



**SPACE YOUTH PROJECT**

**Trustees' Annual Report and  
Financial Statement**

**Registered Charity Number : 1167902**

**Registered office : % BPC,  
North Road Poole Dorset BH14 0LS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

Space Youth Project is a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**

Our **Constitution objectives** are:

1. To advance in life and relieve needs of young people under the age of 25 who are lesbian, bisexual, gay, trans and questioning (LGBTQ) through
  - a. the provision of educational, recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions in life;
  - b. providing advice, support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to advance education and enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals
2. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by
  - a. the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity
  - b. advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity issues faced by people of all ages who are LGBTQ and
  - c. cultivation a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity to recreate a safe environment where LGBTQ can promote and explore their culture and work in the interests of the public benefit to remove any social exclusion.

Space Youth Project's activities benefit the young LGBT+ people within Dorset as they raise awareness of their needs, offer safe spaces for them to be themselves and educate professionals and others across Dorset to enable them to better support LGBT+ young people in their care. It is the aim that this will create a more inclusive and diverse community.

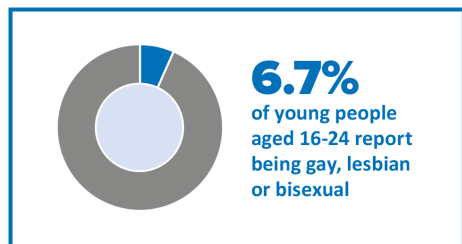
The public benefits are measured through the annual reporting of the number of young people who have accessed our services within a 12 month period, the locations and styles of sessions held and the outreach to the wider community. This work includes engagement through Space Youth Project's website, online presence, newsletter and work delivered to professionals and others.

We are a youth-led project but ensure that any changes to our services will assess and consider the public benefit, keeping in mind the Charity Commission's guidance.

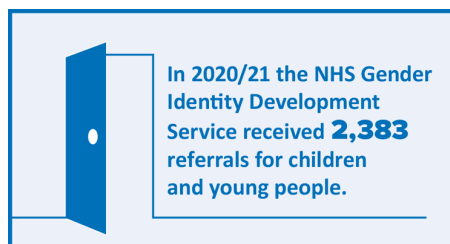
**BACKGROUND** Space Youth Project started in 2002 responding to the needs of local young people questioning their sexuality and asking for help in coming to terms with living in a heteronormative and often prejudiced society. Since then, the organisation has increased its membership and we support lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and those questioning their sexuality or gender identity – we use the term LGBT+ to include all the identities. Space has become well known in the Dorset area for its youth-led work.

Space Youth Project was formally registered as a charity in June 2007 and became a CIO in June 2016, governed by a constitution.

## WHY WE ARE NEEDED



Source: ONS (2021) Sexual Orientation UK, 2019



Source: Gender Identity Development Service  
Referrals to GIDS, financial years 2010-11 to 2020-21

## Youth Chances Report findings

73% of the LGBTQ sample agreed that discrimination against LGB people is still common and 90% of the LGBTQ sample agreed that discrimination against trans people is still common.

52% of LGBTQ young people had self-harmed, compared to 35% of heterosexual, non-trans participants.

