



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date	Period end date
From	1 st April 2024	To 1 st April 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Young and Sweet
Other names charity is known by	Haltwhistle Youth Club
Registered charity number (if any)	1170390
Charity's principal address	33 Park Avenue
	Haltwhistle
	Northumberland
Postcode	NE499AU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lawrence Thompson	Chair		
2	Sheila Cook	Secretary		
3	Alan Sharp	Treasurer		
4	Joanne Atkinson			
5	Emma Brownlee			
6	Graeme Hutton			
7	Jill McKenna			
8	Katy Barke			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustee's

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All candidates for Trustee positions will, at first, receive information regarding the roles and responsibilities of a trustee, complete an expression of interest form and be invited to an informal interview. All new trustees will be given the organisation's policy and procedures and are expected to make themselves familiar with the documents. Trustees will only be appointed when an enhanced DBS check is complete.

Trustees have an ongoing risk assessment with five main headings: Strategic, operational, financial, regulatory and people. This allows Trustees to take into consideration risks to the charity and how to minimise and manage them.

Other policies that are adopted by all trustees to ensure safe and effective practice are-

Safeguarding Children and vulnerable Adults

Lone working Policy

Personal safety and lone working policy

Health and safety policy

Equality and diversity policy

Data protection policy

Confidentiality and information sharing guidelines.

Risk management Policy

Safer Recruitment Policy

Volunteer recruitment guidelines

Social media policy

Young and Sweet is a member of the NCCO (National Council for voluntary organisations, Tynedale Youth Forum, Northumberland Youth Work Network, UK Youth and Village Hall consortium)

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity's objects, as set out in the constitution, are:
To advance in life, relieve and help young people through:
The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where relevant. The Charity is a membership charity, open without restriction to any person whether UK-resident or not. Its trustees are unpaid. The cost of membership is maintained at the lowest viable rate, and this serves to fund some of main activities of the charity and encourage the feeling of ownership for members. Activities aim to;

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Ensure youth work is available to all young people so they can benefit from support and skills development that will enable them to take advantage of education, training and employment opportunities in their area.
- Ensure young people have access to trusted adults are more ambitious with their education expectations and goals due to the impact of positive role models.
- Encourage youth work and youth activities, including outdoor learning, as the role is important in providing young people with the skills and relationships for life and work and a space to identify what they need to achieve their goals and overcome challenges.
- Give young people the space, support and confidence to have their voices heard on issues that matter to them and also to provide volunteering and social action opportunities and be included in their communities.
- Give young people the space and opportunities to be themselves and be celebrated and supported as individual with their own set of needs.
- To keep the local and wider community up to date with charitable activities and what we are trying to achieve.

The trustees meet five times per year with extra meeting arranged if there is a need.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity is well known and supported in the local community; young people look forward to coming when they are age appropriate. We have roughly about 10 volunteers who support in varying roles: some supporting on a weekly basis, some for fundraising activities and some who deliver one off activities. We are also lucky to be supported by businesses in the community who have supported us when developing the space.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Young and Sweet have worked hard to provide a varying and enriching programme around the needs of the young people that we work with. The young people are at the heart of the project and regularly participate in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of activities. Using The "Every Child Matters" initiative when planning our weekly activities ensures that we are covering a wide range of topics that are relevant to their everyday lives. The five key outcomes which aim to improve the well-being of children and young people are: Being Healthy, Staying Safe, Enjoying and Achieving, making a Positive Contribution, and Achieving Economic Well-being.

Our activity year runs from September to September. During that time we have had 134 regular members who access the club on a weekly basis along with roughly 50 other contacts who we have supported. Regular members consist of 63 boys and 71 girls which highlights our success in keeping the boys enrolled as we had seen a dip the year before.

We have had a great summer where young people had the opportunity to participate in trips to Blackpool pleasure beach, Inflatespace, Haltwhistle swimming pool, the beach, outdoor sports, a residential and a BBQ at youth club. We also organised a family trip to South Shields which has become an annual trip for local people.

At the beginning of 2025 we had some major renovation completed to the inside of the building. We have utilised the wasted corridor space and created one large activity room with a snug area and a games room. The open space means we can have activities for large groups and has made a huge difference to how we manage young people and our interactions with them. We have also been able to offer the space to the community groups/businesses at an affordable price which will hopefully encourage growth within the community. The space is a huge hit with the young people as they love the open feel and have space to play pool, table tennis and take part in large group games.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Young and Sweet have £44081 which is roughly estimated to be 6 months running cost. The reserves are reviewed annually.

