



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2020 To 31 December 2020

Charity name: Youth Challenge Oxfordshire

Charity registration number: 1171054

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in Oxfordshire by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;(b) advancing education;(c) relieving unemployment;(d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Groups of approximately 12 Young People aged 14-21 meet weekly during term time with two adult leaders. They undertake a structured and challenging programme of personal development and fundraising. They are motivated by the opportunity to travel to Western Kenya as a group of volunteers for 10 days, helping orphans in the Nasio Trust schools and family homes who are even less fortunate than themselves. On their return the programme may continue with support for education, employment and ambassadorial work for YoCO.</p>

		<p>The weekly programme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: eg staying safe online, how to stay safe with alcohol and drugs, how to work as a team. • Fun activities: eg learning to cook curry! • Preparing for the challenge of volunteering in Kenya: eg a team building residential weekend at Youldbury Scout Camp. Learning some Swahili and a song to sing in Church in Kenya • Volunteering activities: eg sorting 500 school uniforms for Nasio. <p>Fund raising: each young person has to raise money towards their volunteering work in Kenya. eg a tombola stall at the Abingdon Fun in the Park.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Group sessions are run by volunteers. In 2020 the volunteer hours are significantly lower than usual as for much of the year it wasn't possible to meet face to face
Other		In 2020 our work was seriously affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic. In March face to face meetings had to cease and it became impossible to start new groups. For the active groups (including young people from previous groups) the charity ran positive, fun weekly on line sessions to include activities as well as some parts of the on-going programme.

		Group leaders arranged one to one walk and talk sessions with young people who were struggling with the lockdowns.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>2020 was a challenging year. YoCO's main achievement was, therefore, to safely continue group meetings both face to face where possible (often in outside spaces) and online using Zoom. The feedback from young people and their parents was that this was a life-line for them. Plans to launch two more groups were made and funding sourced to fully support one of them.</p> <p>2020 lockdown was also seen as an opportunity for the charity to review its work and emerge from lockdown ready to implement new plans. A new trustee was recruited with much needed experience of comms/ social media, two paid, part-time roles of Youth Group Manager and Operations Manager were created and excellent candidates were appointed. The 'Walk and Talk' programme of mentoring individual, vulnerable young people was established with appropriate safeguarding and proved to be essential work during lockdown and beyond. This became an established part of the YoCO provision. Training and development of the volunteer youth group leaders was established and this has had a significant impact on their performance and influence in their own community.</p> <p>The young people were supported to volunteer in their own community eg to deliver food from local foodbanks, to engage with those who were housebound, to run a stall in a local market which people really enjoyed.</p> <p>In 2020 YoCO researched the possibility of delivering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and became a registered centre ready to offer the opportunity to all young people on the programme in the future.</p> <p>Two groups travelled to Kenya in February 2020 but one group was unable to travel in July due to Covid restrictions and plan to travel in 2022.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Objectives had to be rethought with the restrictions of Covid but, with close regard to safety, the achievements met these objectives and in some cases exceeded
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		them. This was especially true with the opportunity to review the charity's provision for vulnerable young people and develop it further for a post lockdown launch.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The main annual fundraising event was very successfully moved on-line. It reached a much wider audience and raised almost four times its previous total. Local grant giving bodies remained supportive throughout the pandemic: local councils especially valued the engagement with vulnerable young people. The objectives of the charity were limited by COVID so the fundraising met objectives set.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash position improved during the year due to covid curtailing activities
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Restricted funds are held for known future commitments (eg travel costs) No further reserves
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grants from Charitable and Local Government sources. Fundraising activities
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Sustainable funding. Suitable volunteers

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Personal contact

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has recruited two part time employees to manage Youth Group Work and Operations. The charity is actively engaged with the Thames Valley Crime Reduction Hub, Oxfordshire Youth, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and Rotary.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity refers young people to other youth services if appropriate eg The Abingdon Bridge (counselling services) Oxfordshire Youth (young leader training)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Youth Challenge Oxfordshire
Other name the charity uses	YoCO
Registered charity number	1171054
Charity's principal address	Knights, Midland House Westway, Botley Oxford OX2 0PH

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	JE Cranston	Chairman		
2	KG Budgen			
3	FD Dick			

4	SE Booy's			
5	SD Walker			
6	CM Douglas			
7	A Campbell		From Sep 2020	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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	N/A	
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Jane E. Conner	
Full name(s)	JANE ELIZABETH CONNER	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	29/10/2021	

Youth Challenge Oxfordshire

Accounts 2020

YoCO Balance Sheet 31st December 2020

Current Assets

Cash at Bank		£54,237.18
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Current Liabilities

Accruals

Oxfordshire Youth	£10.00	
BLAP	£120.00	
RW Expenses	£27.53	
Faringdon	£255.00	
HMRC	£4.50	£417.03

Current Assets less Current Liabilities

£53,820.15

Cash at 1.1.20

	£20,581.86	
(2019 Prepayments)	£1,592.00	
Receipts	£72,849.84	
Prepayments	£0.00	
		£95,023.70

Payments (2019 Accruals)	£13,550.67	
(Nasio 2019 Accrual overstated)	-£140.00	
Expenditure 2020	£27,375.85	
Accruals	£417.03	
		£41,203.55

Total Funds Available*

£53,820.15

* Restricted

PCC	£24,000.00
Faringdon Group	£7,043.30

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF YOUTH CHALLENGE OXFORDSHIRE
On the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

Charity number: 1171054

Set out on pages 1 and 2

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31/12/2020.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

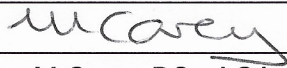
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 	Date: 18/10/21
Name: Mary M Carey BSc ACA	
Address: Keepers House, Appleton, Oxfordshire	