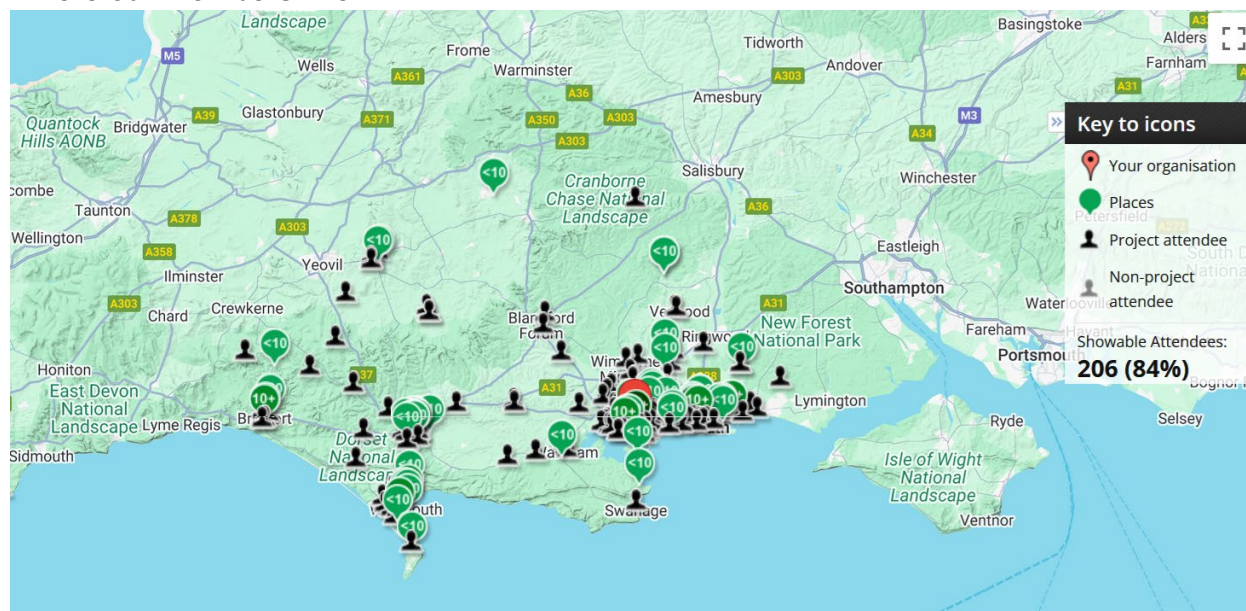
44% of the LGBTQ participants had thought about suicide, compared to 26% of the heterosexual, non-trans participants.

## ACTIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS

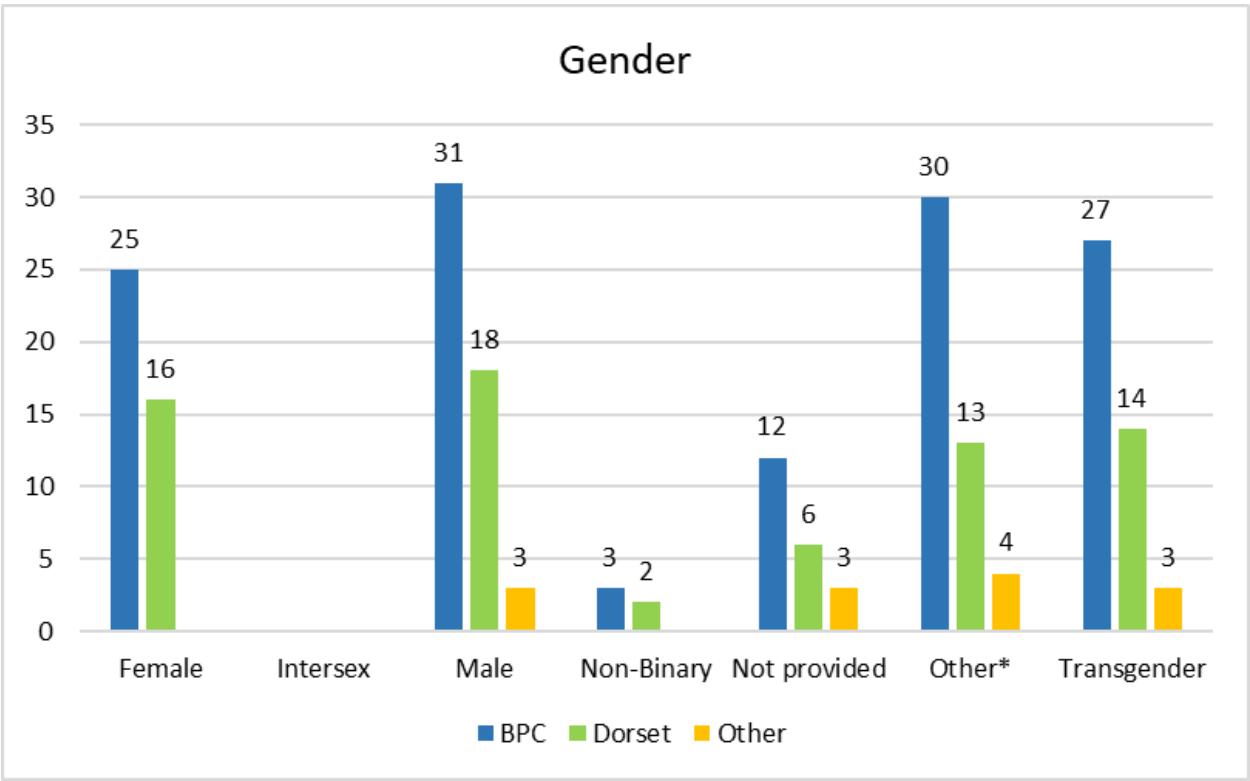
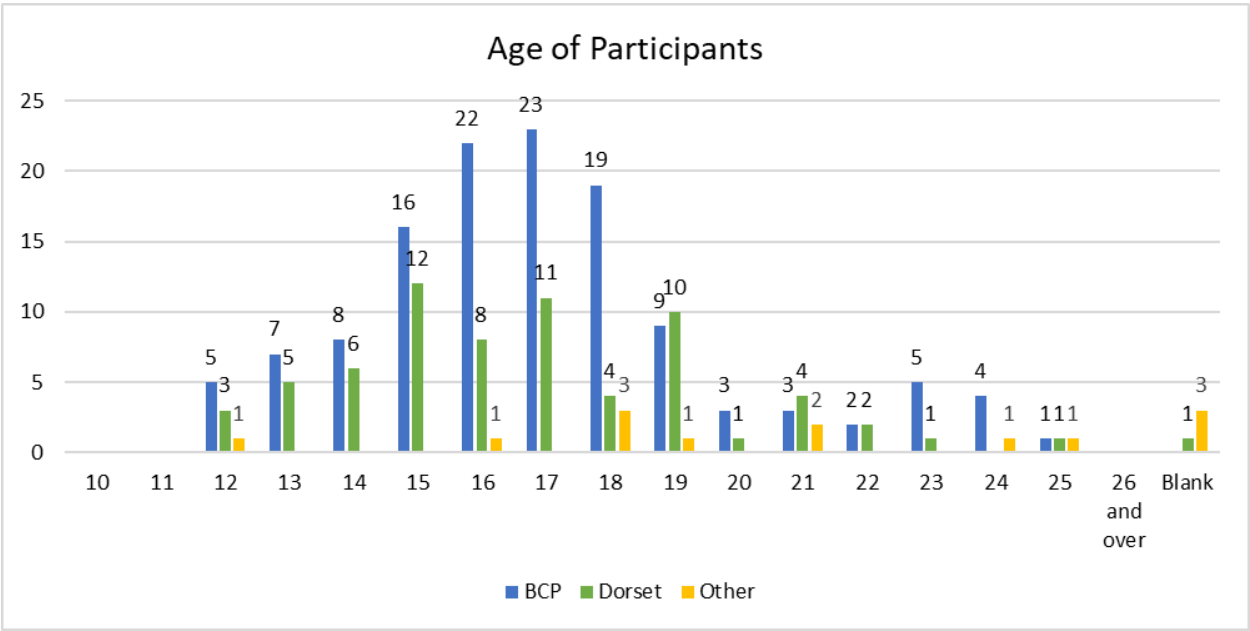
### Young People