In the event of the charity carrying reserves forward, the Board of Trustees maintain two reserves funds **restricted** and **unrestricted**.

Restricted reserves are those funds that are earmarked by donor's wishes for specific future uses. The level of restricted reserves varies from year to year in accordance with the amount of restricted funds raised.

Aims and Constraints

Young and Sweet aims to retain sufficient financial reserves to protect against failure to meet fundraising targets, unforeseen costs and general business risk.

Financial reserves are defined as surplus unrestricted funds.

The Trustees recognise that financial reserves can only be built up through the receipt of unplanned unrestricted income. The accumulation of unrestricted financial reserves will therefore be, in the main, opportunistic.

The medium-term aim is to accumulate sufficient unrestricted financial reserves to meet 6 months' running costs. This figure is currently estimated to be in the region of £40,000 but will be reviewed annually.

Achievement of the goal

If Young and Sweet achieves an unrestricted surplus position, it will aim not to spend the surplus.

If Young and Sweet receives significant unbudgeted income, Trustees will make a decision on a case-by-case basis as to whether the income should be designated for a particular purpose or used to boost unrestricted financial reserves.

Measurement of progress towards the goal

Achievement or otherwise against the Financial Reserves Policy should be measured and reviewed annually.

The Trustees will review progress against the policy, and the policy itself, alongside approval of the Annual Report and Accounts each year.

Investment of unrestricted financial reserves

In deciding where and how to invest financial reserves, the board will bear in mind the need for balance between short-term cash needs and long-term growth.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

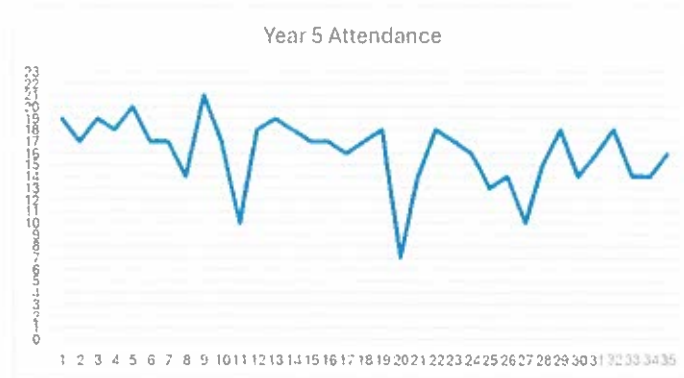
All income received has been to support the daily running of the project, young people's activities and improvement/repair to the building. Please see audited Accounts for full list of funders.

