

WOODSTOCK YOUTH WORK TRUST

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES, IN SCHOOLS AND GROUPS, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHURCHES IN THE AREA OF WOODSTOCK AND SURROUNDING AREA

Activities: Woodstock Youth Work Trust (WYWT) carries out a variety of activities in different venues. This includes a board game group, some small groups, and a monthly youth worship service, as well as work in the local schools and youth club. For more information about any and all of these, please visit our website: www.woodstockyouthworktrust.co.uk

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£14,895	£14,687	-	-
2024-05-31	£26,336	£19,457	-	-
2023-05-31	£16,227	£24,380	-	-
2022-05-31	£26,186	£20,680	-	-
2021-05-31	£16,675	£19,505	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew James Mills	Chair	2022-10-27
ALAN BAND		2016-02-24
Katie Jones		2024-09-11
Rev Sarah Bourne		2024-10-02

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Summer 2024 - Summer 2025

Activities Report

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THE BACKGROUND

Woodstock Youth Work Trust (WYWT) was established in 2016 after two years of work bringing it all together. The vision of the Trust is to unite and equip the churches in Woodstock to carry out youth work, with a discipleship focus, in the community, and through the local schools. Our mission statement is:

"To help teenagers in Woodstock realise their identity in Christ through discipleship and mission, and engage them as disciple-makers"

We seek to carry out this mission in a variety of ways and this report is a collation of all the different ways that we seek to implement it, the impact it is having, and the ways we see it expanding in the near future.

We have now had 9 years of working towards these goals, and so have collated an outline of the activities specifically of the last year, but also with a picture of what we hope to achieve going forward.

AN INTRODUCTION

As the work in both the local schools has continued to strengthen, our focus over the last year has been to take what is working in each school and share that learning and strategy with other schools in the local area. Ultimately, our vision is that we want to be working to deliver chaplaincy in each of the main feeder schools for the Marlborough school. We have seen tremendous progress in this area over the last year, and we now have a second employee who has started chaplaincy work in 2 of the local primary schools, and developing a connection with the Akeman benefice who oversee the work there.

This work has enabled us to further establish the work that we do in schools, innovate new ways of delivering chaplaincy, and become an example of chaplaincy for other schools within the Diocese. As well as this, it has allowed us to further strengthen the connections between the different areas that we work in, with the link between the schools, the churches, and the community to be in the best place they have been so far.

The work outlined in this report have been categorised as follows:

- 1. Work in the Churches**
2. Work in the Community
- 3. Work in the Secondary School**
4. Work in Primary Schools
- 5. New Employee**

WORK IN THE CHURCHES

A core focus of the work of WYWT is supporting the work of the churches, and working together with them to provide for the young people they have in their congregations. This includes the work of the trust that is distinctly Christian, even if that does not necessarily take place within a church building.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Since the Trust is partnering with several of the local churches, one thing we try to do is make sure we are present at each of the churches.

It has been really encouraging for this to happen more regularly this year, and to pick up that regular contact with the local churches. We have particularly enjoyed the amount of support there is for all the work of WYWT from local Christians. Being able to touch base with them in this way has enabled them to feel more aware of and a part of the work that is happening and allowed us to feel more supported and championed by the local Christian community.

It has also been really nice to spend that time meeting, getting to know, and encouraging the young people that attend each of the churches, and to support them and the churches in the journey.

As well as attending regular services, there have also been additional Church events, services, and times we have been invited to join in with, particularly around the key times in the Christian calendar such as Christmas and Easter. This has included opportunities to lead services in each of the churches and share, as well as God's word, what WYWT are doing.

Spending time with the people in each church has also given space for them to approach us and share their vision for youth work and support on new initiatives they are trying to develop as a congregation. This has been particularly exciting, as it shows the vision for youth work in Woodstock is growing, and not just being carried by the Trust. This is vital for real multiplication to occur.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

One of the things we are involved with is the Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon. This has meant the work the Trust is doing is getting more exposure, as well as opening other opportunities within the Christian community of Woodstock to us.

Recently, we have not been able to attend the Churches Together meetings, however, we maintain a good relationship with the committee, and send regular reports updating the members on the work that is happening there.

PRAYER UPDATES

Prayer is at the very heart of all that we do. Since before WYWT formally existed, we have had a team of committed Christians, who are praying for the work that we are doing, and the young people that we are connecting with.

Every month, we send out a newsletter to over 70 people who are reading the stories of what has been happening, seeing the specific events and activities that are taking place, and praying specific prayers to support the work and young people.

We genuinely believe it is this prayer that creates a bedrock for everything that we do, and hope to continue to grow the team that is supporting the work in this way.

REGULAR MEETINGS

This year our youth worker has been meeting regularly with the Rector of St Mary Magdalene's Church, Woodstock. This has enabled a closer worker relationship between the two organisations to really flourish. As St Mary Magdalene's continues to explore who they are and what they do, we have been able to support them in that work, both in terms of helping to plan and strategise, but also in some cases deliver the work that is being done.

This has also materialized in working with the Church Curate to help deliver the work in the Primary School. Having a better understanding of the work that the church is doing has enabled us to bring the Curate into the school, and share with them the work that is happening there as a means of them exploring that aspect of ministry.

WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

A key part of the vision of WYWT is to be actively present in the places that young people are already spending their time. With this in mind, there are a few existing groups in the community we support where WYWT can continue to support our young people.

GORDO E.S.U

Gordo E.S.U is a local Explorer Scout Unit based in Kidlington. Being involved with it over the last few years has been really beneficial to the work of the Trust.

Involvement with the Scouts Association means they provide access to many free training opportunities, allowing our youth worker to further his leadership skills, get a First Aid qualification, and even pay to get a minibus license, all of which benefit us in our continued work.

As well as this, it is another opportunity to engage with local young people, get to know them, and have lots of opportunities during hikes, on a Monday night, and around a camp fire to talk about all things big and small. This has also led to good conversations about faith, with some young people going on to explore their faith, and in some cases baptism, as a result of these conversations.

Regardless of the faith of the individual, Gordo E.S.U continues to be a space where young people are encouraged to grow and develop personally, spiritually, and in the confidence and leadership. It has also provided a space to build meaningful relationships with young people who we then encounter in other aspects of ministry such as schools work.

WOODSTOCK YOUTH CLUB

Woodstock Youth Club is the local youth club that is run weekly and has been around for many years. As this is a key part of the community in Woodstock, it was felt that WYWT should, as part of its remit, support what already exists for the young people in Woodstock.

Woodstock Youth Club have a good knowledge of who we are and the work we are doing and are very supportive of it. Being involved with the weekly drop-in that is held there, has been helpful in terms of being able to come alongside different young people within the community, as well as support the work the youth club is doing.

Over the last year, attendance has really increased at the youth club, and we now have regular numbers of 15-20 each week. This continues to be a great space for young people in the area to come together, relax, have fun, and play in ways that they would not otherwise. With our youth worker being on the committee as well, this has allowed for a greater level of input and investment in how the time is run, and what the space is used for.

NEXT STEPS

Our youth worker is in the process of moving to Woodstock on the new build estate. One of the hopes for the upcoming year is that this will provide further opportunities to connect in with the new community that is being built there and explore new opportunities for youth work and mission to be taking place. It is unclear at this stage what form this will take, but the desire is that being living in situ, there will be a number of organic opportunities to respond to the needs of the community as they are presented.

WORK IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

A significant focus of our time and energy over the last few years has been in establishing a Chaplaincy programme at the local Secondary School, the Marlborough CofE School. While this work is no longer directly overseen by WYWT, it is still a significant part of our vision and legacy, so we want to include it in this report.

Below are the groups, events, and programmes we have been able to deliver at the Marlborough CofE School.

ASSEMBLIES

As part of the Chaplaincy role, we have been able to deliver several assemblies to the school body. These assemblies, delivered to multiple year groups, have struck the balance between being distinctly Christian, whilst remaining accessible for the wide audience that attend them.

CHARITY

This year we have been able to support the school in their Charity week. As well as providing contact with the local food bank, we supported the school by gathering all the donations that staff and students had made over the week with the help of the charity volunteers made up of year 9 students.

These donations were then dropped off at the local sorting hub with a team of volunteer 6th formers who gave up their time to help. This ended up being a really impactful event for the school, the food and baby banks, and the students who helped.

FAITH IN THE COMMUNITY

The Marlborough School runs a Wednesday afternoon elective programme, and as part of this, over the course of the year, all year 7 students engage with an elective called 'Faith in the Community'. During this time they will explore the contexts of different faiths, and what that looks like in their communities.

Over the last few years, this has involved our youth worker supporting the work as part of his chaplaincy, however, over this year, he has now taken on leading it. This has meant that the focus on this time has shifted towards thinking about not just faith but giving the students the time and space to explore their own spirituality.

It has also enabled us to connect more with the local churches, and now as part of this elective, bring the different church leaders in to, or take the students to go and visit the different churches. This has led a deeper sense of the students knowing their local church leaders and churches, as well understanding their own spirituality more. The students were even able to learn about and contribute to the World Day of Prayer this year through the elective.

PASTORAL PRESENCE

One of the biggest lessons we've learned through the chaplaincy role so far is the importance of being available: to meet young people where they are at; you need to be where they are at.

Considering this, we have made sure that we are available at social times throughout the day, either on the playground, or open for drop-ins. This has allowed us to meet a greater number of the students than if we remained based solely in the Chaplaincy Space.

Having this space to meet and get to know students who would not otherwise engage with the chaplaincy provision, particularly in a neutral space, has really created opportunities to come alongside more pupils in a variety of different ways.

PASTORAL SUPPORT & MENTORING

Over the course of the year, we have been able to meet regularly with various students in the school for mentoring. These are students where relationships have been formed over the year, and who have been identified by the pastoral team as needing more positive attention from staff.

Across a fortnight, we meet with students who are a scheduled session for a variety of different reasons, as well as being available for any students who require that level of support more responsively.

This mentoring is responsive to the needs of the individual, and as such, we have been able to support several different students with a wide range of issues they are facing in their lives.

PRAYER SPACE

As part of supporting the Faith in the Community elective, this year we have been able to give space for every single Year 7 student to engage in a time of prayer and reflection. During this time, they have come to the Chaplaincy Space for an hour of engaging with different activities to help them to pray and reflect- some for the very first time- on different issues and themes that are encounter in their life.

We have also re-introduced the week-long Prayer Space week, where every student in years 8 & 9 get an opportunity to come and engage for an hour-long lesson as part of their RE class. It is also open at break and lunch times for anyone in the school who wants access to it. This year covered topics such as Identity, Joy, Hopes & Dreams,

Anxiety, Peace, Stillness, Thankfulness, and how they can Let Their Light Shine.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This year we have been encouraging more students, particularly 6th formers to take on some leadership within the chaplaincy. This has resulted in them taking a lead with the Prayer Space week, and supporting sessions for younger years, running the food bank initiative and dropping off the donations, helping to deliver the Faith in the Community elective, and leading sessions for the Christian Union.

It has been really exciting to see so many young people stepping up to lead, and nowhere was it more evident than in setting-up the Prayer Space, where we had students from every single year group who helped in one form or another to get it all ready.

CHRISTIAN UNION (CU)

Over the course of this year, the Christian Union has grown, and we now regularly have around 7 members each week, despite not advertising it widely, and from people just about it from word of mouth. The thinking behind not advertising it is that we want to allow for a sense of ownership in the group, and for it to be a community that the members are committed to.

Now that that has been established, with the current group being regular, committed, and even starting to lead, the plan is that from next academic year, we will begin to promote it more to the wider student body. The hope is that with a strong foundation already connected in, it feels more comfortable for people to join in without feeling too visible, and possibly vulnerable.

STAFF PRAYER

One of the ways we've explored chaplaincy for the staff as well as the students is to offer a weekly time of prayer for the staff.

This time of fellowship and prayer is one that has been immensely appreciated by those who attend it. While there has not been a huge take up, the response from those that do join show how worthwhile this time has become.

RESIDENTIAL

This year, our youth worker was invited to go on the 3-day residential for all Year 7 students again. This was a really great opportunity for him to get to know the students in a more relaxed environment, and connect with them over shared experiences.

This worked really well and created new and deeper relationships with a number of the students that we had not really had a chance to get to know before this point. Having a lot of experience with trips and residentials meant that we were able to be more than just an extra body, but provide insight and experience to the trip.

Doing this trip alongside several other members of staff from the school has also allowed for these relationships to strengthen and grow as a result and coming alongside them as well. Hopefully this can be used as a jumping off point to walk deeper with staff as well as students.

LEAVER'S SERVICE

This year, the school hosted a leaver's service for the year 13 students. This involved the whole year group going up to St Maru Magdalene's for a service to celebrate the culmination at their time at the school. It was such a special moment to be part of, and to see all

the students contributing to the students, proud of all that they had achieved, and full of joy at the special occasion.

WORK IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

A key aspect of our vision for youth work and chaplaincy has been to see chaplaincy happening in both Marlborough School, and all the main feeder primary schools as well. While the work in Woodstock CofE Primary has now been established for a number of years, this year we put a lot of time and energy into the creation of a new role to focus on two additional Primary Schools.

The work in these schools has now been established, but the work that is happening there will be outlined in the following section.

WOODSTOCK COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

One of the ways we have been delivering this chaplaincy provision at the Primary School, is through their weekly faith-based 'Collective Worship'. Each week when we go in for the afternoon of chaplaincy, it culminates in the whole school gathering to hear a message about who God is, what that means for their life, and a space to reflect on this message.

These messages are usually delivered in a way that is both accessible and engaging (sometimes even fun), without being patronising. It has been difficult to strike a balance between addressing where the oldest in the room are, and where the youngest in the room are, but this tension has made it all the more satisfying when a good balance has been found. We have also used this as an opportunity to connect in the other local churches and ministers.

This year, we have been working on creating a sort of liturgy to this time, where each week we spend time talking about the what the candle represents, and understanding the Holy Trinity. There is also a familiar rhythm to the time, as well as it reflecting what they are learning and discussing through other parts of their Daily Worship practices. We have found that this familiarity has led to a deep sense of ownership for the students in their own faith and spiritual lives that has been so wonderful to see.

PASTORAL PRESENCE

Another part of the provision in the Primary School, is through having pastoral presence on the playground during the lunchtime we are in for. This means while the students are out on the playground and field during lunch, so are we. This gives space for them to start to see us as accessible, and to come and talk to us, ask questions, or share thoughts they have had based around what we have spoken to them about during the prayer space and collective worship times.

It is inspirational to see how enthusiastic the students have been about coming up and talking to us during this time. Often, this takes the form of them asking to be the one to light the candle, or trying to find out what the “Mystery Item” of the week is as part of the collective worship. Ultimately, however, wherever the conversation starts, and wherever it leads to, it has been encouraging to see how interested the students are in furthering those points of contact we have with them.

