



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2021 To 31 December 2021

Charity name: Youth Challenge Oxfordshire

Charity registration number: 1171054

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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 13-21 meet weekly during term time with two adult leaders. They undertake a structured and challenging programme of personal development and fundraising. Many 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> |

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| | | <p>The weekly programme includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: eg staying safe online, the risks of alcohol and drugs, how to work as a team, develop personal fitness and cooking for a healthy diet. Developing young people's confidence is the key part of the programme. • Fun activities: eg outdoor activity weekends • Preparing for the challenge of volunteering in Kenya: eg a team building residential weekend at Youlbury Scout Camp. Learning some Swahili and a song to sing in Church in Kenya • Volunteering activities: eg: running food distribution stalls during the pandemic. <p>Fund raising: each young person has to raise money towards their volunteering work in Kenya.</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 | |
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| 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 2021 despite sessions and planned activities continuing to be disrupted by COVID, 423 volunteers hours were contributed. |
| Other | | In 2021 our work was affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic with several events having to be postponed or cancelled due to changing covid regulations. Face to face meetings restarted with three active groups running. One to one sessions were made available for those young people who were |

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| | | particularly at risk from isolation. However it was not possible to lead any trips to Kenya due to the Kenyan travel restrictions. |
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Achievements and Performance

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| 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>2021 was again a challenging year due to Covid restrictions. YoCO's main achievement was, therefore, to safely continue group meetings both face to face where possible (often in outside spaces) and, although much less so than in 2020, still occasionally online using Zoom.</p> <p>The pandemic had changed the needs of our young people with a significant rise in mental health and other complex issues. In 2021 the charity increased the number of 'fun' activities in the programme to get the young people out of their rooms and schools to interact with each other and the wider work. A new trustee was recruited, a leading psychotherapist with a keen interest in developing community work and services. The one to one 'Walk and Talk' programme of mentoring individual, vulnerable young people by volunteers continued and proved to be essential work during lockdown and beyond.</p> <p>Training and development of volunteer youth group leaders continued to be enhanced. YoCO aims to recruit volunteers from within the local community as the wider involvement of the local community has a significant impact on the success of the programme. The families of young people are encouraged to help with fund raising events and are encouraged to become involved with YoCO themselves.</p> <p>Continued Covid restrictions made it more difficult than in some years for the young to volunteer in their own community but they were able to deliver food from local foodbanks, to engage with those who were housebound, to run a stall in a local market which local communities really enjoyed, online bingo events and run a very successful firework event for the whole of the local community.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| 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 them. YoCO has been particularly proud to be able to continue operating and supporting young people when they needed it most throughout the whole of 2021. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | The main annual fundraising event was kept partially online but 28 young people, 7 young leaders, 3 alumni and 6 volunteer group leaders undertook their 5k run for real and were delighted with the amount raised. Local grant giving bodies continued to be supportive. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | N/A |
| Other | | <p>YoCO has continued to develop local partnerships in order to deliver its programme. Partnerships with local schools enabled YoCO to access minibuses, sports fields for fitness, equipment for camping, and advice for D of E.</p> <p>YoCO registered as a D of E centre. Young people are now able to complete their D of E bronze using the YoCO programme to support the four parts of the qualification.</p> <p>Young People who had completed to YoCO programme trained and qualified as young leaders.</p> <p>The young people in one group started the Rotary Leadership qualification in 2021; equivalent to a GCSE; their success came in 2022.</p> |

Financial Review

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| 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 | |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| 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:

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| 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 |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| 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:

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| 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 employs 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) |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| 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 |
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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) |
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| 1 | JE Cranston | Chairman | | |
| 2 | FD Dick | | | |
| 3 | SE Booy | | | |
| 4 | SD Walker | | | |
| 5 | CM Douglas | | | |
| 6 | A Campbell | | | |
| 7 | J Buckledee | | Joined October 2021 | |
| 8 | K Budgen | | Resigned Sept 2021 | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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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

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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

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| Signature(s) | Jane R. Cresser. | |
| Full name(s) | JANE ELIZABETH CRESSER | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair. | |
| Date | 26/10/2022. | |

Youth Challenge Oxfordshire

Accounts 2021

YoCO Balance Sheet 31st December 2021

Current Assets

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| Cash at Bank | | £76,146.03 |
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Current Liabilities

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| Accruals | | |
| Berry Youth Centre | £250.00 | |
| BLAP | £615.00 | £865.00 |

Current Assets less Current Liabilities

£75,281.03

Cash at 1.1.21

£54,237.18

Receipts

£71,535.59

Prepayments

£125,772.77

Payments (2020 Accruals)

£417.03

Expenditure 2021

£49,209.71

Accruals

£865.00

£50,491.74

Total Funds Available

£75,281.03

Allocation of Funds

Blackbird Leys Restricted

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| Flights | £ | 14,000.00 |
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| UK Programme | £ | 8,000.00 |
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| Group Fundraising (for Trips) | £ | 20,105.91 |
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| Faringdon Flights | £ | 12,000.00 |
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| Free Reserves | £ | 21,175.12 |
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£ 75,281.03

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF YOUTH CHALLENGE OXFORDSHIRE On the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

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 31/12/2021.

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').

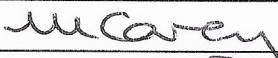
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.

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| Signed:  | Date: 26-10-22 |
| Name: Mary M Carey BSc ACA | |
| Address: Keepers House, Appleton, Oxfordshire | |