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Other optional information

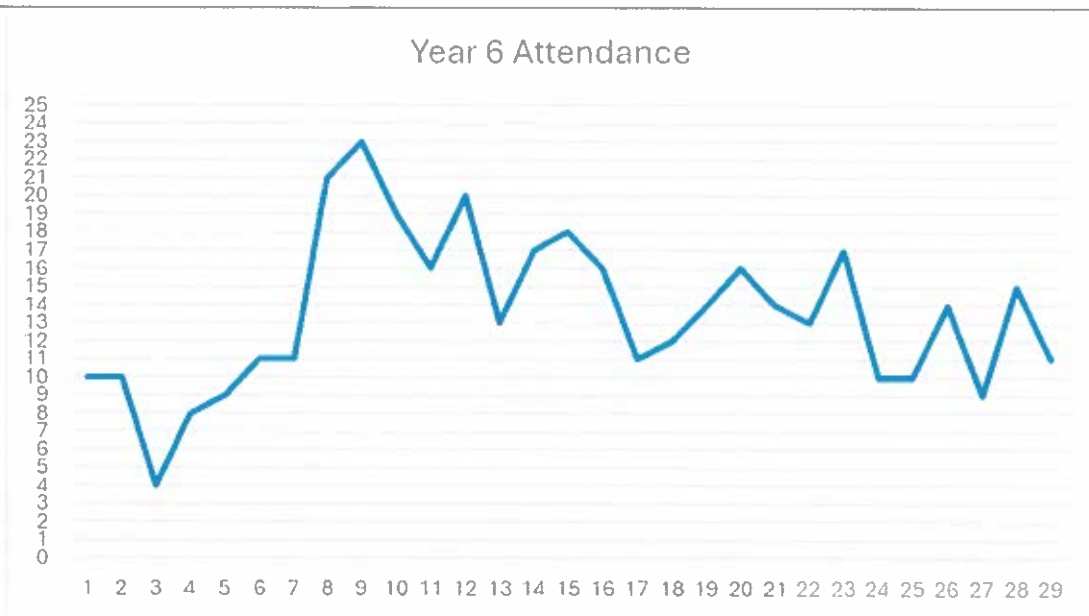
Attendance Summary 2024-25

Year 5



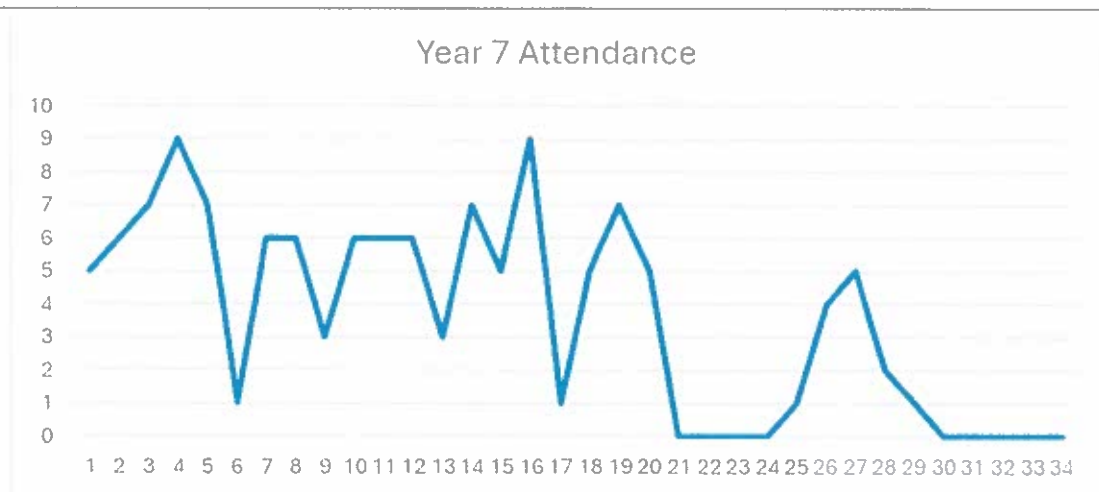
Year 5 2023/24		Numbers	Percentage Attendance	Year 5 2024/25		Numbers	Percentage Attendance
	All	32	36%		All	27	69%
	Male	16	36%		Male	15	63%
	Female	16	15%		Female	12	75%

- Over the year, 27 young people accessed the service- 15 male and 12 female.
- Average attendance was 16 young people per session, with 21 the highest on November 11th.
- Lowest attendance was on February 3rd having only 7 attendees.
- Lower attendance in session 11 was a one-off archery session attended by multiple age groups.
- We see peaks and troughs over the summer, consistent with last year, although with higher numbers.
- We can see that fewer Year 5 children have come through the doors in 2024/25 compared to last year, but it is a smaller cohort.
- However, attendance percentage is up across the board suggesting that more young people were accessing the service each week.



Year 6 2023/24		Numbers	%	Year 5 2023/24		Numbers	%	Year 6 2024/25		Numbers	%
	All	34	40%		All	32	36%		All	31	65%
	Male	15	27%		Male	16	36%		Male	15	57%
	Fem	19	33%		Fem	16	15%		Fem	16	68%

- Over the year, 31 young people accessed the service- 15 male and 16 female.
- Average attendance was 13 young people per session, with 23 the highest on November 13th.
- Lowest attendance was on September 25th having only 4 attendees.
- Attendance begins low in September, but we see a huge increase following the Halloween disco and have our period of highest attendance in early November. This is consistent with last year's data. Similar events may help us keep interest with these children in Year 7.
- We see peaks and troughs over the summer consistent with other year groups.
- Whilst numbers of young people remain similar to this cohort in Year 5 and to last year's Year 6 group, we see that young people accessed to service far more regularly.



Year 7 2023/24		Numbers	%	Year 6 2023/24		Numbers	%	Year 7 2024/25		Numbers	%
	All	28	28%		All	34	40%		All	21	39%
	Male	10	10%		Male	15	27%		Male	10	31%
	Fem	18	33%		Fem	19	33%		Fem	11	46%

- Over the year, 21 young people accessed the service- 10 male and 11 female.
- Average attendance was 4 young people per session, with 9 the highest on two occasions- October 3rd and January 16th.
- On May 6th the decision was made to fold the Year 7s into the Year 8 cohort.

