

# ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION

England & Wales · Charity number 1172492

## Details

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Other names	ALLENDALE YOUTH CLUB
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-04-07
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 (OR 25 FOR THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS) LIVING IN THE ALLEN VALLEYS AND SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND NORTH PENNINES BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(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."

**Activities:** A youth resource for young people living in the Allen Valleys and surrounding areas where they can access support, informal education, advice and guidance and participate in programmes of physical, educational and other activities helping young people to develop their skills and self-confidence to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Northumberland

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£52,122	£60,136	-	-
2024-03-31	£52,526	£49,001	-	-
2023-03-31	£48,180	£42,185	-	-
2022-03-31	£47,748	£31,964	-	-
2021-03-31	£40,705	£20,032	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
MARGARET STONEHOUSE	Chair	2017-03-05
DAVID HENRY HUMES		2017-03-05
JOHN DOUGLAS NESS		2024-10-25
Joanne Clarke		2024-09-30
PHILIP DAVID WALTER		2017-03-05
Professor ELEANOR STEPHANIE ATKINSON MBE PHD		2017-03-05
ZOE ELIZABETH BELL		2017-03-05

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report of Allendale Youth Ambition 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025



### OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIR

I am delighted to report on another successful year for Allendale Youth Ambition. Despite the usual challenges, 2024 saw the completion of our much-needed kitchen refurbishment programme, made possible through a Department of Culture, Media and Sport Youth Investment Fund grant of £55,000.00. This was a capital grant but included revenue for a cookery school project at our youth centre. Our own local Councillor also supported the project with a grant from his local capital fund.

After many meetings and consultations, we have become a member organisation of an exciting collaboration with other voluntary sector youth charities across the whole of Northumberland. Through this, we hope to be considered for any major youth work commissioning that may arise - which will safeguard youth work provision in the County. Already, the Big Lottery Reaching Communities have invested in what is called the **Northumberland Youthwork Network**.

I thank yet again, all our funders, donors and supporters - who over the years have risen to the challenge of funding what was at one time, statutory youth work. Because of your investments and trust in us – we have been able to maintain the jobs of our staff team of five local people, expand paid hours of work and commission other professionals and providers as required.

Your donations have provided our young people with a wide range of opportunities; to take part in residential experiences to Dukes House Wood, Hawkhurst Outdoor Centre, hosted the High Sheriff of Northumberland, completed their expedition and graduated in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze Scheme, First Aid Training, Map Reading, Camping Skills, Cookery and Baking, Forest Schools learning, Skills for Life, Dance Instruction, Theatre Trips, Pool Parties, Outdoor Adventure, Easter Fun and treasure hunts, Theme Parks, curation and delivery of the Youth Stage at Allendale Fair, Creative Arts, Bowling and developing our seniors into youth leaders as part of their volunteering element of Duke of Edinburgh.



### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition 2024 (Don't smile until it's over!)**

The Trustees wish to thank all our young people who have honoured us by spending their precious free time with us – in all weathers! And to our funders, donors and supporters who have taken the time to visit our project, to advise us, to meet with staff, talk to the young people and decided to invest in our project, we thank you.




♪ "A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall ...." ♪

## PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to be managed and delivered with due regard to public benefit and the wellbeing, support and development of Young People and is the sole reason for the existence of the charity and its work.

**Signed:**



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**Name:**

**Margaret Stonehouse (Chair)**

**Date:**

**JUNE 2025**

## OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

*A youth resource for young people living in the Allen Valleys and surrounding areas where they can access support, informal education, advice and guidance and participate in programmes of physical, educational and other activities. Using positive activity programmes to support young people in developing their skills and self-confidence to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. To provide young people with somewhere safe to go, something to do and somebody to talk to.*

## STRUCTURE AND CONTACT DETAILS:

Allendale Youth Ambition transitioned from a community organisation into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2017:

Charity Number: 1172492

Registered Address: 4 Arnison Terrace  
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Hexham, NE47 9BW

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Website: [allendaleyouth.org.uk](http://allendaleyouth.org.uk)

## OUR TRUSTEES:

The Founder Trustees of Allendale Youth Ambition are listed below and serve as the Management Committee of the Charity. As can be found in our Constitution, existing members can propose additional individuals who have a skill that meets the need and who will be vetted and interviewed before appointment.

- Any proposed Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees.
- Emailed documents agreeing to resolutions are acceptable as allowed by our Constitution.
- Any proposed Trustee will be required to provide the personal details needed for the Charity Commission and to carry out background checks.
- The Chair will issue a confirmation email to the new Trustee, welcoming them to the Board, together with any relevant information.

### Current Board of Trustees:

Chair: Margaret Stonehouse  
Treasurer: Professor Stephanie Atkinson MBE Ph.D.  
Secretary: David Humes  
Trustee: Philip Walter  
Trustee: Zoe Bell

Trustee: Joanne Clarke  
Trustee: Doug Ness

## FINANCES 2024-2025

Finances was reasonably healthy in the reporting period and although we still await confirmation of one of our anticipated grants, we have applied to other sources to minimise any disruption to staffing or delivery of our work. We have a small reserve which would allow us to continue for up to 3 months.

Income: £52122.00  
Expenditure: £60136.00

**Unrestricted Reserves: £18542.00**  
(Please refer to our detailed Reserves Policy which is attached to this document)

## Annual Accounts and Financial Statements

are independently examined by CM Welch FCA of Shilburn Road, Allendale, NE47 9LQ

## Statement on Fundraising

We rely on grants and donations from those charities, organisations and benefactors that wish to support the lives of young people. We apply to those funders whose grant criteria meets our identified needs, which we obtain through staff direct observations of their work with young people.

The Charity does not raise funds from the public for general purposes. From time to time, for a specific aim or item - we may consider the occasional use of Crowd Funding, or hold a Bake Sale, Jumble Sale, Coffee Morning, where the majority of our supporters are parents and friends of Allendale Youth Ambition. Funds raised this way will always be spent on the specific purpose identified and for which it is given.

## ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

All staff roles are entirely funded by our donors. **Julie Humes, BA (Hons) Community and Youth Work, is Project Manager and Lead Youth Worker** and responsible for the day to day running of the Charity reporting to the Trustees. Also responsible for safeguarding, supervision and development of other staff and volunteers, fundraising, policy and procedure, training, delivering quality, educational activities and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of young people accessing the provision.

**Charlotte Reid** supports the project as **Deputy and Senior Youth Development Worker** - and delivers our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Forest Schools learning. Charlotte has successfully supported a cohort of 12 young people who have completed their Bronze Award through volunteering, new skills and physical exercise. Charlotte is currently studying her Level 3 Youth Work qualification with the National Youth Agency.

**Amy Hood Bailey** is our **Lead Youth Support Worker** - and takes the lead with arts and crafts sessions and our social media pages. **Jamie Dover-Nattrass** and **Aaron Walter** are

our **Youth Support Workers**, who started with us as participants, young leaders, then trainees. They now take their place as full members of the staff team. They support our young people and join in all the fun and games. Aaron is also our inhouse Maths, IT and Website consultant and Jamie is the best cheese toastie maker in town!

We are very grateful to our local volunteers as First Aid Trainers, Leaders and Assessors to our Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Team – including David Connolly, Phil Swaile, Bel Smith and James Birchall. These wonderful people committed so many volunteer hours to the essential training to prepare the young people so well for their Expedition. This took place on a “summer” day of 2024 in terrible weather and although no risks were taken with safety, it must have been a very challenging experience. (Thanks also to Samuel Emmerson, our DofE Manager at DofE HQ for all your support and guidance!)



**Setting up DofE Camp – “Summer” 2024**

## **TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT**

- Charlotte Reid, already a trained Forest School Practitioner, is continuing her Level 3 Youth Worker Qualification with the National Youth Agency and funded by the DCMS Youth Investment Fund.
- All staff and volunteers regularly undergo DBS checks and safeguarding training takes place every two or three years as a minimum - as recommended by the local authority. All safeguarding and first aid training is up to date.
- Julie Humes is the trained Safeguarding Designated Person for the charity and manages the training record of all staff and volunteers. JH is also the first point of contact for any safeguarding or child protection concerns and receives update training every two years.

- Staff have attended Key Plus training, which enables us to work with young people on specific projects, which when all required the outcomes are achieved (Plan, Do, Review), receive funding.
- All staff are trained in Emergency First Aid, and Charlotte Reid has Outdoor First Aid and Paediatrics.

## **REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE**

We made contact with **150** children and young people aged 5 to 17 accessing our larger community events and activities and projects offered throughout the year, with more frequent participation from 60 young people that we see every week.

Our junior youth club now attracts so many in the Year 5 to Year 7 age group – we are planning on introducing a new session for the Year 6 cohort and the new Year 5 intake for 2025-2026. This is an appropriate split in age – as when young people reach Year 7, (aged 11), their interests and behaviours change as they transition through the adolescent phases.

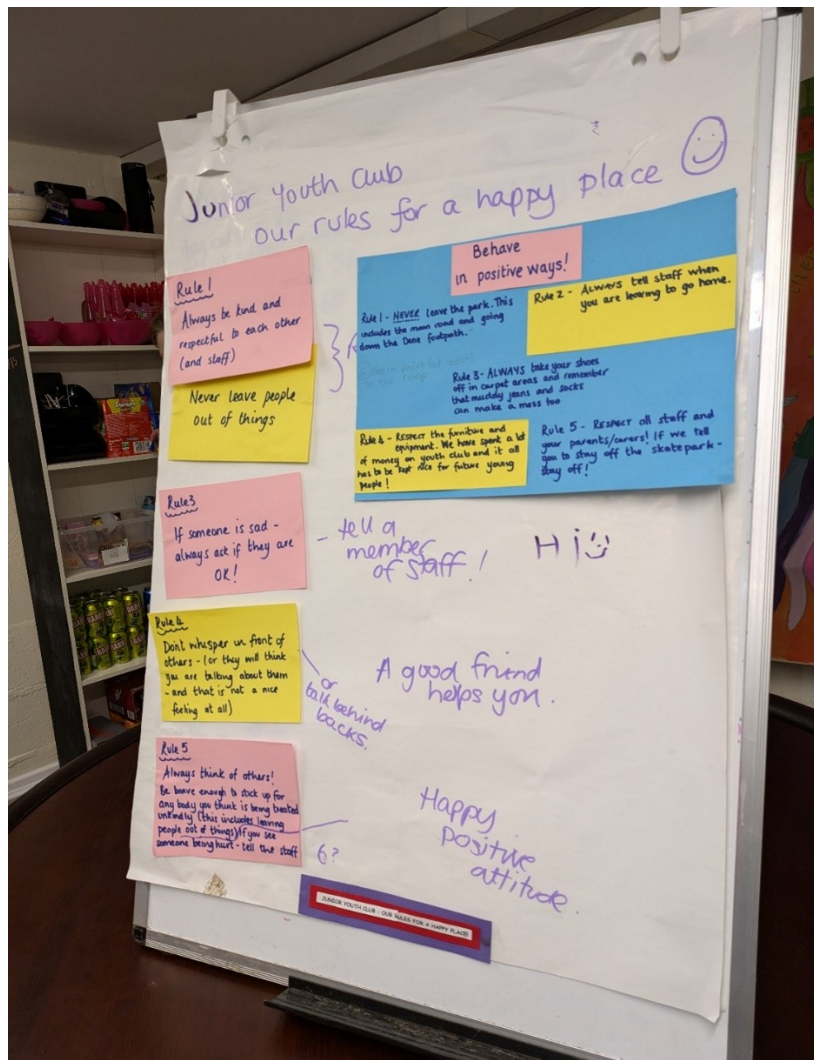
## **POSITIVE FUTURES/SKILLS FOR LIFE (ADVICE AND GUIDANCE)**

Young people have been helped with decisions over education, training and the workplace. Not everyone has a clear vocation before them (6<sup>th</sup> form? Gap Year? College? Apprenticeship? Job?). Talking these things through with a friendly youth worker they know and trust to help develop a CV and interview skills helps young people a great deal with those important life changing decisions. Informal learning in their contact time with us ensures the development of essential skills that young people can use in adult life.

Participants are continuously supported through the different issues and trends that present risks to young people. This can include themes on vaping, drinking alcohol, online risk, the dangers of exploitation, the dangers of cold water, threats from County Lines, managing friendships and what bullying and exclusion is. This ensures young people are making fully informed choices about the threats presented to them from all directions. We are working with Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service (NDAS) to develop sessions for our young people, which will be rolled out throughout the year. Staff member Aaron is on hand to support young people with their maths and science homework and assignments – as he is a bit of a whizz on these subjects!



**Charlotte in Active Listening Mode**



**Young People Make the Rules!**

**POSITIVE ACTIVITIES**

Activities and outings continue to form a large part of our offer and these help build on the essential relationship between young people and staff which is entirely based on trust and respect. In particular, adventurous activity centres provides personal challenge and, in the right location, often offers a complete digital detox. Activities include paddle boarding, climbing, high ropes, abseiling, canoeing, archery, swimming and zip wire.

As part of the DCMS Youth Investment Fund grant – revenue funding was made available for cookery sessions that took place across the six weeks summer break. Many wonderful three course meals were created which the young people took home for the main family meal. Starting in October, the young people also made their own Christmas Cakes from scratch, iced and decorated.



**Culinary Masterpieces!**



### **Christmas Cakes – Marzipan Stage (the trickiest bit!)**

Our Key Fund Group, the Walkie Talkies, worked hard on their activity idea, presented to a panel of adults and were awarded £250.00 for their activity. The group learned how to plan and budget to keep within their target. The trip is due to take place in April 2025 – so the success of the activity will be reported on in next year's report.

