

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1168558

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-08-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address Gillingham Youth & Community Centre
Cemetery Road
Gillingham
SP8 4AZ

Phone 07496413114

Email gillinghamyouthfoundation@gmail.com

Website www.gillinghamyouthfoundation.com

Activities

Objects: 1. TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF GILLINGHAM DORSET AND ITS HINTERLAND AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE LODBOURNE AND TOWN WARDS (THE "AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. 2. TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF : (A) ADVANCING THEM IN LIFE AND HELPING THEM BY DEVELOPING THEIR LIFE SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AN INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS; (B) ADVANCING EDUCATION, INCLUDING:- COMMUNITY EDUCATION;- PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE;- TRAINING (INCLUDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING) AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING;- RESEARCH AND ADDING TO COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF SPECIFIC AREAS OF STUDY AND EXPERTISE;- THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITIES, COMPETENCES, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING; (C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT THROUGH WORKING WITH PARTNERS, ANSBURY (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1160444) AND THE LOCAL JOB CLUBS TO GIVE ADVICE AND SUPPORT; (D) PREVENTING THEM FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ALL WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.3. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT BY SUCH CHARITABLE MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: Gillingham Youth Foundation enables the continued function of the Youth & Community buildings to provide a regular place for local youth and community groups, clubs and other charitable organisations to meet on a regular basis, without prejudice or discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £28,635 | £32,537 | - | - |
| 2024-08-31 | £27,213 | £30,276 | - | - |
| 2023-08-31 | £34,118 | £30,747 | - | - |
| 2022-08-31 | £33,147 | £28,866 | - | - |
| 2021-08-31 | £24,103 | £23,308 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| David Walsh | Chair | 2016-08-10 |
| Alan Waistell | | 2016-08-17 |
| BELINDA RIDOUT | | 2016-08-10 |

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168558

Accounts

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report for 2024/25

The 2024/25 financial year has remained steady for Gillingham Youth Foundation. There has been a healthy increase in the level of hire income, compared to the previous year and more enquiries are coming forward. The continued regular hire of the garage workshop, music centre (Platform 1), the storage workshop and the two upstairs meeting/office rooms has ensured a reliable income. When clearing out the old garage workshop for a new hirer, some redundant vehicle maintenance items were sold for a total of £1,400 but a number of old tyres had to be disposed of properly at a cost of £312.

However, as with all older buildings, there were a couple of unexpected major repairs required during the year. Firstly, after weeks of heavy rain, a leak was discovered in the workshop roof, which prompted further investigation. The roof was found to be very rotten in parts which lead to an immediate repair cost of £2,630.00, but in the knowledge that this is just a 'sticking plaster' to tide over until there is the funding to address the repair and new bitumen coating. Also, urgent repairs were needed for the second time to a damaged manhole in the front car park, costing £380.00. And then Highways informed the Foundation of the need to fell a dead Ash tree overhanging the pavement along Le Neubourg Way, costing £650.00. These unexpected costs have knocked our potential profit, but we have continued to attract regular and one-off hirers (birthday parties) and much larger regular groups, including a regular Sunday Pentecostal Church group, necessitating a need to purchase another 40 fold-up chairs with a storage cradle for £838.86 and to replace the old dishwasher, costing £249.00.

We have a good cross-spectrum of local community groups using the facility, from toddlers to the more mature generation, with new regular hirers coming on board to replace the ones we lost in the previous year for a variety of reasons. New hirers include a weekly basket ball group and a weekly Pentecostal church group on Sunday's. Youth Justice used our facilities more regularly during the year. For a while we hosted yoga and circus skills for young people but unfortunately there was a very small take-up of the sessions and they stopped after three weeks, despite widespread advertising. Likewise, a new pickle-ball group ran a few sessions, but lack of take-up rendered this a short-term initiative. Rendezvous, a weekly support group for young families, sadly stopped in March 2025, due to funding, which was a blow to the local families they supported. One-off hire has increased with more enquiries for birthday parties. It is an ever-changing hire scenario but taken as a whole, the numbers remain on the upward trend.