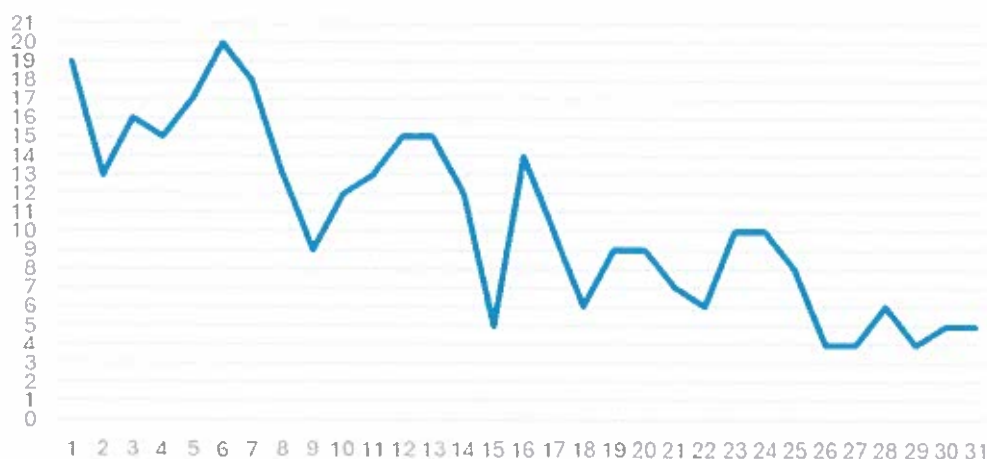
Year 8 Attendance



Year 8 2023/24		Numbers	%	Year 7 2023/24		Numbers	%	Year 8 2024/25		Numbers	%
	All	16	23%		All	28	28%		All	27	53%
	Male	11	15%		Male	10	10%		Male	6	34%
	Fem	5	40%		Fem	18	33%		Fem	21	59%

- Over the year, 27 young people accessed the service- 6 male and 21 female.
- Average attendance was 10 young people per session, with 18 the highest on April 2nd.
- Lowest attendance was on March 26th having only 1 attendee following a month with no sessions run, but these numbers picked up again quickly.
- We see peaks and troughs over the summer consistent with other year groups.
- Similar to Year 6, attendance is poor through September when Youth Club opens.
- Young people have attended far more regularly (53% of sessions) than they did in Year 7 (28%).
- We can see that the number of users and their attendance percentage is favourable to the numbers presented by last year's Year 8.

Year 9+ Attendance




Year 9+ 2023/24		Numbers	Percentage Attendance	Year 9+ 2024/25		Numbers	Percentage Attendance
	All	20	44%		All	28	51%
	Male	15	50%		Male	17	52%
	Female	5	25%		Female	11	51%

- Over the year, 28 young people accessed the service- 17 male and 11 female.
- Average attendance was 11 young people per session, with 20 the highest on October 14th.
- Lowest attendance was in May 12th and May 26th having only 4 attendees for two consecutive sessions.
- Sessions did not run in April.
- There is a general downward trend over the year leading into summer when compared to last year's flatter line, but the average number of attendees is higher over the course of the whole year and they have attended more consistently overall.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ALAN SHARP	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	28 9 2025	

Young and Sweet (Haltwhistle Youth Club)
Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

Expenditure	£	£	Income	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Activities	9,474		Activities	28	
Miscellaneous	131		Members Contributions	2288	
Equipment	2,751		Haltwhistle Town Council	4000	
Salaries	37,593		Northumberland County Council	5000	
Building	5,047		Local Benefactors	7,620	
Resources	242		Smiths Trust	500	
Tuck Shop	24		Sainsburys Neighbourly Grant	500	
			Rothley Trust	900	
			J Knott Trust	5000	
			Forsters	25000	
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		55,262			50,836
Surplus of Expenditure over Income		-4,426			
Balance Brought Forward		90,305			
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Unrestricted Funds					
Utilities	7,980		Donations	6940	
Phone and Internet	403		Members Contributions		
Licences and Insurance	442		Community Foundation	2250	
Tuck Shop	1,869		Room Hire	510	
Equipment	294		Tuck Shop	2055	
Activities	665		Egger UK	2000	
Accountancy			Black Bull	600	
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Activities	6,611	
Garden	<u>1,119</u>	85,881

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Community Directplus Account	93,261	
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