During the refurbishment phase, we had to vacate the youth centre, and so to maintain contact with our young people, we hired village and church halls for Beetle Drives and Movie nights. We visited our local Fire Station visit, held Forest School sessions - as well as offsite trips Bowling, Soft Play centres and Pool Parties.



### **Talkin Tarn – Mystery Box Challenge Summer 2024**

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**Allendale Youth Ambition CIO Registered Charity No. 1172492**



**Preparing for Canoeing on Talkin Tarn 2024**

### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

12 young people completed their expedition in the Summer of 2024 and graduated their Bronze Award. (We are hoping they will go on to do Silver). New cohorts are recruited each September as young people move into Year 9. A lot of help is received from the DofE itself to run the scheme - and this has helped us very much to support the young people.





**DofE Expedition "Summer" 2024**

## **FUN & FRIENDSHIP**

Young people had fun simply being together every week through youth club (Somewhere to Go, Something to Do, Someone to Talk To) and benefit from an extended offer of residentials, outings and projects, where they can spend overnight experiences together, outings at pool parties, trampoline park, cinema trip, go-karting, theatre, afternoon tea and learning how to sword fence - to name but a few.



**With Friends at Youthy**

## LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are very proud of our older young people, who prepare for adult life through demonstrations of leadership, decision making and volunteering at youth club. Young people have taken part in representing the charity at the High Sheriff Awards Evening and the Remembrance Day Commemoration service. In 2024, our independent Cooperative Society held its 100 Year Anniversary Celebration - and our older young people were invited to run arts and crafts activities to the younger children of the village.



**Isla & Esther Enjoy Meeting Xander from Pointless  
(and Lucia - The High Sheriff!)**

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Young people took part in many sessions related to arts and crafts, visits to the theatre, singing and music making. Allendale Youth delivered a highly successful Youth Stage at Allendale Fair in 2024, providing DJ Decks, Circus Skills and performance in dance routines. They made their own dance costumes from recycled materials, procured and delivered live on-stage performances and a children's tea party. Many life skills develop from participation in activities like this.



**Allendale Fair Youth Stage Community Event May 2024**

## TYNEDALE YOUTH FORUM

We are committed to our participation in the Tynedale Youth Forum - of which Julie is Chair. Sharing joined up activities and training with our five main local youth charities and colleagues from across the District (Haltwhistle Young & Sweet, Corbridge Youth, Hexham Youth, North Tyne Youth and Prudhoe Youth). We are now formally part of the new Consortium known as the **Northumberland Youth Work Network**, led by Berwick Youth Project. This has enabled us to bid as a collective for any commissioning of youth work services and give us strength to equal that of the large youth charities.



**Tynedale Youth Forum Residential at Hawkhirst Outdoor Centre 2024**

## **FINANCES/FUNDRAISING**

We were very grateful to have received support from many grant makers and local donors - who funded the charity in 2024-2025

- o Department of Culture, Media and Sport
- o Northumberland County Council Communities
- o Ballinger Trust
- o Hadrian Trust
- o Farmers Ball
- o Sir James Knott Trust
- o Rothley Trust
- o EC Forster Belford Trust
- o High Sheriff of Northumberland
- o Allendale Parish Council
- o Duke of Edinburgh Award Bursary and Training Schemes

## **BUILDING/REFURBISHMENT**

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport Youth Investment Funded capital works is now complete – and following excavations works and a new dampcourse - we now have a damp-free kitchen and toilet, with new kitchen units, appliances, and new flooring throughout. The grant also provided a new main entrance door. The difference in the dryness and warmth to the youth centre is obvious – and will save on energy costs going forwards.



**The Kitchen Before ...**

**Chair: Margaret Stonehouse  
Allendale Youth Ambition CIO Registered Charity No. 1172492**

**The Kitchen After!**



## **ONGOING/FUTURE PLANS**

- Maintain the sustainability of Allendale Youth Ambition as a whole.
- Continue fundraising for security of staffing, project work and related activities
- Continue fundraising for the ongoing refurbishment and improvement programme of the youth centre.
- Expand provision through a separate, additional session for Years 5 and 6
- Increase use of The Key funded projects
- Water Safety Work Shops
- Continue delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Visit the local Secondary school to meet with young people
- Development of Forest Schools Learning
- Project work with the Allen Valleys Drama Group
- Rolling programme of Life Skills Learning project work and Job Support
- Continue Homework/Job Clubs
- NDAS Programmes exploring friendships and healthy relationships
- Cookery Programmes
- Young people's own fundraising activities
- Community Volunteering (e.g. Allendale Fair and local community groups)
- Introduce a Youth Council – so that young people can have an active say
- School Holiday 2025 programme of positive activity

## **THREATS/RISKS/SOLUTIONS**

The challenges have not changed significantly since the last reporting period. However, the trend suggesting grant makers are willing to fund core costs, continues to be more commonplace. We are pleased this is so – that more donors recognise that the survival of charities comes before any activity can take place.

For small charities with a limited staff resource, fundraising is very time-consuming process - even for relatively small amounts. Success rate is now around one in eight applications. As local authorities place what resources they have for young people directly with the Family Hubs, and still more voluntary projects enter the field – this makes fund-raising opportunities more competitive than ever before,

We are confident that being a member partner organisation within the Northumberland Youth Network Consortium will address this difficulty as larger donors are showing signs of a preference for consortium bidding.

Finding staff who wish to work with young people is always a challenge, particularly in rural areas. Small projects cannot provide sufficient hours to make a worthwhile career path for many, who would like a career in youth work. Talented people have to leave and go further afield to find full-time work. Our solution has been to “grow our own”. Like many rural projects, four of our five current staff either started with us as young people themselves or came as volunteers - and have stayed with us in part-time paid work, while holding other jobs. This makes formal training difficult, so we ensure inhouse training is provided until experience is gained.

Maintaining the interest and commitment of some older participants is always a challenge as they become more independent, preferring to be remote from adult supervision. The youth worker/young person relationship developed in earlier years sustains the ongoing relationship in different ways - and the activities offered must involve the older young people in the decision making. The Duke of Edinburgh Award helps us maintain effective contact with our 14+ young people.

Junior youth club – welcoming younger children aged 9 and up – is definitely the key to attracting young people to the service and this develops a strong bond with staff, and they are much more likely to transition to seniors. We also believe the solution lies in the offer of enjoyable activities that the young people choose to be involved with and want to commit to.

***Whether you gave us money, delivered workshops, lent us space, baked a cake - we thank all our funders and supporters past and present (not forgetting parents, grandparents and young people!)***

The Ballinger Trust  
 DCMS Youth Investment Fund  
 The High Sheriff of Northumberland  
 Police Commissioner – Kim McGuinness  
 Police VRU/Home Office  
 The Key  
 Karbon Homes  
 The Schofield Trust  
 Sir James Knott Trust  
 Cllr Colin Horncastle/NCC  
 Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service  
 Debbi's Doodles  
 The Museum of Classic Sci Fi Allendale  
 EC Belford Trust  
 Co-operative Foundation  
 Allendale Co-op  
 Hadrian Trust  
 The Key

Queens Hall Arts  
Tynedale Youth Forum  
Arts Council/Youth Music  
Sherburn House Charity  
The Joicey Trust  
The Rothley Trust  
Allendale Fair Committee  
The Community Foundation  
Northumberland Communities Together/Big Lottery  
Helen Allinson Trust  
UK Youth CAF Covid Response  
Covid Resilience Fund  
Rotary Club Hexham  
Allendale Parish Council  
Allendale Village Hall  
Allendale Primary School  
Allendale Forge Arts

## ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION RESERVES TABLE APPLYING TO 2025/2026

	FROM REPORTING YEAR  2023-2024	COMMENTS
<b>Year End Closing/Opening Balances (as stated on Audited Accounts)</b>	<b>92262</b>	Restricted Closing Balance: <b>£73720</b> Unrestricted Closing Balance: <b>£18542</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>58461</b>	Staff & Provider Costs (Belford/Ball/Wellesley)
	<b>7607</b>	Positive Activity
	<b>471</b>	Duke of Edinburgh Bursaries
	<b>3021</b>	Refurbishment
	<b>20</b>	Young People's Own Fundraising
	<b>4140</b>	Agreed Reserve
<b>Total of Restricted Funds</b>	<b>73720</b>	
<b>Unrestricted (General Account)</b>	<b>18452</b>	<b>Designated to Core Operational Overhead as set out below</b>
<b>Designated Core Operational Overhead from Unrestricted Budget of £18452</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>Opening Balances</b>
-	<b>1720</b>	Session Resources
	<b>2875</b>	Rent
	<b>548</b>	Insurance & Subscriptions
	<b>2463</b>	IT (includes for proposed new Lap Tap)
	<b>995</b>	Admin Account
	<b>672</b>	Bank Charges
	<b>2023</b>	Training & Safeguarding
	<b>3728</b>	Parents Donations & UR Grants allocated to Activities and Transport for young people
<b>Total of Designated Core Operational Costs from Unrestricted Budget</b>	<b>15024</b>	This is our Designated Core Operational Budget as allocated above for 2024-2024
<b><i>Non-Allocated Funds Remaining (£18452 - £15024)</i></b>	<b>3428</b>	<b><i>Free funds - not assigned to any essential core costs or specific purpose but available to respond to repairs, replacing equipment and furniture.</i></b>

**ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION RESERVES POLICY 2025-2026**  
**(developed from 2024/2025 Accounts)**

**Introduction**

The Trustees of Allendale Youth Ambition (AYA) have agreed the need to secure the charity's viability beyond the immediate future. In order to be able to provide reliable services over the longer term, AYA must be able to manage and absorb setbacks and to take advantage of change and opportunity. The Trustees will provide for this by maintaining, and where possible, putting aside, when afforded, some of our unrestricted income as a reserve against future uncertainties. When carrying reserves forward, the charity refers to three general descriptors of reserve funds:

**Restricted Reserves**

Restricted Reserves are those funds provided by donors/grant-makers for specific intended or future use. The level of restricted reserves varies from year to year in accordance with the amount of restricted funds raised, expenditure, the purpose and timescales. Restricted Reserves may also include planned for and extended periods of carry forward funding; for example, three-year salary projections and other core costs which are often typical subjects for core funding donations as compared with close ended activity projects.

**Unrestricted (Designated Reserves)**

Although Unrestricted Funds (those not earmarked by donors) are often considered to be free reserves, such funds form the basis of the annual budget for our essential core spending and fixed costs - usually allocated to the overhead/ operational costs of running the charity. Unless specifically grant based - these include essentials such as admin, banking, rent, insurance, maintenance, Training, and IT costs.

Similarly, AYA also designates a budget for session and related activity delivery costs – as this is a core function of our face-to-face work with young people. As such, these designated funds, because they meet the need of our core overhead costs, cannot be treated as absolute free reserves. Therefore, to assist grant-makers in their decisions whether to award funds to the charity – a Reserve Table of how funds are allocated is attached to this document - and this includes the agreed reserve. This demonstrates that funds are designated to where they are needed to run the core operations of the charity – and that large reserves are not being hoarded.

**Unrestricted (Not Designated)**

These are funds that are not restricted by a donor, nor are they designated to any actual essential or anticipated spending on overhead and operational costs. They are also a useful resource to meet new opportunities for young people that may arise, or an unexpected essential repair. Such funds can also contribute to building a small free reserve, that would safeguard the operations of the charity for a short period of time, should new or anticipated income streams fail. During years of healthy and regular donations, such funds will be diverted to specific projects for young people or to meet a specific delivery need.

## Setting a Free Reserves Value

AYA aims to retain sufficient financial reserves to protect against failure to meet fundraising needs, unforeseen costs, and general risk to the viability of the charity. 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.

A formal policy on reserves was agreed at a meeting of the Board and the Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires:

- Reserves are built, maintained (or reduced) at levels to secure **3 months** of the organisation's current activity outputs to enable continuation during periods of unforeseen difficulty. For the current year (**2025-2026**) following our annual audit, the Board will continue the aim of building the free reserve up to the sum of **£5000.00**. This sum will consist of funds that have not been designated for any other purposes or used and will be reviewed annually, at the year-end by the Board.
- In deciding where and how to invest financial reserves, Trustees will always consider the need for balance between short-term cash needs and investing for better returns for the charity. Therefore, for the financial year of **2025-2026**, the nominated free reserve of up to **£5000.00** will continue to be the aim alongside other funds in the existing accessible charity bank account.

## Achievement of the Goal

If AYA achieves an unrestricted and non-designated surplus position within the reserve figure achieved, it will aim not to spend the surplus, unless the needs of our service users dictate an intervention or unexpected major repairs. If AYA were to receive significant, unexpected funds (wherein the donor has not specified expenditure), Trustees will decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether the income should be designated for a particular purpose, or to boost the unrestricted financial reserves. Trustees will always monitor the growth and size of any free reserve and have responsibility to decide if excessive reserves should be diverted to increase the outputs of the charity.

## Measurement of progress towards the goal

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

Trustees will review progress against the policy, and the policy itself, alongside approval of the Annual Report and Accounts each year. Decisions on designations, or changes to designations, will be recorded. In addition, consideration will be given to the following:

- Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different to that budgeted
- Planned activity level
- Organisation's commitments

**£5000.00** is agreed to be a reasonable level of **free reserve** and the charity will seek to reach/maintain this level over the next 12 months.

## **Allendale Youth Ambition Financial Reserves Policy (supporting information)**

### **Definition of Reserves**

For the purposes of this policy, the term “reserves” is applied to that part of AYA income that is freely available for its general purposes, aims and objectives. Reserves are the resources that AYA has, or can make available to spend, for any or all of its purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure.