You can imagine that the general maintenance cost of these old buildings is high, just to keep the roof, and gutters clean and maintained, let alone internal repairs as necessary. But we are grateful to Squeaky Clean for keeping our windows sparkling. As always, Health & safety is top of our agenda. The contract with BIFFA for waste disposal is going well, embracing the new waste disposal regulations within the youth centre and I thank all hirers for their cooperation with this, putting the 'right thing in the right bin'. My sincere thanks to Alan Waistell, for his attention to maintenance, which keeps the buildings safe and up to standard for our hirers. Utility and insurance bills are the constant drain on the Foundation's finances and, again, I thank Alan Waistell for securing the Foundation the best possible prices.

So What is new, what is next? We will continue to increase our regular hirers through promotion of the centre. Through our website, www.gillinghamyouthfoundation.co.uk. We shall continue to consider further cost-effective ways to make the buildings more sustainable for the future. We are aware for the need of sound-deadening in the sports hall and will keep this on the forward plan, but as things stand at the moment, this expense is unfortunately not within our budget. We also have a problem with the floor in one of the ladies toilet cubicles, and again, this is on our list but not our budget for the forthcoming year.

Sadly, I feel I need to mention at this point that equipment for hirers use within the centre has sustained a significant amount of damage over the past year, some accidental, including the television, popular with youth groups, but also the games tables, stools and our new chairs. Could I please ask all hirers to be vigilant and report damage immediately to the trustees. As a Foundation, we inherited stools, games equipment and the tv's with the takeover of the centre, but we do not have the spare funds to replace the same. Should hirers wish to take it upon themselves to find funding/donations to replace such items, then this would be welcomed by the Foundation. I see the success of this centre as working together to keep this fantastic facility available for the people of Gillingham and the surrounds. However, after saying that, this year, 2026, is the 10th anniversary of Gillingham Youth Foundation. This is a significant milestone and I would like to thank all groups and individuals who have continued to support us and we are really pleased to be able to continue to accommodate you going forward.

I would like to mention and minute our thanks to Eric, our Caretaker and his wife, Angela, for their conscientious duty to the youth centre. It has become a full-time job for them both! The centre is kept exceptionally clean and tidy. I would also like to minute our thanks to our trustees: Belinda for carrying out all the admin and bookings, Alan for keeping the buildings fit for purpose.

It has been a pleasure to work as part of this committee and look forward to the coming year with excitement and optimism.

David Walsh, Chair of Trustees, Gillingham Youth Foundation

April, 2026

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

1st September 2024 - 31st August 2025

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

| | This year 2024/2025 | Prev. year 2023/2024 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>INCOME:</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Sales: hire of rooms Sales Type A 4000 | 27,230.25 | 23,846.75 |
| Sale of Assets: 4200 | 1,400.00 | 0 |
| Other Income: 4900 donations, sponsorship, tombola | 5.00 | 3,365.75 |
| | <u>28,635.25</u> | <u>27,212.50</u> |
| <u>EXPENSES AND OVERHEADS</u> | | |
| Gas, water, electric 7200 | 6,376.55 | 6,978.56 |
| Rent & Rates 7100* | 0 | 0 |
| Office costs 7500 | 1,349.83 | 1,206.82 |
| Fire & Safety 7503 | 792.14 | 1,629.65 |
| Health & Hygiene 8201 | 3,686.21 | 3,732.31 |
| Legal and professional 7600 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Insurance 7610* | 1,867.20 | 3,583.53* |
| General expenses 8200 | 2,392.71 | 1,847.48 |
| Repairs and renewals 7800 | 3,010.00 | 0 |
| Payroll costs 7001 | 258.00 | 240.00 |
| Marketing 6200 | 891.92 | 0 |
| PAYE (HMRC payments) 2210 | 1,922.40 | 1,841.40 |
| Net Wages 2220 | 9,930.24 | 9,155.83 |
| | <u>32,537.20</u> | <u>30,275.58</u> |
| NET PROFIT/(LOSS): | (3,901.95) | (3,063.08) |
| Reserves policy: | | |
| <i>Based on total expenditure £32,537.20 divided by 12 months = £2,711.44 x 3 months = £8,134.32</i> | | |
| Lloyds Opening Account Balance: | 17,878.29 | 21,064.37 |
| Lloyds Closing Account balance: | 13,416.59 | 17,878.29 |
| Variation | (4,461.70) | (3,186.08) |
| Trade debtors 1100 | 479.75 | 123.00 |
| Trade creditors 2100 | 0 | 0 |
| Less Adjustment for Sage account balance: | 80.00 | |
| <i>(As agreed with Independent Examiner, Faith Butler)</i> | (3,901.95) | (3,063.08) |

*7100 Rates – 100% council tax relief awarded by Dorset Council

*7610 Insurance for 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial year.