This has piece of work has been instrumental for the chaplain, as during he is only in school for 3 hours a week, so getting to know 450+ children is really challenging. Having this time on the playground gives space for more of that relationship to breathe and flourish.

PRAYER SPACE

The most significant element of the chaplaincy provision at the Primary School is the running of a weekly Prayer Space. Each week, we run sessions for 15 students (2 groups of 7/8 for 30 minutes each), who come into the school Prayer Space, and get to take part in several activities geared towards engaging them in prayer and reflection.

It is really encouraging to spend time creating space for so many young people to try and experience prayer; some for the first time ever. Consistently, coming out of the time, the feedback we have received is that the students feel calm, happy, and relaxed, and wished that they were able to do it more frequently.

Every student from years 1 to 6 has two opportunities over each academic year to come and spend time in the Prayer Room, reflecting on topics ranging from saying Thank You, all the way through to prepare to transition to Secondary School.

TRANSITION

Due to the nature of the work both in the Secondary, and Primary schools, we have been able to do targeted work with the year 6's at the Primary School around their transition to Marlborough.

This has really helped them to feel more prepared, as they get ready to step-up to Secondary School, and it also means that they have had an opportunity to start to get to know someone who works pastorally at Marlborough before they even get there. The expectation is this work will lay the relational groundwork which can be built on during their time at Marlborough.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Over the course of the year, the chaplain has also been asked to help support with additional trips that the school have been taking. These are always such a great opportunity to get to know the students and staff better and engage with them in a different environment.

Whenever these trips have occurred, it has deepened the relationships in a way that has been both noticeable, and significant. The goal of the primary school Chaplaincy is to build meaningful relationships with the students to support them both now, and as they head into the Marlborough School, and sharing experiences of trips and residential continues to be the most significant way to go about this.

GOVERNOR

This year, as well as being Chaplain and Youth Worker, Matt has taken on the role of being a Governor to the Primary School. This has been really elevated his understanding of how the role of faith, spirituality, and chaplaincy fit into the wider vision of the school, and has allowed him to participate in key conversations and discussions in particular regard to the Vision & Values of the school, and how they are lived out.

It has led to an increased confidence in the understanding of the chaplaincy role, and provided a platform for that to be shared wider not just amongst the students, but with the staff, governors, and parents as well.

BLADON COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

This year, our youth worker and chaplain was invited to go into Bladon CofE Primary School to meet with their year 6's ahead of them moving up to Marlborough. This came about through our relationships with the local churches recommending that it might be a beneficial opportunity to meet with students.

It was a great opportunity to meet some of the students who would be starting at Marlborough School soon, and give them an opportunity to express any excitement or trepidation they have, as well as ask questions about anything that they are uncertain about.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Over the course of the last year, a lot of our time and attention was put towards the recruitment and employment of a new schools chaplaincy worker, which began in April of this year. Here is a breakdown of the timeline of that process, and what they achieved in the summer term.

OCTOBER

In October we identified the main schools that act as feeder schools to Marlborough as the initial focus of our vision of developing chaplaincy. Having done this, we identified the parishes that worked within those schools and connected with them. Coming out of this process, we felt like the Akeman benefice who support both Kirtlington and Bletchindon CofE schools were the most receptive.

NOVEMBER

We utilised the relationships with the Akeman benefice in order to reach out to two primary schools and have initial meetings with the heads there. Both schools were incredibly receptive, and open to us exploring launching chaplaincy work there.

DECEMBER

In December, we worked on the job description, person specification, and job advertisement. We then put the advert out with the closing date at the end of January.

JANUARY

In January we had no applicants for the role. We decided that we wanted to re-advertise the role for a second round and extended the deadline to the beginning of March. In the meantime, we pushed the advert in the networks that we were connected to, and kept praying

MARCH

When the deadline came, we had 3 applicants, all of whom we felt would be able to do the job successfully. Our goal had been to write the advert and description in a way that allows it to be filled by the individual. Evidently, this was achieved as the 3 applicants all had very different levels of experience and were all at different life stages.

After looking at the applications, we decided that in the first instance we would invite who we felt to be the strongest candidate to interview. This interview was very successful, and we ended up appointing Libby as our new Schools Chaplaincy Worker.

APRIL

Over the course of April, we visited the two schools with Libby, and worked with the Akeman benefice and the school leaders to plan what would be become her chaplaincy hours. Libby also underwent some further training and studying, before being in both schools for several hours each week from May.

KIRTLINGTON C_{of}E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Libby is typically present in school on Monday mornings, offering pastoral support to staff and pupils. This includes regular check-ins with staff, conversations around wellbeing, and liaison with the headteacher regarding pastoral issues and the planning of initiatives

such as collective worship and the Global Peace Ambassador programme.

From this, Libby joins in with the whole-school collective worship, either supporting the Head in what they are delivering, or at times, sharing and leading from the front on her own.

During lessons, Libby works with small groups of pupils, focusing on a different aspect of their understanding of faith and spirituality. This rotates between the different classes so that everyone gets an opportunity for this time.

Informal pastoral support is also offered during break times in the staffroom and playground, providing space for individual conversations with staff and pupils.

After break, Libby supports older classes with planning and leading collective worship, including a Year 6 worship focused on the liturgical year, using age-appropriate biblical resources across other year groups.

This term has also seen the introduction of a Chaplaincy Committee, with pupils contributing to the development of chaplaincy and prayer boards and the planning of a reflective space within the school.

BLETCHINGDON C_{of}E PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Bletchington, Libby has found herself working to support the students that are identified by the staff as needing additional emotional support. Primarily, this has taken the form of a board games group during lunch time for those students that struggle with the dysregulation of the playground.

Libby has also been running collective worship planning sessions with groups of children where over the course of a term they will plan and ultimately deliver a Collective Worship for their class. Since Libby has

taken this on, there has been a significant uptake in the number of students who want to be involved.

Libby has also been available at the end of the school day to say goodbye at the gate. This has been really beneficial at further cementing her relationships with the students, and to also connect with their parents.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

There have also been a number of activities that have taken place in addition to those outlined above. These do not necessarily sit into the above groups but have been integral to WYWT regardless.

DIOCESE OF OXFORD

The extent of the WYWT relationship with the Anglican church and CofE schools means we have been able to establish a strong working relationship with the local Diocese. This has resulted in further ministry training, equipping, and support, as well as invitation to join a network of other chaplains across the Diocese to connect with and learn from.

These links are helpful as we continue to network and establish new connections with other youth ministries. Increasingly, it has becoming more difficult to gather large groups of Christian young people for activities and events. By being connected to other nearby ministries, we have opportunities to partner with them to achieve these goals more effectively.

DISCIPLE-MAKING PROJECT (DMP)

The Disciple-Making Project (DMP) is a collective of youth workers who have a real heart and passion for Discipleship to be the main tool to see young people transformed across the UK.

For the past couple of years, we have really benefited from being a part of this network. It has enabled us to meet regularly with other like-minded practitioners, and to be encouraged by all the ways that discipleship is happening across the country. It has allowed us to

develop our thinking, refine our theology, and sharpen our practice in the way that we are working with and discipling young people.

As well as all of this, the annual retreat time has been incredibly rejuvenating as a space to gather together with others with the same heart and vision, and to spend time together as a community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First and foremost, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication from all our trustees, without whom, none of the above would have been possible. The time that they give up to make sure that we are operating smoothly is greatly appreciated, and it is only because of their time that any of this can happen.

In particular, we want to acknowledge the work of **Alan Band**, our treasurer, who spends countless hours monitoring our accounts, applying for grants, and communicating with organisations whom we have made successful bids to.

Although not officially trustees, we also want to acknowledge the hard work of **Joanne Onions**, who ensures that we are in line with all things safeguarding, and **Sarah Williams**, who serves as Secretary to our meetings.

All the work that we do is supported by an increasingly growing number of people who give their prayers and/or their finances to support us. Thank you to each and every one of these people for the gift of your partnering in the work that we are doing.

Thank you to the independent charities who have contributed to financing the cost of WYWT. These are:

The Benefact Trust
Charlton on Otmoor Living Legacy Fund
Pye Foundation Trust
Laing Family Trusts
Garfield Weston Foundation



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Woodstock Youth Work Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st May 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167999

Set out on pages

attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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.

**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 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.

Signed:

AR Cox

Date:

08-07-2025

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A R Cox

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(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Woodstock Youth Work Trust

1167999

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/06/2024

To

31/05/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	12,405	-	-	12,405	21,605
Gift aid	2,405	-	-	2,405	2,891
Bank interest	35	-	-	35	25
Salary refund	-	-	-	-	1,815
Grant	-	-	-	-	6,666
Miscellaneous	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,895	-	-	14,895	33,002
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,895	-	-	14,895	33,002
A3 Payments					
Salary	12,719	-	-	12,719	17,368
Pension	608	-	-	608	868
Payroll administration	225	-	-	225	200
Training	100	-	-	100	100
Support material and hospitality	197	-	-	197	86
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	60
Insurance	235	-	-	235	222
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Professional services & subscriptions	543	-	-	543	553
Sub total	14,687	-	-	14,687	19,457
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,687	-	-	14,687	19,457
Net of receipts/(payments)	208	-	-	208	13,545
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,195	-	-	16,195	2,650
Cash funds this year end	16,403	-	-	16,403	16,195

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account - CAF Bank	16,403	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts)	16,403	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to	Amount due	When due
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

WOODSTOCK YOUTH WORK TRUST

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Summer 2023 - Summer 2024

Activities Report

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THE BACKGROUND

Woodstock Youth Work Trust (WYWT) was established in 2016 after two years of work bringing it all together. The vision of the Trust is to unite and equip the churches in Woodstock to carry out youth work, with a discipleship focus, in the community, and through the local schools. Our mission statement is:

"To help teenagers in Woodstock realise their identity in Christ through discipleship and mission, and engage them as disciple-makers"

We seek to carry out this mission in a variety of ways and this report is a collation of all the different ways that we seek to implement it, the impact it is having, and the ways we see it expanding in the near future.

We have now had eight years of working towards these goals, and so have collated an outline of the activities specifically of the last year, but also with a picture of what we hope to achieve going forward.

AN INTRODUCTION

Over the last year, there has been a shift in the work of WYWT. Primarily, this has been due to the chaplaincy work, that was previously funded by WYWT, now being paid for directly by the schools in which this work is happening. What this has meant practically, is that there is now a more formal distinction between the work that is happening in the schools, and the work that is happening external to the schools.

The nature of the working relationships between these two roles, however, does mean that there is a certain of crossover between the schools, the churches, and the wider community where the work of WYWT is happening. Despite the work in schools being more distinct now, it is still recorded in this report due to this crossover.

The work outlined in this document have categorised as follows:

- 1. Work in the Church**
2. Work in the Community
- 3. Work in the Secondary School**
- 4. Work in the Primary School**

Looking at what we do in these categories helps to highlight both the work we have been focusing on developing, as well as the work needed to further develop the work.

WORK IN THE CHURCH

A core focus of the work of WYWT is supporting the work of the churches, and working together with them to provide for the young people they have in their congregations. This includes the work of the trust that is distinctly Christian, even if that does not necessarily take place within a church building.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Since the Trust is partnering with several of the local churches, one thing we try to do is make sure we are present at each of the churches.

It has been really encouraging for this to happen more regularly this year, and to pick up that regular contact with the local churches. We have particularly enjoyed the amount of support there is for all the work of WYWT from local Christians. Being able to touch base with them in this way has enabled them to feel more aware of and a part of the work that is happening and allowed us to feel more supported and championed by the local Christian community.

It has also been really nice to spend that time meeting, getting to know, and encouraging the young people that attend each of the churches, and to support them and the churches in the journey.

As well as attending regular services, there have also been additional Church events, services, and times we have been invited to join in with, particularly around the key times in the Christian calendar such as Christmas and Easter. This has included opportunities to lead services in each of the churches and share, as well as God's word, what WYWT are doing.

Spending time with the people in each church has also given space for them to approach us and share their vision for youth work and support on new initiatives they are trying to develop as a congregation. This has been particularly exciting, as it shows the vision for youth work in Woodstock is

growing, and not just being carried by the Trust. This is vital for real multiplication to occur.

In addition to all of this, Woodstock Methodist Church have been on journey over the last year as they explore and navigate where and who God is calling them to, and what their identity as a church community is within the wider context of Woodstock. It has been a real blessing to be able to support them in this process, and speak into their situation to help them to continually discover who they are.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

One of the things we are involved with is the Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon. This has meant the work the Trust is doing is getting more exposure, as well as opening other opportunities within the Christian community of Woodstock to us.

As well as being given opportunities to speak at different ecumenical events, being involved with Churches Together has allowed us to hear more about what is happening in Woodstock, and to have a voice in shaping how the churches are a part of this. Since taking a more active part in Churches Together and sharing what we are doing with them more regularly, we have also seen the interest and understanding of who we are and what we do increase amongst the people involved.

One thing that we have been invited to share in, is an outreach family day that they are running for the new estate(s) that have been built in Woodstock. We are looking forward to what impact we can have specifically with the children and young people in this area.

PRAYER UPDATES

Prayer is at the very heart of all that we do. Since before WYWT formally existed, we have had a team of committed Christians, who are praying for the work that we are doing, and the young people that we are connecting with.

Every month, we send out a newsletter to over 50 people who are reading the stories of what has been happening, seeing the specific events and activities that are taking place, and praying specific prayers to support the work and young people.

We genuinely believe it is this prayer that creates a bedrock for everything that we do, and hope to continue to grow the team that is supporting the work in this way.

WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

A key part of the vision of WYWT is to be actively present in the places that young people are already spending their time. With this in mind, there are a few existing groups in the community we support where WYWT can continue to support our young people.

GORDO E.S.U

Gordo E.S.U is a local Explorer Scout Unit based in Kidlington. Being involved with it over the last few years has been really beneficial to the work of the Trust.

Involvement with the Scouts Association means they provide access to many free training opportunities, allowing our youth worker to further his leadership skills, get a First Aid qualification, and even pay to get a minibus license, all of which benefit us in our continued work.

As well as this, it is another opportunity to engage with local young people, get to know them, and have lots of opportunities during hikes, on a Monday night, and around a camp fire to talk about all things big and small. This has also led to good conversations about faith, with some young people going on to explore their faith, and in some cases baptism, as a result of these conversations.

WOODSTOCK YOUTH CLUB

Woodstock Youth Club is the local youth club that is run weekly and has been around for many years. As this is a key part of the community in Woodstock, it was felt that WYWT should, as part of its remit, support what already exists for the young people in Woodstock.

Woodstock Youth Club have a good knowledge of who we are and the work we are doing and are very supportive of it. Being involved with the weekly drop-in that is held there, has been helpful in terms of being able to come alongside different young people within the community, as well as support the work the youth club is doing.