This definition excludes unspent money from restricted grants, i.e. where a funder has specified what the money must be spent on and thus the Trustees do not have the power to spend the money on anything else. In any case, funders generally require the return of any significant unspent funds. In terms of Charity Commission guidance, it excludes the following:

- i. Permanent endowment/capital
- ii. Expendable endowment/capital
- iii. Restricted income/funds
- iv. Designated income funds
- v. Income funds which could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Although there are no legal restrictions on the use of Designated income funds or expendable endowment as reserves, this is generally not recommended by the Charity Commission. If part of an Unrestricted fund is ear-marked for a particular project it may be designated as a separate fund. Funds could be designated for a project that AYA is seeking to build resources for. Designation does not restrict the Trustees; they can change their minds. But the initial decision should be a genuine one, not a method of hoarding funds.

Any Designations will be recorded in the minutes of a board meeting – as will any subsequent re-designation. It is important that a policy providing for transfer between funds and allocations to or from designated funds as well as the reasons for setting up a fund are explained, specifically in notes to accounts.

Reserves will therefore generally only include:

### **Unrestricted Funds – General**

This is money that can be spent on anything which furthers the objectives of AYA. Often this is money that has been generated through public fund-raising (raffles, donations and so on), unless the money was promoted as being raised for a specific purpose.

All unrestricted funds come within the definition of free reserves so long as they are not currently Designated. Money from restricted funds can only be included in free reserves if the funder has given written permission for this to happen.

## Justification for Holding Reserves

Any organisation which enters commitments – through the agreement to deliver services, the employment of staff, the rental of premises, the purchase of goods or services etc, must ensure it has sufficient resources to cover the related costs. Even when an organisation operates in the most stable of environments, there will remain an element of uncertainty about a grant coming in. Against this background it is considered good practice for AYA to seek to build some financial reserves which allow us to meet future commitments or unforeseen expenses without a negative impact on its ability to deliver services in the manner planned.

AYA will hold reserves to enable the organisation to:

- a. Absorb setbacks, to take advantage of change and opportunities and expansion of services where appropriate.
- b. Demonstrate that we have thought through how we might secure our viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.
- c. Demonstrate to potential funders that we are effectively managing our resources and have considered our long-term plans and viability.

Documentation, in the form of this Reserves Policy, provides the public, existing and potential funders with a clear explanation of the nature and purpose of any reserves held. The essential point here is that it can demonstrate to funders/donors the reasons to retain a particular level of income as a reserve.

The Reserve Policy is based on a realistic assessment of need and covers as a minimum:

- i. The reasons why AYA needs reserves
- ii. The level or range of reserves needed
- iii. The steps AYA is going to take to establish or maintain reserves at the agreed level of range
- iv. Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the policy.

## Setting a Reserve Level

There is no absolute level of free reserves that AYA should hold but when looking at the level of free reserves considerations should include:

- How secure is AYA's present funding?
- How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?
- If AYA had to close, how long would it take to wind it up in an orderly manner?
- What costs may be involved in winding up? Consider:
  - Staffing
  - Rent
  - Other commitments

AYA declare that an acceptable level of free reserve is to maintain level of service for between 3 – 6 months.

**Reserve Policy – Timing**

The AYA Reserves Policy will be reviewed/updated every financial year end and will reflect the prevailing financial circumstance. This will be completed in preparation for any applications going forward for funding in the new financial year.

**ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION CHARITY NO :1172492**

**Financial Statements for the Period from 1st April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this period £	Total last period £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants and donations	12122	37,822	-	49,944	48,395
Other Trading (Tuckshop)	1,043			1,043	3,631
Training	1,135			1,135	500
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>37,822</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,122</b>	<b>52,526</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Activities/YIF/DoE	5,581	12,601	-	18,182	16,465
Youth development Work	-	32,763	-	32,763	27,561
Contribution to Hall Costs	1,085	-	-	1,085	1,545
Other Trading (Tuckshop)	789			789	1,486
Refurbishments	-	5,792	-	5,792	500
Insurance	438			438	213
Web costs	346			346	205
Admin/Stationary costs	96			96	369
Bank Charges	127			127	130
Training	519			519	528
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>8,980</b>	<b>51,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,136</b>	<b>49,001</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,320</b>	<b>(13,334)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(8,014)</b>	<b>3,525</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at start of period	13,222	87,054	-	100,276	96,752
<b>Cash funds at end of period</b>	<b>18,542</b>	<b>73,720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,262</b>	<b>100,276</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**



	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this period £	Total this period £
<b>Cash Balances</b>					
Community Account	18,542	73,720	-	92,262	100,276

**There are no other monetary assets, investment assets or liabilities.**

**There are no assets retained for the charity's own use**

**Statement of funds is shown on page 2**

For and on behalf of the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D. HOLMES	5/7/25
	M. STONEHOUSE	5.7.25

**Allendale Youth Ambition Charity No: 1172492**

**Financial Statements for the Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 (continued)**

**Statement of Funds**

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>13,222</b>	<b>8,980</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>18,542</b>
General Account	General				
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
RF1 The Ballinger Charity/Forsters CLT Belfor	Staff & Provider Costs	68,724	32,763	22,500	58,461
RF2 Hadrian Trust AVH YIF (Cookery School) Payback	Positive Youth Activities	9,895	10,260	7,972	7,607
RF3 No payments from Funders	DofE	2,813	2,342	0	471
RF4 Helen Allinson Trust/NCC/Rothley/FAF	Refurbishment	1,463	5,792	7,350	3,021
RF5 No payments or Receipts	Hoodies	20	0	0	20
RF6 No payments or Receipts	Reserve	4,140	0	0	4,140
<b>Totals for Restricted Funds</b>		<b>87,054</b>	<b>51,156</b>	<b>37,822</b>	<b>73,720</b>
<b>Totals for all Funds</b>		<b>100,276</b>	<b>60,136</b>	<b>52,122</b>	<b>92,262</b>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/members of Allendale Youth Ambition Charity**  
**On Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2025** **Charity No 1172492**

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

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 period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

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

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

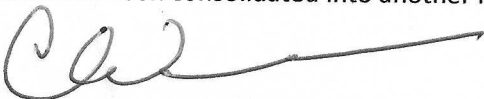
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with s.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 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.

The only other matter in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report is that four restricted funds brought forward with very small balances have been consolidated into another larger restricted fund of similar purpose.



**ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172492

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report of Allendale Youth Ambition  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**



**OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIR**

I am delighted to report on another successful year for Allendale Youth Ambition despite continuing challenges. The withdrawal of direct support for Youth Work by the local authority came to pass - which impacted on the budgets of many charitable youth projects across all Northumberland districts. Despite this, thanks to support from our wonderful donors and grant makers, we have been able to secure the post of a key staff member who was directly affected.

In January 2024, we received confirmation of a significant Capital grant from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport Youth Investment Fund, which awarded us over £55,000.00 for the refurbishment of our youth centre kitchen and toilet area - which has suffered from rising damp for many years. Plans are drawn and we look forward to seeing the finished result in the Autumn of 2024.

I take the opportunity now, to thank again, all our funders, donors and supporters - who over the years have risen to the challenge of funding what was at one time, statutory youth work. Because of your investments and trust in us – we have been able to maintain our staff team of 5 local people and commission other professionals as required.

Your funding has provided our young people with opportunities to take part in residential experiences to Whithaugh Park, Boggle Hole Youth Hostel in Robins Hood Bay, hosted the High Sheriff of Northumberland, taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, First Aid Training, Map Reading, Camping Skills, Cookery and Baking, Forest Schools learning, Skills for Life, Dance/Drama Instruction, Theatre Trips, Pool Parties, Outdoor Adventure, Easter Fun and treasure hunts, Theme Parks, planning Allendale Fair, Creative Arts, Community Cinema, Bowling, Children's Tea Party and Youth Stage and developing our seniors into youth leaders as part of their volunteering element of Duke of Edinburgh. At every activity, no matter how frivolous it may appear on the surface, young people always leave a session having learned something of the world.

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### Whithaugh Park 2023 Residential


The Trustees extend their sincere thanks to those funders, donors and supporters who have taken the time to visit our project, to meet with staff, talk to the young people and decided to invest in our project. Our Reserves Policy is attached to this document.

The Trustees are also very grateful to our staff who have built up the essential relationships of trust with young people and for all the behind the scenes work that goes into making the project secure and viable as we move forward through another year.

#### PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to be managed and delivered with due regard to public benefit and the wellbeing, support and development of Young People and is the sole reason for the existence of the charity and its work.

Signed:



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Name:

**Margaret Stonehouse (Chair)**

Date:

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Chair: Margaret Stonehouse**  
**Allendale Youth Ambition CIO Registered Charity No. 1172492**

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## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

*A youth resource for young people living in the Allen Valleys and surrounding areas where they can access support, informal education, advice and guidance and participate in programmes of physical, educational and other activities. Using positive activity programmes to support young people in developing their skills and self-confidence to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. To provide young people with somewhere safe to go, something to do and somebody to talk to.*

## STRUCTURE AND CONTACT DETAILS:

Allendale Youth Ambition transitioned from a community organisation into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2017.

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 Website: [allendaleyouth.org.uk](http://allendaleyouth.org.uk)

## OUR TRUSTEES:

The Founder Trustees of Allendale Youth Ambition are listed below and serve as the Management Committee of the Charity. As can be found in our Constitution, existing members can propose additional individuals who have a skill that meets the need and who will be vetted and interviewed before appointment.

- Any proposed Trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees.
- Emailed documents agreeing to resolutions are acceptable as allowed by our Constitution.
- Any proposed Trustee will be required to provide the personal details needed for the Charity Commission and to carry out background checks.
- The Chair will issue a confirmation email to the new Trustee, welcoming them to the Board, together with any relevant information.

### Current Board of Trustees:

Chair: Margaret Stonehouse  
 Treasurer: Professor Stephanie Atkinson MBE Ph.D.  
 Secretary: David Humes  
 Trustee: Philip Walter  
 Trustee: Zoe Bell

## FINANCES 2023-2024

Finances are healthy in the reporting period and no risks to staffing or delivery of our work is identified going forward into the next financial year. We have a small reserve which would allow us to continue for up to 6 months.

Income: £52526.00  
Expenditure: £49001.00

**Reserves: £13222.00**

Please refer to our detailed Reserves Policy which is attached to this document.

## Annual Accounts and Financial Statements

are independently examined by CM Welch FCA of Shilburn Road, Allendale, NE47 9LQ

## Statement on Fundraising

We rely on grants and donations from those charities, organisations and benefactors that wish to support the lives of young people. We apply to those funders whose grant criteria meets our identified needs, which we obtain through staff direct observations of their work with young people.

The Charity does not raise funds from the public for general purposes. From time to time, for a specific aim or item - we may consider the occasional use of Crowd Funding, or hold a Bake Sale, Jumble Sale, Coffee Morning, where the majority of our supporters are parents and friends of Allendale Youth Ambition. Funds raised this way will always be spent on the specific purpose identified and for which it is given.

## ADMINISTRATION AND STAFFING

All staff roles are funded by our donors. **Julie Humes, BA (Hons) Community and Youth Work, is Project Manager and Lead Youth Worker** and responsible for the day to day running of the Charity reporting into and reports to the Trustees. Also responsible for safeguarding, supervision and development of other staff and volunteers, fundraising, policy and procedure, training, delivering quality, educational activities and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of young people accessing the provision.

**Charlotte Reid** supports the project as Deputy and Senior Youth Worker - and delivers our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Charlotte is overseeing a new cohort of 12 young people on their Bronze journey through volunteering, new skills and physical exercise.

Following redundancy from the local authority, **Amy Bailey's** role of Lead Support Worker has been secured by our donors. **Jamie Dover-Nattrass** and **Aaron Walter** as Youth Support Workers in training - are developing their roles very well and growing in confidence under supervision and guidance from Julie, Charlotte and Amy.

We are very grateful to our local volunteers as Leaders and Assessors to our Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Team – including Phil Swaile, Bel Smith and James Birchall – who are committing a lot of volunteer time to the essential training and are now preparing young people for their Expedition, due to take place in Summer 2024. (Thanks also to Samuel Emmerson, our DofE Manager at DofE HQ for all your support and guidance!)



### **Boggle Hole Residential - On the Beach at Robin Hood's Bay Summer 2023**

#### **TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT**

- Charlotte Reid, already a trained Forest School Practitioner, is starting her Level 3 Youth Worker Qualification with the National Youth Agency and funded by the DCMS Youth Investment Fund.
- All staff and volunteers regularly undergo DBS checks and safeguarding training takes place every three years as recommended by the local authority. All safeguarding and first aid training is up to date.
- Julie Humes is the Safeguarding Designated Person for the charity and managed the training record of all staff and volunteers. JH is also the first point of contact for any safeguarding or child protection concerns and receives update training every two years.
- Staff have attended Key Plus training, which enables us to work with young people on specific projects, which when all required the outcomes are achieved (Plan, Do, Review), receive funding.
- All staff are trained in Emergency First Aid, and Charlotte Reid has Outdoor First Aid and Paediatrics.

## REACHING YOUNG PEOPLE

The charity has had a very successful year overall, with sufficient receipts from fundraising to secure existing, core staff hours, employ additional staff – still allowing us to build a small reserve for the future of our youth provision for a minimum of 6 months.

We continue to increase the numbers of young people we engage with - as our Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme develops. During the period we made contact with **150** young people aged 5 to 17 accessing our different sessions and community activities and projects offered throughout the year, with more frequent participation from 60 young people that we see on a regular basis.

