions of life to be improved.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Corbridge Youth Initiative provides age-appropriate activities on 4 evenings /week in term time and during parts of school holiday periods for young people from ages 9-18. Young people have access to their own premises in the centre of the village staffed by qualified youth workers. Numbers have built up once again after the problems of the pandemic so that 120+ young people are attending each week.</p> <p>There are 4 Juniors groups covering school years 5-8, a Girls' group, 2 Seniors groups, and the reinstatement of the Allotment group now that the flood restoration work is complete.</p> <p>Support at QEHS, 1-1 mentoring and help with job applications continues. The Summer Scheme provides activities for 3 weeks during the summer.</p> <p>The public benefit is that without Corbridge Youth Initiative and its qualified staff, young people in Corbridge would not have the support and opportunities that are made available to them through this project.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had	Para 1.18	The trustees keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		and actively monitor the programme for its inclusiveness and openness. The responses of the young people, of stakeholders and of members of the public, to the work undertaken, are monitored through feedback and through independently assessed monitoring
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Surplus funds which are not immediately required to pay for activities are placed on deposit to earn interest.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers are a significant part of the support system of the charity. There is an active fundraising committee of volunteers from the community. This group organises events throughout the year and raises funds to benefit young people by helping to finance the Summer Scheme and by keeping the profile of the charity to the forefront of the minds of members of the community.</p> <p>Businesses in the community are also active supporters of the project by helping to organize fundraising activities.</p> <p>Volunteers have also worked to reinstate the project's allotment after the flood prevention work. This has enabled the young people to start developing the allotment, growing fruit and vegetables and using it for barbecues in the summer.</p> <p>Volunteers also play a role in leading occasional specialist sessions for the benefit of the young people, with youth leaders in attendance</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Corbridge is viewed as an affluent village but in fact a significant proportion of the resident families live in social housing, have low incomes and many are single parent/separated families on the periphery of the local community without transport and suffering rural and social isolation.</p> <p>CYI Youth and Community Centre offers an easily accessible safe place within the village where all young people can attend, whatever the income background of the family. The charity connects with young people and offers support to all, including those who are known to be vulnerable for whatever reason. Strong contacts have been made with multi-disciplinary agencies to ease access for those needing specialist help.</p> <p>The project in 2022-3 is staffed by a senior youth worker and all staff employed with the young people have appropriate qualifications for the work in which they are engaged. All are IT literate and the staff know the area very well and the problems that face families and young people.</p> <p>Juniors (4 groups from years 5,6,7,8,in different sessions) Basic cooking and craft skills, games, mini fundraising challenges, and trips out to activities for which the group has raised money. Opportunities are provided to enable young people to relax after school and mix with friends in a safe environment, to learn mutual respect, learn about online behaviour and have access to health discussions.</p> <p>Seniors (2 groups years 9,10+ at the start of this period, reducing to 1 group later) Young people can relax with friends, play pool, enjoy team games, access health and relationship information and support, and have access to small group discussions with youth workers. Learn about dangers online, access to contraception through C card and STI screening and where necessary access to other agencies.</p> <p>Allotment Group This is now reinstated. Young people can develop the site and grow fruit and vegetables as well as hold barbecues and meet outdoors in the summer months. At times they are able to enter produce in the Village Show.</p> <p>Girls' Group This group enables girls to mix and develop confidence, to discuss</p>