In September, the person who has been responsible for the running of the Youth Club for many years unfortunately passed away. This led to a period of time where the Youth Club was adjusting to this significant loss, and therefore wasn't in the full swing of things. Since then, however, volunteers have stepped up, and we have seen an increase in attendance of young people to the club. This has provided new opportunities both to shape what the Youth Club is in the community, and to get to know more of the young people that it serves.

This year, our youth worker also joined the youth Club committee. This means that he will be able to speak more into the direction of the Youth Club moving forwards and help to shape how we are structured. Hopefully, this will continue to develop as a bridging point between the schools, the community and the churches. Since our youth worker is operating in all three of these spaces, the hope is that we will have a consistent, friendly face that is meeting the young people at each point, and inviting the young people to come and be involved with both youth club, and potentially the churches.

WORK IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

A significant focus of our time and energy over the last few years has been in establishing a Chaplaincy programme at the local Secondary School, the Marlborough CofE School. While this work is no longer directly overseen by WYWT, it is still a significant part of our vision and legacy, so we want to include it in this report.

Below are the groups, events, and programmes we have been able to deliver at the Marlborough CofE School.

ASSEMBLIES

As part of the Chaplaincy role, we have been able to deliver several assemblies to the school body. These assemblies, delivered to multiple year groups, have struck the balance between being distinctly Christian, whilst still remaining accessible for the wide audience that attend them.

A highlight of these assemblies is always inviting volunteers to the front to engage with a challenge in illustrating the theme of the assembly.

CHARITY

This year we have been able to support the school in their Charity week. This involved gathering and delivering boxes of food to donate to the food bank and resources to the local baby bank.

As well as providing contact with the local food bank, we supported the school by gathering all the donations that staff and students had made over the week with the help of the charity volunteers made up of year 9 students. This ended up being a really impactful event for the school, the food and baby banks, and the students who helped.

FAITH IN THE COMMUNITY

The Marlborough School runs a Wednesday afternoon elective programme, and as part of this, over the course of the year, all year 7 students engage with an elective called 'Faith in the Community'. During this time they will explore the contexts of different faiths, and what that looks like in their communities.

Supporting this has enabled us to come alongside every single year 7 student and help share what it looks like to be Christian. This has included taking them to the local churches, leading sessions about what Baptism looks like, and most excitingly, creating spaces and opportunities for them to engage with prayer and reflection.

This has been such a great opportunity, and really enables us to get to know all the students starting at Marlborough. We have been blown away by the relational impact it has had with the year group as whole. The year 7 students now consistently view the chaplaincy in school as a place they can come to if they need a bit of extra help or support.

PASTORAL PRESENCE

One of the biggest lessons we've learned through the chaplaincy role so far is the importance of being available: to meet young people where they are at; you need to be where they are at.

Considering this, we have made sure that we are available at social times throughout the day, either on the playground, or open for drop-ins. This has allowed us to meet a greater number of the students than if we remained based solely in the Chaplaincy Space.

Having this space to meet and get to know students who would not otherwise engage with the chaplaincy provision, particularly in a neutral space, has really created opportunities to come alongside more pupils in a variety of different ways.

PASTORAL SUPPORT & MENTORING

Over the course of the year, we have been able to meet regularly with various students in the school for mentoring. These are students where relationships have been formed over the year, and who have been identified by the pastoral team as needing more positive attention from staff.

Across a fortnight, we meet with students who are a scheduled session for a variety of different reasons, as well as being available for any students who require that level of support more responsively.

This mentoring is responsive to the needs of the individual, and as such, we have been able to support several different students with a wide range of issues they are facing in their lives.

PRAYER SPACE

As part of supporting the Faith in the Community elective, this year we have been able to give space for every single Year 7 student to engage in a time of prayer and reflection. During this time, they have come to the Chaplaincy Space for an hour of engaging with different activities to help them to pray and reflect- some for the very first time- on different issues and themes that are encounter in their life.

This has covered topics such as Identity, Joy, Hopes & Dreams, Anxiety, and even how they personally view and relate to God.

RETOLD

We have continued to meet regularly with our Friday lunchtime faith-exploration group. Over the last year, we have been looking at the stories from the Bible that are relevant to everyone, regardless of where they are at in their spiritual journey.

This group had been pre-dominantly people who do not see themselves as Christian, but despite this, they have been regularly coming to gather together and discuss ideas of faith each Friday lunch time. The size of the

group has fluctuated over the year a bit, but ultimately, those that were coming were committed, and eager to participate each week.

Those that were coming were by chance all in years 11 and 13, meaning that it is unlikely this group will continue in its current format into next year. We look forward to exploring and discerning what opportunities this could lead into.

CHRISTIAN UNION (CU)

This year, we have launched a new Christian Union in the school. This is something that we have tried in the past, but always struggled to get off the ground. This time, we have been intentional about keeping it small, and not advertising it to wider groups of people, with the hope that we can use the first few months to set the culture of the group, before opening it up wider.

This CU has been regularly attended by 3 students who have bought into what we are doing during this time, even to the point of taking on leadership of the group themselves. It has been really encouraging to seeing them regularly attending, despite busy lives and other demands on their time, and we have particularly enjoyed the sessions that they have they have led.

STAFF PRAYER

One of the ways we've explored chaplaincy for the staff as well as the students is to offer a weekly time of prayer for the staff.

This time of fellowship and prayer is one that that has been immensely appreciated by those who attend it. While there has not been a huge take up, the response from those that do join show how worthwhile this time has become.

RESIDENTIAL

This year, our youth worker was invited to go on the 3-day residential for all Year 7 students. This was a really great opportunity for him to get to know

the students in a more relaxed environment, and connect with them over shared experiences.

This worked really well and created new and deeper relationships with a number of the students that we had not really had a chance to get to know before this point. Having a lot of experience with trips and residentials meant that we were able to be more than just an extra body, but provide insight and experience to the trip.

Doing this trip alongside several other members of staff from the school has also allowed for these relationships to strengthen and grow as a result and coming alongside them as well. Hopefully this can be used as a jumping off point to walk deeper with staff as well as students.

WORK IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of the things we are most excited about from the last year is the expansion of the chaplaincy work into the local Primary School. We have been having on-going conversations with the headteacher there for over a year about what this provision could look like, and as of April this year, we are going into the school once a week for an afternoon chaplaincy provision.

While this age group is not the primary target demographic of the work of Woodstock Youth Work Trust, it has been incredibly refreshing to be occasionally working with this younger age group.

Already, we have seen the benefit that working in the school has on these relationships when the same young people attend other groups (such as the local youth club), or as they come up to Secondary School. It has been an incredible way to continue to build bridges between the church, the schools, and the community, and to help connect young people into these different areas through regular contact and relationship.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

One of the ways we have been delivering this chaplaincy provision at the Primary School, is through their weekly faith-based 'Collective Worship'. Each week when we go in for the afternoon of chaplaincy, it culminates in the whole school gathering to hear a message about who God is, what that means for their life, and a space to reflect on this message.

These messages are usually delivered in a way that is both accessible and engaging (sometimes even fun), without being patronising. It has been difficult to strike a balance between addressing where the oldest in the room are, and where the youngest in the room are, but this tension has made it all the more satisfying when a good balance has been found. We have also used this as an opportunity to connect in the other local churches and ministers.

We have also been working this year to find ways to make sure that every week there is space for the students to contribute to the time. This can be as simple as lighting the candle or finding out what's in the "Mystery Bag", or having a bigger role such as doing a reading, or being part of a demonstration. Our hope is to keep developing this part of chaplaincy in the school in order to give more students the opportunity to shape their Collective Worship.

PASTORAL PRESENCE

Another part of the provision in the Primary School, is through having pastoral presence on the playground during the lunchtime we are in for. This means while the students are out on the playground and field during lunch, so are we. This gives space for them to start to see us as accessible, and to come and talk to us, ask questions, or share thoughts they have had based around what we have spoken to them about during the prayer space and collective worship times.

It is inspirational to see how enthusiastic the students have been about coming up and talking to us during this time. Often, this takes the form of them asking to be the one to light the candle, or trying to find out what the "Mystery Item" of the week is as part of the collective worship. Ultimately, however, wherever the conversation starts, and wherever it leads to, it has been encouraging to see how interested the students are in furthering those points of contact we have with them.

PRAYER SPACE

The most significant element of the chaplaincy provision at the Primary School is the running of a weekly Prayer Space. Each week, we run sessions for 15 students (3 groups of 5 for 30 minutes each), who come into the school Prayer Space, and get to take part in several activities geared towards engaging them in prayer and reflection.

It is really encouraging to spend time creating space for so many young people to try and experience prayer; some for the first time ever. Consistently, coming out of the time, the feedback we have received is that

the students feel calm, happy, and relaxed, and wished that they were able to do it more frequently.

Every student from years 1 to 6 have had two opportunities over this academic year to come and spend time in the Prayer Room, doing one of these activities.

TRANSITION

Due to the nature of the work both in the Secondary, and Primary schools, we have been able to do targeted work with the year 6's at the Primary School around their transition to Marlborough.

This has really helped them to feel more prepared, as they get ready to step-up to Secondary School, and it also means that they have had an opportunity to start to get to know someone who works pastorally at Marlborough before they even get there. The expectation is this work will lay the relational groundwork which can be built on during their time at Marlborough.

RESIDENTIAL

This year, our youth worker was invited to go on the 3-day residential for all Year 3 & 4 students. This was a really great opportunity for him to get to know the students in a more relaxed environment, and connect with them over shared experiences.

Coming back into school after this has really transformed the way that the students interact with him, and it has made such a significant impact on the relationship that he has with the students.

As well as this, it has led to a shift in the relationship with the school. Since this trip, they have seen how committed we are to our relationship with them, and supporting their students holistically, not just spiritually. We hope to continue to foster this relationship, and explore further how we can continue to work together well.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

There have also been a number of activities that have taken place in addition to those outlined above. These do not necessarily sit into the above groups but have been integral to WYWT regardless.

FUNDRAISER

In the Autumn, we held a Quiz Night fundraiser for WYWT. This was an incredibly successful event in that the Marlborough School hosted it for us, and there were several people from both the churches and the community at large in attendance.

In addition to raising money to support the on-going work of WYWT, we were also able to share stories from the work that we have been doing, and there were a number of people who committed to praying for the work that we are doing as a result.

It felt like a real culmination of the different elements of WYWT to have the school host an event that was supported by the community, to share the work that we are doing as part of the churches.

NEW ROLE

Over the course of the year, we have also been exploring hiring an additional worker for WYWT. This has grown out of a recognition that the work in the Primary School has been incredibly successful, and we would like to see that multiplied out into other local Primary Schools, particularly those that are feed schools for Marlborough.

We have spent time raising money for this role and starting to talk to the other parishes and schools about the viability of this role. It is felt that there is a real need for this in the wider community, and that being able to offer

something like this to the schools that was already funded would be very beneficial to them.

Having an additional worker carrying out this role would allow for them to take what we have learnt in Woodstock Primary School, and apply to other places so that there was a really strong network of schools that we have contact with, and input to.

NETWORKING

The work that we are doing in Woodstock is becoming continually more established, and as a result of that, we are increasingly being asked to speak into other places and people that are trying to build a similar thing.

This year, we have had a number of opportunities to connect with people who are just starting out in either youth work or chaplaincy roles, and speak into them, and help them to grow and develop what their practice. It has been such a privilege to be in a position to offer what we have been learning to help others who are also on the same journey that we have been on.

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

There have also been a number of activities that have taken place in addition to those outlined above. These do not necessarily sit into the above groups but have been integral to WYWT regardless.

DIOCESE OF OXFORD

The extent of the WYWT relationship with the Anglican church and CofE schools means we have been able to establish a strong working relationship with the local Diocese. This has resulted in further ministry training, equipping, and support, as well as invitation to join a network of other chaplains across the Diocese to connect with and learn from.

These links are helpful as we continue to network and establish new connections with other youth ministries. Increasingly, it has becoming more difficult to gather large groups of Christian young people for activities and events. By being connected to other nearby ministries, we have opportunities to partner with them to achieve these goals more effectively.

DISCIPLE-MAKING PROJECT (DMP)

The Disciple-Making Project (DMP) is a collective of youth workers who have a real heart and passion for Discipleship to be the main tool to see young people transformed across the UK.

For the past couple of years, we have really benefited from being a part of this network. It has enabled us to meet regularly with other like-minded practitioners, and to be encouraged by all the ways that discipleship is happening across the country. It has allowed us to develop our thinking, refine our theology, and sharpen our practice in the way that we are working with and discipling young people.

As well as all of this, the annual retreat time has been incredibly rejuvenating as a space to gather together with others with the same heart and vision, and to spend time together as a community.

KIDLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH (KBC)

A big part of our vision and ethos is how we are supporting other churches and church communities locally. Through this, a close working relationship with Kidlington Baptist Church has developed, which has a lot of young people that we also work with through the school.

This year, we have entered a partnership with them where they are praying regularly for the work that we are doing, and the ways that we are reaching out to different groups of young people within Woodstock. There is also scope for us to work together and share resources, such as doing Christian festivals together over the summer break to minimise the burden for either group individually.

We have also supported their youth work on an ad hoc basis, helping when they are low on leaders. This has worked well as it has enabled us to have another connection point with young people that we are working with in other areas, such as the school.

We have also been speaking into their recruitment process as they have been looking to employ a new youth worker for their church. This has been really helpful in terms of development to be invited into these conversations, and be thinking about the bigger picture of a youth ministry from an outside perspective.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First and foremost, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication from all our trustees, without whom, none of the above would have been possible. The time that they give up to make sure that we are operating smoothly is greatly appreciated, and it is only because of their time that any of this can happen.

In particular, we want to acknowledge the work of **Alan Band**, our treasurer, who spends countless hours monitoring our accounts, applying for grants, and communicating with organisations whom we have made successful bids to. A special thank you as well to **Paul Carter**, for the support he gives to our youth worker through Mentoring and Line Management. His time, advice, and encouragement have been a real blessing.

Although not officially trustees, we also want to acknowledge the hard work of **Joanne Onions**, who ensures that we are in line with all things safeguarding, and **Sarah Williams**, who serves as Secretary to our meetings.

All the work that we do is supported by an increasingly growing number of people who give their prayers and/or their finances to support us. Thank you to each and every one of these people for the gift of your partnering in the work that we are doing.

