

NORTH BENWELL YOUTH PROJECT CIO

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity number 1165642



ANNUAL REPORT

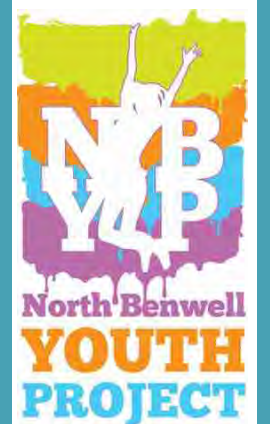
2023 - 2024



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Chairperson's Report

As we close out another year, I am delighted to share the outstanding progress we've made across numerous areas of North Benwell Youth Partnership. It has been a year full of dedication, resilience, and accomplishments, and I am proud of the incredible efforts of our staff, volunteers, and young people.

Our team continues to work with enthusiasm and dedication, and we are delighted to welcome two new members to the team. This has enabled the project to expand opening times, particularly on a Saturday.

Our project has been buzzing with activity throughout the year, and I want to extend a special thanks to the Youth Participation Committee (YPC) for their exceptional initiative. Their hard work resulted in successful events like the Halloween Disco, Riverside Christmas Market, and the unforgettable Easter coach trip to South Shields. These events not only brought our young people together but also raised vital funds for the organisation, including their contribution to the minibus appeal.

This summer was packed with enriching experiences: from Beadnell residential trips to adventures in Liverpool, the YPC pool party, and surf lessons. The young people thrived during these activities, which also provided valuable life skills and memories that will stay with them for years to come. Our garden project also bore fruit (or rather, vegetables!) with a beautiful crop of

potatoes and carrots...testament to our commitment to holistic learning and engagement.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the fundraising efforts for the new minibus. While our current one is being repaired, our Go Fund Me campaign, plus support from events like the Riverside Christmas Market, have kept momentum going. We are grateful for the community's generosity and will continue to explore every avenue for securing a reliable minibus.

On the funding front, we've had several notable successes this year, including £33,000 from the Million Hours Fund, £30,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation, and £10,000 from the Wellesley Trust. These contributions will allow us to maintain and expand our group work sessions and activities, including the incredibly successful summer programme. We are also grateful for smaller but impactful grants that have supported specific projects, such as the £1,000 for private swimming lessons for girls and young women.

It's been a year of growth, not just for our young people, but for our physical space as well. Our newly installed summer house has provided us with a wonderful new area for group sessions, one-to-one work, and activities. This, combined with the ongoing maintenance work, has ensured that our environment remains safe, welcoming, and conducive to learning and fun.

This year, we've continued to strengthen our ties with other community organisations. Our participation in the Centre for Social Justice event opened new doors to potential funding avenues and gave us a platform to raise the issues facing grassroots organisations like ours at a national level.

Our work in partnership with Hat Trick, exploring barriers for young women in sports, continues to gain momentum. We are excited to see the fruits of this collaboration in the form of swimming lessons and Nintendo Switch Just Dance sessions, which will engage even more of our community in health and fitness activities.

The future looks bright, and we are already planning an exciting programme for next year. Our 25th Anniversary celebrations will be a key highlight. We will also continue to pursue new funding opportunities and partnerships that align with our goals of enriching the lives of our young people and supporting the broader community.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers. Their resilience and passion are truly inspiring.

Thank you all for your continued support. Together, we have achieved much, and I look forward to all that 2025 will bring.

Thanks, Andrea Sporwart



25 YEARS OF NYBP

We are celebrating the 25th anniversary of North Benwell Youth Project. 25 years of serving the local community. We will be holding a community event at the Ven Bede church hall to celebrate with children, young people, parents, residents and organisations we have worked alongside.

The idea of NBYP first began when the vicar of the Ven Bede Church, John Hardy was facing issues when young people were vandalising the roof of the church. He could have informed the police, but he opted for meaningful engagement, understanding that the young people needed somewhere to hang out with friends and take part in enriching activities.