## LIFE SKILLS LEARNING (ADVICE AND GUIDANCE)

Participants are continuously supported through the different issues and trends that present risks to young people. This can include themes on sensible phone use, the dangers of exploitation, deep water, threats from County Lines, managing friendships and what bullying and exclusion is. This ensures young people are making fully informed choices about the threats presented to them from all directions.



## **POSITIVE ACTIVITIES**

Activities and outings continue to form a large part of our offer and help build on the trusted relationship between young people and staff. In particular, adventurous activity centres provides personal challenge and offers a complete digital detox. Activities include paddle boarding, climbing, high ropes, abseiling, canoeing, archery, swimming and zip wire.

In addition to the refurbishment grant, the Youth Investment Fund has funded cookery sessions for our young people. This will be rolled out in Summer 2024.



**Whithaugh Outdoor Centre 2023**

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Our first cohort of candidates graduated in early 2023. Currently, we have a group of 12 young people going through the process of volunteering, learning a new skill, being physical - and are expected to graduate following their expedition in the Summer of 2024. New cohorts are added each September as young people move into Year 9. A lot of help is received from the DofE itself to run the scheme - and this has helped us very much to support the young people. 6 volunteers are contributing many hours to the award.



**DofE Expedition Prep Board**

## FUN & FRIENDSHIP

Young people had fun simply being together every week at youth club (Somewhere to Go, Something to Do, Someone to Talk To) and benefit from an extended offer of residentials, outings and projects, where they can spend overnight experiences together, outings at pool parties, trampoline park, cinema trip, go-karting, theatre, afternoon tea and ice-skating trips to name but a few.



### **S'mores, Fun and Friendship at Youthy!**

#### **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

We are very proud of our older young people, who carry out a leadership role at youth club and out on activities. They have been able to use this as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award in volunteering for other community groups, such as supporting Allendale's very first football team for girls. This has built confidence and self-esteem in these young leaders and prepares them well for adult-hood and the world of work.

#### **CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

Young people take part in many sessions related to arts and crafts, visits to the theatre, singing and music making. Allendale Youth delivered a highly successful Youth Stage at Allendale Fair in July 2023, providing DJ Decks, Circus Skills, Dance Groups and Singing Workshops. They made their own dance costumes from recycled materials, procured and delivered live on-stage performances and a children's tea party. Many life skills develop from participation in activities like this.



### **DJ Decks!**

#### **POSITIVE FUTURES AND JOB SUPPORT**

Young people are helped with decisions over education, training and the workplace. Not everyone has a clear vocation before them (6<sup>th</sup> form? Gap Year? College? Apprenticeship? Job?). Talking these things through with a friendly youth worker or developing a CV and interview skills helps a great deal with important life changing decisions.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

A proud moment when our young people represented Allendale Youth at the High Sheriff of Northumberland Annual Awards Ceremony in March 2024. A nerve-racking moment as they took to the stage to accept our award from some Very Important People!



### Allendale May Fair 2023

Young people delivered another successful Fancy Dress Tea Party for early years children as part of the Youth Club's Community Fair offering in 2023. They organised all the food and games themselves and helped with all the clearing up.



**Story Board for Allendale Fair 2023**



**Allendale Fair Youth Stage Community Event**

**Chair: Margaret Stonehouse**  
**Allendale Youth Ambition CIO Registered Charity No. 1172492**

## **TYNEDALE YOUTH FORUM**

We are committed to our participation in the Tynedale Youth Forum - of which Julie is Chair. Sharing joined up activities and training with our five main youth charities and colleagues from across the District (Haltwhistle Young & Sweet, Corbridge Youth, Hexham Youth, North Tyne Youth and Prudhoe Youth), we are all hoping to be part of the new proposed Consortium known as Northumberland Youth Work Network, led by Berwick Youth Project. This will enable us to bid as a collective for any commissioning of youth work services and give us strength to equal that of the large youth charities.

## **FINANCES/FUNDRAISING**

We were very grateful to received support from several grant makers who continued to fund the charity for 2023-2024

- Ballinger Trust
- Helen Allinson Trust
- Sir James Knott Trust
- EC Forster Belford Trust
- Clay Pigeon Shoot Donation
- High Sheriff of Northumberland
- Allendale Parish Council
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Bursary and Training Schemes

## **BUILDING/REFURBISHMENT**

For many years, the youth centre kitchen and toilet area has suffered from rising damp – which made the centre hard to keep warm and safe for the young people. We are delighted to announce that the Youth Investment Fund has awarded a grant of £55,000.00 to refurbish the area and make into a fully functional space. Due for completion in November 2024, we look forward to reporting on the finished works in next year's report!

## **ONGOING/FUTURE PLANS**

- Maintain the sustainability of Allendale Youth Ambition as a whole.
- Continue fundraising for security of staffing, project work and related activities
- Continue fundraising for the ongoing refurbishment and improvement programme of the youth centre.
- Increase use of The Key funded projects
- Expanding roll out of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Development of Forest Schools Learning

- Rolling programme of Life Skills Learning project work and Job Support
- Homework/Job Clubs
- Cookery Programmes
- Young people's own fundraising activities
- Community Volunteering (e.g. Allendale Fair and local community groups)
- Introduce a Youth Council – so that young people can have an active say
- School Holiday 2024 programme of activities.

### **CHALLENGES/RISKS/SOLUTIONS**

The challenges have not changed significantly since the last reporting period. However, we are pleased to note that the trend suggesting more grant makers are willing to fund core costs is becoming more common place. We are pleased this is so – that funders recognise that the survival of charities comes before any activity can take place. This is still a risk area, as local authorities have less to spend, more projects are growing in the voluntary sector – making fund-raising more competitive than ever before.

Funding applications are always time-consuming, even for relatively small amounts. Success rate is now around one in seven applications. Disappointingly, our local authority appear to be placing their reduced budget for open access youth work with much larger charities with bigger resources - against which it is difficult for us to be noticed. We are hopeful that the proposed Northumberland Youth Network Consortium will address this.

Maintaining the interest and commitment of some older participants remains a challenge as they become more independent and prefer to be distant from adult supervision. The youth worker/young person relationship developed in earlier years definitely helps and the success of our Duke of Edinburgh Programme has added strength to regular attendance.

Junior youth club – welcoming younger children aged 9 and up – is definitely the key to attracting young people to the service and this develops a strong bond with staff, and they are much more likely to transition to seniors. We also believe the solution is through the offer of enjoyable activities that the young people choose to be involved with and want to commit to.

***Whether you gave us money, delivered workshops, lent us space, baked a cake - we thank all our funders and supporters past and present (not forgetting parents, grandparents and young people!)***

Ballinger Trust  
 DCMS Youth Investment Fund  
 The High Sheriff of Northumberland  
 Police Commissioner – Kim McGuiness  
 Police VRU/Home Office  
 The Schofield Trust  
 Sir James Knott Trust  
 Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service  
 NE Youth  
 Debbi's Doodles & Neil Cole  
 Ute Johnson  
 Belford Trust  
 Co-operative Foundation  
 Allendale Co-op  
 Hadrian Trust  
 The Key  
 Queens Hall Arts  
 Tynedale Youth Forum  
 Arts Council/Youth Music  
 Lisa Drama  
 Sherburn House Charity  
 The Joicey Trust  
 Allendale Fair Committee  
 Community Foundation  
 Northumberland Communities Together/Big Lottery  
 Helen Allinson Trust  
 Northumberland Youth Service  
 Northumberland High Sheriff  
 UK Youth CAF Covid Response  
 Covid Resilience Fund  
 Rotary Club  
 Allendale Parish Council  
 Allendale Village Hall  
 Allendale Primary School  
 Allendale Forge Arts

## ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION RESERVES TABLE APPLYING TO 2024/2025

	REPORTING YEAR  2023-2024	COMMENTS
<b>Year End Closing/Opening Balances (as stated on Audited Accounts)</b>	<b>100276</b>	Restricted Closing Balance: <b>£87054</b> Unrestricted Closing Balance: <b>£13222</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>68724</b>	Staff & Provider Costs (Belford/SJKT/Ball)
	<b>9895</b>	Positive Activity
	<b>2813</b>	Duke of Edinburgh Bursaries
	<b>1463</b>	Refurbishment
	<b>20</b>	Young People's Own Fundraising
	<b>4140</b>	Agreed Reserve
<b>Total of Restricted Funds</b>	<b>88563</b>	
<b>Unrestricted (General Account)</b>	<b>13222</b>	<b>Designated to Core Operational Overhead as set out below</b>
<b>Designated Core Operational Overhead from Unrestricted Budget of £13222.00</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>Opening Balances</b>
- Session Resources/Equipment	3307	
- Rent	2000	
- Insurance & Subscriptions	696	
- IT	846	
- Admin Account	491	
- Bank Charges	658	
- Training & Safeguarding	1568	
<b>Total of Designated Core Operational Costs from Unrestricted Budget</b>	<b>9566</b>	This is our Core Operational Budget as set for 2024-2024
<b><i>Un-Designated Funds Remaining (£13222 - £9566)</i></b>	<b>3656</b>	<b><i>Free funds - not assigned to any essential core costs or specific purpose but available to respond to new opportunities, activities and experiences for our young people as they may arise.</i></b>

## ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION RESERVES POLICY 2024-2025

(developed from 2023/2024 Accounts)

### Introduction

The Trustees of Allendale Youth Ambition (AYA) have agreed the need to secure the charity's viability beyond the immediate future. In order to be able to provide reliable services over the longer term, AYA must be able to manage and absorb setbacks and to take advantage of change and opportunity. The Trustees will provide for this by maintaining, and where possible, putting aside, when afforded, some of our unrestricted income as a reserve against future uncertainties. When carrying reserves forward, the charity refers to three general descriptors of reserve funds:

### Restricted Reserves

Restricted Reserves are those funds provided by donors/grant-makers for specific intended or future use. The level of restricted reserves varies from year to year in accordance with the amount of restricted funds raised, expenditure, the purpose and timescales. Restricted Reserves may also include planned for and extended periods of carry forward funding; for example, three-year salary projections and other core costs which are often typical subjects for core funding donations as compared with close ended activity projects.

### Unrestricted (Designated Reserves)

Although Unrestricted Funds (those not earmarked by donors) are often considered to be free reserves, such funds form the basis of the annual budget for essential core spending and fixed costs - usually allocated to the overhead/ operational costs of running the charity. Unless specifically grant based - these include essentials such as admin, banking, rent, repairs insurance, maintenance, training, and IT costs. Similarly, AYA also designates a budget for session and related activity delivery costs – as this is a core function of our face-to-face work with young people. As such, these designated funds, because they meet the need of our core overhead costs, cannot be treated as absolute free reserves. Therefore, to assist grant-makers in their decisions whether to award funds to the charity – a Reserve Table of how funds are allocated is attached to this document - and this includes the agreed reserve. This demonstrates that funds are designated to where they are needed to run the core operations of the charity – and that large reserves are not being hoarded.

### Unrestricted (Not Designated)

These are funds that are not restricted by a donor, nor are they designated to essential or anticipated spending on overhead and operational costs. They are also a useful resource to meet new opportunities for young people that may arise, or an unexpected essential repair. Such funds can also contribute to building a small free reserve, that would safeguard the operations of the charity for a short period of time, should new or anticipated income streams fail. During years of healthy and regular donations, such funds will be diverted to specific projects for young people or to meet a specific delivery need.

## Setting a Free Reserves Value

AYA aims to retain sufficient financial reserves to protect against failure to meet fundraising needs, unforeseen costs, and general risk to the viability of the charity. 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.

A formal policy on reserves was agreed at a meeting of the Board and the Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires:

- Reserves are built, maintained (or reduced) at levels to secure **3 months** of the organisation's current activity outputs to enable continuation during periods of unforeseen difficulty. For the current year (**2024-2025**) following our annual audit, the Board will continue the aim of building the free reserve up to the sum of **£5000.00**. This sum will consist of funds that have not been designated for any other purposes or used and will be reviewed annually, at the year-end by the Board.
- In deciding where and how to invest financial reserves, Trustees will always consider the need for balance between short-term cash needs and investing for better returns for the charity. Therefore, for the financial year of **2024-2025**, the nominated free reserve of up to **£5000.00** will be built up alongside other funds in the existing accessible charity bank account.

## Achievement of the Goal

If AYA achieves an unrestricted and non-designated surplus position within the reserve figure achieved, it will aim not to spend the surplus, unless the needs of our service users dictate an intervention or unexpected major repairs. If AYA were to receive significant, unexpected funds (wherein the donor has not specified expenditure), Trustees will decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether the income should be designated for a particular purpose, or to boost the unrestricted financial reserves. Trustees will always monitor the growth and size of any free reserve and have responsibility to decide if excessive reserves should be diverted to increase the outputs of the charity.

## Measurement of progress towards the goal

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

Trustees will review progress against the policy, and the policy itself, alongside approval of the Annual Report and Accounts each year. Decisions on designations, or changes to designations, will be recorded. In addition, consideration will be given to the following:

- Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different to that budgeted
- Planned activity level
- Organisation's commitments

**£5000.00** is agreed to be a reasonable level of **free reserve** and the charity will seek to reach/maintain this level over the next 12 months.

## **Allendale Youth Ambition Financial Reserves Policy (supporting information)**

### **Definition of Reserves**

For the purposes of this policy, the term “reserves” is applied to that part of AYA income that is freely available for its general purposes, aims and objectives. Reserves are the resources that AYA has, or can make available to spend, for any or all of its purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure.