Thank you to the independent charities who have contributed to financing the cost of WYWT. These are:

The Benefact Trust
Charlton on Otmoor Living Legacy Fund
Pye Foundation Trust
Laing Family Trusts
Garfield Weston Foundation

Line
No

Charity No : 1167999
Month 12

Bank A/c	B/F Previous Month	This Months Transactions	C/F to next Year
B/F Previous Year : 2022 £2,649.77	16,392.16	-197.02	16,195.14

Income

[illegible]

1								
2	Woodstock Anglicans	0	3708	0.00	3875.00	3875.00	875.00	0.00
3								
4	Other Donations	0	0	100.00	14881.00	14881.00	9166.00	6666.00
5								
6	Miscellaneous	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7								
8	Standing Orders	0	0	790.00	9515.00	9515.00	9480.00	9480.00
9	Gift Aid	0	0	0.00	2891.12	2891.12	2370.00	2370.00
10								
11	Bank Interest			0.00	24.99	24.99	30.60	30.60
12	Overpaid Salary			0.00	1815.30	1815.3	0	0
13								
14	Unsecured Funding						0	0

Totals	3,708.00	890.00	33,002.41	33,002.41	21,921.60	18,546.60	26,880.60
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Expenditure

Expenditure
this Month

Year to Date
Totals
2023/4

Budget
allocated
2023/4

Final Total
for 2023/4
Rolling Year 8

Forecast
for 2024/5
Rolling Year 9

Forecast
for 2025/6
Rolling Year 10

Forecast
for 2026/7
Rolling Year 11

15 Salaries *

16	Gross	1013.83	17368.06	18050.00	17368.06	21000.00	22000.00	24000.00
17	Pension	50.69	868.38	900.00	868.38	950.00	1000.00	1050.00
18	Payroll Admin	17.50	199.50	216.00	199.50	240.00	260.00	270.00
19	Training	0.00	100.00	400.00	100.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
20	Travel & Hosp.	0.00	86.43	400.00	86.43	400.00	500.00	500.00
21	Admin	5.00	60.00	100.00	60.00	100.00	150.00	150.00
22	Insurance	0.00	222.20	250.00	222.20	250.00	300.00	325.00
23	Communications	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	200.00
24	Professional Serv.	0.00	552.47	600.00	552.47	600.00	700.00	750.00
25	Facilities Hire	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
26	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	200	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00

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29 * Salaries breakdown:

30 Matt - 15hrs pw (1/9/23 to 31/03/24) - 3 months. £1,185 per month. 10 hrs per week (from 01/04/24). £666.66 per month

31 New Post - 16 hours per week from 1/1/24. £12,000 per annum (£1,000 per month)

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Totals

1,087.02

19,457.04

21,316.00

19,457.04

24,390.00

25,760.00

27,945.00

Bank Totals

B/F Prev Year- 2022

B/F from
previous month

Nett Amount
this month

C/F next
Year

Money at Bank
EOY 2023/24

Money at Bank
EOY 2024/25

Money at Bank
EOY 2025/26

Money at Bank
EOY 2026/27

2,649.77	16,392.16	-197.02	16,195.14
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16,195.14
(Actual)

13,726.74
(estimated)

6,513.34
(estimated)

5,448.94
(estimated)

Donor Details (excludes Standing Orders)

2023/24

£

Christchurch Oxford

5,000.00

Benefact Trust

6,676.00

Oxford Diocese

3,875.00

The Beatrice Laing Trust

2,500.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Woodstock Youth Work Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st May 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1167999

Set out on pages

attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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.

Independent
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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:

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Signed:

AR Cox

Date:

23/07/2024

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Section B

Disclosure

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Woodstock Youth Work Trust

1167999

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/06/2023

To

31/05/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	21,605	-	-	21,605	16,195
Gift aid	2,891	-	-	2,891	21
Bank interest	25	-	-	25	11
Salary refund	1,815	-	-	1,815	-
Grant	-	6,666	-	6,666	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,336	6,666	-	33,002	16,227
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,336	6,666	-	33,002	16,227
A3 Payments					
Salary	17,368	-	-	17,368	21,495
Pension	868	-	-	868	1,059
Payroll administration	200	-	-	200	185
Training	100	-	-	100	133
Support material and hospitality	86	-	-	86	486
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	-
Insurance	222	-	-	222	219
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	66
Professional services & subscriptions	553	-	-	553	737
Sub total	19,457	-	-	19,457	24,380
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,457	-	-	19,457	24,380
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,879	6,666	-	13,545	- 8,153
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,650	-	-	2,650	10,803
Cash funds this year end	9,529	6,666	-	16,195	2,650

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account - CAF Bank	9,529	6,666	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts)	9,529	6,666	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to	Amount due	When due
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

WOODSTOCK YOUTH WORK TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1167999

Accounts



WOODSTOCK YOUTH WORK TRUST

Summer 2022 – Summer 2023

Activities Report

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THE BACKGROUND

Woodstock Youth Work Trust (WYWT) was established in 2016 after two years of work bringing it all together. The vision of the Trust is to unite and equip the churches in Woodstock to carry out youth work, with a discipleship focus, in the community, and through the local schools. Our mission statement is:

"To help teenagers in Woodstock realise their identity in Christ through discipleship and mission, and engage them as disciple-makers"

We seek to carry out this mission in a variety of ways and this report is a collation of all the different ways that we seek to implement it, the impact it is having, and the ways we see it expanding in the near future.

We have now had seven years of working towards these goals, and so have collated an outline of the activities specifically of the last year, but also with a picture of what we hope to achieve going forward.

AN

INTRODUCTION

Over the last year, we have seen a lot of exciting things start to happen because of the work of the trust. We have re-established regular points of connection with local churches and become increasingly involved with local community groups. Also we have strengthened the role of chaplaincy within the local Secondary School and launched a new model for chaplaincy in the local Primary School.

Each of these areas represents a clear area of vision and focus for WYWT, and the following report has been categorised into the following headings:

- 1. Work in the Church**
- 2. Work in the Community**
- 3. Work in the Secondary School**
- 4. Work in the Primary School**

Looking at what we do in these categories helps to highlight both the work we have been focusing on developing, as well as the work needed to further develop the work.

WORK IN THE CHURCH

A core focus of the work of WYWT is supporting the work of the churches, and working together with them to provide for the young people they have in their congregations. This includes the work of the trust that is distinctly Christian, even if that does not necessarily take place within a church building.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Since the Trust is partnering with several of the local churches, one thing we try to do is make sure we are present at each of the churches.

It has been really encouraging for this to happen more regularly this year, and to pick up that regular contact with the local churches. We have particularly enjoyed the amount of support there is for all the work of WYWT from local Christians. Being able to touch base with them in this way has enabled them to feel more aware of and a part of the work that is happening, and allowed us to feel more supported and championed by the local Christian community.

As well as attending regular services, there have also been additional Church events, services, and times we have been invited to join in with. This has included opportunities to lead services in each of the churches and share, as well as God's word, what WYWT are doing.

Spending time with the people in each church has also given space for them to approach us and share their vision for youth work and support on new initiatives they are trying to develop as a congregation. This has been particularly exciting, as it shows the vision for youth work in Woodstock is growing, and not just being carried by the Trust. This is vital for real multiplication to occur.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

One of the things we are involved with is the Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon. This has meant the work the Trust is doing is getting more exposure, as well as opening other opportunities within the Christian community of Woodstock to us.

As well as being given opportunities to speak at different ecumenical events, being involved with Churches Together has allowed us to hear more about what is happening in Woodstock, and to have a voice in shaping how the churches are a part of this. Since taking a more active part in Churches Together and sharing what we are doing with them more regularly, we have also seen the interest and understanding of who we are and what we do increase amongst the people involved.

DIOCESE OF OXFORD

The extent of the WYWT relationship with the Anglican church and CofE schools means we have been able to establish a strong working relationship with the local Diocese. This has resulted in further ministry training, equipping, and support, as well as invitation to join a network of other chaplains across the Diocese to connect with and learn from.

These links are helpful as we continue to network and establish new connections with other youth ministries. Increasingly, it has becoming more difficult to gather large groups of Christian young people for activities and events. By being connected to other nearby ministries, we have opportunities to partner with them to achieve these goals more effectively.

PRAYER UPDATES

Prayer is at the very heart of all that we do. Since before WYWT formally existed, we have had a team of committed Christians, who are praying for the work that we are doing, and the young people that we are connecting with.

Every month, we send out a newsletter to over 50 people who are reading the stories of what has been happening, seeing the specific events and activities that are taking place, and praying specific prayers to support the work and young people.

We genuinely believe it is this prayer that creates a bedrock for everything that we do, and hope to continue to grow the team that is supporting the work in this way.

TRIplet

Triplet is a small discipleship group that meets weekly to discuss life, faith, and everything in between. It is a space to intentionally meet in groups of 2-4 for discipleship, where the young people are encouraged in their faith, and challenged towards growth in their lives and leadership.

These triplets are established around need, so when we have young people who are ready for this stage in their faith journey, we invite them into a triplet.

These regular exploratory meetings are most impactful thing we do with young people, and is what makes the biggest difference in their own lives and faith. The hope is this time equips them to live their lives faithfully.

WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

A key part of the vision of WYWT is to not create spaces and expect young people to come, but rather to be actively present in the places that young people are already spending their time. With this in mind, there are a few existing groups in the community we support where WYWT can continue to support our young people.

GORDO E.S.U

Gordo E.S.U is a local Explorer Scout Unit based in Kidlington. Being involved with it over the last few years has been really beneficial to the work of the Trust.

Involvement with the Scouts Association means they provide access to many free training opportunities, allowing our youth worker to further his leadership skills, get a First Aid qualification, and even pay to get a minibuss license, all of which benefit us in our continued work.

As well as this, it is another opportunity to engage with local young people, get to know them, and have lots of opportunities during hikes, on a Monday night, and around a camp fire to talk about all things big and small. This has also led to good conversations about faith, with some young people going on to explore their faith, and in some cases baptism, as a result of these conversations.

WOODSTOCK YOUTH CLUB

Woodstock Youth Club is the local youth club that is run weekly and has been around for many years. As this is a key part of the community in Woodstock, it was felt that WYWT should, as part of its remit, support what already exists for the young people in Woodstock.

Woodstock Youth Club have a good knowledge of who we are and the work we are doing and are very supportive of it. Being involved with the weekly drop-in that is held there, has been helpful in terms of being able to come alongside different young people within the community, as well as support the work the youth club is doing.

This year, we have seen an increase in attendance at the youth club during the weekly drop-in. It's been really encouraging to see more young people starting to come regularly, and to start getting to know them through this time. This work has also fitted nicely with the work in the Primary School, which a lot of the young people who come to the youth club attend.

WORK IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

A significant focus of our time and energy over the last few years has been in establishing a Chaplaincy programme at the local Secondary School, the Marlborough CofE School. Over the last three years, the work of WYWT has been split between the chaplaincy work in the Marlborough, and the rest of the work happening in the local churches, and community.

Below are the groups, events, and programmes we have been able to deliver at the Marlborough.

ASSEMBLIES

As part of the Chaplaincy role, we have been able to deliver several assemblies to the school body. These assemblies, delivered to multiple year groups, have struck the balance between being distinctly Christian, whilst still remaining accessible for the wide audience that attend them.

A highlight of these assemblies is always inviting volunteers to the front to engage with a challenge in illustrating the theme of the assembly.

CHARITY

This year we have been able to support the school in their Charity week. In particular, this involved gathering and delivering boxes of food to donate to the food bank and resources to the local baby bank.

As well as providing contact with the local food bank, we supported the school by gathering all the donations that staff and students had made over the week with the help of the charity volunteers made up of year 9 students. Then, along with some volunteers from the 6th form, we delivered these

donations to the food and baby banks. This ended up being a really impactful event for the school, the food and baby banks, and the students who helped.

We are hoping to progress these initiatives in school and make them longer term. The idea would be that we make food bank donations a regular activity of the school.

FAITH IN THE COMMUNITY

The Marlborough School runs a Wednesday afternoon elective programme, and as part of this, over the course of the year, all year 7 students engage with an elective called 'Faith in the Community'. During this time they will explore the contexts of different faiths, and what that looks like in their communities.

Supporting this has enabled us to come alongside every single year 7 student, and help share what it looks like to be Christian. This has included taking them to the local churches, leading sessions about what Baptism looks like, and most excitingly, creating spaces and opportunities for them to engage with prayer and reflection.

This has been such a great opportunity, and really enables us to get to know all the students starting at Marlborough. We have been blown away by the relational impact it has had with the year group as whole. The year 7 students now consistently view the chaplaincy in school as a place they can come to if they need a bit of extra help or support.

PASTORAL PRESENCE

One of the biggest lessons we've learned through the chaplaincy role so far is the importance of being available: in order to meet young people where they are at; you need to be where they are at.

In light of this, we have made sure that we are available at social times throughout the day, either on the playground, or open for drop-ins. This has allowed us to meet a greater number of the students than if we remained based solely in the Chaplaincy Space.

Having this space to meet and get to know students who would not otherwise engage with the chaplaincy provision, particularly in a neutral space, has really created opportunities to come alongside more pupils in a variety of different ways.

PASTORAL SUPPORT & MENTORING

Over the course of the year, we have been able to meet regularly with various students in the school for mentoring. These are students where relationships have been formed over the year, and who have been identified by the pastoral team as needing more positive attention from staff.

Across a fortnight, we meet with students who are a scheduled session for a variety of different reasons, as well as being available for any students who require that level of support more responsively.

This mentoring is responsive to the needs of the individual, and as such, we have been able to support a number of different students with a wide range of issues going on in their lives.

PRAYER SPACE

At the end of the academic year, we run the annual, week-long prayer space at Marborough.

This is always an incredible week, where we see the local churches come in to support lessons for every year 7, 8, & 9 class to get hands on experience with prayer and reflection. It is a lot of work to create the immersive experience that the students get, but it is incredibly rewarding to see how powerfully moved by and engaged with prayer the students are.

It is particularly moving as it feels like a core of our values, to be able to be a link between the local churches enabling prayer to happen within the school.

RETOLD

We have continued to meet regularly with our Friday lunchtime faith-exploration group. Over the last year, we have been looking at the stories of different people who knew God and the difference it made in their lives, as well as a series of talks introducing them to who Jesus was, and what it was He did that made Him special.

Over the year, the size of the group has fluctuated, with as few as 5 people at points, but up to a group of about 20. Most weeks we are joined by about 12 students. The discussions do not always stay “on topic”, but they are always lively, engaging, and thought-provoking.

STAFF PRAYER

One of the ways we’ve explored chaplaincy for the staff as well as the students is to offer a weekly time of prayer for the staff.

This time of fellowship and prayer is one that that has been immensely appreciated by those who attend it. While there has not been a huge take up, the response from those that do join show how worthwhile this time has become.

WORK IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of the things we are most excited about from the last year is the expansion of the chaplaincy work into the local Primary School. We have been having on-going conversations with the headteacher there for over a year about what this provision could look like, and as of April this year, we are going into the school once a week for an afternoon chaplaincy provision.

While this age group is not the primary target demographic of the work of Woodstock Youth Work Trust, it has been incredibly refreshing to be occasionally working with this younger age group.