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
- (2) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
- (3) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (4) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Faith Butler
16 Clarendon Close, Wyke,
Gillingham, Dorset. SP8 4NL

4th February 2026

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168558

Accounts

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report for 2023/24

The 2023/24 financial year has remained steady for Gillingham Youth Foundation. There has not been the level of hire income enjoyed by previous years, particularly last year's all-time high in the history of the Foundation, however, new hirers have come on board and more enquiries are coming forward. The continued regular hire of the garage workshop, music centre (Platform 1), the storage workshop and the two upstairs meeting/office rooms has ensured a reliable income. Local sponsorship unfortunately ceased due to viability issues and donations were lacking.

Health & safety is always top of our agenda. To help keep the floors clean, particularly for the toddler and baby groups, an Egon Vacuum washer was purchased, which makes cleaning a whole lot easier for Eric. Trustees also agreed to purchase a defibrillator from London Hears which is now in place at the bottom of the office stairs. We ask all groups to consider training their staff and will keep you informed of local training sessions.

You can imagine that the general maintenance cost of these old buildings is high, just to keep the roof, and gutters clean and maintained, let alone internal repairs as necessary. But we are grateful to Squeaky Clean for keeping our windows sparkling. My sincere thanks to Alan Waistell, and Aaram Grant, fellow trustees, for their attention to maintenance, which keeps the buildings safe and up to standard for our hirers.

Utility bills are the constant drain on the Foundation's finances and, again, I thank Alan Waistell for securing the Foundation the best possible prices.

So What is new, what is next? We will continue to increase our regular hirers through promotion of the centre. We have a brand new website, www.gillinghamyouthfoundation.co.uk, thanks to Alan Waistell, which went live earlier in the year. It is bright and welcoming and has already attracted more bookings.

We shall continue to consider further cost-effective ways to make the buildings more sustainable for the future. A major consideration is sound-deadening in the sports hall to calm the 'echo' effect. This has been on our 'to-do' list for a while but this Spring, unfortunately the garage workshop and store needed urgent roof repairs.

After a couple of years of intermittent bookings, we have just secured a permanent booking for the two first floor offices which is great news for the Foundation and will help to re-build our income after the major expense of the garage workshop roof.

I would like to thank all groups and individuals who have continued to support us and we are really pleased to be able to continue to accommodate you going forward.

I would also like to mention and minute our thanks to Eric, our Caretaker and his wife, Angela for their conscientious duty to the youth centre. It has become a full-time job for them both!

Finally, I would like to minute our thanks to our Trustees who put in more hours a week than your average job requires and so I thank Belinda for carrying out all the admin and bookings, Alan and Aaran for all that they have done over the last year to keep the buildings fit for purpose. We were sad to lose Aaran recently but I thank him for his contribution to the repair and maintenance of the building whilst he was with us.

It has been a pleasure to work as part of this committee and look forward to the coming year with excitement and optimism.