Please read our 20th anniversary report for a full history of the project's development.

After 25 years we are working with the next generation, many parents attended when they were growing up and want their children to have the same experiences.

2023-2024

This report will be celebrating the work which has taken place during the past year.

Highlights have included -

- The growth of our Saturday work
- Events organised by our Young Peoples Committee
- Our new summer house
- Developing young volunteers

Huge thank you to our exceptional trustees, staff team and funders for making NBYP a special place

for children and young people living in North Benwell.

Thank you

On a personal note, I was overwhelmed with the surprise event organised for my birthday in August by Lisa and the Young Peoples Committee. I was led blind fold to the Ven Bede Church where children, young people, trustees, parents' local organisations, the vicar and community police had gathered quietly, they yelled out 'happy birthday!'. So much planning and effort went into the event - a delicious buffet, balloon decorations, local bands, arts and crafts, photo presentations, face painter, and bouncy castle. What an amazing day. Thank you.

Margaret Ridley



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here are an array of photos of children and young people from over the years. The last 10 years has been so much easier to keep and store photos on our computer, previously we had to get photos developed and store in boxes.

There are children on these photos who are now adults, many with families of their own. Some of their children now attend NBYP, enjoying the same opportunities that they had.





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OUR WORK 2023 - 2024

THE IMPORTANCE OF GROUP WORK

We offer group sessions for all ages - juniors -8-11, Inters 12-15. Seniors 16+. We run 12 different sessions a week so we can include everyone who wants to join.

We offer a safe welcoming space, right on their doorstep. Children and

young people take part in a diverse range of activities, of their choosing. We have an informal way of supporting children to learn while doing. All attendance is voluntary, they come because they want to come. Giving them control of their sessions gives them a sense of belonging and ownership.

It is not about the activity itself, but all the skills they develop while being together - building self-confidence

and self-worth, communication skills, sharing, patience, understanding unacceptable behaviour, negotiating - the list is not exhaustive. There is no financial cost to families, all our sessions and offsite activities are free.

Having fun is always high on the agenda, young people are often coping with many challenges and know at NBYP they can relax and let off steam.



JUNIOR GROUPS

We currently run 3 Junior sessions with different attendees for each one. This age group come with a lot of enthusiasm and energy. They learn to socialise, make new friends, learn they have a voice and can direct their own sessions.

It is important for these children to learn social skills outside of school whilst developing their confidence and working on acceptable

behaviours. Overall, they have blossomed into great young people with growing confidence levels, improved English-speaking skills and more of an awareness of the world around them.

During the sessions the children have learnt to cook more challenging recipes including healthier options.

They have taken part in activities which improve their ability to cope with life's challenges, get involved in team building exercises, shared resources and ideas with others.

INTERMEDIATE GROUPS

Transitioning from junior school to high school is an unsettling time, adapting to new routines and structures.

Dealing with puberty, gender identity are just a few challenges young people face growing up. Workers are there to listen and guide when risky behaviours become apparent.

The young people need a safe environment where they can talk in confidence and be listened to. Older members can act as a mentor to the younger members. Often, they have experienced the same issues and can empathise.



SENIOR GROUPS

Young people 16+ attending NBYP often need guidance from workers, a safe place to talk about their life, relationships, their future, issues worrying them. One of their favourite sessions is to talk.

Many are adjusting to life away from school and education, somewhere they have attended since they were very young.

Workers can support them on the next step of their journey by helping with college applications, apprenticeships, apply for jobs, opening bank accounts.

The groups still enjoy cooking sessions, challenging each other, visiting gyms, drives out in the minibus, games of pool





SATURDAY WORK

Saturday work has now been running for a year!!!

This has been the busiest session of the week for the past year with triple the amount of young people who would normally attend a single session. There have been many new faces attending getting to know others who attend during the week. As it's an open session we have had many different age groups mixing, doing similar things. Thanks to the funding we were given, staff have been able to provide the activities the young people have asked to do whilst making sure they have a warm meal when not at school.

