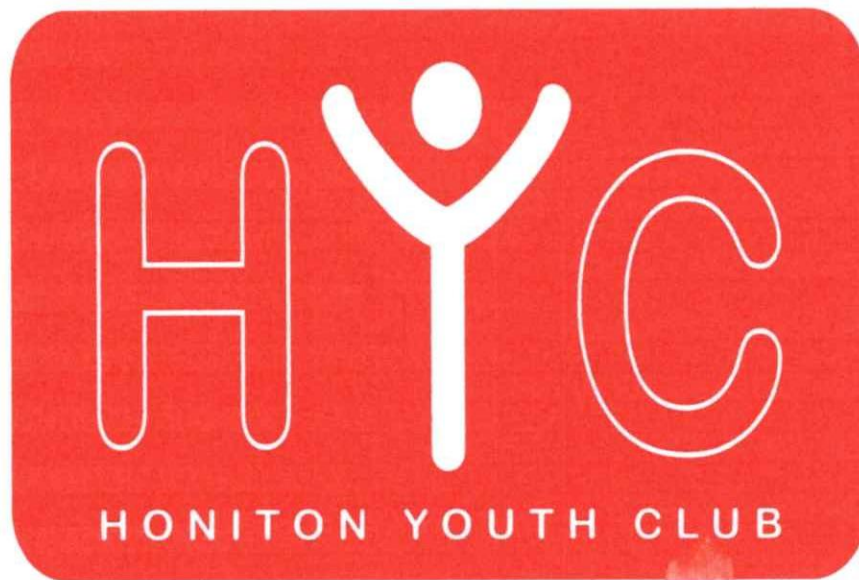




Accounts with Annual Report

for the period from 1st April 2020 to

31st March 2021

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Charity Details

Registered Charity Number: 1164577

Charity's Contact Address: 1, The Barnfield, Jerrard Close, Honiton. EX14 1DX

Trustees

Karissa Marker (Chair)
Catherine Taylor (Treasurer)
Luke Harvey-Ingram
Jo Harvey-Ingram
Angela Marker
Jo O'Donoghue

Governance

- Honiton Youth Club is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), foundation model, registered with the Charity Commission on 26th November 2015.
- Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Charitable Objects as per Governing Document

The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a village hall and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Honiton ("Area of Benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

Classification

What - Education/ Training - Recreation	Who Children/ Young People
How - Provides Services - Provides buildings/ facilities/ open spaces	

Honiton Youth Club
Income and Expenditure Statement from 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021

	Year Ending 31 March 2021	
OPENING BALANCE as at 1.4.2020		£4,855.82
 INCOME		
Donations from Combe Estate	£6,400.00	
Fundraising	£3,000.00	
HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	£2,560.85	
Cash deposit from pre-closure subscriptions	£555.00	
Total Income from 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021		£12,515.85
 LESS EXPENDITURE		
Staff Salaries & HMRC	£6,592.93	
Professional Fees and Insurance	£230.60	
Total Expenditure from 1.4.2020 to 31.3.2021		(£6,823.53)
 CLOSING BALANCE as at 31.3.2021		£10,548.14

Annual Report 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Aim and Belief

HYC aims to provide a Youth Club, staffed by professional Youth Workers and supported by Volunteers, at The Community Use Building (former Honiton Youth Centre) for two evenings a week during term time; one for the academic Year groups 7 & 8 and another for older children (Year 9+). These sessions regularly attract 25 to 40 young people on a regular basis and the membership list indicates a wider engagement too.

This is done so firmly in the belief that the young people of Honiton deserve nothing less than the quality of service that was provided before, with two professional youth workers to plan, lead and run the sessions. HYC recognises that as Honiton itself develops and grows, its youth are a valuable asset who can make a key contribution to a vibrant, diverse and sustainable community. To that end, HYC aims to help support those young people in their journey to a happy and rewarding adulthood.

Background

In 2014, the previously successful Youth Club was closed. It was a direct consequence of the restructuring and funding cuts within Devon County Council at the time, effectively reducing the Devon Youth Service provision. A replacement professional and sustainable Youth Club was needed to continue the popular sessions that used to run.

This is where the positive power of a community working together comes in. A group of Honiton residents formed in response to the closure, with the express purpose of re-establishing and managing Honiton Youth Club as an important community asset. They formed a management committee dedicated to getting it back up and running. Then, with the support from various council agencies and in partnership with Honiton Community College and Combe Estate, HYC re-opened its doors in September 2015 and is now as popular as ever.

Combe Estate

The Marker family, of Combe Estate, remain absolutely key supporters of HYC. Both Karris Marker and Angela Marker are HYC Trustees and they are also members of the management committee. Combe Estate's continued contribution, for over six years, has been crucial in ensuring that HYC not only opened again but was also able to employ two professional Youth Workers. Richard Marker, the HYC Patron continues to believe that:

"The young people of Honiton deserve to have a safe environment where they can enjoy a variety of activities that are accessible and fun. These HYC evenings help to develop their skills and knowledge, positive attitudes and behavior all whilst building their self-esteem at an important time in their lives."