Already, we have seen the benefit that working in the school has on these relationships when the same young people attend other groups (such as the local youth club), or as they come up to Secondary School. It has been an incredible way to continue to build bridges between the church, the schools, and the community, and to help connect young people into these different areas through regular contact and relationship.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

One of the ways we have been delivering this chaplaincy provision at the Primary School, is through their weekly faith-based assembly 'Collective Worship'. Each week when we go in for the afternoon of chaplaincy, it culminates in the whole school gathering to hear a message about who God is, what that means for their life, and a space to reflect on this message.

These messages are usually delivered in a way that is both accessible and engaging (sometimes even fun), but without being patronising. It has been difficult to strike a balance between addressing where the oldest in the room are, and where the youngest in the room are, but this tension has made it all the more satisfying when a good balance has been found.

PASTORAL PRESENCE

Another part of the provision in the Primary School, is through having pastoral presence on the playground during the lunchtime we are in for. This means while the students are out on the playground and field during lunch, so are we. This gives space for them to start to see us as accessible, and to come and talk to us, ask questions, or share thoughts they have had based around what we have spoken to them about during the prayer space and collective worship times.

It is inspirational to see how enthusiastic the students have been about coming up and talking to us during this time. Often, this takes the form of them asking to be the one to light the candle, or trying to find out what the "Mystery Item" of the week is as part of the collective worship. Ultimately, however, wherever the conversation starts, and wherever it leads to, it has been encouraging to see how interested the students are in furthering those points of contact we have with them.

PRAYER SPACE

The most significant element of the chaplaincy provision at the Primary School is the running of a weekly Prayer Space. Each week, we run sessions for 15 students (3 groups of 5 for 30 minutes each), who come into the school Prayer Space, and get to take part in several activities geared towards engaging them in prayer and reflection.

It is really encouraging to spend time creating space for so many young people to try and experience prayer; some for the first time ever. Consistently, coming out of the time, the feedback we we have received is the students feel calm, happy, and relaxed, and wished that they were able to do it more frequently.

With the current set-up, we are able to get through 2 year groups over a half term, meaning over the course of a year, every year 1-6 student will get two opportunities to visit the space in this manner.

TRANSITION

Due to the nature of the work both in the Secondary, and Primary schools, we have been able to do targeted work with the year 6's at the Primary School around their transition to Marlborough.

This has really helped them to feel more prepared, as they get ready to step-up to Secondary School, and it also means that they have had an opportunity to start to get to know someone who works pastorally at Marlborough before they even get there. The expectation is this work will lay the relational groundwork which can be built on during their time at Marlborough.

WHAT'S NEXT?

As the opportunities within and around Woodstock continue to grow and expand, the hope is that so too, will the work. We really believe there are some big things in Woodstock and Oxfordshire that God is doing, and we long to keep being a part of it. Working towards this is on-going, which makes it a bit hard to know precisely the things that we will be working towards in the future beyond the growth that is already planned and in the pipeline. There are some pieces, however, that we hope will be incorporated as the vision takes shape.

BIGGER TEAM

In order for the growth to be sustainable, we need to look at the team that we have supporting it. We have recently recruited a new volunteer for WYWT, whose sole focus will be around helping our fundraising efforts. This will help to take pressure off the trustees, and in particular the Treasurer, and generate other sources of income for the Trust. We have also secured funding for an additional, part-time worker, which will allow us to expand what we are doing and explore new avenues of ministry.

EXTRACURRICULARS DIRECTIVE

Since emerging out of COVID, a lot of young people dropped attendance at groups they were formerly involved with, and are experiencing a social deprivation as a result.

Therefore one of the initiatives we are looking into, is to create a directive of all the youth groups, teams, clubs, and gatherings that are available in the local area. This can then be used connect young people with activities and groups that they are passionate about, and contribute to their well-being and mental health.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

As we have now launched a successful model of chaplaincy in Woodstock Primary, the next stage will be to explore how we can multiply that model into other local primary schools. The hope is that we can have a similar model of chaplaincy in the majority of the feeder schools for the Marlborough

There are opportunities within a lot of these schools, as a number of them are CofE schools.

YOUTH CAFÉ

Another initiative that we are interested in exploring, is a weekly drop-in youth café. The vision for this would be to create a space in the community that once a week could be used as a drop-in for young people to come and hang out, have a drink and a snack, play games, socialise, do homework, or just otherwise relax. Ideally, this would be hosted in the Youth Club as a neutral environment.

YOUTH LEADERS

The local Anglican Church is looking at growing their provision for children and young people. Initially, this is taking the form of a new toddler group, but the hope is this will rejuvenate their youth choir, and potentially lead into a holiday club. If this were to take off, it would create space for us to bring young people in to these spaces as leaders, and give them opportunities to grow in their faith as they serve others.

This could also lead onto taking them on further leadership and missional experiences, such as mission trips, or to Christian youth festivals.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Trust suffered a heavy blow when its Chairperson – Christopher Wallworth - sadly passed away in September last Year. Christopher was with WYWT from the start as a Trustee but took over from the founder Chairperson – Wendy Wilkinson – when Wendy relocated to Bicester in November 2019. We are very grateful to Chris for the enthusiasm and legal skills he brought to us. Needless to say he is very much missed.

Another heavy blow the Trust experienced was losing Ruth Archer to Scotland. Ruth was also a founder member and WYWT Secretary. Ruth kept everyone and everything in order. She also is badly missed. The Trustees extend a welcome to Ruth's replacement – Sarah Williams – and wish her well.

The Trustees of Woodstock Youth Work Trust continue to be humbled and thankful for the continued support and faithfulness of our individual Supporters, be this in prayer, financial contributions, or both. It is extremely encouraging to us and without it we would not be able to continue. Thankyou so much to every one of you.

The Trustees extend their gratitude to local Woodstock Church congregations for their prayers and financial help. Ecumenical support is a wonderful thing and WYWT is an example of what this can achieve.

Thankyou to the independent charities who have contributed to financing the cost of WYWT. These are:

The Benefact Trust

Charlton on Otmoor Living Legacy Fund

Pye Foundation Trust

Laing Family Trusts

Garfield Weston Foundation



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Signed:

AR Cox

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11-07-2023

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A R Cox

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Section B

Disclosure

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Woodstock Youth Work Trust

No (if any)
1167999

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

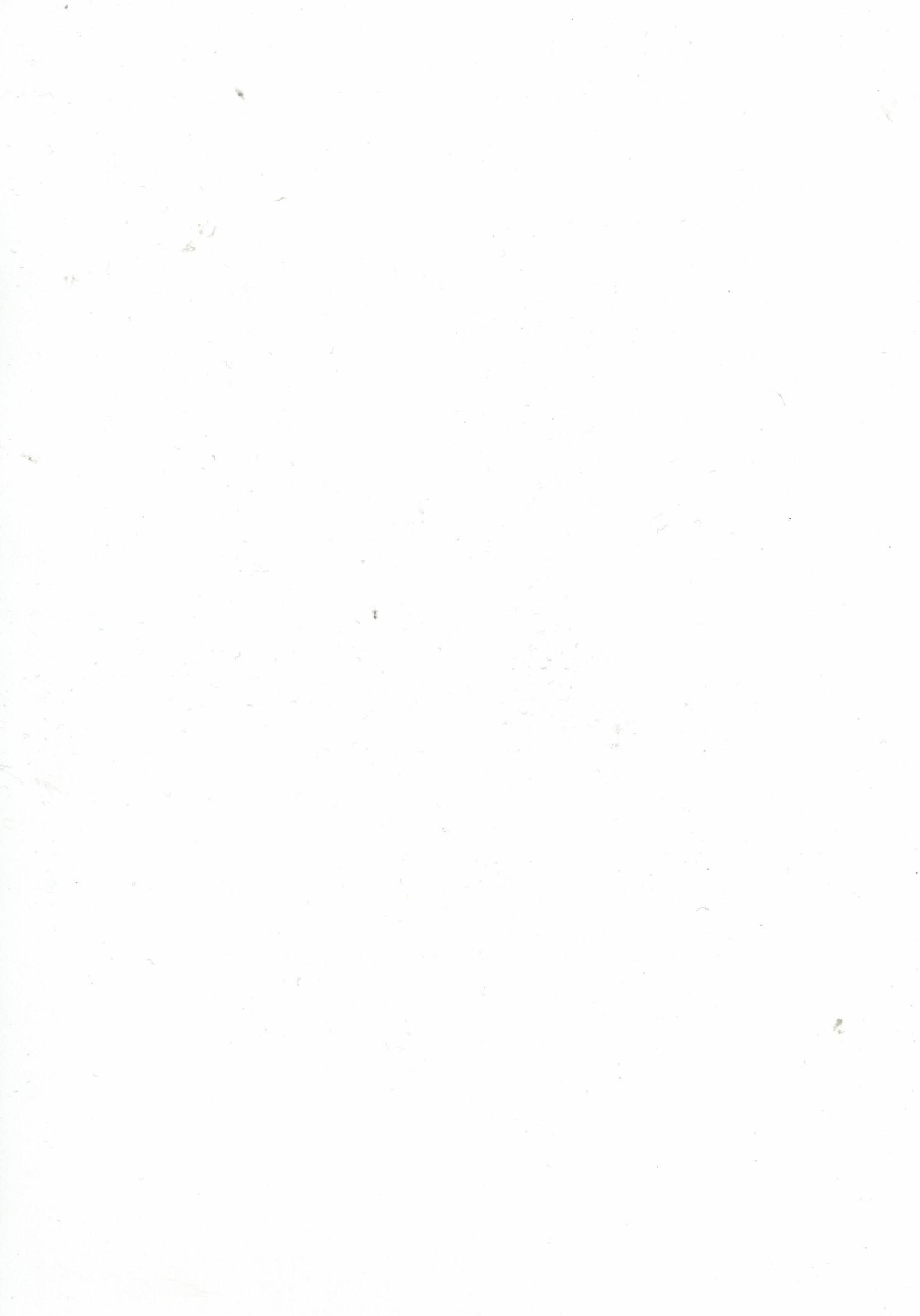
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/06/2022		31/05/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	16,195	-	-	16,195	26,031
Gift aid	21	-	-	21	
Bank interest	11	-	-	11	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,227	-	-	16,227	26,031
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,227	-	-	16,227	26,031
A3 Payments					
Salary	21,495	-	-	21,495	18,166
Pension	1,059	-	-	1,059	877
Payroll administration	185	-	-	185	178
Training	133	-	-	133	35
Support material & hospitality	486	-	-	486	330
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	96
Insurance	219	-	-	219	353
Sundry expenses	66	-	-	66	85
Professional services & subscriptions	737	-	-	737	405
Sub total	24,380	-	-	24,380	20,525
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,380	-	-	24,380	20,525
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,153	-	-	- 8,153	5,506
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,803	-	-	10,803	5,297
Cash funds this year end	2,650	-	-	2,650	10,803

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account - CAF Bank	2,650	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,650	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



WOODSTOCK YOUTH WORK TRUST

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WOODSTOCK YOUTH WORK TRUST

**June 2021 – May 2022 Annual
Report**

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THE BACKGROUND

Woodstock Youth Work Trust (WYWT) was established in 2016 after two years of work bringing it all together. The vision of the Trust is to unite and equip the churches in Woodstock to carry out youth work with a discipleship focus in the community, and through the local secondary school. Our mission statement is:

"To help teenagers in Woodstock realise their identity in Christ through discipleship and mission, and engage them as disciple-makers"

We seek to carry out this mission in a variety of ways and this report is a collation of all the different ways that we seek to implement it, the impact it is having, and the ways we see it expanding in the near future.

We have now had five years of working towards these goals, and so have collated an outline of the activities specifically of the last year, but also with a picture of what we hope to achieve going forward.

OBJECTIVE OVERVIEW

This (academic) year has been really fruitful, as we continue to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. As we have looked at what we offer, the needs have shifted significantly. This has also coincided with increased opportunities in the Chaplaincy side of the work that we offer.

This year has felt like a lot of listening to where God is calling us to be, and what He is calling us to do. Some of this has meant that we have stopped groups that we have been previously running, but another part of it has been using that time to further explore new opportunities, and finding new ways to engage with young people.

Our key objectives for this year have been:

- 1. Reestablish who we are and what we do as we continue to enter the “new normal”.**
- 2. Consolidate the Chaplaincy role as a fixture in the Marlborough.**
- 3. Train new leaders, both young people, and adults, to take on areas of ministry.**
- 4. Provide opportunities for young people to explore and grow in their faith.**
- 5. Reestablish a regular presence in each of the local churches, and Churches Together.**

These objectives have been met in the following ways:

1. REESTABLISH WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO AS WE CONTINUE TO ENTER THE "NEW NORMAL".

As we continued to be faced with the easing of restrictions, we were able to go back to a lot of the activities that we were running and are involved with. In doing this, we found that some of these activities were still hitting a mark. We also found that some of these activities were no longer meeting the need that they had previously.

2. CONSOLIDATE THE CHAPLAINCY ROLE AS A FIXTURE IN THE MARLBOROUGH.

We have now been running a chaplaincy model in the Marlborough school for 2 years. Over the last year, we have seen this really grow and develop, and become an essential part of the school life and what it is offering. Not only have there been two distinct chaplaincy spaces within the school, but the number of students and staff accessing the chaplaincy in one form, or another has been incredibly encouraging. It has been amazing to see how integral this role has become as part of the school life.

3. TRAIN NEW LEADERS, BOTH YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ADULTS, TO TAKE ON AREAS OF MINISTRY.

Due to a lot of the focus of the work shifting to school side of the role, it has been difficult to enable other adults to take areas of responsibility within the ministry. This presence in the school, however, has allowed for several opportunities to enable and encourage student leadership. This has been most evident in the establishing of chaplaincy helpers made up from 6 6th form students who were planning, praying for, and running a faith exploration group for the rest of the school.

4. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPLORE AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH.

We use a model of discipleship that aims to meet young people at the start of their journey, where they can first explore what it means and looks like to know God, and start to understand who He is. To help those who have made a faith commitment to keep growing in their relationship with God, and then to lead activities, people, and groups out of this faith. This last year, it has been really exciting to see young people at each of these stages really stepping up.

5. REESTABLISH A REGULAR PRESENCE IN EACH OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES, AND CHURCHES TOGETHER.

Over the pandemic, we were unable to have the same presence in the local churches that we would like as they were not meeting in person. This effected our ability to be as embedded and engaged in local church life as we would like to be. This last year, we have been able to re-establish these connections, and have a regular rhythm of attending services of the churches that we partner with. This has been a really helpful way to keep the work of WYWT in the forefront of the minds of those whose partnership we rely on, and value.

EXISTING GROUPS

There are a number of regular groups that Woodstock Youth Work Trust is involved with running. The following is a brief description of each group that has existed over the last year, as well as the content that is generally covered in each group. This section does not include the groups that have been established through the Chaplaincy role, which will be covered in the following section.

ENCOUNTER

Encounter is our youth worship service that runs once a month. The group is for young people aged eleven to eighteen, and meets at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Woodstock. We meet for two hours on a Saturday evening and give the young people who attend the opportunity to experience and encounter God, whether it's for the first time in their life, or a daily reality for them.