Therefore, offering them an opportunity to come together in a safe space, meet friends have food and do activities. There is a weekly pool competition which provides the winner with a small prize to take home.

Each week the young people can do a different craft or art piece of their choice. We have tried several quick recipes including biscuits, croissants, churros and pizza making. They choose to take part in crafts, art competitions, playing on the PlayStation as well as chatting with staff and friends.

Overall, the open session has been a total success not just for staff and the young people but also for the young people who have gained experience volunteering; bringing them out of their shell and giving them a lot more confidence in their abilities to engage with others.

Furthermore, it opened up an opportunity for a young person who volunteers during the week to become a paid member of staff on a Saturday raising their confidence and work experience levels.





YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

What another busy year the YPC have had!

They are excelling in everything they do and are a credit to NBYP. They meet every other Thursday to discuss and plan their next idea.

The aim of the YPC is to support the work of the project, giving them a voice of how they would like to direct the project. It helps them to develop an array of skills that will benefit them in their future, such as planning and organisation, budgeting, leadership, communication, and teamwork.

In the last year they have:

- Organised a Halloween disco at the Ven Bede church hall for children who attend the project.
- Put together art packs and food parcels for families at Christmas.
- Made a variety of crafts to sell at a Christmas market held at Riverside project.
- At Easter they organised a community coach trip to take families to South Shields for the day, they provided snacks and fair tickets.
- Organised a summer pool party at Elswick pool and a buffet for after.
- Organised a surprise celebration event for the project coordinators birthday inviting families, trustees, workers from other organisations, the local vicar and the police. They had bands playing, arts and crafts, food, bouncy castle, a raffle and lots of decorations.
- They have organised various raffles to raise money for the project such as a large food hamper and a pamper hamper.





YOUNG WORKERS & VOLUNTEERS

Many of our sessions are supported by volunteers who attend NBYP.

Filip supports the music sessions, Keera with the girls' groups, Martina and Laura with Saturday's sessions. We recently employed 2 young people to help with Saturday's session as they are very busy.

Keera and Jan both for 4 hours support Lisa and Jenifer to run the activities.

MUSIC AT NBYF

Music session continue to run every Monday and Wednesday thanks to Gemarts and the East by Northeast music project.

We have a music room full of instruments and microphones, Gemarts provide talented professional musician to teach and mentor children and young people. They can get involved in everything from writing lyrics, singing, rapping, learning an instrument and performing at local events.

Lily who attends the girl's session has come on in leaps and bounds. Her confidence has grown after each singing performance, the latest being at the Benstock Festival.

All young people get the opportunity to perform if they choose to. This year they have performed at our annual celebration event, a sharing performance at the Light Transformational Church and a birthday celebration at the Ven Bede church.

As well as learning new music, the boys enjoy playing and singing traditional Roma music, remembering and celebrating their heritage.





DETACHED WORK

Detached work is a way of meeting young people outside, on the streets near where they live. Workers tend to stay around the vicinity of terraces where the groups congregate.

The Box is a popular meeting spot for all ages as there are seats and fenced court to play football. Not all young people want to attend the project base, detached is another way of meeting young people and letting them know what support we can offer, or just to have a chat.

It is always good to catch up with those used to attend.

NCS - NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

Funding from the National Citizen Service has helped us to focus on 15-17-year-old to develop a range of skill including life skills, employability and social action.

This is to help prepare them for when they leave education and enter the employment market. They can be part of a weekly group or one to one support for employability sessions. Often when we help a young person write their C.V it can be a challenge when they don't have any formal qualifications or experience to add.

Taking part in project activities, learning new skill and volunteering, they can boost their confidence and develop an array of transferable skills.

One to One Support 16 - 25 Years

One to one support is runs better when a young person has an appointment. This means workers can priorities that young person's needs.