- **210** vulnerable LGBT+ young people supported

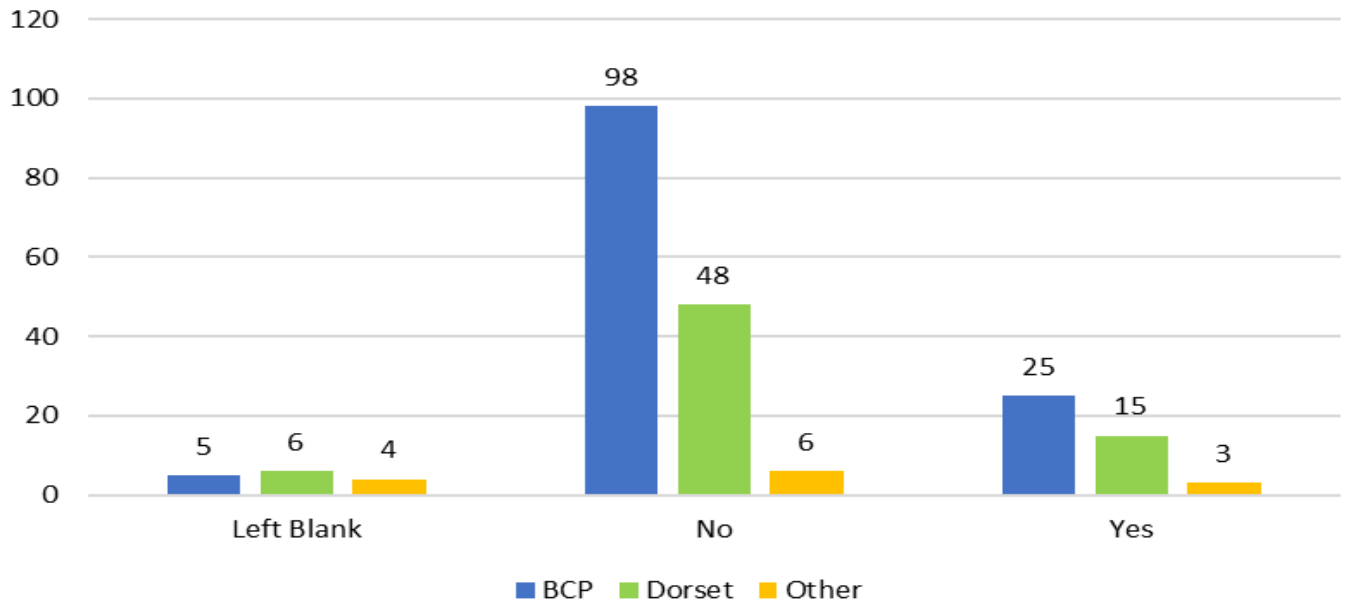
### Where our members live



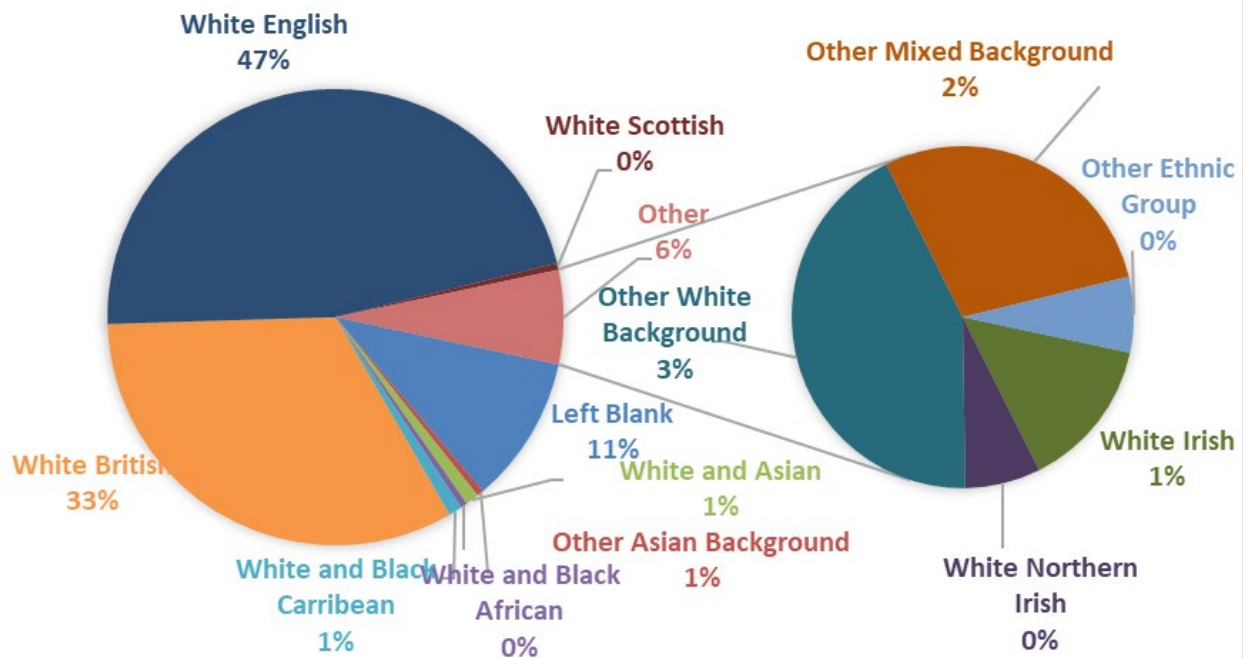
