

FRITH YOUTH CENTRE

Trustee Report for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Frith Youth Centre, Bussage, Stroud, GL6 8AG

Charity number 1162806

Trustees: Mike Roberts, Jenny Taylor, Steve Beioley, Peter Oakley, Len Taylor and Alastair Pearson.

Aim of the charity

The aim of the charity is to provide a range of creative, leisure and educational opportunities for young people in the Chalford | parish, giving young people the skills and space to develop and thrive into adulthood and to contribute positively to the local community.

Achievements and Performance

During the reporting period, Frith Youth Centre has continued to provide youth sessions, 3 nights a week in term time, for children in school years 6-13, with attendance figures reflective of previous years. The day to day oversight of Frith Youth Centre is delegated to a Management Committee of volunteers from the local community. The charity employs only the youth team and administrative support.

Staff - In April 2024, Frith Youth Centre hired a new Youth Work Team Leader who is highly experienced in working with young people from an educational setting and residential care. She has a wealth of knowledge relating to mental health, safeguarding and child development. Within the first month, the Team Leader recruited 2 part-time youth support workers to deliver youth sessions on a rotational basis, followed by an experienced deputy in July. With a Lead, plus 4 members of part-time staff, we maintained 3 professional, paid members of staff per sessions, as in line with previous years. In addition, we acquired 3 exceptional session volunteers, further supporting the youth sessions and the support of the young people. All staff and volunteers are enhanced DBS checked and must complete a package of essential training, including safeguarding and food hygiene. A reduced service was offered during the summer school holidays, in response to the need of the young people.

Sessions - Youth sessions continue to be packed with creative activities. The Youth Work Team Leader has an art degree and made the young people's ideas come to life using paper mache, cement modelling, painting projects, to name just a few. One of our volunteers, with her own bakery, brought the kitchen to life with fun and educational baking experiences, enjoyed by the young people and requested over and over again. Sporting activities ramped up with the employment of the Deputy, engaging many young people to be active and participate in team sports. Young people continued to have chances to learn and educate themselves in a non-formal environment, with activities based around world and cultural calendar events and current affairs. Lastly, and most importantly, young people continued to socialise, have fun and 'hang out' in a space which is intrinsically theirs three times a week. It's a place that they feel is theirs, in contrast to other areas in the villages. They continue to have quality, in depth conversations, supported by youth workers around sexual health, family dynamics, friendships, racism, and homophobia, to name a few. Safeguarding issues were picked up in sessions and links made with the Gloucestershire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). In addition to youth sessions, the young people enjoyed another successful appearance at local festival, Chalfest, offering our own tent as a safe space for young people to use and enjoy. The youth centre offered a vital service in supporting young people with care, advice and first aid.

Participation - At the start of the new financial year, an online registration process was introduced, meaning that all young people had to re-register. By March 2025, there has been 134 enrolments. Included in this number were 40 new young people from the new school year 6 intake, confirming the decision to continue with the dedicated Monday session for just year 6 children. This aids their integration with other young people from surrounding schools and continues to develop and grow their independence and confidence, whilst also supporting any worries they may have around SAT's tests and secondary school transition.

Financial Review

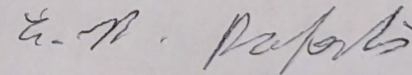
The Trustees have elected for exemption from audit under the provisions of the Companies Act. The accounts for the financial year have been subject to an independent examination and show a deficit of £14,270 for the year.

During the year grants of £40,213 were received, of which £18,000 was provided by the Parish Council and £11,713 from Stroud District Council for building repairs. This additional grant income was used to replace the flooring of the hall and carry out necessary repairs to the roof. Financial conditions are more difficult for the year 2024/25 however sufficient funds exist to support the charity for the year and into 2025/26.

A number of grants were awarded, but fundraising was notably more competitive and criteria for grants had become tighter. The Treasurer and Administrator continue to review the financial process and make improvements where appropriate.

The Trustees have reviewed the funding requirements for 2025/2026 and beyond and have made appropriate recommendations to the Management Committee. The Parish Council continue to provide £18,000 for 2025/2026 however this has been increased to £25,000 for the financial year 2026/27. The grant income from Chalford Parish Council will be received monthly during 2026/27. The Parish Council's ongoing support to the youth club along with additional fundraising activities will ensure sufficient funds exist within the charity to support activity for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026.

The reserves policy of the charity is due for review by the Trustees.



Evan Michael Roberts
Chair of Trustees
Date 29th January 2026

Fixed Assets	817
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Current Assets	
Debtors	
Prepayments	
Current Accounts	11,010
Petty Cash	
COIF Charity Fund	2,709
CCLA Accumulation units at cost	35,000
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	48,718

Income			
Income from Investments	128		
Grants	40,213	Grant income is made up of	
Donations	198	Parish Council	£18,000
Bank Interest	-	Glos Funders	£10,000
Mast income	5,750	Renishaw	500
Solar fee	916	Stroud DC	11712.6
Club Activities	Community Café		<u>£40,213</u>
	Hire of Hall		
	Other		
	<u>54,267</u>		
Expenditure			
Insurance	1,749		
Water Rates	190		
Electricity	5,395		
Repairs and Maintenance	13,655		
Refurbishment	-	Other expenditure relates to	
Pension	731	Youth club equipment	1033
Cleaning	1,287	Youth club expenses	1063
Administration and Accountancy	-	Youth club cookery	401
Salaries	40,519	Professional fees (PRS License)	359
Other	4,867	Staff Training	629
Depreciation	144	Telephone and computers	815
	<u>68,537</u>	Miscellaneous	563
			<u>4863</u>
	<u>- 14,270</u>		

E. M. Roberts
30 / 1 / 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Frithwood Youth Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31/3/25

Charity no
(if any)

1162806

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date: 29th Jan 2026

Name:

Beverly Mullock

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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