"I have loved every moment and it has really helped me on my journey through faith and so thank you for that."

Coming out of the restrictions of the pandemic, we were excited to be able to restart meeting for Encounter. We started meeting again in the Autumn and used the relaunch as an opportunity to involve young people with delivering it, specifically in the music, which was all led by young people. We also opened it back up to other local youth ministries who might be interested.

Unfortunately, despite having a core group of young people who were really invested in Encounter, we did not have a big enough group to create the feel of the time that we felt was needed. To compound this, half of the group are leaving for university in the coming Autumn. We therefore, made the decision to stop meeting for Encounter, and explore new ways to support and disciple the few that are still engaged with it.

TRIPLET

Triplet is a small discipleship group that meets weekly to discuss life, faith, and everything in between. It is a space to intentionally meet in groups of 2-4 for discipleship, where the young people are encouraged in their faith, and challenged towards growth in their lives and leadership.

"It's been really helpful to have a place to ask questions and discuss these things."

Currently, we have one triplet that is running, but would be willing to expand this as young people who are interested and ready for that level of commitment emerge. The Triplet that is currently meeting consists of our youth worker, and 2 Year 13 boys.

The focus of the time has been around encouraging the young people to reflect on their lives and where they see God, as well as sharing what they feel they are currently learning about Him. We have also spent significant time talking about leadership, helping them to understand their gifts and how they might be used, and starting to think about what areas of leadership they have been called to, whether teaching at other events, sharing their faith with others, or even starting to think about who they might disciple themselves.

PRAYER UPDATES

Prayer is at the very heart of all that we do. Since before WYWT formally existed, we have had a team of committed Christians, who are praying for the work that we are doing, and the young people that we are connecting with.

"I really believe in all the work that you're doing, and appreciate being able to be a part of it in this way."

Every month, we send out a newsletter to over 50 people who are reading the stories of what has been happening, seeing the specific events and activities that are taking place, and praying specific prayers to support the work and young people.

We genuinely believe that it is this prayer that creates a bedrock for everything that we do, and hope to continue to grow the team that is supporting the work in this way.

WOODSTOCK YOUTH CLUB

Woodstock Youth Club is the local youth club that is run weekly and has been around for many years. As this is a key part of the community in Woodstock, it was felt that WYWT should, as part of its remit, support what already exists for the young people in Woodstock.

"We are so appreciative of the work you do here."

Woodstock Youth Club have a good knowledge of who we are and the work we are doing and are very supportive of it. Being involved with the weekly drop-in that is held there, has been helpful in terms of being able to come alongside different young people within the community, as well as to support the work that the youth club is doing.

The youth club re-opened this year, after having been closed for the duration of the pandemic and various restrictions. Since re-opening, there has been a decline in the numbers of those attending. We are having on-going conversations with the team at the youth club about what we can do to help to change this trend.

CHAPLAINCY WORK

A significant amount of the focus of the last year has been in developing the chaplaincy role within the Marlborough CofE School, the local Secondary Comprehensive. This has been supported by the fact that the school has provided a space for chaplaincy to happen, in the form of an office/meeting room, and an outdoor reflection space. These have really enabled the work in the school to flourish.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Over the course of the year, we have been able to meet regularly with various students in the school for mentoring. These are students that relationships have been established with over the year, and identified by the pastoral team as needing more positive attention from staff.

"I really appreciate knowing that you are there when I need someone to rant at."

Across a fortnight, we meet with students who are a scheduled session for a variety of different reasons, as well as being available for any students who need it more in the moment.

This is responsive to the needs of the individual, and as such, we have been able to support a number of different students with a wide range of struggles going on in their lives.

SUPPORT BASES

The location of the chaplaincy space, has meant that we are based right in the heart of the pastoral centre for the school. This has created an

opportunity to meet and get to know some of the students who are struggling the most.

This natural crossover has been so essential to making the role work in school, as it creates space for the students to meet and naturally get to know us on their turf, rather than expecting them to seek out chaplaincy on our terms. It has allowed us to develop relationships with, and support students who otherwise may not access chaplaincy.

CHAPLAINCY HELPERS

Last year, we set-up a faith group for the 6th formers. As the majority of those that were attending were in year 12, it meant that this year, we had an extra year with them. Capitalising on the work we had done with them the previous year, we invited them to become chaplaincy helpers, and run a similar group for the young years.

"Thank you for all that you've done for [my child]. It has really gone above, and beyond, and we really appreciate it."

We met for the first half of the year to plan and pray for opening a new faith group that would be open to the whole school, called "Retold". They then chose the content they wanted to lead, and each week, they would lead different aspects of this time together.

It has been such a blessing to see these 6 guys really step up and grow in their faith, through how they lead and teach others. Worker with this group has definitely been a highlight of the year.

RETOLD

With the help of the Chaplaincy Helpers, we launched a group called "Retold" In January this year. The purpose behind this was to give the 6th formers an opportunity to lead their peers, and to give the rest of the student body an opportunity to explore faith.

"Thank you for running Retold this year, I've really enjoyed, and I'm looking forward to coming back next year."

This got off to a rocky start, when no-one showed up for the first few weeks. We committed to keep meeting, and to just pray, and see what happened when we reached February half-term. On the fourth or fifth week, a group of about 5 students showed up, and this has steadily grown for the rest of the year to about 20.

There have been times where it's felt a bit chaotic or mismanaged, and we had to adjust the content that we were looking at because it was beyond where the group was at spiritually, but ultimately, it has been really encouraging to work with a group of young people who are interested to keep learning.

FAITH IN THE COMMUNITY

The Marlborough School runs a Wednesday afternoon elective programme, and as part of this, over the course of the year, all year 7 students engage with an elective called 'Faith in the Community'. This is a term where they will explore the contexts of different faiths, and what that looks like in their communities.

"I thought going to a church was going to be boring, but that was actually alright."

Supporting this has enabled us to come alongside every single year 7 student, and help share what it looks like to be Christian. By taking them to the local churches, leading sessions about what Baptism looks like, and most excitingly, creating spaces and opportunities for them to engage with prayer and reflection.

This has been such a great opportunity, and really allowed for us to get to know all the students that are starting at Marlborough, and hopefully creating a relational bedrock that will continue through the rest of their school career.

PASTORAL PRESENCE

One of the biggest lessons that we've learned through the chaplaincy role so far is the importance of being available. In order to meet young people where they are at; you need to be where they are at.

In light of this, we have made sure that we are available at social times throughout the day, either on the playground, or open for drop-ins. This has allowed us to meet a greater number of the students than if we remained based solely in the pastoral base.

As well as this, we have supported extra-curricular activities and events in the school, such as Basketball, the school show, and the leavers Prom. All of these have allowed us to meet students in a variety of different settings, and come alongside them in different ways.

STAFF PRAYER

One of the ways that we've explored chaplaincy for the staff as well as the students is to offer a weekly time of prayer for the staff. This has had limited success with not many at all taking up the offer. Those that have, however, have thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to start their day more contemplatively.

OTHER EVENTS

As well as the weekly groups that we run, we also have less regular events that we run and host as part of the work of the Trust. The following is a brief description of what they are, and the impact they have on the community, and the young people of Woodstock. Some of these have been as part of the chaplaincy work.

PRAYER SPACE

At the end of this (academic) year, we ran the annual, week-long prayer space that we run at Marborough.

***"Please don't get rid of
this space, it's amazing"***

This is always an incredible week, where we see the local churches come in to support lessons for every year 7, 8, & 9 class to get hands on experience with prayer and reflection. It is a lot of work to create the immersive experience that the students get, but it is very rewarding to see how powerfully moved by and engaged with prayer the students are.

It is particularly moving as it feels like a core of our values, to be able to be a link between the local churches enabling prayer to happen within the school.

ASSEMBLIES

As part of the Chaplaincy role, we have been able to deliver a number of assemblies to the school body. This year, they have all been prerecorded, but from feedback that we have received, these have still been very well received. Prerecording has also allowed the assemblies to be more "polished" as well, and for us to be more creative in how we deliver them.

"When's the next 'What's the Sound on the Playground?'"

Working under the title of "Chaplain" has also meant that we have been able to be more direct about the faith content in assemblies than we may have been able to have been previously, while still remaining accessible for the wide audience that would be watching them.

A particular highlight was one assembly where, due to the prerecorded nature, we spent some time recording the students answers to questions on the playground, and incorporated it into the assembly in a segment that we called 'What's the Sound on the Playground?'.

CHARITY

This year we have been able to support the school in their Charity week. In particular, this involved gathering and delivering boxes of food to donate to the food bank and resources to the local baby bank.

"I really enjoyed getting to help deliver the food to food bank. It really makes you feel good to make a difference like that."

As well as providing contact with the local food and baby banks, we supported the school by gathering all the donations that staff and students had made over the week with the help of the charity volunteers made up of year 9 students. Then, along with some volunteers from the 6th form, we delivered these donations to the food and baby banks. This ended up being a really impactful event for the school, the food and baby banks, and the students who helped.

We are hoping to be able to take these initiatives in school and make them longer term. The idea would be that we make food bank donations a regular activity of the school.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Since the Trust is partnering with several of the local churches, one thing that we try to do is make sure we are present at each of the churches.

"Thank you so much for sharing with us- it really helped to be able to picture the work that you're doing, and what your role looks like."

It has been really encouraging for this to happen again more regularly this year, and to pick up that regular contact with the local churches. We have particularly enjoyed the amount of support that there is for all the work of WYWT from local Christians. Being able to touch base with them in this way has enabled them to feel more aware of and a part of the work that is happening, and it has allowed us to feel more supported and championed by the local Christian community.

OTHER RELATIONSHIPS

LOCAL CHURCHES

Currently, WYWT is supported by the local Anglican, Baptist, and Methodist churches. This is really important to us, as the heart of the vision for WYWT is for the work to be done ecumenically.

Since the beginning of the Trust, all the churches have really bought into the vision, and have committed to supporting it prayerfully, financially, and each providing a trustee to represent their church, which so far has been working really well.

This allows each church to communicate the needs they see within the community, giving us the opportunity to create a holistic ministry approach. It also allows each church to have an on-going awareness of the work that we are doing and know how to best pray for the Trust.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

One of the things that we are involved with is the Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon. This has meant that the work that the Trust is doing is getting more exposure, as well as opening other opportunities within the Christian community of Woodstock to us.

As well as being given opportunities to speak at different ecumenical things, being involved with Churches Together has allowed us to hear more about what is happening in Woodstock, and to have a voice in shaping how the churches are a part of this. Since taking a more active part in Churches Together, we have also seen the interest and understanding of who we are and what we do increase amongst the people involved.

MARLBOROUGH CoFE SCHOOL

The local secondary school is a key component of the community in Woodstock, especially for the young people. It is, therefore, really beneficial to have an on-going relationship with them. Since we have been present in the school, the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection grade has gone from 'Satisfactory' to 'Good'.

Since the inception of WYWT, Marlborough has been involved with the running of the trust, supportive of the work that we do, and allowed us to work in the school in a variety of ways. It has been this on-going partnership that has resulted in the establishment of a new Chaplaincy within the school. This is funded to enable our youth worker to be in the school for part of his work week and support the school in all ways detailed in this report.

REIGN MINISTRIES

Reign Ministries is another local youth work charity, based in Bicester and Witney. As well as running local youth ministries, they also work to train and equip youth leaders.

As well as being personally supported and mentored through the staff and programmes at Reign, we have also helped to serve with a number of their programmes, as a means of further leadership and professional development. We have also been invited to join their team of youth workers that are making a national impact over several churches and ministries.

In addition to this, our youth worker has a small part-time role with Reign Ministries. This will further their skills specifically in coaching and training that will support and grow the work of WYWT.

GORDO E.S.U

Gordo E.S.U is a local Explorer Scout Unit based in Kidlington. While this is not a formal part of the work of WYWT, being involved with it over the last few years has been really beneficial to the work of the Trust.

Involvement with the Scouts Association means that they provide access to many free training opportunities, allowing our youth worker to further his leadership skills, get a First Aid qualification, and even pay to get a minibuss license, all of which benefit us in our continued work.

As well as this, it is another opportunity to engage with local young people, get to know them, and have lots of opportunities during hikes, on a Monday night, and around a camp fire to talk about all things big and small. This has also lead to good conversations about faith, and some young people going on to explore their faith as a result of these conversations.

OXFORDSHIRE DIOCESE

We have developed and cultivated good links with the Oxfordshire Diocese. In particular, this has been with the Chaplaincy Advisor, as they have continued to commission, and support the Chaplaincy role within the Marlborough School.

This has resulted in further chaplaincy training and equipping, as well as access to networks of other chaplains across the Diocese to connect with and learn from.

These links are also helpful as we continue to network and establish new connections with other youth workers. In particular, with events like

OXtoberfest and Encounter restarting, we are hopeful that by working closer with the Diocese, we will be able to increase the awareness of these events.

PLANNED GROWTH

As opportunities continue to come up within Woodstock in regard to youth work, we want to be responding to them, and starting new groups and events to meet these needs. Sometimes, this can be new opportunities that we are not expecting, however, there are areas that we are actively working on to grow what it is we do. Specific expansion and growth of what we already offer is omitted as it is outlined above.

WOODSTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the last year, we have had initial conversations with the local Primary School in Woodstock. The conversation was around how we can grow and develop the chaplaincy role to be replicated into the Primary School. Having this connection will really support the work in Marlborough as well, as when the students come up, they already have a basis for who we are and what we are about.

The Primary School was really receptive to the idea, and we are exploring a chaplaincy model for half a day a week, where we liaise with the local clergy to offer a mix of collective worship, reflective practice, and pastoral presence.

The plan is that over the next year, we can cement this into a formal agreement, and start to see chaplaincy happening in this way in the Primary School.

WIDER NETWORK

One of the things that we are aware of is the need to raise the profile of who we are and what we are doing locally. At the moment, we have done a good job of bringing in Christians and churches from Woodstock. With the expansion of the role into Marlborough, it feels like there is an increased scope as there are a number of other local towns and villages that young people attend Marlborough from.

Over the next year, we want to invest some time exploring our connections with other local churches, and seeing how we can work with them to increase what is happening through WYWT.

FUTURE GROWTH

As the relationships within and around Woodstock continue to grow and expand, the hope is that so too, will the work. We really believe that there are some big things in Woodstock and Oxfordshire that God is doing, and we long to keep being a part of it. Working towards this is on-going, which makes it a bit hard to know precisely the things that we will be working towards in the future beyond the growth that is already planned and in the pipeline. There are some pieces, however, that we hope will be incorporated as the vision takes shape.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

As we expand the network area that we are operating over, we hope that this will increase our connections with local primary schools. By launching a pilot chaplaincy model in Woodstock Primary, we hope that it creates a model that we can then take to all the feeder Primary Schools for Marlborough.

