

**Youth Challenge Oxfordshire**  
**Accounts to 31st December 2023**  
**Profit and Loss Account 31st December 2023**

**Opening Cash at Bank 1.1.23** £43,411.74

**Receipts**

Donations/Grants			
General Unrestricted	£47,467.27		
Young People Fundraising			
towards Overseas Travel	£13,795.88		
Donations/Grants restricted			
for Specific Groups	£61,500.00		
Events	£69,417.54		
Other:			
Recharge on Trips (Snowdon)	£735.00		
Registration Fees	£80.00		
Interest Received	£752.05	£1,567.05	
			£193,747.74

**Total Income to 31.12.23** £237,159.48

**Expenditure**

Salaries	£40,522.00
Expenses/Office	£3,975.98
Programme/PCC	£26,732.26
Fundraising	£16,149.74
Overseas Travel (2024)	£9,601.50

**Total Expenditure** £96,981.48

**Cash at Bank 31.12.23** £140,178.00  
**(On fixed deposits £130,000)**

**Allocation of Funds\***

Group Fundraising	£13,795.88
Flights/Travel	£27,398.50
Caterton (Air Tanker)	£22,500.00
Cholsey/Wallingford (Mosawi)	£20,000.00
Core Costs (Beard)	£34,000.00
Free Reserves	£22,483.62

**Reserves** £140,178.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Youth Challenge Oxfordshire

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1171054

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*M Carey*

Date: 27 October 2024

Name:

Mary Carey

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

ACA (Member of ICAEW)

(if any):

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Address:

Keepers House, Appleton, Abingdon, OXON OX13 5PP


## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 To 31 December 2023

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, education and other activities as a means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;</li><li>b) advancing education</li><li>c) relieving unemployment</li><li>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</li></ul>
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 fund raise and travel abroad as a group of volunteers for 10 days eg to Western Kenya 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"><li>• Education: eg staying safe online, the risks of alcohol and drugs, how</li></ul>

		<p>to work as a team and develop personal fitness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing young people's confidence is the key part of the programme.</li> <li>• Fun activities: eg outdoor activity weekends</li> <li>• Preparing for the challenge of volunteering abroad; eg team building residential weekends</li> <li>• Volunteering activities:</li> <li>• Fund raising: each young person has to raise money towards their volunteering work abroad</li> </ul>
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 and residential trips led by volunteers. Total volunteer hours were 1752, down on 2022 as, due to timing, there were no overseas trips in 2023.
Other		The new CEO took up his post in February and continues to review the changing needs of the young people joining YoCO. New groups are being formed and demand remains high.

## 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>Achievements included enrolling 46 young people and 14 group leaders.</p> <p>35 external speaker sessions 9 young people qualified on the Oxfordshire Young Leaders Course and 3 registered on Level 2 Awards in Youth Work Principles.</p> <p>22 young people went on a 2 night camping weekend, 20 summited Snowdon, 27 attended a theatre trip and 27 worked at TruckFest.</p> <p>Due to timing issues the 2023 groups trips to Kenya all took place in 2024.</p>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash position increased significantly during the year due to strong fundraising activities and funds being held for 2024 overseas travel
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	None

### 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 and donations from Charitable and Local Government sources Fundraising activities
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Funds which are not required in the short term are placed in a fixed interest account

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Sustainable funding Suitable volunteers
Other		

## 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 eg. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Personal Contact

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Youth Challenge Oxfordshire
Other name the charity uses	YoCO
Registered charity number	1171054
Charity's principal address	c/o 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	Jane Cranston	Chair		
2	Sue Booy			
3	Simon Walker			
4	Christine Douglas			
5	Annabel Campbell			
6	Jill Buckeldee			
7	Felicity Dick		1.1.23 – 23.2.23	
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## 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)

## 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

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jane Elizabeth Cranston	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	27/10/24	