David Walsh, Chair of Trustees, Gillingham Youth Foundation

17th April, 2025

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

1st September 2023 - 31st August 2024

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

| | | This year 2023/2024 | Prev. year 2022/2023 |
|--|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| <u>INCOME:</u> | | | |
| Sales: hire of rooms Sales Type A 4000 | | 23,846.75 | 29,765.00 |
| Sales: discounts (4009) | | 0 | (90.00) |
| Sale of Assets: 4200 | | 0 | 0 |
| Other Income: 4900 donations, sponsorship, tombola | | 3,365.75 | 4,443.36 |
| | | <u>27,212.50</u> | <u>34,118.36</u> |
| <u>EXPENSES AND OVERHEADS</u> | | | |
| Gas, water, electric | 7200 | 6,978.56 | 8,336.77 |
| Rent & Rates | 7100* | 0 | 0 |
| Office costs | 7500 | 1,206.82 | 1,148.88 |
| Fire & Safety | 7503 | 1,629.65 | 1,589.82 |
| Health & Hygiene | 8201 | 3,732.31 | 1,386.52 |
| Legal and professional | 7600 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Insurance | 7610* | 3,583.53* | 0 |
| General expenses | 8200 | 1,847.48 | 8,581.48 |
| Repairs and renewals | 7800 | 0 | 0 |
| Payroll costs | 7001 | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| PAYE (HMRC payments) | 2210 | 1,841.40 | 849.26 |
| Net Wages | 2220 | 9,155.83 | 8,554.70 |
| | | <u>30,275.58</u> | <u>30,747.43</u> |
| NET PROFIT/(LOSS): | | (3,063.08) | 3,370.93 |
| Reserves policy: | | | |
| <i>Based on total expenditure £30,275.58 divided by 12 months = £2,522.97 x 3 months = £7,568.91</i> | | | |
| Lloyds Opening Account Balance: | | 21,064.37 | 17,775.69 |
| Lloyds Closing Account balance: | | 17,878.29 | 21,064.37 |
| Variation | | (3,186.08) | 3,288.68 |
| Trade debtors 1100 | | 123.00 | (97.75) |
| Trade creditors 2100 | | 0 | 0 |
| | | (3,063.08) | 180.00 * |
| | | | <u>3,370.93</u> |

*7100 Rates – 100% council tax relief awarded by Dorset Council

*7610 Insurance for 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial year.

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
- (2) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
- (3) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (4) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Faith Butler

Mrs Faith Butler
16 Clarendon Close, Wyke,
Gillingham, Dorset SP6 4NL

2nd April 2025

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168558

Accounts

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report for 2022/23

This last year has seen good progress for Gillingham Youth Foundation with income from hirers surpassing the previous financial year's all-time high in the sixth-year history of the Foundation. New hirers have come on board and more enquiries are coming forward. The continued regular hire of the garage workshop, the music centre (Platform 1) and the storage workshop has ensured a steady income. Likewise, the hiring out of the two upstairs rooms for storage and meetings. I am pleased to say that nearly every part of the youth centre building is now bringing in an income.

Once again, the Foundation has been successful in attracting local sponsorship and in-kind donations (no labour cost) for repairs to the centre buildings. Our thanks to Home Heroes for fitting new LED lights to the storage workshop at cost. The Trustees have continued to make improvements to the buildings during the year, including tints fitted to the windows of the sports hall to block excessive sunlight and provide a degree of safeguarding for vulnerable users, at the request of hirers. Leaky roof problems and the necessary replacement of drainpipe and repairs to the manhole cover in the car park, just a few of the maintenance issues addressed during the year. My sincere thanks to Alan Waistell, fellow trustee in his Health & Safety role, for all his attention to this detail, keeping our costs down and the buildings safe and up to standard for our hirers.

Utility costs have remained high and to help keep costs down in the long run, the trustees agreed to replace the remaining old lighting with intelligent LED lighting. This has really made a physical and financial difference to the running of the building, being bright for our hirers and not having to worry about turning lights off! Again, I thank Alan Waistell for securing the Foundation the best possible utility prices through his contacts. Customer hire fees were not raised during the financial year.

So, what is new, what is next? We will continue to increase our regular hirers through promotion of the centre and to consider further cost-effective ways to make the buildings more sustainable for the future. Alternative options for hall hire have sadly closed in the town, so we are seeing an increase in enquiries and hope to be able to accommodate most of them.

I would like to thank all our regular groups and individuals who continue to hire the premises and we are really pleased to be able to continue to accommodate you going forward.

I would also like to mention and minute our thanks to Eric, our Caretaker, and wife Angela, for their conscientious duty to the youth centre, their attention to detail and doing their best to help our hirers at all times. It has become a full-time job for them both!

Finally, I would like to minute our thanks to our Trustees who put in more hours a week than your average job requires. I thank Belinda and Alan for all that they have done over the last year to keep this community's dream a reality and for the support of new trustee, Aaran, who joined us in June 2023, who immediately got stuck in as a buildings trustee. It has been a pleasure to work as part of this committee and look forward to the coming year with excitement and optimism.

David Walsh, Chair of Trustees, Gillingham Youth Foundation

20th March, 2024

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent examiners statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention.