COVID-19 Pandemic

From 16th March 2020, HYC decided to close early for the Easter break with the intention of taking Honiton Community College's lead in regard to safe re-opening after the Easter holidays. The UK went into lockdown on 23rd March 2020 and the rest, as they say, is history.

HYC continued to liaise very closely with the school. This was important because HYC did not want to undermine the work they were doing in remaining safely open for key workers' children and full return to studies or put anybody at unnecessary risk.

The intention is to be ready to reopen safely with the new academic year in September 2021. HYC have not ruled out the possibility of engaging in activities before then but will be entirely led by national recommendations, our youth workers' guidance and in full co-operation with the school's pandemic protocols.

Professional Youth Workers

Just prior to the pandemic, HYC were in the process of sourcing two more Youth Workers to join Louie Lane and Chloe Tupper; bringing the staffing compliment back up to full strength. Unfortunately, the pandemic interrupted this process.

HYC have utilised the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) and placed eligible staff on furlough. The invaluable support of Combe Estate has enabled HYC's management committee to 'top up' the furlough scheme so that staff receive their full salaries during this difficult time. It is also a way of honouring the dedication our staff have shown and, in turn, demonstrating our commitment to them and the eventual re-opening of HYC.

In preparation for re-opening in September, everyone will be fully re-engaged. Alongside all the regular activities, the trained Youth Workers will be able to listen and explore issues that are affecting the young people, particularly regarding the impact of the pandemic. The Youth Workers will also be able to support them through difficult times at home and school; referring them to supporting agencies where appropriate.

Honiton Community College (HCC)

Honiton Community College have held the Tenancy at Will of the Community Use Building (CUB), effectively on behalf of the townsfolk of Honiton, since 2014. The school's ELT and Governors have maintained their commitment to supporting the retention of the CUB for the people of Honiton. In summer 2020, Matt Burrell, the Director of Finances and Resources, handed over to his successor, Jessie Hay. Their professionalism and dedication continues to be invaluable.

Secure 'home' for HYC

Devon County Council is currently in the process of transferring the freehold of the CUB to a nascent CIO called Honiton Community Spaces (HCS). HCS was specifically set up for that purpose with the unanimous support of Honiton Town Council, without whom this would not have been possible. This means that the user groups have a secure home again and can begin planning for the future with other community partners.

Honiton Town Council

Honiton Parent and Toddler Group and HYC were successful in their joint funding application to HTC for the sum of £3,000. This funding will be spent on new seating that they will use, although it will also benefit all the users of the Community Use Building.

- The Need: The Community Use Building has to dispose of its old cloth chairs and sofas because they are no longer fit for purpose and are definitely not health and safety compliant.
- The Background to how this situation arose: Whilst the school have done a sterling job helping the building 'tick over' since 2014, any funds have been directed at basic and urgent maintenance with no other funds available for investment in the building and its facilities.
- The Honiton Parent and Toddler Group and HYC are entirely focused on ensuring that they provide good, safe and inclusive activities for the young people they serve. All their funds are primarily for this operational purpose. Subsequently, separate fundraising is encouraged for additional exceptional activities/ items e.g. a wheel-chair ramp, equipment for the youth club members to decorate the toilet facilities and secure outdoor storage.
- Proposed use of the grant: The furniture purchased will be utilised immediately. Its modular nature makes it flexible to the changing needs and available spaces within the building. Not only is it adaptable, it is also robust, durable and, most importantly during these days of COVID19, easy to safely maintain and sanitise.

The benefit of this investment will reach beyond HYC and the Honiton Parent & Toddler Group. The CUB is used by the 729 Club and United Response. It has also hosted a variety of groups and organisations, including: United Response, Young Devon, Craft Station, Kick-boxing, Honiton University of the Third Age, Honiton Twirlstars, Say Yes to Life Karate, Upbeat Street Dance and other community individuals' one-off bookings

Thankyou

This last year has been an extraordinary one. It is always heartening to witness what a fabulous community of support that we have to draw upon here in Honiton. The 23rd March 2021 was designated a National Day of Reflection and there was much to think about: the many changes, whether unplanned, enforced or otherwise; bereavement and loss but also the kindness; the care, the moments of humour; and the bravery and resilience of people who reached out to give us belief and hope in a better future.

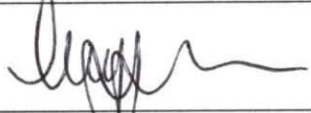
This an opportunity to reiterate our enormous thanks to all the many people of Honiton who offer us their tremendous support. This includes our Youth Workers, whose strong commitment to HYC helps ensure that the club benefits *all* of our young members. It also extends to the committee, who are entirely made up of unpaid volunteers. And last, but not least, to the HYC members, who make it all worthwhile.

Honiton Youth Club continues to believe in the transformative power of positive and constructive collaboration and co-operation. Its continued existence, impact and its influence for the better are testament to that.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature		Signature	
Full Name	LUKE HARVEY-INGRAM	Full Name	JOANNA O'DONOGHUE
Position	TRUSTEE	Position	TRUSTEE
Date	14/9/21	Date	8 th September 21