This definition excludes unspent money from restricted grants, i.e. where a funder has specified what the money must be spent on and thus the Trustees do not have the power to spend the money on anything else. In any case, funders generally require the return of any significant unspent funds. In terms of Charity Commission guidance, it excludes the following:

- i. Permanent endowment/capital
- ii. Expendable endowment/capital
- iii. Restricted income/funds
- iv. Designated income funds
- v. Income funds which could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Although there are no legal restrictions on the use of Designated income funds or expendable endowment as reserves, this is generally not recommended by the Charity Commission. If part of an Unrestricted fund is ear-marked for a particular project it may be designated as a separate fund. Funds could be designated for a project that AYA is seeking to build resources for. Designation does not restrict the Trustees; they can change their minds. But the initial decision should be a genuine one, not a method of hoarding funds.

Any Designations will be recorded in the minutes of a board meeting – as will any subsequent re-designation. It is important that a policy providing for transfer between funds and allocations to or from designated funds as well as the reasons for setting up a fund are explained, specifically in notes to accounts.

Reserves will therefore generally only include:

### **Unrestricted Funds – General**

This is money that can be spent on anything which furthers the objectives of AYA. Often this is money that has been generated through public fund-raising (raffles, donations and so on), unless the money was promoted as being raised for a specific purpose.

All unrestricted funds come within the definition of free reserves so long as they are not currently Designated. Money from restricted funds can only be included in free reserves if the funder has given written permission for this to happen.

## **Justification for Holding Reserves**

Any organisation which enters commitments – through the agreement to deliver services, the employment of staff, the rental of premises, the purchase of goods or services etc, must ensure it has sufficient resources to cover the related costs. Even when an organisation operates in the most stable of environments, there will remain an element of uncertainty about a grant coming in. Against this background it is considered good practice for AYA to seek to build some financial reserves which allow us to meet future commitments or unforeseen expenses without a negative impact on its ability to deliver services in the manner planned.

AYA will hold reserves to enable the organisation to:

- a. Absorb setbacks, to take advantage of change and opportunities and expansion of services where appropriate.
- b. Demonstrate that we have thought through how we might secure our viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.
- c. Demonstrate to potential funders that we are effectively managing our resources and have considered our long-term plans and viability.

Documentation, in the form of this Reserves Policy, provides the public, existing and potential funders with a clear explanation of the nature and purpose of any reserves held. The essential point here is that it can demonstrate to funders/donors the reasons to retain a particular level of income as a reserve.

The Reserve Policy is based on a realistic assessment of need and covers as a minimum:

- i. The reasons why AHA needs reserves
- ii. The level or range of reserves needed
- iii. The steps AYA is going to take to establish or maintain reserves at the agreed level of range
- iv. Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the policy.

## **Setting a Reserve Level**

There is no absolute level of free reserves that AYA should hold but when looking at the level of free reserves considerations should include:

- How secure is AYA's present funding?
- How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?
- If AYA had to close, how long would it take to wind it up in an orderly manner?
- What costs may be involved in winding up? Consider:
  - Staffing
  - Rent
  - Other commitments

AYA declare that an acceptable level of free reserve is to maintain level of service for between 3 – 6 months.

**Reserve Policy – Timing**

The AYA Reserves Policy will be reviewed/updated every financial year end and will reflect the prevailing financial circumstance. This will be completed in preparation for any applications going forward for funding in the new financial year.

Financial Statements for the Period from 1st April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

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Activities							100		490
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Training	500			500	600	-	500	1500	1,640
Bank Charges						28			
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>11,208</b>	<b>41,318</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,526</b>	<b>48180</b>	<b>47,748</b>	<b>40705</b>	<b>33367</b>	<b>24,851</b>
<b>Payments</b>									
Activities/DoE	1,700	14,765	-	16,465	15971	21,903	10605	4219	8,580
Youth development Work	-	27,561	-	27,561	23253	6,295	7150	10520	12,304
Contribution to Hall Costs	1,545	-	-	1,545	1035	278	255	770	705
Tuckshop	1,486				310				
Refurbishments	-	500	-	500	0	955	46	639	3,016
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Training	528			528	105	1,860		84	945
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>6,175</b>	<b>42,826</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,001</b>	<b>42185</b>	<b>31,964</b>	<b>20032</b>	<b>16950</b>	<b>26,112</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,033</b>	<b>(1,508)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,525</b>	<b>5995</b>	<b>15,784</b>	<b>20673</b>	<b>16417</b>	<b>- 1,261</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at start of period	8,189	88,563	-	96,752	90757	74,973	54300	37883	39,144
<b>Cash funds at end of period</b>	<b>13,222</b>	<b>87,054</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,276</b>	<b>96752</b>	<b>90,757</b>	<b>74973</b>	<b>54300</b>	<b>37,883</b>

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	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash Balances</b>									
Community Account	13,222	87,054	-	100,276	96752	90,757	74973	54300	37,883

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**On Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2024** **Charity No 1172492**

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

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It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

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In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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**Financial Statements for the Period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 (continued)**

**Statement of Funds**

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<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>8,189</b>	<b>6,175</b>	<b>11,208</b>	<b>13,222</b>
General Account	General				
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		<b>63,785</b>	<b>27,561</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>68,724</b>
RF1 Belford/Sir James Knott/Ballinger/UK Youth	Staff & Provider Costs				
RF2 Ballinger/High Sherrif/Helen Allison/Key Change/Parent Contrib	Positive Youth Activities	<b>16,884</b>	<b>13,348</b>	<b>6,359</b>	<b>9,895</b>
RF3 DoFE Award/Allendale Endowment/Hadrian Trust	Duke of Edinburgh Activities	<b>2,771</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>2,813</b>
RF4 Helen Allison Allendale Trust/High Sherrif	Refurbishment & Maintenance	<b>963</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,463</b>
RF5 Parents payments	Hoodies	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
RF6 Reserve	Reserve	<b>4,140</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,140</b>
<b>Totals for Restricted Funds</b>		<b>88,563</b>	<b>42,826</b>	<b>41,318</b>	<b>87,054</b>
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Parents Contribution to Hoodies	Hoodies	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
Reserve	Reserve for Emergencies	<b>4,140</b>		<b>4,140</b>
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	Duke of Edinburgh Activities	<b>2,771</b>		<b>2,771</b>
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# Accounts

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**Annual Report of Allendale Youth Ambition**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**



**OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIR**

As we progress through the present financial year of 2023-2024, we have been made aware of the loss of local authority support for a youth service – which will result in more pressure on the voluntary sector for years to come. Despite this, I am delighted to report another successful year for Allendale Youth Ambition. As I reflect on this reporting year of 2022-2023 – I am reminded that it is our first complete year since the limitations of Covid, back to a time when things could get back to normal, although safe practices do remain.

Although Covid is considered to be over, at least in terms of normal service resuming, we are aware that our young people continue to be vulnerable, after missing so much school and leisure time. They are more reluctant to leave the house, are anxious about doing tasks well, nervous of getting things wrong, lacking in confidence. Our staff are aware of this and offer support to those in need and responsive to developing issues. Thanks to the generosity of our funders – we have been able to extend our opening hours to senior members – who gain so much from more focused time with their trusted youth workers at this very important period in their lives.

I take the opportunity now – to thank all our funders, donors and supporters - who over the years have risen to the challenge of funding what was at one time, statutory youth work. Because of your investments and trust in us – we have been able to employ 6 local people.

Our young people have taken part in residential experiences, hosted the High Sheriff of Northumberland, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Map Reading, Cookery and Baking, Key Fund projects, Community Support (Litter Picks, Acts of Kindness, Poppies & Remembrance!) Forest Schools learning, Fusion Trampoline, Seaside trips; Coasteering and Paddle Boarding, Skills for Life, DJ Decks and Singing Tuition, Pantomime Trip, Pool Parties, Outdoor Adventure, Easter Fun and treasure hunts, Theme Parks, Drama Sessions, Key Change Music Project, planning Allendale Fair, making costumes, Community Cinema, Children's Tea Party and Youth Stage, supporting the Northumberland Holiday Activity Scheme and developing our young leaders into members of our staff team.



### **Whithaugh Park 2022 Residential**

We will face the years ahead relying more and more on grants and donations and the Trustees extend their sincere thanks to those funders, donors and supporters who have taken the time to visit our project, to meet with staff, talk to the young people and decided to invest in our project. The Trustees are also very grateful to our staff who have built up the essential relationships of trust with young people and for all the behind the scenes work that goes into making the project secure and viable as we move forward another year.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to be managed and delivered with due regard to public benefit and the wellbeing, support and development of Young People and is the sole reason for the existence of the charity and its work.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** **Margaret Stonehouse (Chair)**

**Date:** **August 2023**

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

*A youth resource for young people living in the Allen valleys and surrounding areas where they can access support, informal education, advice and guidance and participate in programmes of physical, educational and other activities helping young people to develop their skills and self-confidence to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.*



**Leap of Faith!**



### **Way Up High!**

## **STAFFING**

Core funding is needed to maintain the whole team up to 35 hours a week as a whole for the staff team to manage and deliver the charity's aims and objectives. Depending on grants received, additional paid hours of work for the post-holder(s) can be budgeted for as each funded project requires. Other professionals and specialist staff are commissioned as needed and provided funding is in place.

Julie Humes, BA (Hons) Community and Youth Work, oversees this work as the lead worker and to report back to the Board of Trustees on all matters. Responsible for safeguarding, supervision and development of other staff and volunteers, fundraising, policy and procedure, training, delivering quality, educational activities and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of young people accessing the provision. Julie is committed to developing and fund-raising for younger staff, in preparation for the future.

Charlotte Reid continues to support the project as deputy, and in addition to Forest School duties – has taken on the role of Duke of Edinburgh Leader.

In the reporting period, Amy Bailey continues to be employed directly by Northumberland Youth Service for 2 hours a week and we are grateful that Amy's work is carried out with us. Amy receives direct supervision from Julie, and training/periodic supervision from the Youth Service.

Jessica Reed, Jamie Dover-Natgrass and Aaron Walter are now paid members of staff and are an excellent support at our regular sessions.

We are delighted to welcome local volunteers to Duke of Edinburgh Award – including Phil Swaile, Bel Smith and James Birchall – who will offer support to Expedition participants and assess the big day itself.

All of part-time staff and volunteers continue to offer additional time voluntarily during additional offsite visits and activities that often extend beyond contracted hours.

## **TRAINING**

- All staff and volunteers regularly undergo DBS checks and safeguarding training (accessed through our membership of North-East Regional Employers' Organisation (NEREO). All safeguarding and first aid training is up to date.
- Julie Humes is the Safeguarding Designated Person for the charity and oversees the training record of all staff and volunteers. JH is also the first point of contact for any safeguarding or child protection concerns.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The charity has had a very successful year overall, with sufficient receipts from fundraising to secure existing, core staff hours, employ additional staff – still allowing us to build a small reserve for the future of our youth provision for a minimum of 6 months.

We have also increased our numbers worked with as we develop our Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and extend our opening hours to young people. During the period we had contact with **145** young people aged 8 to 18 accessing our different activities and projects during the year.

## **LIFE SKILLS LEARNING (ADVICE AND GUIDANCE)**

Young people are continuously supported through the different issues that affect them – whenever they occur. Many are vulnerable to the current theme of Vaping - and drinking of alcohol, and so we hold regular sessions around these themes. This ensures young people are making fully informed choices about the threats presented to them from all directions.

## **POSITIVE ACTIVITIES**

Activities in the outdoors continue to form a large part of our offer. In particular, adventurous activity pushes individual limits, is healthy and offers a complete digital detox as young people are far too busy to look at their phones constantly. A trusted outdoor centre for our residentials – is Whithaugh Park in the Scottish Borders. Not too far, yet still remote and no internet. Activities include climbing, high ropes, abseiling, canoeing, archery, swimming and zip wire.

## **THE KEY PROJECTS**

For a small membership fee each year, we have the chance to support young people in planning, doing and reviewing an activity they want to do. Once they have the idea, each young person undertakes tasks, such as finding prices and other information, making a budget, and ranking themselves on a skills wheel. Then, as a group, the young people have to present their idea to an independent panel – made up of adults not known to them. It's harder that it looks – but in 2022 we supported two groups through the process and they were awarded the money! An enormous amount of learning for the young people goes into these projects – and we plan for more in 2023-2024.

- The Sleepy Heads – a group of girls who wanted to have a sleep over at a local community hall. They planned the sleeping arrangements and all the food they would eat, and activities they wanted to do.
- The Hexagons – a group of boys who wanted to go Christmas Ice Skating, hot chocolate and a meal out. They planned and costed the whole thing – and decided getting the train was the most cost-effective way of getting to Newcastle.

## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

Our first cohort of candidates are working well through all the stages of the Bronze award and are expected to graduate in 2023. We expect that most of these young people will immediately progress to Silver. New cohorts are added each September as young people move into Year 9. A lot of help is received from the DofE itself to run the scheme - and this has helped us very much to support the young people. 6 volunteers are contributing many hours to the award.

## **FUN & FRIENDSHIP**

Young people had fun simply being together every week at youth club (Somewhere to Go, Something to Do, Someone to Talk To) and benefit from an extended offer of residentials, outings and projects, where they can spend overnight experiences together, outings at pool parties, trampoline park, cinema trip, go-karting, theatre, afternoon tea and ice-skating trips to name but a few.

## **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

We are very proud of our older young people, who carry out a leadership role at youth club and out on activities. They have been able to use this as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. This has built confidence and self-esteem in these young leaders and prepares them well for adult-hood and the world of work. Three of our staff members came to us from being participants in youth club from the age of 9!

## **CREATIVE ARTS**

Young people take part in many sessions related to arts and crafts, visits to the theatre, singing and music making. Allendale Youth is also a key delivery partner with the Youth Music funded project "Key Change" with Queens Hall Arts and other district youth projects.