BIGGER TEAM

In order for the growth outlined above to be sustainable, we need to look at the team that we have supporting it. At the moment, we only recruit volunteers to help with the work, but we have started to have conversations around having a base of volunteers to help with fundraising to support the work that we do.

We have also started to talk about raising money to be able to employ someone to help support the work that we are doing, particularly in terms of taking a lead with the Primary Schools and the model for chaplaincy we are looking at developing that area.

Woodstock Youth Work Trust
Financial Statement Year Ending May 2022

Charity No : 1167999
Month 12

Line
No

Bank A/c	B/F Previous Month	This Months Transactions	C/F to next Year
B/F Previous Year : 2021			
£5,296.88	12,510.63	-1,708.24	10,802.39

Income

Money owed (b/f from prev. year)	Money pledged this year	Received this Month	Year to Date Totals 2021/22	Final 2021/22 (Rolling Year 6)	Forecast 2022/23 (Rolling Year 7)	Forecast 2023/24 (Rolling Year 8)	Forecast 2024/25 (Rolling Year 9)
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1	Woodstock Baptists	0	1000	0	1000	1000	0	0	0
2	Woodstock Anglicans	0	7500	0	12375	12375	3917	3916	2292
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4	Other Donations	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	0
5									
6	Miscellaneous	0	0	155	155	155	0	0	0
7									
8	Standing Orders	0	0	730	8611	8611	8611	8611	8611
9	Gift Aid	0	0	0	3545	3545	3450	2040	2040
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11									
12									
13									
14	Unsecured Funding						7000	8000	

Totals		8,500.00	885.00	26,186.00	26,186.00	15,978.00	21,567.00	20,943.00
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Expenditure

Expenditure
this Month

Year to Date
Totals
2021/22

Budget
allocated
2021/22

Final
for 2021/22
Rolling Yr 6

Forecast
for 2022/23
Rolling Year 7

Forecast
for 2023/24
Rolling Year 8

Forecast
for 2024/25
Rolling Year 9

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Salaries

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Gross	2371.65	18320.33	18000.00	18320.33	18000.00	18400.00	18600.00
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Pension	80.16	877.31	890.00	877.31	890.00	910.00	930.00
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Payroll Admin	15.00	178.25	190.00	178.25	190.00	200.00	210.00
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Training	0.00	35.00	400.00	35.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
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Travel & Hosp.	105.44	330.29	500.00	330.29	500.00	500.00	500.00
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Admin	8.00	96.00	100.00	96.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
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Insurance	0.00	353.23	350.00	353.23	350.00	350.00	350.00
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Communications	12.99	85.08	150.00	85.08	150.00	150.00	150.00
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Professional Serv.	0.00	405.00	550.00	405.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
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Facilities Hire	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
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Totals

2,593.24

20,680.49

21,180.00

20,680.49

21,180.00

21,610.00

21,840.00

Bank Totals

B/F from
previous month

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this month

C/F next
Year

Money at Bank
EOY 2021/22

Money at Bank
EOY 2022/23

Money at Bank
EOY 2023/24

Money at Bank
EOY 2024/25

B/F Prev Year- 2021

5,296.88	12,510.63	-1,708.24	10,802.39	10,802.39 (Final)	5,600.39 (estimated)	5,557.39 (estimated)	4,660.39 (estimated)
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Donor Details (excludes Standing Orders)

2021/22

£

Woodstock Baptist Church

1,000.00

PYE

500.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Woodstock Youth Work Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st May 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1167999

Set out on pages

attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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.

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 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.

Signed:

AR Cox.

Date:

23-9-22

Name:

A R Cox

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Woodstock Youth Work Trust

No (if any)
1167999

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/06/2021		31/05/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	26,031	-	-	26,031	16,675
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,031	-	-	26,031	16,675
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,031	-	-	26,031	16,675
A3 Payments					
Salary	18,166	-	-	18,166	17,399
Pension	877	-	-	877	869
Payroll administration	178	-	-	178	175
Training	35	-	-	35	100
Travel & hospitality	330	-	-	330	19
Bank charges	96	-	-	96	75
Insurance	353	-	-	353	333
Sundry expenses	85	-	-	85	67
Professional services & subscriptions	405	-	-	405	468
Sub total	20,525	-	-	20,525	19,505
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,525	-	-	20,525	19,505
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,506	-	-	5,506	2,830
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,297	-	-	8,127	8,127
Cash funds this year end	10,803	-	-	13,633	5,297

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account - CAF Bank	10,803	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,803	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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2021 Report

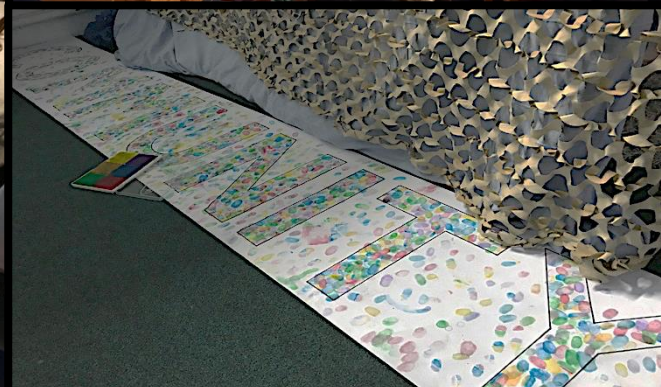


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THE BACKGROUND

Woodstock Youth Work Trust (WYWT) was established in 2016 after two years of work bringing it all together. The vision of the Trust is to unite and equip the churches in Woodstock to carry out youth work with a discipleship focus in the community, and through the local secondary school. Our mission statement is:

"To help teenagers in Woodstock realise their identity in Christ through discipleship and mission, and engage them as disciple-makers"

We seek to carry out this mission in a variety of ways and this report is a collation of all the different ways that we seek to implement it, the impact it is having, and the ways we see it expanding in the near future.

We have now had five years of working towards these goals, and so have collated an outline of the activities specifically of the last year, but also with a picture of what we hope to achieve going forward.

OBJECTIVE OVERVIEW

This (academic) year has been with distinct challenges due to the restrictions in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has not been the year that we anticipated having, but despite that, we have seen God move in significant ways regardless.

All of this has meant that we have had to be somewhat responsive in our work, rather than proactive, as we have had to adjust plans in alignment with restrictions. This has involved looking at all the different aspects of ministry that we are involved with, evaluating how we run them, adjusting accordingly. Our key objectives for this year have been:

- 1. Continuing to provide space for spiritual growth for our young people.**
- 2. Supporting and engaging with the individual churches in whatever manner they have been able to meet.**
- 3. Launching a Chaplaincy Team model at the Marlborough School.**
- 4. Evaluating what we are offering, how we are offering it, and why we are offering it, and making changes accordingly.**
- 5. Continue to grow and professionally develop in leadership.**

These objectives have been met in the following ways:

1. CONTINUING TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

As we continued to face limitations on the ways that we could meet with young people, one of our key objectives was to find ways to keep investing in the young people that we had been working with. While some of the groups that we were running had to stop, we were able to be creative in a lot of areas, which meant that we were able to keep in contact with several of the young people. More importantly, having to strip back what we can offer, has meant that those who have kept involved have really grown significantly over the last year in their faith.

2. SUPPORTING AND ENGAGING WITH THE INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES IN WHATEVER MANNER THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET.

Staying connected with the individual churches has remained a priority, although one that has been somewhat challenging, as each church have met in different ways. Despite this, we have been able to engage with each church in the way that they have been operating. Whether that's been leading services, participating in remote performances, or attending services (both virtually and in person), we have been able to keep that connection. The level of engagement that we have had has not been as high as we would like, however, for the first time in the last 4 years, each church has an established minister. Each of these ministers is on board with the vision for WYWT and is incredibly supportive of the work that we do. We hope that this will result in more opportunities for working together in the future.

3. LAUNCHING A CHAPLAINCY TEAM MODEL AT THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL

The biggest success that we have experienced over the past year is the launching of a new Chaplaincy Team Leader role at the local secondary school; the Marlborough CofE School. We have been working with the school since the inception of WYWT, however, the formalization of this role has created a lot of new opportunities to engage with the young people of

Woodstock and the surrounding area. Particularly in a year where other settings have been so limited, it has been invaluable to be able to be in the school regularly, engaging with young people in that context, and supporting staff and students in different ways over the course of the year.

4. EVALUATING WHAT WE ARE OFFERING, HOW WE ARE OFFERING IT, AND WHY WE ARE OFFERING IT, AND MAKING CHANGES ACCORDINGLY.

One of the benefits of the last year is that it has given us the time and space to step back from what has been happening, and to reflect on how it all compares to our goals and aims. In this regard, there are aspects of our ministry that we are excited to be carrying on with, others that we are looking at adapting going forwards, and others still that we are considering not carrying on moving forwards. Most excitingly, it has given us the space to dream into the vision, and how we see it expanding, and to think through what are the things that we would like to add in that will drive us further to our goals and aims.

5. CONTINUE TO GROW AND PROFESSIONALLY DEVELOP IN LEADERSHIP.

The other benefit of the last year has been that stepping back from doing as much in-person ministry has meant that there has been more time for reflection and study. In this regard, our youth worker has committed to further professional development by reading various books around the topics of youth work, Generation Z, prayer, and social issues, specifically those that involve young people. As well as this, he has completed an induction course on Chaplaincy to further inform the new work in the school.

EXISTING GROUPS

There are a number of regular groups that Woodstock Youth Work Trust is responsible for running. The following is a brief description of each group that has existed over the last year, as well as the content that is generally covered in each group. This section does not include the groups that have been established through the Chaplaincy role, which will be covered in the following section.

BOARD

Board started in April 2018, and we meet weekly on a Thursday evening at Woodstock Youth Centre. The main focus is around coming together and playing board games and there is the opportunity for the young people to get to know each other as well as to have conversations with the leaders.

"Thanks so much for keeping Board going through this strange time, it really has been important for [my son] to have that connection. And naturally he's enjoyed the games!"

Board was one of the first groups that we were able to transition online, finding a platform that met our needs quite quickly. This worked really well, and while there were a couple of young people who stopped coming, they assured us to let them know when it was happening in person again so that they could. A lot of those that were attending seemed more comfortable with an online format and opened up a lot more during the time.

Around Christmas, those that had been attending online felt that they wanted to pause the group, as they had upcoming exams that they wanted to focus on. Again, they assured us that they would like to keep attending once we

could meet in person again.

While Board has been a great way to get to meet and know young people in the community, we are currently weighing up if this is something that we want to continue running in the new year. It has always felt that we have struggled to get significant numbers to attend, and while regular contact with attendees has been good, it has often felt challenging to take those relationships any further than surface level. Considering the new chaplaincy role, it seems that the aims of Board might be better met through the continued work at the school, rather than as an additional, external group.

ENCOUNTER

Encounter is our youth worship service that runs once a month. The group is for young people aged eleven to eighteen, and meets at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Woodstock. We meet for two hours on a Saturday evening and give the young people who attend the opportunity to experience and encounter God, whether it's for the first time in their life, or a daily reality for them.

"I'm looking forward to when Encounter restarts and having more opportunities to lead and grow in my gifts."

Last year we opened Encounter up to other local youth groups that we have connected with. We did this because we felt like we wanted Encounter to have a "bigger feel". While this was successful in creating a more vibrant and engaging atmosphere for our young people, it has meant that we have not been able to meet for the last year. Due to the size of the group, and the nature of the evening, it was felt that the compromises that we would have to make to the evening to meet over the last year would fundamentally take away from what we were trying to achieve. Therefore, we decided that it would be better to wait until we were able to deliver the type of worship event that we feel is important. The encouraging part of this is that in the interim of not being able to meet, several young people have been asking when we will be able to meet for Encounter again.

Depending on what restrictions remain in place in the Autumn, we hope to be able to relaunch Encounter then, and hopefully retain attendance from the

local youth groups that were attending previously, as well new interest from the work that has been happening in the school.

ROY NETWORK

Rural Oxfordshire Youthwork Network (ROY Net) was born out of the realisation that there is a real need for rural churches to come together and celebrate the work that is happening in their churches. Through networking with other local youth workers, we were able to be involved in establishing this networking space for youth workers in rural Oxfordshire.

***"I've really valued this group,
and that we've been able to
meet and just share honestly
with how we're doing!"***

As a result, WYWT has been involved in setting up ROY Net (Rural Oxfordshire Youthwork Network), a group of people involved in youth work in rural Oxfordshire that meet once a term. The aim of these meetings is to come together, pray for what is happening across Oxfordshire, and to sharpen one another as we all strive to see young people across Oxfordshire come to know Christ.

We have been able to meet a few times in this capacity and have found that time to share together our struggles and pray for one another has been invaluable. Despite this, it has been difficult to maintain interest, and despite the numbers initially increasing when we moved online, it has since declined as people experienced Zoom fatigue. We have since decided that we will rebrand slightly, and rather than focusing on delivering training, we will instead use the time together to communally coach one another in youth ministry. We are planning this relaunch for September, and hope that we will be able to meet in person.

TRIPLET

Triplet is a small discipleship group that meets weekly to discuss life, faith, and everything in between. It is a space to intentionally meet in groups of 2-

4 for discipleship, where the young people are encouraged in their faith, and challenged towards growth in their lives and leadership.

"Triplet has given me a more stable and solid faith, that has led to me using faith more in how I help and support friends. Now when I run into difficult situations, I find myself turning to God more."

Currently, we have one triplet that is running, but would be willing to expand this as young people who are interested and ready for that level of commitment emerge. The Triplet that is currently meeting consists of our youth worker, and 2 Year 12 boys.

The focus of the time has been around encouraging the young people to reflect on their lives and where they see God, as well as sharing what they feel they are currently learning about Him. We have also spent significant time talking about leadership, helping them to understand their gifts and how they might be used, and starting to think about what areas of leadership they have been called to, whether teaching at other events, sharing their faith with others, or even starting to think about who they might disciple themselves.

PRAYER SESSIONS

Our prayer sessions came together as a result of wanting to see a specific time for Christians in Woodstock to come together to pray for the young people and the youth work. In order to do this, we started an hour-long prayer session every month to pray for the youth and youth work of Woodstock.

"I really believe in all the work that you're doing, and

appreciate being able to be a part of it in this way.”

This was previously held on the last Friday of every month, and takes place in a different church, although over the last year we have been unable to meet for this purpose. In the past, it has been great to see how this has helped further communicate the work that the trust is doing, and start to see walls break down because we are committing to specifically praying for them.

We are hoping and planning on being able to restart these sessions moving forward. Specifically, working with the school to be able to pray specifically for what is happening there, as well as the wider community and churches.

CHAPLAINCY WORK

As previously mentioned, the most significant change of the last year has been the inauguration of the Chaplaincy role in the Marlborough School. The following is a report of the work that has been happening there.