- Finding N.I. numbers
- Opening a bank account
- Helping to get I.D. documents
- Applying to college / training courses
- Apply for a provisional Driving license
- Looking for work
- Searching for their first home
- Medical appointments
- Applying for grants/ student loans

MUM'S GROUP

This group has been running for many years now. The mums have regularly attended every Thursday to have a cuppa whilst chatting to others who attend to get some advice or a short break from daily life. The younger children who attend with their mums get the opportunity to socialise with other children whilst playing with the many toys we have collected over the years.

This group continue to engage with staff and others who attend gaining knowledge and experience to improve their lives.

This year we have supported one member with her volunteering role, given support around benefits and health care. They continue to explore new recipes and try new foods; they have tried out new places to take their children. They went to Lilidorei at Alnwick gardens which was great fun and Hall Hill Farm in Durham which had a mixture of animals and rides for all ages.

Due to the growing number of young people attending the project we have been limited to how many times we can take this group out which has meant trips being changed to during a week which also limits the amount of time we can go out.



NEW SUMMER HOUSE

We are always trying to gain more space in the project base. There are no more walls we can knock down!

We were given a second hand outdoor shed a few years ago but overtime it became unsafe.

Funding from William Leech meant we could replace it for a bigger summer house, one we could use as an extra room when needed.

It is cosy, has deckchairs and a bean bag sofa. We have a portable heater so it can be used all year round.

The Young People Committee decorate it for Halloween and Christmas.





GROWING VEG

For the first time we attempted to grow our own vegetables.

We planted potatoes, carrots and tomatoes from seed.

Potatoes and tomatoes grew well, carrots were small - but all a learning curve for next year.



SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

There is a growing need from residents / parents asking for our help. Families are struggling with the increases in the cost of living, rising energy prices and increased rents.

We have had families being evicted from their homes and coming to the project distraught, they did not know where else to go.

We are a youth project first and foremost, but we feel a responsibility to support parents of the children and young people we work with. We are not experts but will listen and try to work out the best place for support, helping to make phone calls, fill in applications on their behalf as often there are language barriers.

Many who we support are from the Eastern European Roma community, they trust the workers, we will help where we can.

Settled Status applications has been an ongoing struggle for many. Sylwia a EUSS advisor from Migrant Help, has been attending the project every fortnight to help with applications. She has a lot of experience and knowledge of the scheme.

Other types of support given include;

- Universal Credit issues and applications
- Apostils
- ID and passport applications
- Grants to supply household items
- School applications
- Explaining official letters
- Housing issues



Free Giveaway Days

Every few months we hold free giveaway days. We receive donations of clothes, toys, baby equipment household items etc. When our store room is full, we bring it all downstairs, sort it all out into sizes etc.

Residents make an appointment and can come along and take what they need. In winter we supply warm coats and hats, in summer, swimming costumes and light clothing.

As well as supporting local families we are recycling and preventing items from going to landfill.



Food Parcels

Each Wednesday we continue to provide food parcels for local families.

There is a charge of £1 to cover our Fareshare membership costs. The parcels contain fresh fruit and vegetables, baked products, meat, sometimes tins, cooking sauces, drinks etc.

This year we received funding from Hill-Dickeson Trust that meant we could supplement the parcels with extra food such as fresh bread, cereal and milk.

YOUNG CHEFS

Cooking and baking have always been a popular activity in sessions, for all ages.

Not only do they get to take

something delicious home, they are developing many skills such as following a recipe, weighing and measuring, time management, creativity, and attention to detail.

We try to make everything from scratch where possible.





HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Every school holiday we organise trips to a variety of locations. Summertime we try to keep the activities outdoors, wintertime is a time for ice skating.