## **JOB SUPPORT**

Young people are helped with decisions over education, training and the workplace. Not everyone has a clear vocation before them (6<sup>th</sup> form? Gap Year? College? Apprenticeship? Job?). Talking these things through with a friendly youth worker or developing a CV and interview skills helps a great deal with important life changing decisions.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our young people delivered a successful Fancy Dress Tea Party for early years children as part of the Youth Club's Community Fair offering in 2022. They organised all the food and games themselves and helped with all the clearing up. For Remembrance Day – the young people spent many weeks tying on knitted poppies onto a mesh – for display outside of the church.



**Duke of Edinburgh Award - Presentation of Essential Expedition Kit!**



**Making Bird Nesting Boxes for Allendale Wildlife Group**



**Making healthier pancakes!**



**The Sleepy Heads Sleep Over Nacho Table!**



**Meeting the Northumberland High Sheriff! Prince & Princess for the Day!**



**Mountain Biking at Whithaugh Park!**



**Don't Look Down at Whithaugh Park!**

**Chair: Margaret Stonehouse  
Allendale Youth Ambition CIO Registered Charity No. 1172492**



**Hope Floats!**

### **Finances/Fund-raising**

We were very grateful to received support from several grant makers who continued to fund the charity for 2022-2023 in support of staffing and other core costs. We received the following grants in the period:

- o UK Youth Covid Resilience Fund
- o Ballinger Trust
- o Sir James Knott Trust
- o EC Forster Belford Trust
- o Community Foundation Cost of Living Fund
- o High Sheriff of Northumberland
- o Allendale Parish Council
- o Duke of Edinburgh Award Bursary and Training Schemes



## Building/Refurbishment

- The small kitchen/toilet area is in a desperate condition of damp and rot, which has resulted in a seriously damaged floor and a smell of mould and damp in all the kitchen cupboards. There are signs there is no damp-proof course in that part of the youth centre. Grants will continue be applied for so that proper and in-depth investigations/ improvements can be carried out.



**“Messing About on the River”**

## ONGOING/FUTURE PLANS

- Maintain the sustainability of Allendale Youth Ambition as a whole.
- Continue fundraising for security of staffing, project work and related activities
- Continue fundraising for the ongoing refurbishment and improvement programme of the youth centre.
- Increase use of The Key funded projects
- Expanding roll out of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Development of Forest Schools Learning
- Continuous programme of Life Skills Learning project work and Job Support
- Baby Sitting Workshops
- Homework/Job Clubs
- Cookery Programmes
- Young people’s own fundraising activities
- Community Volunteering (e.g. Allendale Fair and local charity groups)

- Continue our young people led steering group with an activity budget so they become the curators of activity for other young people.
- School Holiday 2023 programme of activities.
- Encourage participation in the creative arts, including dance, and the Key Change project (funded by Youth Music and a joint venture with Queens Hall Arts).

## **CHALLENGES/RISKS**

We are pleased to see trends that suggest more grant makers are willing to fund core costs - as there is more recognition that the survival of charities comes before activities can happen. This is still a risk area, as local authorities have less to spend, more projects are growing in the voluntary sector – making fund-raising more competitive than ever before. Funding applications are time-consuming, even for relatively small amounts, but funders do try to keep them as simple as possible. Success rate is around one in six applications.

Maintaining the interest and commitment of some older participants is often a challenge – and this has been a gap made worse during the Covid years – especially at transition from juniors to seniors. This has been helped by the launch of our Duke of Edinburgh Programme and also active participation in The Key projects. We also find that having a junior youth club – welcoming younger children aged 9 and up – develops familiarisation, a strong bond with staff, and they are much more likely to transition to seniors. We also believe the solution is through the offer of enjoyable activities that the young people choose to be involved with and want to commit to. Seeking funding for challenging and innovative ideas will continue to put the young people at the forefront of activity programmes and we intend to give positive activity budgets to our senior young people to plan and commission the activities they want to do.

## **FINANCES**

Finances are healthy in the reporting period and no risks to staffing or delivery of our work is identified going forward into the next financial year. We have a small reserve which would allow us to continue for up to 6 months.



**Learning DJ Decks**

**Our Trustees:**

Chair:	Margaret Stonehouse
Treasurer:	Professor Stephanie Atkinson MBE Ph.D.
Secretary:	David Humes
Trustee:	Philip Walter
Trustee:	Zoe Bell

Staff in Period	Julie Humes (BA Hons Youth & Community)
	Charlotte Reid (Qualified in Forest School Delivery)
	Amy Hood
	Jessica Reed
	Jamie Dover-Nattrass
	Aaron Walter

Income:	£48180.00
Expenditure:	£42185.00

***Whether you gave us money, delivered workshops, lent us space, baked a cake - we thank all our funders and supporters past and present (not forgetting parents, grandparents and young people!)***

Ballinger Trust  
 Police Commissioner – Kim McGuinness  
 Police VRU/Home Office  
 The Schofield Trust  
 Sir James Knott Trust  
 Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service  
 NE Youth  
 Debbi's Doodles & Neil Cole  
 Ute Johnson  
 Belford Trust  
 Co-operative Foundation  
 Allendale Co-op  
 Hadrian Trust  
 The Key  
 Queens Hall Arts  
 Tynedale Youth Forum  
 Arts Council/Youth Music  
 Lisa Drama  
 Sherburn House Charity  
 The Joicey Trust  
 Allendale Fair Committee  
 Community Foundation  
 Northumberland Communities Together/Big Lottery  
 Helen Allinson Trust  
 Northumberland Youth Service  
 Northumberland High Sheriff  
 UK Youth CAF Covid Response  
 Covid Resilience Fund  
 Rotary Club  
 Allendale Parish Council  
 Allendale Village Hall  
 Allendale Primary School  
 Allendale Forge Arts



**Into the Brink!**

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

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 period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility

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

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C M Welch FCA, Shilburn Road, Allendale



17 May 2023

**ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION CHARITNO :1172492**

**Financial Statements for the Period from 1st April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this period
5011	41,431	-	46,442
1,138		300	1,138
600		28	600
6,749	41,431	-	48,180
47748	40705	33367	24,361

**Receipts**  
 Grants and donations  
 Activities  
 Subs and Tuckshop  
 Training  
 Bank Charges

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this period
1,316	14,656	-	15,971
-	23,253	-	23,253
1,035	-	-	1,035
310	-	-	310
-	-	-	-
391	391	-	391
549	549	-	549
449	-	60	449
123		31	123
105		69	105
4,276	37,909	-	42,185
31964	29932	16950	26,112

**Payments**  
 Activities/DoE  
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 Tuckshop  
 Refurbishments  
 Insurance  
 Web costs  
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 Training  
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2,473	3,522	-	5,995
-	-	-	-
5,716	-	-	5,716
8,189	3,522	-	11,711
90757	74973	54300	39,144

**Net receipts**  
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31,032	31,032	31,032	31,032
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**Cash Balances**  
 Community Account

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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For and on behalf of the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*Shirley Markaret Stouthouse*

*5 June 2023*

**Allendale Youth Ambition Charity No: 1172492**

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RF2	Helen Allinson Trust	910	0	0	910
RF3	Hadrian Trust	145	60	0	85
RF4	Government COVID Support	24	0	0	24
RF5	Young Peoples' Fund Raising	30	0	0	30
RF6	Northumberland Community Chest	53	0	0	53
RF7	Various Funders and Parents Contribution	14,960	11,934	13,719	16,745
RF8	Parents Contribution to Hoodies	20	0	0	20
RF9	Reserve	3,140	0	1,000	4,140
RF10	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	3,721	2,662	1,712	2,771
<b>Totals for Restricted Funds</b>		<b>85,041</b>	<b>37,909</b>	<b>41,431</b>	<b>88,563</b>
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Signature: Margaret Stavthouset  
 Print Name: Margaret Stavthouset

Date of approval: 5 June 2023

**Allendale Youth Ambition Charity No: 1172492**

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**ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172492

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**ALLENDALE YOUTH**  
AMBITION

CHARITY NO: 1172492



# ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION ANNUAL REPORT

FOR PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

# OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIR



FOLLOWING THE DIRECTION OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY AT ALL TIMES, AS GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS REDUCED, WE INCREASED OUR INDOOR FACE TO FACE WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN AS SAFE WAYS AS POSSIBLE.



WHEN WE SUBMITTED OUR LAST REPORT, COMPLETE WITH DESCRIPTION OF HOW COVID HAD IMPACTED OUR SERVICE - NONE OF US WERE EXPECTING TO PREPARE YET ANOTHER REPORT MORE THAN TWO YEARS LATER ON THE SAME ISSUE. LIKE OTHER ORGANISATIONS, DURING MUCH OF 2021 - ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION CONTINUED TO BE IMPACTED BY COVID 19 IN THE SHORT TERM REGARDING THE WAYS WE SUPPORTED YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN INDOOR SETTINGS.

THIS INCLUDED CONTINUING THE PRACTICE OF SMALLER BUBBLES OF YOUNG PEOPLE, MEETING WITH THEM SEPARATELY FROM OTHER BUBBLES AND SETTING UP AN ADVANCE BOOKING SYSTEM. THIS ENABLED US TO SAFELY MANAGE NUMBERS AND STAFF AND SO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS.



ALL INDICATORS OF THE VIRUS ARE THAT BEING IN WELL-VENTILATED PLACES SUCH AS THE OUTDOORS, IS THE SAFEST LOCATION FOR MEETING WITH OTHER PEOPLE. ACCORDINGLY, A GREAT DEAL OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITY WORK HAS TAKEN PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND WE WERE HELPED IN THIS BY GENEROUS GRANTS AND DONATIONS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OPERATION PAYBACK NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER/BIG LOTTERY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HADRIAN TRUST THE COVID RESILIENCE FUND HIGH SHERIFF OF NORTHUMBERLAND WITHOUT WHICH OUR VARIED OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. THIS PROVED TO BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL WAY OF WORKING AND IT ENABLED US TO REGULARLY KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SAFEST OF ENVIRONMENTS FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED, WITHOUT THE INHERENT CONCERNS RELATED TO INDOOR PROVISION.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE FUNDING WE RECEIVED FROM ALLENDALE PARISH COUNCIL, WHICH ENABLED US TO PURCHASE A PROFESSIONAL AIR PURIFIER - WHICH MONITORS AIR QUALITY AND HELPED BUILD CONFIDENCE THAT WE WERE OPERATING UNDER THE SAFEST OF PROCEDURES.



A MAJOR STEP FORWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALLENDALE, HAS BEEN THE SUCCESS OF OUR BRAND NEW DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS SCHEME AND WE ARE THE ONLY LICENSED CENTRE IN THE COMMUNITY.

I AM DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT 12 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PROGRESSING THROUGH THEIR BRONZE AND SILVER AWARDS

## WHERE WE ARE BASED



WE THEREFORE GO FORWARD INTO THE NEW PERIOD OF 2022-2023 WITH CONFIDENCE, BASED ON ALLENDALE YOUTH REPORTING ON A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2021-2022 YEAR WITH MANY POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING.

# OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

## STAFFING

CORE FUNDING IS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN UP TO 30 HOURS A WEEK IN THE PERIOD FOR THE SERVICES OF PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED YOUTH WORK PRACTITIONERS TO MANAGE AND DELIVER THE CHARITY'S AIMS AND OBJECTIVES. ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS NEEDED FOR FOUR YOUTH WORKERS IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE. DEPENDING ON GRANTS RECEIVED, ADDITIONAL PAID HOURS OF WORK FOR THE POST-HOLDER(S) CAN BE BUDGETED FOR AS EACH FUNDED PROJECT REQUIRES. OTHER PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIALIST STAFF ARE COMMISSIONED AS NEEDED AND PROVIDED FUNDING IS IN PLACE.

A YOUTH RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ALLEN VALLEYS AND SURROUNDING AREAS WHERE THEY CAN ACCESS SUPPORT, INFORMAL EDUCATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE AND PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND SELF-CONFIDENCE TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.



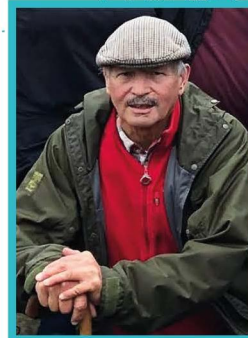
**JULIE HUMES, BA (HONS)**

COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK. IS COMMISSIONED TO OVERSEE THIS WORK AS THE LEAD WORKER AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON ALL MATTERS. RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFEGUARDING, SUPERVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, FUNDRAISING, POLICY AND PROCEDURE, TRAINING, DELIVERING QUALITY, EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESSING THE PROVISION. JULIE IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING AND FUND-RAISING FOR YOUNGER STAFF, IN PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE.



**AMY BAILEY**

CONTINUES TO BE EMPLOYED DIRECTLY BY NORTHUMBERLAND YOUTH SERVICE FOR 2 HOURS A WEEK AND WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT AMY'S WORK IS CARRIED OUT WITH US. AMY RECEIVES DIRECT SUPERVISION FROM JULIE, AND TRAINING/PERIODIC SUPERVISION FROM THE YOUTH SERVICE.



**RAY BATHER**

HAS JOINED THE STAFF TEAM AS CONSULTANT AND LEADER OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD.



**CHARLOTTE REID**

HAS JOINED THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM AND AS A FULLY TRAINED FOREST SCHOOLS PRACTITIONER - IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE PROJECT OVERALL AND TO THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD.



**JAMIE DOVER-NATRASS & AARON WALTER**



ARE BOTH OUR VOLUNTEER YOUNG LEADERS AND WILL BE SUPPORTED TO MOVE TO PAID WORK IN THE FUTURE.



**JESSICA REED**

WHO STARTED WITH US AS A VOLUNTEER. IS NOW A PAID MEMBER OF STAFF AND HAS WORKED FLEXIBLY OVER THE LOCK-DOWN PERIODS.