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
- (2) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
- (3) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (4) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Faith Butler, on behalf of

C R Taylor & Co
Little St. Audrey's, South Street,
Wincanton, Somerset. BA9 9DL

26th February 2024

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168558

Accounts

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report for 2021/22

Gillingham Youth Foundation has emerged from a very testing few years, when it was really unclear if we would still have a Gillingham Youth & Community Centre for the community to come back to. As I referred to in my 20/21 report, the Foundation owes its complete gratitude to the continued generosity of local sponsorship, one-off grants and in-kind donations. I thank all the groups and individuals that work with us in providing for our Community.

This last year has seen significant progress for Gillingham Youth Foundation with income from hirers achieving on all-time high in the six-year history of the Foundation. New hirers have come on board and more enquiries are coming forward. I am pleased to say that nearly every part of the youth centre building is now bringing in an income.

It was agreed by the Trustees to tackle some of the most pressing repairs, particularly the rear porch entrance damaged by rain ingress. It was also agreed to begin a programme of long-awaited redecoration, replacing old lighting with energy saving LED, up-grading taps to save water, replacing the hand-dryers in the toilets and replacing worn out floor coverings. The result is a building fit for purpose, bright and clean for the community's use. My sincere thanks to Alan Waistell, fellow trustee, for all his attention to maintenance, which keeps the buildings safe and up to standard for our hirers.

It was agreed by the Trustees that hire rates would not be increased during the Covid pandemic, however at the end of 2021, we all became very much aware that utility bills, gas and electricity in our case, were going to increase significantly. Again, I thank Alan Waistell for securing the Foundation the best possible prices through his contacts. With this in mind, it was very regrettable that the Trustees were left with no alternative but to raise hire fees from 1st November 2021. We really do appreciate everyone's co-operation with this.

Looking ahead, we are doing our best to provide the most efficient heating and lighting we can within our budget. The replacement of the remaining old lighting throughout the building with LED intelligent lighting is a goal for 2022/23.

So What is new, what is next? We will continue to increase our regular hirers through promotion of the centre. The renting out of the garage workshop and the Music Suite has been very successful. The renting out of the workshop adjacent to the garage as storage space has also been very successful. Our next project is to work on hiring out the office space on the first floor (this has now been achieved in the current year). We will have then achieved full hire capacity of the premises.

I would like to thank all groups and individuals who have stuck with us through these difficult times and we are really pleased to be able to continue to accommodate you going forward.

I would also like to mention and minute our thanks to Eric, our Caretaker and his wife, Angela for their conscientious duty to the youth centre. It has become a full-time job for them both!

Finally, I would like to minute our thanks to our Trustees who put in more hours a week than your average job requires and so I thank Belinda and Alan for all that they have done over the last year to keep this community's dream a reality and for the support of new trustees, Gaynor and Judy, who joined us in June 2021 (but who regrettably, this current year, have resigned due to other commitments). It has been a pleasure to work as part of this committee and look forward to the coming year with excitement and optimism.

David Walsh, Chair of Trustees, Gillingham Youth Foundation

31st March, 2023

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

| | This year 2021/2022 | Prev. year 2020/2021 |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>INCOME:</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Sales: hire of rooms Sales Type A 4000 | 26,923.75 | 13,157.00 |
| Sale of Assets: 4200 | 0 | 180.00 |
| Other Income: 4900 donations, sponsorship, tombola | <u>6,222.85</u> | <u>10,765.78</u> |
| | 33,146.60 | 24,102.78 |
| <u>EXPENSES AND OVERHEADS</u> | | |
| Gas, water, electric 7200 | 6,830.24 | 4,133.77 |
| Rent & Rates 7100* | 0 | 0 |
| Office costs 7500 | 1,110.48 | 1,086.48 |
| Fire & Safety 7503 | 2,124.14 | 1,052.00 |
| Health & Hygiene 8201 | 1,045.12 | 2,017.81 |
| Legal and professional 7600* | 0 | 100.00 |
| Insurance 7610 | 1,530.57 | 2,688.12 |
| General expenses 8200* | 5,934.06 | 2,909.26 |
| Repairs and renewals 7800 | 252.00 | 1,755.49 |
| Payroll costs 7001 | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| PAYE (HMRC payments) 2210 | 994.84 | 1,444.20 |
| Net Wages 2220 | 8,804.49 | 5,881.34 |
| | <u>28,865.94</u> | <u>23,308.47</u> |
| NET PROFIT/(LOSS): | 4,280.66 | 794.31 |
| Reserves policy: | | |
| <i>Based on total expenditure £28,865.94 divided by 12 months = £2,405.50 x 3 months = £7,216.50</i> | | |
| Lloyds Opening Account Balance: | 13,717.28 | 13,790.34 |
| Lloyds Closing Account balance: | 17,775.69 | 13,717.28 |
| Variation | 4,058.41 | (73.06) |
| Trade debtors 1100 | 412.25 | 721.25 |
| <i>Less Adjustment for Sage Accounts Bank Opening Balance: £190 (As Agreed with Independent Examiner, C.R. Taylor & Co.)</i> | 190.00 | 0 |
| | <u>4,280.66</u> | <u>794.31</u> |