	<p>topics relevant to their experiences without fear of intimidation as well as participating in group activities.</p> <p>The 1-1 mentoring service. This is offered to all young people who attend the youth project. The local high school also accessed the separate 1-1 mentoring service at the beginning of this period for students requiring support, particularly with issues of self-harm, substance misuse, negative relationships, anger management and mental health issues. 38 young people were given help in these sessions</p> <p>The Job Club operates flexibly and caters for those who have already left education. It has been successful in helping those attending to recognise responsibilities, understand CV writing and how to cope with interviews. How to apply for and gain apprenticeships or access college courses and how to apply directly for employment is rehearsed.</p> <p>Summer Scheme. Activities were organized by the youth workers during the summer to give young people opportunities to enjoy holiday days away, purposeful fun and skill-based activities and opportunities to catch up with friends and relax for 3 weeks during the summer holidays. As well as Corbridge based activities either in the Parish Hall, at the allotment or out and about, there were trips to South Shields Surf School and Flamingoland organised.</p> <p>Health Drop-In. Available throughout. All these sessions and activities encourage young people of the village to be participants and to accept and manage challenges. The activities offer experiences and help, which enable young people to understand how to accept responsibility, how to manage aspects of their lives and to cope with the choices they will need to make. The activities provide stimulating leisure time pursuits. None of these activities would be available in the village without CYI.</p> <p>The extended support to more vulnerable young people and their families has helped them to access external multi agency services which would otherwise not be available within the village or the immediate area. CYI has worked with around 198 young people across all groups during the year.</p>
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	By the provision of the facilities, the well qualified staff and activities described above, the charity achieves its objectives to the benefit of the participants.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	By the provision of the facilities, the well qualified staff and activities described above, the charity achieves its objectives to the benefit of the participants.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The only investments that the charity makes is in the form of bank deposits to gain interest
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Reaching Communities Lottery grant ended in June 2022 and since then the charity has had to apply for small grants from a range of funders, such as The Ballinger Trust, The Barbour Foundation, EC Belford Trust, Hadrian Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Sir James Knott Trust, Community Foundation. The Parish Council and local organisations have also helped to cover the year's finances as well as relying on local donors. It is labour intensive work, much of it carried out by trustees.</p> <p>Some of our reserves have been required to pay long awaited bills for heating and maintenance only recently sent to us by our landlord Northumberland County Council. In April 2023 there were sufficient funds to keep the project open for a further year but ongoing regular fundraising is vital to give security for the work of the project and to employ the staff necessary to run the project.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Corbridge Youth Initiative Trustees have determined that an appropriate level of free reserves should be equivalent to not less than six months operating costs plus a sum for exit costs. Our policy is therefore to build up this fund again and when it reaches this level to maintain the reserves which will be carried forward for future core activities as identified by the Trustees. This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it still meets the needs of the project.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>There are a number of challenges facing the charity.</p> <p>1 The necessity to be constantly fundraising from a variety of small funders rather than having a single large reliable funding source leads to uncertainty about the financial welfare of the charity for long term development work.</p> <p>2 The Senior Youth and Development Worker left as of March 2023 to take up a role as a social worker and the post has to be advertised and appointment of a suitable candidate made.</p> <p>3 Negotiations about the lease renewal are still ongoing with Northumberland County Council. It has been decided to renew for 1</p>

		<p>year only whilst different premises are considered because of the unsatisfactory maintenance and penalizing charges from NCC.</p> <p>4 The premises need maintenance from damp which the landlord has failed to carry out. This is compromising the plasterwork and threatening to make it unsafe.</p> <p>The trustees monitor all these issues at regular meetings to safeguard against such failures. Funding bids are prepared regularly to cover the costs of the service, its changing needs and to upgrade facilities. Discussions about the renewal of the lease or different premises are under consideration and repeated requests have been made for essential maintenance. Adverts have been prepared to recruit a new senior youth worker.</p>
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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	EC Belford Trust, The Ballinger Trust, The Barbour Foundation, Hadrian Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Sir James Knott Trust, Community Foundation. The Parish Council and local organisations. Volunteer fundraising also raised £6,000 for CYI from a range of fundraising events, some conducted as joint activities with other charities in Corbridge, which gives greater reach for public support.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	CYI does not invest in the stock market or in social investment funds.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The principal risk is the failure to secure adequate finance to employ the suitably qualified staff required to lead the project. Adequate finance is also required to pay the rental and heating costs of the premises. Further risks would be the loss of the premises which are rented from Northumberland County Council before other suitable accommodation is secured. The possibility of a failure in safeguarding or failure in leadership and appeal to young people are also issues which are monitored. An Away Day with the young people has enabled us to draft our business plan and programme requirements.</p>

		The trustees meet quarterly and sub committees more frequently, to monitor accounts, staffing, programme and activities. Policies and procedures are also monitored and updated to try to minimize all such risks
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted August 2 nd 2013
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are recruited with regard to appropriate skills, knowledge and experience needed to administer the charity CIO. They are interviewed by at least two trustees and are appointed at the AGM after recommendation by the interviewers. Trustees can be re-appointed to post every 4 years after nomination and election at the AGM.

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Prospective trustees are given a copy of the CYI constitution and are referred to the Charity Commission website and advised to read the publication "The Essential Trustee". DBS checks are carried out and there is a child protection policy in place. A member of the trustees will also discuss roles and responsibilities of a trustee. There is a staff handbook of CYI policies and procedures which is available to trustees.
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The charity's trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits or remuneration. They work on a variety of committees eg staffing, management, fundraising, all of which complete minutes and report back to the trustees at quarterly trustee meetings, where minutes are also kept. Trustees take advice to revise policies and procedures regularly to bring them in line with current legislation and the Charity Commission's requirements.</p> <p>The chair of the charity meets regularly with the senior youth worker to supervise and monitor the delivery of the programme and discuss any issues which have arisen.</p> <p>The charity works on occasions with Hexham Youth Initiative, local middle and high schools, Tynedale Youth Forum, Corbridge Health Centre, Co-op Foodshare programme, Children's Services, CAB, DWP and Northumberland Youth Service, Jobcentre Plus, Northumbria Police, Northumberland Homefinder/Homeless Team, Adult Social Services.</p> <p>The Charity works with Corbridge Cricket Club and Charlotte Straker Project on fundraising events.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Corbridge Youth Initiative CIO
Other name the charity uses	CYI
Registered charity number	1154200
Charity's principal address	Corbridge Youth Initiative, Youth and Community Centre, Hill Street, Corbridge, Northumberland. NE45 5AA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sean Soulsby	Chair		The trustees themselves and CYI members at the AGM when positions are confirmed by election.
2	Amanda Senior	Treasurer	1/04/22-15/12/22	
3	Rosemary Rayfield	Secretary		
4	Maurice Hodgson		1/04/22-15/12/22	
5	Olwen Hendry		1/04/22-15/12/22	
6	Richard-Hart-Jackson		1/04/22-15/12/22	
7	William Cunningham			
8	Karren Spowart			
9	Clive Robertson		1/04/22-15/12/22	
10	Chris Nevis			
11	Helen Mason			
12	Lisa Graham			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent external financial examiner	John Liddle	Woodbine House, Riding Mill, Northumberland. NE44 6EE
Independent treasurer	Mandy Senior	7, Stonecroft, Horsley, Northumberland. NE15 0AF
Independent Strategic Planning Adviser	Catherine Marchant	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Sean Soulsby Chair of trustees.