SUPPORT BASES

One of the key needs in the last year has arisen from the need for the school to operate in Year Group “bubbles”. This meant that each year group had it’s own pastoral support base that required running to meet the various needs of the students. Over the last year, our worker, as part of the chaplaincy role, has spent time helping to manage and operate these support bases across all year groups.

***“When I’m feeling frustrated,
and I come into the base and
see that you’re here, it cheers
me up because I know you’ll be
there for me.”***

While this was a means of serving the school initially, it meant that there were great opportunities to get to know the students at school, and in particular, the students that, for whatever reason, need a bit of extra support. This allowed for space for relationships to be built, and from those relationships, significant conversations, whether pastoral, spiritual, or casual, have been able to regularly happen. Several of these relationships have evolved into regular mentoring times.

The hope is that as we head into next year, we will be able to utilise this relational foundation as a means of going deeper and inviting these students into other groups and opportunities that we are offering.

6TH FORM GROUP

The hope had been that as part of the Chaplaincy role, we would be able to run a group to support and encourage the Christians in the school.

Unfortunately, because of the need for Year Group “bubbles”, we were unable to lead such a group for the whole school. We were, however, aware of several Christians that are in the 6th Form, so decided to run a group of them.

“Many thanks for running your sessions over lockdown. [a parent] emailed at the weekend to say that they could see it made a difference with [their child], so thank you.”

We had a faith goal that 6 students would attend, and in the first session we had 7. Over the course of the year, this grew to a peak of about 11, and at one point, we even had a couple of members of the staff join in as well.

We’ve spent the first year looking at who Jesus was, and tracking Him through both the Old and New Testaments, first looking at the context that He was coming into, and then His life and ministry. The group has shown real insight and curiosity and have grown in their understanding of Jesus through this time. We are hoping that we will no longer have to adhere to bubbles next year, so that we can extend the group to all year groups. If this goes ahead, the 6th formers that have been involved over the last year will be involved in leading and supporting this group.

MENTORING

Over the course of the year, we have been able to pick up some regular mentoring session with various students in the school who would benefit from one-to-one time. These are students that relationships have been established with over the year, and identified by the pastoral team as needing more positive attention from staff.

"Thank you for the work that you do with our students- we each play a different part in supporting these students, and I know they really appreciate the part that you play."

Across a fortnight, we currently engage with about 8 students through mentoring, as well as a few others who we pick up more sporadically. Currently, this takes the format of playing games, talking about how they are doing and what they are going through, and supporting them however they need. The hope is that over the next year we can make this time more intentional, as well as opening this up to more students.

RE INTERVENTION

One of the ways that we've been able to support the school is through their Religious Education (RE) curriculum. We noticed that a lot of the students were not engaging with the lesson and felt that it was, in some way, beneath them. As a way of combatting this, we have started offering a weekly intervention for students that are being sent out or refusing to go to their lesson.

"I really enjoyed being able to discuss what I think and hear what others think as well."

This has taken the format of setting up in an empty classroom and having a discussion around a topic that they study in RE, including life, death, sex, and marriage.

This has been going well, despite some reservations we had initially. It has provided space to have really engaging conversations where we are able to create space for the students to reflect on and share what they believe, and then reason that out with one another. It has also created opportunities to share what we believe from a Christian perspective and start to break down some of the misconceptions that surround faith, and in particular Christianity.

We are not sure what this will look like moving forwards, and if this is something that we will carry forwards into the next year, or if it was just something that has been needed recently.

OTHER EVENTS

As well as the weekly groups that we run, we also have less regular events that we run and host as part of the work of the Trust. The following is a brief description of what they are, and the impact they have on the community, and the young people of Woodstock. Some of these have been as part of the chaplaincy work.

ASSEMBLIES

As part of the Chaplaincy role, we have been able to deliver a number of assemblies to the school body. This year, they have all been prerecorded, but from feedback that we have received, these have still been very well received. Prerecording has also allowed the assemblies to be more “polished” as well, and for us to be more creative in how we deliver them.

“Thank you for the assembly, my form really enjoyed it, and engaged a lot more than they usually do!”

Working under the title of “Chaplain” has also meant that we have been able to be more direct about the faith content in assemblies than we may have been able to have been previously, while still remaining accessible for the wide audience that would be watching them.

A particular highlight was one assembly where, due to the prerecorded nature, we were able to involve local clergy and “introduce” them to the school as well. This worked well in highlighting the work that we are doing, the links to the churches, and allowing the students to feel like they know their local ministers.

CHARITY

This year we have been able to support the school in their Charity week. In particular, this involved the gathering and delivery of over 40 boxes of food to donate to the food bank and provide links in the local community to be able to support community-focused charity drives.

"I really enjoyed getting to help deliver the food to food bank. It really makes you feel good to make a difference like that."

As well as providing contact with the local food bank, we supported the school by gathering all the donations that staff and students had made over the week, and along with some volunteers from the 6th form, delivered them to the food bank. This ended up being a really impactful event for the school, the food bank, and the students who helped.

We are hoping to be able to take these initiatives in school and make them longer term. The idea would be that we make food bank donations a regular activity of the school, and even work with the food bank to give some of the students experience in charity work and serving the community.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Since the Trust is partnering with several of the local churches, one thing that we try to do is make sure we are present at each of the churches. This has been significantly more challenging over the last year, where the patterns of churches meeting has looked very different. Despite this challenge, we have still found ways to be involved.

"Thank you so much for sharing with us- it really helped to be able to picture the work that you're doing, and what your role looks like."

While physical attendance has been made more difficult, there have been times where we have been able to attend, and even contribute to online services over Zoom, been invited to share with congregations the work that we are doing, and even be involved in prerecorded performances at Christmas and Easter.

We are, however, aware that we have not been able to be as present as we would normally like and will be looking at how we can increase this in the coming year to be more regular again.

OTHER RELATIONSHIPS

LOCAL CHURCHES

Currently, WYWT is supported by the local Anglican, Baptist, and Methodist churches. This is really important to us, as the heart of the vision for WYWT is for the work to be done ecumenically.

Since the beginning of the Trust, all the churches have really bought into the vision, and have committed to supporting it prayerfully, financially, and each providing a trustee to represent their church, which so far has been working really well.

This allows each church to communicate the needs they see within the community, giving us the opportunity to create a holistic ministry approach. It also allows each church to have an on-going awareness of the work that we are doing and know how to best pray for the Trust.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

One of the things that we are involved with is the Churches Together in Woodstock and Bladon. This has meant that the work that the Trust is doing is getting more exposure, as well as opening other opportunities within the Christian community of Woodstock to us.

As well as being given opportunities to speak at different ecumenical things, being involved with Churches Together has allowed us to hear more about what is happening in Woodstock, and to have a voice in shaping how the churches are a part of this. Since taking a more active part in Churches Together, we have also seen the interest and understanding of who we are and what we do increase amongst the people involved.

Churches Together have not met over the last year, as the churches have remained mostly closed, and the usual events that the Churches Together would collaborate on have been unable to take place. We were, however, asked to write the Churches Together latest contribution to the town newsletter.

MARLBOROUGH C_oF_E SCHOOL

The local secondary school is a key component of the community in Woodstock, especially for the young people. It is, therefore, really beneficial to have an on-going relationship with them. Since we have been present in the school, the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection grade has gone from 'Satisfactory' to 'Good'.

Since the inception of WYWT, Marlborough has been involved with the running of the trust, supportive of the work that we do, and allowed us to work in the school in a variety of ways. This year that partnership has resulted in the establishment of a new Chaplaincy within the school. This is funded to enable our youth worker to be in the school for part of his work week, and support the school in all ways detailed in this report.

WOODSTOCK YOUTH CLUB

Woodstock Youth Club is the local youth club that is run weekly and has been around for many years. As this is a key part of the community in Woodstock, it was felt that WYWT should, as part of its remit, support what already exists for the young people in Woodstock.

Woodstock Youth Club have a good knowledge of who we are and the work we are doing and are very supportive of it. Being involved with the weekly drop-in that is held there, has been really helpful in terms of being able to

come alongside different young people within the community, as well as to support the work that the youth club is doing.

Our relationship with Woodstock Youth Club has also meant that they have historically allowed us to use the space for Board on a Thursday evening.

Unfortunately, the Youth Club has remained shut for the entirety of the last year, but are looking to reopen in the Autumn. We hope to be able to support them again once they reopen.

REIGN MINISTRIES

Reign Ministries is another local youth work charity, based in Bicester and Witney. As well as running local youth ministries, they also work to train and equip youth leaders.

As well as being personally supported and mentored through the staff and programmes at Reign, we have also helped to serve with a number of their programmes, as a means of further leadership and professional development. We have also been invited to join their team of youth workers that are making a national impact over several churches and ministries.

In addition to this, our youth worker has also started a small part-time role with Reign Ministries this year. This will further their skills specifically in coaching and training that will support and grow the work of WYWT.

GORDO E.S.U

Gordo E.S.U is a local Explorer Scout Unit based in Kidlington. While this is not a formal part of the work of WYWT, being involved with it over the last few years has been really beneficial to the work of the Trust.

Involvement with the Scouts Association means that they provide access to many free training opportunities, allowing our youth worker to further his leadership skills, get a First Aid qualification, and even pay to get a minibus license, all of which benefit us in our continued work.

As well as this, it is another opportunity to engage with local young people, get to know them, and have lots of opportunities during hikes, on a Monday night, and around a camp fire to talk about all things big and small. This has

also lead to good conversations about faith, and some young people going on to explore their faith as a result of these conversations.

OXFORDSHIRE DIOCESE

We have developed and cultivated good links with the Oxfordshire Diocese. In particular, this has been with the Chaplaincy Advisor, as they have continued to commission, and support the Chaplaincy role within the Marlborough School.

This has resulted in further chaplaincy training and equipping, as well as access to networks of other chaplains across the Diocese to connect with and learn from.

These links are also helpful as we continue to network and establish new connections with other youth workers. In particular, with events like OXtoberfest and Encounter restarting, we are hopeful that by working closer with the Diocese, we will be able to increase the awareness of these events.

PLANNED GROWTH

As the opportunities continue to come up within Woodstock in regard to youth work, we want to be responding to them, and starting new groups and events to meet these needs. Due to this, as well as on-going restrictions, it is hard to completely anticipate what we will be starting in the next year, but this section outlines what we hope to be able to offer. Specific expansion and growth of what we already offer is omitted as it is outlined above.

CHAPLAINCY SPACE

One of the biggest struggles over the last year in the chaplaincy role has been not having a dedicated space within the school to operate from. This is going to change in the Autumn, where there will not only be a Chaplaincy office/room, but there will also be a separate reflection & prayer space.

This will allow us to be able to deliver the various aspects of the chaplaincy ministry more efficiently, as we will be based somewhere specific. It will also mean that we are able to be more accessible, as any students or staff that need that space, will be able to find and access it.

The hope is that the office/room will be used as a place for meetings, small groups, and discussions. The reflection/prayer space will then be used for any students that need a quiet space, a time for reflection, or even a scheduled class to go in and experience prayer and reflection.

STAFF PRAYERS

Another way that we want to grow the work of the trust, specifically in terms of the Chaplaincy, is by increasing opportunities for staff to experience God as well. One of the main ways that we are looking at introducing that, is by introducing a weekly, optional, prayer time before school.

This would involve members of staff who are interested, coming at the start of the day for 10 minutes of prayer and reflection to set them up for the day, and to pray into whatever the school may be facing at the time.

MENTORING TRAINING

As we continue to explore further professional development of our youth worker, we are looking at being involved in Mentoring training. This will help to underpin a lot of the work that the trust does and the young people that we interact with, both in the school, and in the wider community.

The hope is that this will enable times with young people to be more direct and focused, and mean that the benefit that we are offering young people through time spent with them will release deeper reflection and conversations.

This is training that we have been tentatively offered through our existing youth work networks, and will be a further opportunity to deepen those relationships and networks, and support one another in the local area.

FUTURE GROWTH

As the relationships within and around Woodstock continue to grow and expand, the hope is that so too, will the work. We really believe that there are some big things in Woodstock and Oxfordshire that God is doing, and we long to keep being a part of it. Working towards this is on-going, which makes it a bit hard to know precisely the things that we will be working towards in the future beyond the growth that is already planned and in the pipeline. There are some pieces, however, that we hope will be incorporated as the vision takes shape.

WOODSTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

With more time, it would be really great to explore how we can support the local primary school as well as the secondary school. It is less clear what the specific needs of the primary school are, but it could potentially open up good relationships.

We recently were able to attend some training that the Primary School were putting on that allowed us to meet and interact with the staff there. The local Anglican Church also already have a strong relationship with the school, and lead regular assemblies for them. We are hopeful that all of this will lead to further conversations with the school about how we can work together.

If possible, the plan would be to speak to the primary school and see what they felt the needs were, and if there was space for any faith-centred groups. This could take the form of regular assemblies, or potentially even an after-school group. Several years ago, there was an after-school Christian group at the school run by the local churches, and we would be interested in looking into re-starting something similar.

NEXT STEPS

As we transition from one year to another, it is important to look ahead to what we wish to achieve, and what we feel the key objectives of the next year should be. This feels like a particularly challenging exercise, as it is difficult to know what will and will not be able to happen as the world continues to emerge after the lockdown.

Nevertheless, these are key areas that we are hoping to progress in over the next year:

- 1. Reestablish who we are and what we do as we continue to enter the “new normal”.**
- 2. Consolidate the Chaplaincy role as a fixture in the Marlborough.**
- 3. Train new leaders, both young people, and adults, to take on areas of ministry.**
- 4. Provide opportunities for young people to explore and grow in their faith.**
- 5. Reestablish a regular presence in each of the local churches, and Churches Together.**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Woodstock Youth Work Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st May 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167999

Set out on pages

attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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.

**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 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.

Signed:

AR Cox

Date:

29-09-2021

Name:

A R Cox

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

F.C.C.A

Address:

35 Manor Road

Bladon

Woodstock, Oxon

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Woodstock Youth Work Trust

No (if any)
1167999

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/06/2020		31/05/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	16,675	-	-	16,675	14,390
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	-	30
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,675	-	-	16,675	14,420
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,675	-	-	16,675	14,420
A3 Payments					
Salary	17,399	-	-	17,399	17,399
Pension	869	-	-	869	914
Payroll administration	175	-	-	175	174
Training	100	-	-	100	400
Travel & hospitality	19	-	-	19	492
Bank charges	75	-	-	75	60
Insurance	333	-	-	333	317
Sundry expenses	67	-	-	67	48
Professional services & subscriptions	468	-	-	468	523
Sub total	19,505	-	-	19,505	20,327
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,505	-	-	19,505	20,327
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,830	-	-	- 2,830	- 5,907
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,034	-	-	8,127	14,034
Cash funds this year end	11,204	-	-	5,297	8,127

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account - CAF Bank	5,297	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	5,297	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	