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

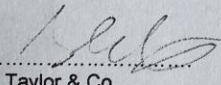
Basis of Independent examiners statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention.

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;
- (2) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
- (3) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (4) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


C R Taylor & Co
Little St. Audrey's, South Street,
Wincanton, Somerset. BA9 9DL

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168558

Accounts

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report for 2020/21

The last two years or more have been a complete blur for many of us and we all had to find new ways to work, new ways to live and businesses found it very hard to survive, though Belinda learnt new skills and the new word "furlough", even though we have only one member of paid staff changes had to be set in motion. Government Covid-19 restrictions continued to be in place throughout 2020/21 and the previous year 2019/20 AGM did not take place as hoped. However, my Chairman's Report and independently audited financial accounts for 2019/20 were duly submitted to the Charities Commission.

We all had to find new ways to work but now we seem to be coming out of the other side and returning to normal whatever that new normal is. This last year has yet again been an extraordinary challenge for Gillingham Youth Foundation and hirers of the Gillingham Youth & Community Centre buildings. Income from the hire of rooms improved a little when Covid restrictions were temporarily eased, but the Foundation has to owe its complete gratitude to the continued generosity of local sponsorship and one-off grant funding from Investec Wealth & Investment. Without which, the youth and community buildings would now be closed, **permanently**. We are deeply indebted to these benefactors, who have secured the future of the youth & community buildings for the community. Once again, I also thank Farnfield Solicitors for their ongoing help with tidying up all the loose ends with the transfer of the site from Dorset Council.

With the youth centre buildings vacated for long periods during lockdown, it was agreed by the Trustees to tackle some of the most pressing repairs, particularly the damage to the rear porch entrance caused by the rain finding its way through the roof, ceiling and causing internal damage. My sincerest thanks to Alan Waistell, fellow trustee, for all his attention to maintenance and repair, particularly in organising structural works to the rear porch roof damaged by water ingress. Also, lights plus all the other things I haven't mentioned which keeps the buildings safe and up to standard for our hirers. As well as these duties, Alan has responsibility for health & safety and has been a stalwart in making sure the buildings are compliant with Government pandemic guidelines and in organising the necessary hygiene equipment to ensure that hirers were operating in a safe environment.

I thank all the groups and individuals that work with us in providing for our Community. It has been another difficult year and some of you have not been able to physically meet because of your member's potential vulnerability to the Covid-19 virus or because your activity cannot comply with social distancing. It was agreed by the Trustees that hire rates would not be increased during these times, however at the end of 2021, we all became very much aware that utility bills, gas and electric in our case, were going to sore. Again, I thank Alan Waistell for securing the Foundation the best possible prices through his contacts. With this in mind, it was very regrettable that the Trustees were left with no alternative but to raise hire fees from 1st November 2021. We really do appreciate everyone's co-operation with this.

As will be explained by our Treasurer, if it hadn't been for the Covid outbreak, our finances were forecast to make significant improvement. but many of our regular groups were unable to meet up due to the vulnerability of their members. We were looking forward to hosting art and cultural classes run by Bournemouth & Poole Skills & Learning, but unfortunately these courses had to be cancelled again, and remain cancelled going forward. This is a great shame not only for the Foundation but for the local community. Despite this, we managed to just about break-even which is remarkable. However, we still have to be extremely careful going forward. As we all know, we are facing unprecedented increases in utility bills. and on that note Can I please reiterate to all those who use the buildings to ensure that all lights and taps are turned off when they leave.