About our members



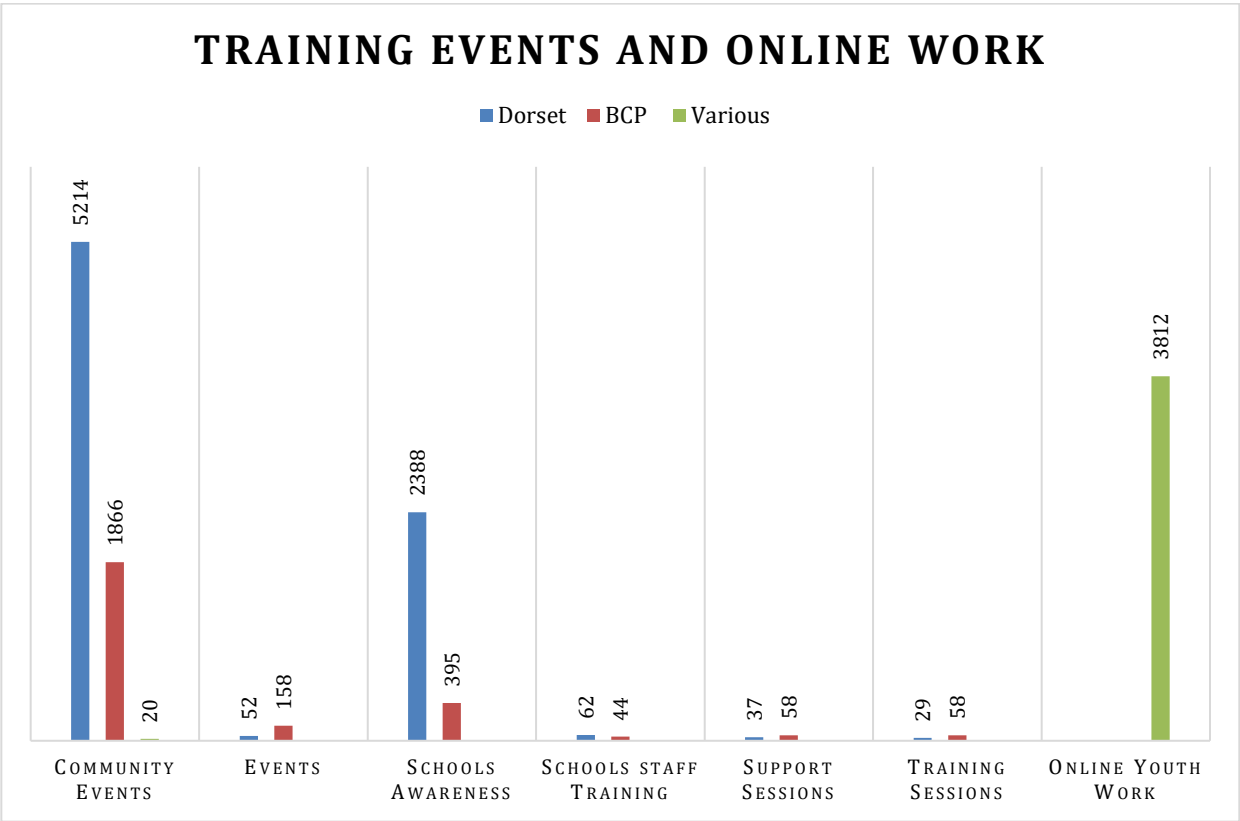
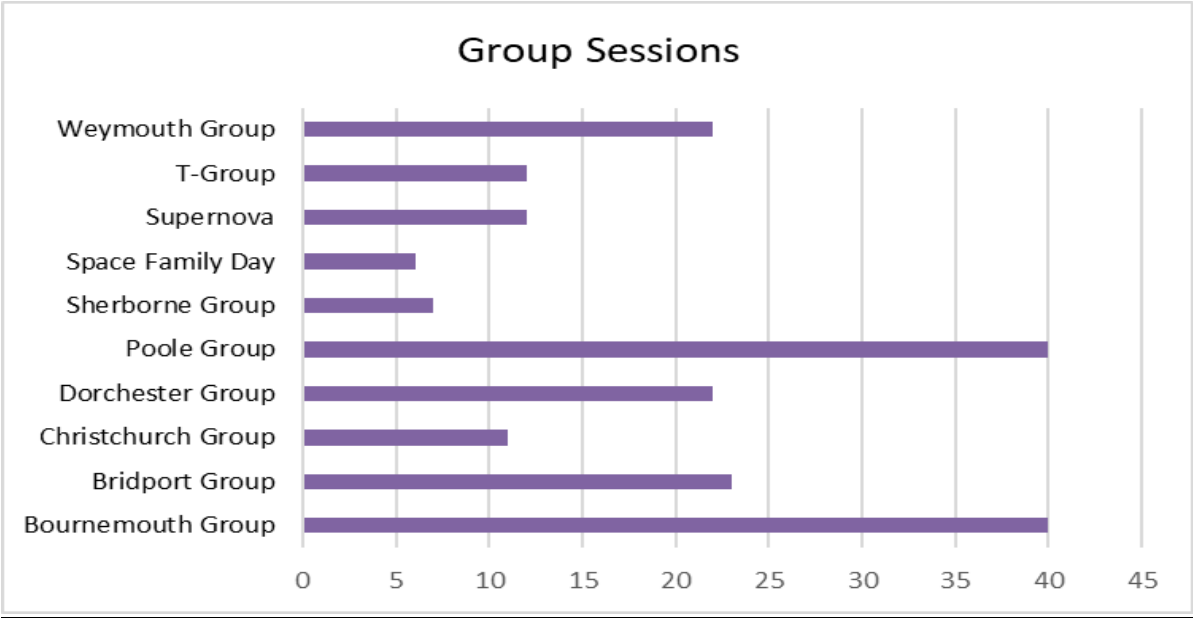
## Identifying as Disabled