ALL OF PART-TIME STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO OFFER ADDITIONAL TIME VOLUNTARILY DURING ADDITIONAL OFFSITE VISITS AND ACTIVITIES THAT OFTEN EXTEND BEYOND CONTRACTED HOURS

## TRAINING



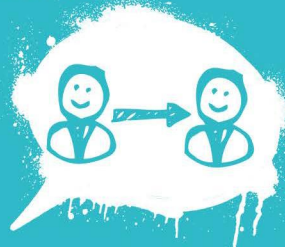
- ★ ALL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO UNDERGO DBS CHECKS AND SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (ACCESSED THROUGH OUR MEMBERSHIP OF NORTH-EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION (NEREO). NEXT SAFEGUARDING AND FIRST AID REFRESHER TRAINING IS DUE IN 2022 ONCE A RESOURCE CAN BE FOUND.
- ★ JULIE HUMES IS THE SAFEGUARDING DESIGNATED PERSON FOR THE CHARITY AND OVERSEES THE TRAINING RECORD OF ALL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. JH IS ALSO THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR ANY SAFEGUARDING OR CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS.
- ★ WE CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OF NE YOUTH, WHICH PROVIDES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES.
- ★ JULIE AND CHARLOTTE DID THEIR KEY FUND FACILITATOR TRAINING, WHICH MEANS THEY CAN SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PLAN AND DO THEIR OWN FUNDED ACTIVITIES AND CAN ALSO SIT ON PANELS FOR OTHER PROJECTS.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

THE CHARITY HAS HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR OVERALL. WITH SUFFICIENT RECEIPTS FROM FUNDRAISING TO SECURE EXISTING, CORE STAFF HOURS, EMPLOY ADDITIONAL STAFF – STILL ALLOWING US TO BUILD A SMALL RESERVE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH PROVISION FOR A MINIMUM OF 6 MONTHS.

DESPITE COVID AND THE RELATED RULES AND LOCKDOWN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR – WE HAVE MAINTAINED REGULAR CONTACT WITH ALL OUR EXISTING YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO HAVE ALL THOROUGHLY PARTICIPATED IN OUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME AND WE EVEN GAINED SOME NEW MEMBERS. WE HAVE ALSO INCREASED OUR NUMBERS WORKED WITH AS WE DEVELOP OUR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME.

DURING THE PERIOD WE HAD  
**125 PARTICIPANTS  
AGED 8 TO 18**  
ACCESSING OUR DIFFERENT  
ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS



WITH OUR ADDITIONAL STAFF RESOURCE, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INCREASE OUR FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH YOUNG PEOPLE OFFERING SEPARATE SESSIONS TO CHILDREN AGED 9-11 AND 12+

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING ADVICE AND GUIDANCE



YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTED THROUGH THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM. MANY ARE VULNERABLE FOLLOWING COVID LOCKDOWNS AND HAVE MISSED OUT ON NORMAL ROUTINES. A RECURRING THEME IS RELATIONSHIPS AND FRIENDSHIPS AND HOW TO MANAGE THEM.

WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD A VISIT FROM THE NORTHUMBERLAND DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE, WHERE A PROFESSIONAL RAN A WORKSHOP SHOWING YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS LOOKS LIKE (AND WHAT THEY DON'T!)

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CHALLENGE

ACTIVITIES IN THE OUTDOORS FORM A LARGE PART OF OUR OFFER. IN PARTICULAR, ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITY PUSHES INDIVIDUAL LIMITS, IS HEALTHY AND OFFERS A COMPLETE DIGITAL DETOX AS YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FAR TOO BUSY TO LOOK AT THEIR PHONES CONSTANTLY.



## CREATIVE ARTS

YOUNG PEOPLE WERE VERY CREATIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MADE SHOULDER BAGS USING RECYCLED JEANS, COOKERY, CLAY MODELLING, BATH-BOMBS, BOTTLE LAMPS, SUMMER ART DAYS.



ROCK AND STONE!



## FUN AND FRIENDSHIP



YOUNG PEOPLE HAD FUN SIMPLY BEING TOGETHER EVERY WEEK AT YOUTH CLUB (SOMEWHERE TO GO, SOMETHING TO DO, SOMEONE TO TALK TO) AND HAD OUTINGS AT POOL PARTIES, TRAMPOLINE PARK, CINEMA TRIP, GO-KARTING, THEATRE, AFTERNOON TEA AND ICE-SKATING TRIPS.

## JOB SUPPORT

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HELPED WITH DECISIONS OVER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND THE WORKPLACE.

NOT EVERYONE HAS A CLEAR VOCATION BEFORE THEM (6TH FORM? GAP YEAR? COLLEGE? APPRENTICESHIP? JOB?). TALKING THESE THINGS THROUGH WITH A FRIENDLY YOUTH WORKER HELPS A GREAT DEAL WITH IMPORTANT LIFE CHANGING DECISIONS.



## LEADERSHIP SKILLS

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO CARRY OUT A LEADERSHIP ROLE AT YOUTH CLUB AND OUT ON ACTIVITIES. THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO USE THIS AS PART OF THEIR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD. THIS HAS BUILT CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM IN THESE YOUNG LEADERS AND PREPARES THEM WELL FOR ADULT-HOOD AND THE WORLD OF WORK.

"BIG THANKS TO DUKE OF EDINBURGH CANDIDATES KANE PEPPER AND JOSH WALTER, WHO ALWAYS OFFER HELP AND SUPPORT WITH OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS"

# OUTDOOR POSITIVE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

MANY OF OUR MAIN ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN IN THE SAFETY OF THE OUTDOORS. AND GRANTS OBTAINED WERE BASED SPECIFICALLY ON THIS FACTOR. GRANT-MAKERS HAVE SUPPORTED THIS APPROACH - AS THEY HAVE BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN THEIR DONATIONS.

HEADING BACK FROM WINDERMERE  
"I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY WIND"



FROM SPRING 2021, WE DEVELOPED OUR PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITY IN THE OUTDOORS. ALL OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WERE PLACED INTO SMALL ACTIVITY BUBBLES AND PARTICIPATED IN FOREST SCHOOLS ACTIVITY, OUTDOOR POOL PARTIES, TEAM BUILDING, HIGH ROPES, CLIMBING, ABSEILING AND RESIDENTIAL CANOE CAMPS!

WHEN EACH BUBBLE TOOK TURNS TO TRAVEL TO THE LAKE DISTRICT TO WINDERMERE, WHERE THEY PADDLED 14 MILES UP THE LENGTH OF THE LAKE, SET UP CAMP AND PADDLED ALL THE WAY BACK AGAIN! ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE (AND STAFF!) LEARNED THE ART OF PITCHING A TENT - AND THIS IS A VERY WORTHWHILE SKILL TO HAVE.

IN ADDITION, OUR OLDER MEMBERS HAVE PROVIDED A MUCH-VALUED SUPPORT ROLE THROUGHOUT ALL THESE ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING MUCH VALUED LEADERSHIP TO THE YOUNGER CHILDREN. THIS ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES TO OUR SENIORS TO USE THESE EXPEDITION AS PART OF THEIR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS, AS THEY DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS, INCLUDING DEPENDABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, MAKING DECISIONS, SETTLING CONFLICT AND A SENSE OF WELL-BEING AS THEY GROW INTO TRUSTWORTHY YOUNG ADULTS!



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BUSY PLANNING A FANCY DRESS TEA PARTY FOR EARLY YEARS CHILDREN AS PART OF THE YOUTH CLUB'S COMMUNITY FAIR OFFERING IN 2022. THEY ARE ORGANISING ALL THE FOOD AND GAMES THEMSELVES.

## COMMUNITY

IN EARLY SPRING WE HAD A YOUTH CLUB COMMUNITY LITTER PICK FOLLOWED BY A CRAFT SESSION WITH A RENEWABLE THEME. MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THIS AS CAN BE SEEN ON OUR COVER PICTURE!



TENTS ARE UP AND TIME TO RELAX!

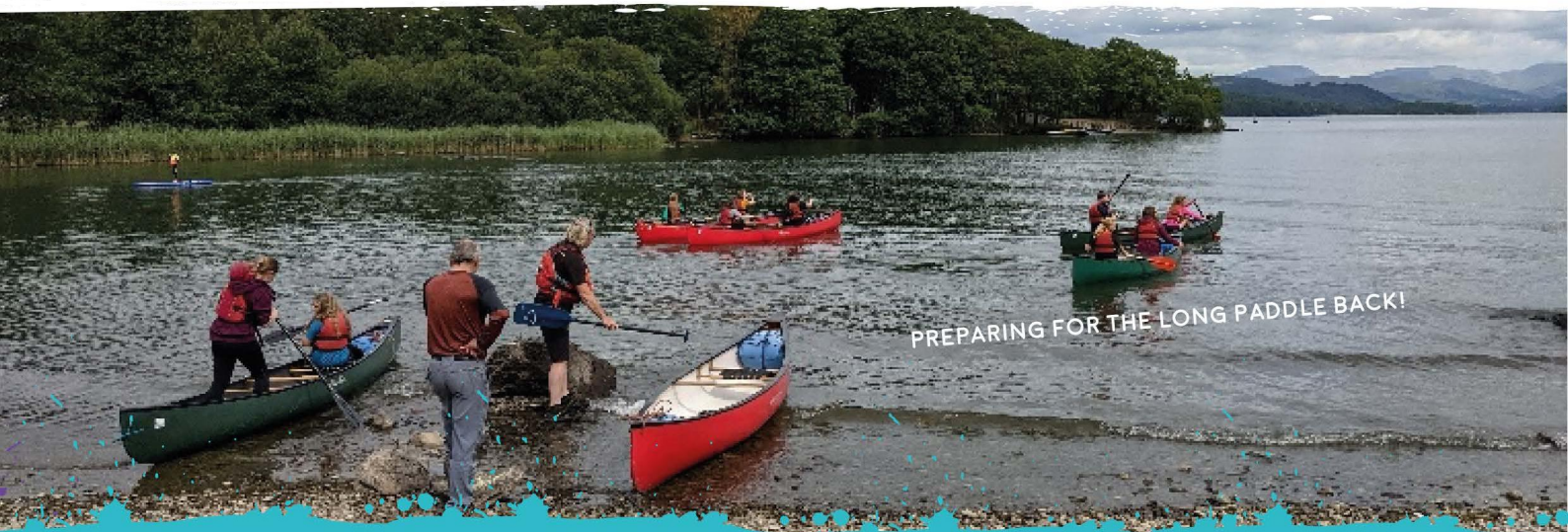
SOME THING THAT WE DO WHEN WE GO AWAY



HOME SWEET HOME (FOR A WHILE)



DON'T LOOK DOWN!



PREPARING FOR THE LONG PADDLE BACK!

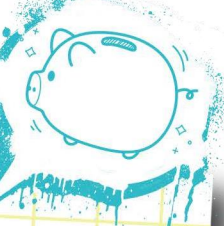


**OUR 2020/2021  
OUTDOOR POSITIVE  
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME  
WAS SUPPORTED BY THE  
FOLLOWING GRANT MAKERS:**

- POLICE COMMISSIONER OPERATION PAYBACK**
- HIGH SHERIFF OF NORTHUMBERLAND**
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**
- NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITIES  
TOGETHER/BIG LOTTERY**



**FINANCES AND FUND-RAISING**



**WE WERE VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE RECEIVED  
SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL GRANT MAKERS  
WHO CONTINUED TO FUND  
THE CHARITY FOR 2021/2022  
IN SUPPORT OF STAFFING & OTHER CORE COSTS**

**WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS IN THE PERIOD:**

- NORTHUMBERLAND YOUTH SERVICE**
- SIR JAMES KNOTT TRUST**
- BELFORD TRUST**
- COVID RESILIENCE FUND**

**BUILDING / REFURBISHMENT**

**THE YOUTH CENTRE WAS NEWLY PAINTED  
FOLLOWING COVID LOCK-DOWNS.**

**THE SMALL KITCHEN/TOILET AREA CONTINUES  
TO BE IN A POOR CONDITION AND EVIDENCE  
OF DAMP.**

**GRANTS WILL CONTINUE BE APPLIED  
FOR SO THAT INVESTIGATIONS /  
IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE CARRIED OUT.**



## ONGOING AND FUTURE PLANS



- ★ CONTINUE FUNDRAISING FOR PROJECT WORK AND ACTIVITIES AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION AS A WHOLE.
- ★ CONTINUE FUNDRAISING FOR THE ONGOING REFURBISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME OF THE YOUTH CENTRE.
- ★ DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME
- ★ CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME OF WELL-BEING PROJECT WORK AND JOB CLUB
- ★ YOUNG PEOPLE'S OWN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES
- ★ CONTINUE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LED STEERING GROUP WITH AN ACTIVITY BUDGET SO THEY BECOME THE CURATORS OF ACTIVITY FOR OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE.
- ★ SCHOOL HOLIDAY 2022 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES.
- ★ RE-ESTABLISH THE CREATIVE ARTS THROUGH YOUNG NOTES YOUTH CHOIR OR DRAMA.

## CHALLENGES AND RISKS



THE FUNDING OF CORE COSTS. THERE ARE RECENT SIGNS THAT MORE GRANT MAKERS ARE WILLING TO REPEAT FUND CORE COSTS ARE IMPROVING AS IT IS RECOGNISED THAT THE SURVIVAL OF CHARITIES COMES BEFORE THE ACTIVITIES. THIS IS STILL A RISK AREA. AS LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE LESS TO SPEND. MORE PROJECTS ARE GROWING IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR - MAKING FUND-RAISING MORE COMPETITIVE THAN EVER BEFORE. FUNDING APPLICATIONS ARE TIME-CONSUMING. EVEN FOR RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS. BUT FUNDERS DO TRY TO KEEP THEM AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE. SUCCESS RATE IS AROUND ONE IN SIX APPLICATIONS.