So What is new, what is next? We will continue to increase our regular hirers through promotion of the centre. The renting out of the garage workshop and the Music Suite has been very successful. The renting out of the space between the music suite and the garage has just been finalised. Our next project is to work on hiring out the office space on the first floor. We will have then achieved full hire capacity of the premises.

I would like to welcome a new group, "The Friday Club", to our regular lettings and wish them every success. I would also like to thank all groups and individuals who have stuck with us through these difficult times and can now look ahead.

Finally, I want to mention and minute our thanks to Eric, our Caretaker and only paid employee. Conscientious as ever, but it has been a difficult year for Eric, like it has been for most of us and I thank Angela, his much better half, for stepping in when needed. But I'm pleased to say we can now look forward to having Eric's full attention after relinquishing his other job.

Finally, Finally, I would like to minute our thanks to our Trustees who put in more hours a week than your average job requires and so I thank Belinda and Alan ...for all that they have done over the last year to keep this community's dream a reality ...and for the support of our new trustees, Gaynor and Judy, who joined us in June 2021. As Chairman, I want to mention someone special, who was there at the very beginning when we set up the Foundation 6 years ago and since that first Trustee meeting has been the beating heart behind this community venture, for 6 years she has Taken the bookings, set the weekly diary and liaised with the caretaker, advertised for new hirers, all the book keeping and reporting to the Charity Commission and everything else expected of a Charity's Secretary and of a Charity's Treasurer. We all thank you Belinda for all your hard work and dedication.

It really has been a pleasure to work as part of this committee and I am very proud to be it's Chairman. We are all looking forward to the coming year with excitement and optimism.

David Walsh, Chair of Trustees, Gillingham Youth Foundation
23rd February 2022

GILLINGHAM YOUTH FOUNDATION

1st September 2020 - 31st August 2021

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

| | This year 2020/2021 | Prev. year 2019/2020 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>INCOME:</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Sales: hire of rooms Sales Type A 4000 | 13,157.00 | 10,355.00 |
| Sale of Assets: 4200 | 180.00 | 0 |
| Other Income: 4900 donations, sponsorship, tombola | <u>10,765.78</u> | <u>17,930.98</u> |
| | 24,102.78 | 28,285.98 |
| <u>EXPENSES AND OVERHEADS</u> | | |
| Office equipment and IT 0030 | 0 | 384.84 |
| Gas, water, electric 7200 | 4,133.77 | 4,426.97 |
| Rent & Rates 7100 | 0 | 0 |
| Office costs 7500 | 1,086.48 | 701.64 |
| Fire & Safety 7503 | 1,052.00 | 0 |
| Health & Hygiene 8201 | 2,017.81 | 197.99 |
| Legal and professional 7600 | 100.00 | 0 |
| Insurance 7610 | 2,688.12 | 2,146.05 |
| General expenses 8200 | 2,909.26 | 4,606.89 |
| Repairs and renewals 7800 | 1,755.49 | 744.47 |
| Payroll costs 7001 | 240.00 | 319.00 |
| PAYE (HMRC payments) 2210 | 1,444.20 | 1,554.00 |
| Net Wages 2220 | 5,881.34 | 6,105.20 |
| Other deductions 7009 | 0 | 0 |
| Marketing 6200 | 0 | 450.00 |
| | <u>23,308.47</u> | <u>21,637.05</u> |
| NET PROFIT/(LOSS): | 794.31 | 6,648.93 |
| Reserves policy: | | |
| <i>Based on total expenditure £23,308.47 divided by 12 months =</i> | <i>£5,827.14</i> | |
| <i>£1,942.38 x 3 months = £5,827.14</i> | | |
| Lloyds Opening Account Balance: | 13,790.34 | 4,934.66 |
| Lloyds Closing Account balance: | 13,717.28 | 13,790.34 |
| Variation | (73.06) | 8,855.68 |
| Less Trade debtors 1100 | 721.25 | 1,432.75 |
| *Adjustment for Sage Accounts Bank Opening Balance (As agreed with Independent Examiner of the accounts) | | 774.00* |
| | <u>794.31</u> | <u>6,648.93</u> |