## ETHNICITY



**What we did**



We are delighted that some in society are kind and want to understand how better to support LGBT+ young people in Dorset and are always happy to be invited to attend events. We are especially grateful to [Diversity Mel](#) and her fabulous team for their unrelenting work in schools.

**Other work** - In addition to **groups**, **telephone** and **face to face** meetings there has been continued and increased use of support via the **internet** and **text**. We have also increased our **social media** support and reach tremendously utilising Facebook, messenger and Instagram. We no longer have an X account as we were subjected to terrible prejudice on it.

**Consultations -62** consultations have been carried out with and on behalf of our LGBT+ young people for other youth organisations, Universities and Colleges, LGBT+ bodies, health organisations, Local Authorities, Dorset Police, the Home Office and other government departments, voluntary bodies, national and local charities and funders.

**Safeguarding** Following Space Youth Project and Pan Dorset Safeguarding Policies and Procedures we have supported 18 young people with identified safeguarding concerns.

## **WONDERFUL TEAM**

Annual Staff Turnover for 24/25 is 21.62%

### **STAFF**

- 2 - Full time Professionally Trained Youth Support workers
- 2 - Part time Professionally Trained Youth Support workers
- 2 - Part time admin support
- 1 – Substantial Part time Operations Manager
- 1 - Full time CEO

## **VOLUNTEERS**

**20** Total number of volunteers 2024-25

**1377 Total** hours contributed

**£18000** approximate monetary value of volunteers.

### **Volunteer feedback**

- 100% Space Youth Project maintain very high standards
- 100% Space Youth Project understands young people's needs
- 100% young people's needs are the top priority at Space Youth Project
- 100% receive useful and constructive feedback from managers.
- 100% receive the training they need to carry out their role well

“It is inspiring to see how even something small has an impact, and how much people care about Space. It means that even with the little time I can dedicate to my volunteering, I know a young person or a parent can make an informed decision because of content we share. It makes the difference between feeling alone and know someone is out there for you, and this is how I see all the work Space Youth Project does. A little light in a dark sea.”

### **Income Generation**

The charity has also continued developing routes whereby specialist advice and guidance can be provided to other professionals, parents and carers to enable them to work with LGBT+ young people in a more informed and supportive manner. This has provided a further income stream which we will be developing. The internet shop is still creating income and will be expanded when new products become available.

Funding is secure until April 2026 and everyone is working together to increase funding stability.