The past year we have visited various swimming pools, with Haltwhistle outdoor pool being the most popular. Groups have gone surfing at South Shields surf school, tour of St James Park, Lilidorei Adventure Park in Alnwick, Ninja Warrior assault course, beach days, residential to Liverpool and Beadnell Bay,

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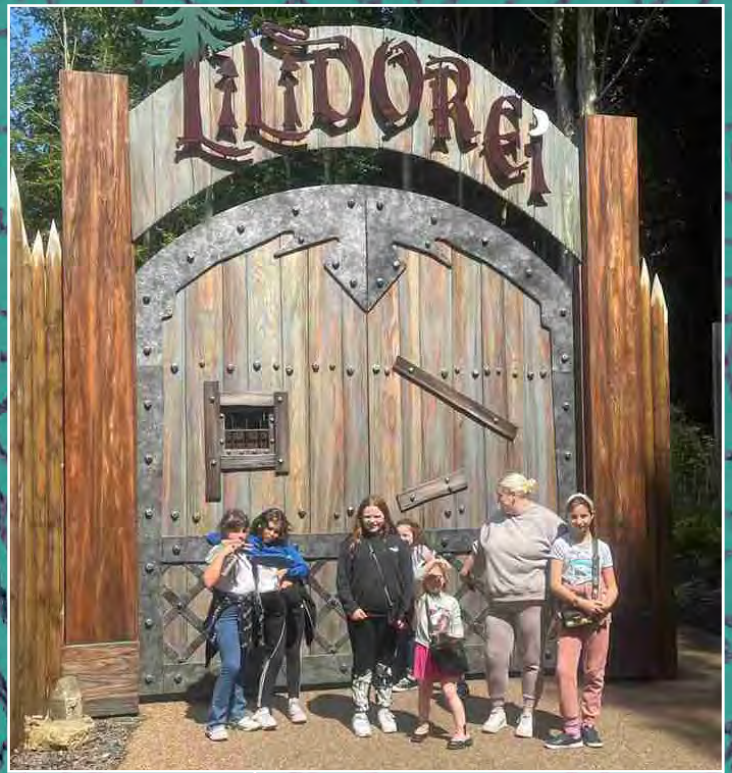
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What is Youth Work

Youth workers play a crucial role in the lives of many thousands of young people. They bring fun, a sense of structure and a whole host of new opportunities to the people they work with, broadening their horizons, boosting their social skills and giving them a place to simply be themselves.

By supporting young people at one of the most important periods of their lives they help them learn new skills, embrace their passions and develop a sense of identity and independence. And because youth work is not confined to a single location or structured curriculum, it offers a flexibility that traditional education cannot.

Youth workers build voluntary, trusted relationships with young people, away from many of the other pressures they may be facing in their lives. (National Youth Agency)

What is the North Benwell Youth Project CIO?

The North Benwell Youth Project CIO is a charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution which states every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

The objects of the CIO are to help young people up to the age of 25 living in North Benwell (the area of benefit), especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

The trustees have ensured that benefit to the local community has been at the centre of the work of the project.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Management Committee

Chairperson - Andrea Spowart

Treasurer - Glen Foreman

Trustees - James Garratt, Mike Keller, Kirsty Daniels

Young Persons Representative - Keera Storey

Staff Team

Margaret Ridley

Lisa Young

Malcolm Wharton

Sarah Howe

Jennifer Horvathova - *Trainee Youth Worker*

Sue Leeder - *Administrator*

Laura Ward - *Volunteers*

Young Peoples Committee and Young Volunteers

Martina Horvathova

Lucie Cinova

Marketa Gaziova

Keera Storey

Jennifer Horvathova

Adela Sivakova

Young Volunteers

Filip Sivak, Lucie Cinova, Keera Storey,

Adela Sivakova, Martina Horvathova



NORTH BENWELL YOUTH PROJECT CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Public benefit

The Board of Trustees has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its future activities. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

2. Financial review

North Benwell Youth Project CIO are funded by a variety of income. The total income for the year was £123,888. This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024, shows a net deficit across all funds of -£23,865 (2023: -£76,788).

The Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024 shows total funds carried forward of £107,080 of which £102,935 are restricted funds, the unrestricted reserves are £4,145.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charities requirements for reserves in light of the major risks to the organisation. The established policy is for unrestricted funds held by the charity to be set at 5 months of the expenditure plus estimated redundancy and close down costs; the unrestricted fund for the year is £4,145. The reserves are needed to maintain the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserves are also needed to cover the costs of potential redundancies.

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3. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name North Benwell Youth Project CIO

Registered
Charity Number 1165642

Trustees	Andrea Spowart	Chair
	Kirsty McDine-Daniels	
	Glen Foreman	Resigned 17 Dec 2024
	Michael Keller	
	James Garratt	
	Chloe Eastabrook	Appointed 17 Dec 2024

Project
Coordinator Margaret Ridley

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Independent
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Bankers Barclays Bank Plc
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4. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

North Benwell Youth Project CIO is a charitable incorporated organisation, governed by its constitution, adopted on 18th February 2016.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected by members of the organisation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are eligible to stand for re-election each year. There is a minimum of three and maximum of 12 trustees at any given time. The trustees have the power to co-opt up to three other members and agree to meet at least four times a year.

Newly appointed trustees are invited to an induction day which includes meeting with the other trustees and the Coordinator to get an overview of the work of the charity, including its constitution and its finances. Part of this day also includes a brief induction with other key staff members. Trustees are given a copy of the constitution and the previous year's annual report and accounts. Should trustee training be required, this is arranged and once a year a development day is held for all trustees and staff.

Organisation

The trustees administer the charity and the Project Coordinator is responsible for managing the work of the charity on a day-to-day basis.

The trustees are aware that the major risk to the organisation is lack of funding. Each quarter the risk is assessed when budgets are compared to actual spend and reserves are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover five months running costs and any possible redundancy costs.

Risk management

The management committee has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and for ensuring the consistent quality of the delivery of all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

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5. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

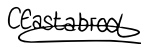
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on ...31/01/2025..... and signed on their behalf by:



Chloe Eastabrook
Treasurer

NORTH BENWELL YOUTH PROJECT CIO

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the financial statements of North Benwell Youth Project CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 30 to 40.

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.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 material matters have come to my attention 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 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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Date:31/01/2025

NORTH BENWELL YOUTH PROJECT CIO

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	739	-	739	52
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	7	-	115,057	115,057	63,528
Total income		8,831	115,057	123,888	70,020
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	10	5,558	142,195	147,753	146,808
Total expenditure		5,558	142,195	147,753	146,808
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		3,273	(27,138)	(23,865)	(76,788)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		872	130,073	130,945	207,733
Total funds carried forward		4,145	102,935	107,080	130,945

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 32 to 40 form an integral part of these accounts.

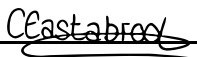
BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	Total 2024 £	£	Total 2023 £
<u>Current assets</u>					
Debtors	18	2,895		2,350	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	108,159		134,389	
Total current assets		111,053		136,739	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(3,973)		(5,794)	
Net current assets			107,080		130,945
Total assets less current liabilities			107,080		130,945
Total net assets or liabilities			107,080		130,945
<u>Funds of the charity</u>					
Unrestricted income funds			4,145		872
Restricted income funds			102,935		130,073
Total funds			107,080		130,945

The notes on pages 32 to 40 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 31/01/2025

and are signed on its behalf by: Chloe Eastabrook
Treasurer 

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

North Benwell Youth Project CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £4,145 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.6 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.7 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.8 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of trips and events and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable

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activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis, the charity does not currently have any tangible fixed assets:

Equipment	25% Straight line over four years
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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations received	739	-	739	52
	<u>739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>52</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from grants and contracts</u>				
Grants received	-	-	-	63,528
Newcastle City Council	-	31,341	31,341	-
Newcastle City Council Warm Spaces	-	250	250	-
46 Wearside Group	-	402	402	-
Street Games	-	3,902	3,902	-
County Durham Community Foundation	-	300	300	-
Hat Trick	-	8,450	8,450	-
Community Foundation	-	6,321	6,321	-
Key Fund	-	1,347	1,347	-
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	15,000	-
Henry Smith	-	34,000	34,000	-
Big Lottery	-	5,796	5,796	-
LGA Foundation	-	7,948	7,948	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>115,057</u>	<u>115,057</u>	<u>63,528</u>
8 Other trading activities				
Room hire	1,900	-	1,900	1,440
Fundraising events	17	-	17	-
Other income	5,434	-	5,434	5,000
	<u>7,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,351</u>	<u>6,440</u>
9 Income from investments				
Bank interest	741	-	741	-
	<u>741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>-</u>

Income was £123,888 (2023: £70,018) of which £8,831 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £11,160) and £115,057 was restricted (2023: £58,858)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
10 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Wages and salaries	-	86,190	86,190	82,723
Staff other costs	915	-	915	-
Other project activities	249	28,170	28,419	34,685
Transport costs	-	2,500	2,500	-
Volunteers	-	20	20	-
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent and rates	-	5,850	5,850	-
Utilities	-	5,302	5,302	-
Telephone and fax	680	-	680	-
Printing, postage & stationery	320	-	320	-
IT costs	-	1,196	1,196	-
Subscriptions and membership	-	1,176	1,176	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	3,291	3,291	-
Professional fees	-	4,321	4,321	-
Cleaning & hygiene	-	3,116	3,116	-
Other office expenses	1,204	1,064	2,268	29,150
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	946	-	946	250
Bank Charges	280	-	280	-
Trustee expenses and AGM	966	-	966	-
	<u>5,558</u>	<u>142,195</u>	<u>147,753</u>	<u>146,808</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £147,753 (2023: £146,806) of which £5,558 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £37,545) and £142,195 was restricted (2023: £109,261)

11 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	696	250
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	3,336	-
	<u>4,032</u>	<u>250</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2023: £nil)

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12 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and wages	81,050	75,833
Social security costs	5,457	5,611
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	1,437	1,279
	87,943	82,723

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2023: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the charity manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £37,544 (2023: £37,544).

13 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 5 staff (2023: 4 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	3.0	3.0
	3.0	3.0

14 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

15 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charitable company contributes to individual private staff pension schemes. The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity.

16 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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17 Tangible fixed assets	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
Balance brought forward	10,321	10,321
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	10,321	10,321
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
Balance brought forward	10,321	10,321
Depreciation charge for year	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	10,321	10,321
Net book value		
Brought forward	-	-
Carried forward	-	-

18 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	2,895	2,350
	2,895	2,350

19 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank current account	107,970	134,389
Cash in hand	189	-
	108,159	134,389

20 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	4,153
PAYE & NI	1,152	-
Pension	296	-
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	696	250
Other accruals	988	1,391
Other creditors	841	-
	3,973	5,794

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21 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

22 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	872	8,831	(5,558)	-	4,145
Totals	872	8,831	(5,558)	-	4,145

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Core costs	1	-	(1)	-	-
Senior Worker	1	-	(1)	-	-
Healthy Communities	124,049	113,710	(134,824)	-	102,935
Key Fund	1,105	1,347	(2,452)	-	-
Willan trust	4,917	-	(4,917)	-	-
Totals	130,073	115,057	(142,195)	-	102,935

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Core costs	Support and governance
Senior Worker	To fund the salary and on costs of the Senior Worker
Healthy Communities	To fund other salaries and activities
Key Fund	To fund specific Key Fund projects
Willan trust	To fund music resources

23 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023 -£nil)

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24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	5,223	102,935	108,159	134,389
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(1,078)	-	(1,078)	(3,444)
	<u>4,145</u>	<u>102,935</u>	<u>107,080</u>	<u>130,945</u>

25 Guarantee

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31 March 2024.

26 Debt

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31 March 2024.

27 Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 18 February 2016 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.