Amber Robinson Senior Youth Worker

Exemptions from disclosure

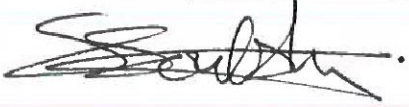
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sean Soulsby	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	23/11/23
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Corbridge Youth Initiative

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1154200

Set out on pages

3-5 of attached Financial Statements

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

13 November 2023

Name:

John Liddle

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

Address: Woodbine House, Riding Mill

Northumberland, NE44 6EE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Corbridge Youth Initiative

Financial Statements

**For the year ended
31 March 2023**

Corbridge Youth Initiative CIO Reg. Charity No 1154200.

CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Corbridge Youth Initiative

I report on the accounts of Corbridge Youth Initiative for the year ending 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 3, 4 and 5.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under sections 43(3) (a) of the 1993 Act) To follow the procedures laid down in the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7) (b) of the 1993 Act); and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

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CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Cashflow Summary from 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

	£
Business receipts	60,976.78
Business payments	86,331.09
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Cash deficit generated by the business	- 25,354.31
Net cash inflow	- 25,354.31
Bank and cash balance at 1 April 2022	75,575.91
Bank and cash balance at 31 March 2023	50,221.60
Increase in bank and cash balances for the period	- 25,354.31

CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Corbridge Youth Initiative 2022-23

Receipts & Payments

	01 April 2021 31 March 2022 £	01 April 2022 31 March 2023 £
Income		
Premises - Rental Income	250.00	30.00
Sessions	-	
Donations	597.00	3,548.00
Grants	43,504.70	47,205.54
Fundraising	3,475.95	10,094.85
HMRC JRS Grant	549.32	-
Miscellaneous - interest, refunds, trips	655.76	98.39
	49,032.73	60,976.78
Expenditure		
Premises/Administration	9,525.36	32,095.46
Costs of sessions / Staffing	49,991.51	43,480.41
Consumables	4,653.06	1,224.97
Allotment costs		1,740.13
Training		
Fundraising costs	1,296.00	2,452.14
Trips/Workshops	722.50	1,406.50
Transport	515.60	1,981.48
Sessions and centre running costs	4,040.00	1,950.00
	70,744.03	86,331.09
Net Income	(21,711.30)	(25,354.31)
Balance brought forward	97,287.21	75,575.91
Balance carried forward	75,575.91	50,054.53
Current Account	4,712.44	19,515.43
Deposit Account	70,469.13	30,539.10
Petty Cash	394.34	167.07
	75,575.91	50,221.60
Being restricted funds:		
Staff		
Project Co-ordinator	12,843.06	12,937.11
Sessional staff	7,034.38	12,646.35
Allotment	3,092.04	1,552.04
Premises	11,244.50	2,602.94
Sessions/Resources	13,203.90	
Youth Focus NE		
Fundraising	-	5,316.09
Grants		
Lottery Grant	2,158.03	
Reserves	26,000.00	15,000.00
	75,575.91	50,054.53

CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2023

Monetary Assets - All Restricted

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Bank Current Account	£ 19,515.43	£ 4,712.44	£ 6,431.50	£ 4,803.58	£ 4,703.12
Bank Deposit Account	£ 30,539.10	£ 70,469.13	£ 90,461.37	£ 42,940.53	£ 43,358.75
Cash	£ 167.07	£ 394.34	£ 394.34	£ 473.80	£ 318.61
TOTAL	£ 50,221.60	£ 75,575.91	£ 97,287.21	£ 48,217.91	£ 48,380.48



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CORBRIDGE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2023

Monetary Assets - All Restricted

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Bank Current Account	£ 19,515.43	£ 4,712.44	£ 6,431.50	£ 4,803.58	£ 4,703.12
Bank Deposit Account	£ 30,539.10	£ 70,469.13	£ 90,461.37	£ 42,940.53	£ 43,358.75
Cash	£ 167.07	£ 394.34	£ 394.34	£ 473.80	£ 318.61
TOTAL	£ 50,221.60	£ 75,575.91	£ 97,287.21	£ 48,217.91	£ 48,380.48