**Future Plans** - Space Youth Project will continue to deliver the activities previously mentioned in the coming year. We will be increasing income generation streams by delivering more schools work and training and providing lived experience workshops and Q&A sessions.

**Trustees** The Constitution provides for there to be at least three Trustees, all of whom are required to resign and seek re-election if they wish every three years. New or re-elected Trustees are chosen by the members. The elected Trustees as a body may co-opt further Trustees if particular specialist expertise or support is felt to be needed.

Names of charity Trustees during the period:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office (if any)</u>	<u>Dates appointed or resigned in year</u>
Harry Susser	Co-chair and Safeguarding	
Charlotte Blanchard	Co-chair	
Eli Moore	Health and Safety	Resigned January 2025
Maddie Cowley	Treasurer	
Jan Wagner		
Sarah Elliot		Appointed July 24
Vanessa Hemsley		Appointed February 25

Day-to day operation is delegated to a full-time salaried CEO, a part time project coordinator, part time admin workers, part time social media creators, trainee youth support worker and sessional youth support workers, with the Trustees meeting formally every 6 weeks.

### **SYP Reserves**

Space Youth Project currently holds two types of reserves to maintain the smooth running of the project;



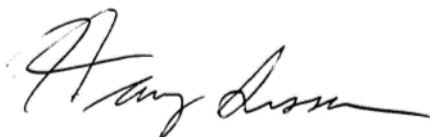
- Staff contingency reserve – this is to cover the cost of staff sickness or other forced absence which could impact the project. This is equivalent to one full time member of staff for four months of work.
- General reserve – this to cover funding shortfalls or interruption to normal operating activities. Space Youth Project currently has a 6 month reserve for all public benefits offered by the project, including time to wind down and redundancy costs in the event of a full closure and to ensure the needs of young persons accessing the project are referred to relevant agencies

At present this is a value **£178,00**

**Bankers** - CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ  
 Charity Bank Ltd, Fosse House, 182 High St, Tonbridge, TN9 1BE  
 United Trust Bank, 1 Ropemaker St , London, EC2Y 9AW

The report has been approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Harry Susser (Co Chair)



Charlotte Blanchard (Co Chair)



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SPACE YOUTH PROJECT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



**D C SHORT FCCA  
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT**

Date: 21 January 2026

70 Seabourne Road  
Bournemouth  
Dorset BH5 2HT

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# Space Youth Project - Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	2	830	1,282
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		177,632	200,673
Debtors		-	650
		177,632	201,323
<b>The total net assets of the charity</b>		<b>178,462</b>	<b>202,605</b>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Revenue Funds	3	0	-
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	3	178,462	202,605
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b>178,462</b>	<b>202,605</b>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.




Harry Susser  
Co Chair

Charlotte Blanchard  
Co Chair

Approved by the board of trustees on 21 January 2026

## Space Youth Project

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### *Policies relating to the production of the accounts.*

##### **Basis of preparation and accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared on the cash basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

##### **Risks and future assumptions**

The charity is a public benefit entity.

##### ***Tangible fixed assets***

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their original cost value, or subsequent revaluation, or if donated, as described above. Cost value includes all costs expended in bringing the asset into its intended working condition.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets to their anticipated residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and machinery	33% % straight line
Motor vehicles	33% % straight line

#### 2 Tangible fixed assets

<b><i>Current Year</i></b>	<b>Plant &amp; Machinery</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2024	5,411	2,500	7,911	7,911
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>5,411</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>7,911</b>	<b>7,911</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	4,303	2,326	6,629	6,629
Charge for the year	366	86	452	452
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>4,669</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>7,081</b>	<b>7,081</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>830</b>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,282</b>

## Space Youth Project

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

3	2025		2025		2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		Total		
Donations & Legacies	A1	10,315	146,311	<b>156,626</b>		91,505		
Other trading activities	A2	9,793	-	<b>9,793</b>		51,035		
Investments	A3	4,371	-	<b>4,371</b>		5,195		
<b>Total income</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>24,479</b>	<b>146,311</b>	<b>170,790</b>		<b>147,735</b>		
<b>Expenditure on:</b>								
Charitable activities	A7	1,783	193,150	<b>194,933</b>		188,360		
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>22,696</b>	<b>(46,839)</b>	<b>(24,143)</b>		<b>(40,625)</b>		
<b>Funds transferred</b>		(46,839)	46,839					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		202,605		<b>202,605</b>		243,230		
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>178,462</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,462</b>		<b>202,605</b>		

## Space Youth Project

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income</b>		
Income from operations	166,419	142,540
Investment income		
Interest receivable	4,371	5,195
<b>Gross income in the year before exceptional items</b>	<b>170,790</b>	<b>147,735</b>
<b>Gross income in the year including exceptional items</b>	<b>170,790</b>	<b>147,735</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	194,933	188,360
<b>Total expenditure in the year</b>	<b>194,933</b>	<b>188,360</b>
<b>Net income before tax in the financial year</b>	<b>(24,143)</b>	<b>(40,625)</b>
<b>Retained surplus brought forward</b>	<b>202,785</b>	<b>243,410</b>
<b>Retained surplus for the financial year</b>	<b>178,642</b>	<b>202,785</b>

All activities derive from continuing operations

## Space Youth Project

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025

*This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.*

A1	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds		
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Donations and gifts from individuals</b>				
Donations and legacies	10,315	-	10,315	20,408
<b>Total donations and gifts from individuals</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,315</b>	<b>20,408</b>

	Current year	Current year	Current year	Prior Year
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds		
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Revenue grants from government and public bodies</b>				
BCP Council	-	27,083	27,083	22,917
Dorset County Council	-	41,876	41,876	21,993
The National Lottery	-	53,602	53,602	26,187
The Talbot Trust	-	20,000	20,000	-
Sovereign Housing	-	3,000	3,000	-
J P Morgan	-	750	750	-
<b>Total public sector revenue grants</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,311</b>	<b>146,311</b>	<b>71,097</b>

## Space Youth Project

### Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### A2 Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Non-charitable trading activities	908	-	908	1,735
Training	8,885	-	8,885	49,300
<b>Total from other activities</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>51,035</b>

#### A3 Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	4,371	-	4,371	5,195
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>4,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,371</b>	<b>5,195</b>

#### A4 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	-	169,645	169,645	157,780
Defined contribution pension costs - charitable activities	-	1,746	1,746	2,740
Travel and Subsistence - Charitable Activities	-	774	774	1,291
Marketing and advertising of charitable services	-	1,056	1,056	2,718
Staff reimbursed expenses	-	4,543	4,543	5,281
Young people activities	-	3,130	3,130	3,670
Volunteers' expenses	-	944	944	2,464
<b>Total direct spending</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,838</b>	<b>181,838</b>	<b>175,944</b>



## Space Youth Project

### Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### A5 Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable trading

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Cost of goods for primary purpose trading - Including movement in stock	-	-	-	-
Postage	315	-	315	315
<b>Total charitable trading costs</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>315</b>

#### A6 Support costs for charitable activities

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Employee costs not included in direct costs</i></b>				
Training and welfare - staff	-	994	994	1,815
<b><i>Premises Expenses</i></b>				
Premises repairs, renewals and maintenance	-	4,576	4,576	3,701
Insurance	-	1,860	1,860	1,360
<b><i>Administrative overheads</i></b>				
Telephone, fax and internet	-	972	972	1,278
Affiliation fees	-	31	31	45
Computer costs	-	2,339	2,339	1,953
Sundry expenses	-	13	13	53
Equipment, repairs, expenses and maintenance	-	223	223	73
<b><i>Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner</i></b>				
Accountancy fees	942	-	942	930
Other legal and professional	-	304	304	167
<b><i>Financial costs</i></b>				
Bank charges	60	-	60	78
Paypal charges	14	-	14	16
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for	452	-	452	632
<b>Support costs before reallocation</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>11,312</b>	<b>12,780</b>	<b>12,101</b>
<b>Total support costs - Current Year</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>11,312</b>	<b>12,780</b>	<b>12,101</b>

#### A7 Total Charitable expenditure

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Total direct spending	<b>A4</b>	-	181,838	175,944
Total charitable trading costs	<b>A5</b>	315	315	315
Total support costs	<b>A6</b>	1,468	12,780	12,101
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>1,783</b>	<b>194,933</b>	<b>188,360</b>