MAINTAINING THE INTEREST AND COMMITMENT OF SOME OLDER PARTICIPANTS IS AN ALWAYS A CHALLENGE. THIS HAS BEEN HELPED BY THE LAUNCH OF OUR DUKE OF EDINBURGH PROGRAMME. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE SUCCESS WITH OUR COMMITTED OLDER MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING AT THE PROJECT ON OUR OUTDOOR POSITIVE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME. WE BELIEVE THE SOLUTION IS THROUGH THE OFFER OF ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE TO BE INVOLVED WITH AND WANT TO COMMIT TO. SEEKING FUNDING FOR CHALLENGING AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS WILL CONTINUE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THE ACTIVITY PROGRAMMES.



# FINANCES

FINANCES ARE HEALTHY IN THE REPORTING PERIOD AND NO RISKS TO STAFFING OR DELIVERY OF OUR WORK IS IDENTIFIED GOING FORWARD INTO THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR. WE HAVE A SMALL RESERVE WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE FOR 6 MONTHS.



**INCOME**

£47748.00

**EXPENDITURE**

£31964.00

## OUR TRUSTEES

**CHAIR**

MARGARET STONEHOUSE

**TREASURER**

PROFESSOR STEPHANIE ATKINSON MBE PH.D.

**SECRETARY**

DAVID HUMES

**TRUSTEE**

PHILIP WALTER

**TRUSTEE**

ZOE BELL

## OUR STAFF

**JULIE HUMES**  
BA HONS YOUTH & COMMUNITY

CHARLOTTE REID

AMY HOOD

JESSICA REED

## PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

THE TRUSTEES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE CHARITY CONTINUES TO BE MANAGED AND DELIVERED WITH DUE REGARD TO PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THE WELLBEING. SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND IS THE SOLE REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE CHARITY AND ITS WORK.

SIGNED:

NAME:

MARGARET STONEHOUSE (CHAIR)

DATE:

1ST JULY 2022

WHETHER YOU GAVE US MONEY, DELIVERED WORKSHOPS, LENT US SPACE, BAKED A CAKE - WE THANK ALL OUR FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS PAST AND PRESENT (NOT FORGETTING PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE!)

POLICE COMMISSIONER – KIM MCGUINNESS

POLICE VRUIHOME OFFICE

SCHOFIELD TRUST

SIR JAMES KNOTT TRUST

NORTHUMBERLAND DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE

NE YOUTH

DEBBI'S DOODLES & NEIL COLE

UTE JOHNSON

BELFORD TRUST

CO-OPERATIVE FOUNDATION

ALLENDALE CO-OP

HADRIAN TRUST

QUEENS HALL ARTS

TYNEDALE YOUTH FORUM

ARTS COUNCIL/YOUTH MUSIC

SHERBURN HOUSE CHARITY

THE JOICEY TRUST

ALLENDALE FAIR COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITIES  
TOGETHER/BIG LOTTERY

HELEN ALLINSON TRUST

NORTHUMBERLAND YOUTH SERVICE

NORTHUMBERLAND HIGH SHERIFF

UK YOUTH CAF COVID RESPONSE

COVID RESILIENCE FUND

ROTARY CLUB

ALLENDALE PARISH COUNCIL

ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL

ALLENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALLENDALE FORGE ARTS

THE ROTHLEY TRUST

## GOVERNMENT GRANTS IN PERIOD



COVID RESILIENCE FUND	£8000.00
NORTHUMBERLAND YOUTH SERVICE	£2000.00
POLICE COMMISSIONER OPERATION PAYBACK	£10,000.00



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE SINCE 2001

# ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION

CHARITY NO: 1172492

## YOU WILL FIND ALL THE INFORMATION HELPFUL FOR CONTACTING US



TREASURER  
PROF STEPHANIE ATKINSON  
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PROJECT MANAGER  
JULIE HUMES  
BA HONS YOUTH WORK



WHERE WE MEET  
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ALLENDALE VILLAGE HALL  
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YOUTH WORKER MOBILE  
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ALLENDALE YOUTH CLUB



A MEMBER ORGANISATION  
OF - WWW.NEYOUTH.ORG.UK



PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES OUT TO  
ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION



OR YOU CAN PAY BY BACS  
SORT CODE 40-34-18  
ACCOUNT NUMBER 64423488

**ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION CHARITY NO : 1172492**

**Financial Statements for the Period from 1st April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this period	Last Year 01.04.20 to 31.03.21
Grants	14	47,407	-	47,421	40105
Activities	-	-	-	-	100
Subs and Tuckshop	300	-	-	300	500
Training	-	-	-	-	28
Bank charges/Refund	28	-	-	28	40705
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>47,407</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,748</b>	

Payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this period	Last Year 01.04.20 to 31.03.21
Activities	252	21,651	-	21,903	10605
Youth development Work	-	6,295	-	6,295	7150
Contribution to Hall Costs	278	-	-	278	255
Refurbishments	-	955	-	955	46
Insurance	382	-	-	382	138
Web costs	131	-	-	131	331
Admin/Stationary/COVID & other costs	60	-	-	60	1506
Bank Charges/Refund	31	-	-	31	31
Training	69	-	-	69	69
Reserve	-	1,860	-	1,860	20032
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>30,761</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,964</b>	

Net Receipts/(Payments)	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this period	Last Year 01.04.20 to 31.03.21
Net Receipts/(Payments)	(862)	16,646	-	15,784	20673
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	54300
Cash funds at start of period	6,578	68,395	-	74,973	74973
Cash funds at end of period	5,716	85,041	-	90,757	

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For and on behalf of the Trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*Michael Stankovsk*  
 MICHAEL STANKOVSK 17.8.22

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<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Account	General	6,578	1,203	341	5,716
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
RF1	NCC Youth Service & Sherburn Trust Joicey Trust Belford Trust	54,033	8,284	16,288	62,037
RF2	Helen Allinson Trust	1,865	955	0	910
RF3	Hadian Trust	145	0	0	145
RF4	Government COVID Support	24	0	0	24
RF5	Young Peoples' Fund Raising	30	0	0	30
RF6	Northumberland Community Chest	53	0	0	53
RF7	Haydon Bridge and Newbrough Youth Projects	7,224	14,607	19,750	12,368
RF8	Parent Contributions	20	0	0	20
RF9	Reserve	5,000	1,860	0	3,140
RF10	Community Fund, Hadian Trust, NCC	0	5,055	11,369	6,314
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**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

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 period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145)(b) of the Charities Act, and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity

Commission.

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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with s.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 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Chris Walsh*

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RF4	Government COVID Support	24	0	0	24
RF5	Young Peoples' Fund Raising	30	0	0	30
RF6	Northumberland Community Chest	53	0	0	53
RF7	Haydon Bridge and Newbrough Youth Projects	7,224	14,607	19,750	12,368
RF8	Parent Contributions	20	0	0	20
RF9	Reserve	5,000	1,860	0	3,140
RF10	Community Fund, Hadian Trust, NCC	0	5,055	11,369	6,314
<b>Totals for Restricted Funds</b>		<b>68,395</b>	<b>30,761</b>	<b>47,407</b>	<b>85,041</b>
<b>Totals for all Funds</b>		<b>74,973</b>	<b>31,964</b>	<b>47,748</b>	<b>90,757</b>

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

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 period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145)(b) of the Charities Act, and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity

Commission.

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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with s.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 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Chris Walsh*

**ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172492

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report of Allendale Youth Ambition for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021



### OPENING STATEMENT BY CHAIR

When we submitted our last report, complete with description of how had Covid impacted our service – none of us were expecting to prepare yet another report more than a year later on the same issue. Like other organisations, during all of 2020 into 2021 within the reporting period - Allendale Youth Ambition has continued to be impacted by Covid 19 in terms of its usual face to face work with young people, although we have still maintained contact with them in different ways. In particular, our local schools were hit quite badly with infection rates and the decision was made to suspend all but the most vital one to one face to face support work.

Staff set up regular virtual meetings with young people keen to keep in touch and they took part in quizzes or simply chat. Our older members formed a steering group, and they were consulted on how we could make things work, and so their opinions and ideas structured how we moved things forward for the future sustainability of the project.

Accordingly, a great deal of outdoor activity work has taken place throughout the year and we were helped in this direction by generous grants and donations, without which it would not have been possible. This proved to be a very successful way of working and it enabled us to regularly keep in touch with young people in the safest of environments for everyone involved, without the inherent concerns related to indoor provision.

Going forward into the new period of 2021-2022 is an unknown future, but Allendale Youth is delighted to report a successful 2020-2021 year with many positive outcomes for young people, despite our limitations - in the most challenging of circumstances and we face the future with confidence and hope.

### Objectives and activities

*A youth resource for young people living in the Allen valleys and surrounding areas where they can access support, informal education, advice and guidance and participate in programmes of physical, educational and other activities helping young people to develop their skills and self-confidence to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.*

## **Staffing**

Core funding is needed to maintain up to 25 hours a week in the period for the services of professionally qualified youth work practitioners to manage and deliver the charity's aims and objectives. Additional funding is needed for four youth workers in support of the above. Depending on grants received, additional paid hours of work for the post-holder(s) can be budgeted for as each funded project requires. Other professionals and specialist staff are commissioned as needed and provided funding is in place.

Julie Humes, BA (Hons) Community and Youth Work, is commissioned to oversee this work as the lead worker and to report back to the Board of Trustees on all matters. Responsible for supervision and development of other staff and volunteers, fundraising, policy and procedure, training, delivering quality, educational activities and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of young people accessing the provision. Julie is committed to developing and fund-raising for younger staff, in preparation for the future.

Amy Bailey continues to be employed directly by Northumberland Youth Service for 2 hours a week and we are grateful that Amy's work is carried out with us. Amy receives direct supervision from Julie, and training/periodic supervision from the Youth Service.

We lost a valued member of staff, Anna Harrison, who secured full-time work in another sector and we wish her well in her new career.

Jessica Reed, who started with us as a volunteer, is now a paid member of staff and has worked flexibly over the lock-down periods.

All of part-time staff and volunteers continue to offer additional time voluntarily during additional offsite visits and activities that often extend beyond contracted hours.

## **Training**

- All staff and volunteers continue to undergo regular DBS checks and safeguarding training (accessed through our membership of North-East Regional Employers' Organisation (NEREO). Next Safeguarding and First Aid Refresher training is due in 2021 once a resource can be found.
- Julie Humes is the Safeguarding Designated Person for the charity and oversees the training record of all staff and volunteers. JH is also the first point of contact for any safeguarding or child protection concerns.
- We continue to benefit from our annual membership of NE Youth, which provides funding opportunities, resources and training activities.

## **Policies and Procedures**

A GDPR Policy is in operation and parents/carers of existing and new participants confirm their wishes as to the use and storage of their data and permissions. Young People's data remains locked away on the premises and not shared with external sources except with express permission.

## **Participants in the Period**

Despite Covid and the related rules and lockdown throughout the year – we have maintained regular contact with all our existing young people, who have all thoroughly participated in our outdoor activity programme and we even gained some new members. We hope to build on this - during what we hope to be less restricted practice as we move through 2021/2022.

## **Achievements and performance**

The charity has had a successful year overall, with sufficient receipts from fundraising to secure existing, core staff hours and to offer extra hours – still allowing us to build a small reserve for the future of our youth provision for a minimum of 6 months.

## **Activities/Outings in the Period**

- As 2020 moved on, we planned ahead for a post-Covid time. But through time, many of our hoped for and booked activities were cancelled as Covid became more wide-spread and as we went in and out of lockdowns. Our Young Notes Youth Choir was put on hold (and still is), together with all the performance events that were booked. Young people didn't benefit from any youth residential opportunities at holiday times, no trampolining outings, or Christmas Ice Party, or the Pantomime. Instead, All of our main activities have been in the safety of the outdoors, and grants obtained were based specifically on this factor. Grant-makers have supported this approach – as they have been very generous in their donations.
- Successful transition of a troubled young man who has been with us since he was nine years old – successfully passing out the Army.
- **Outdoor Positive Activity Programme**

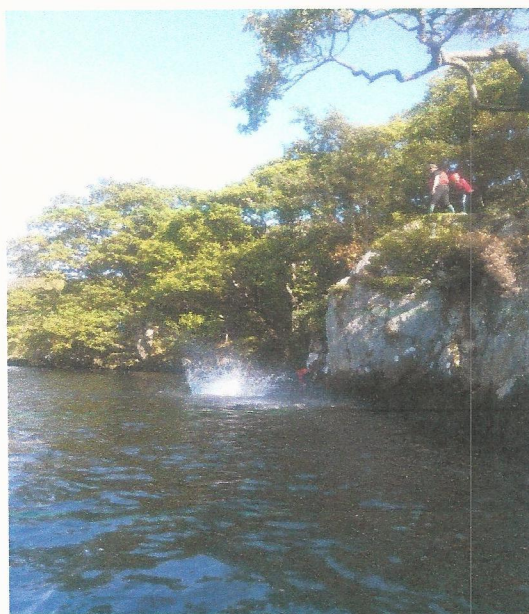
This is the programme in the outdoors which is generally agreed is far safer than indoor work. All of our young people were placed into small activity bubbles and each bubble took turns to travel to the Lake District to Ullswater for a regular programme of fun activities throughout the Easter, Summer and October Holidays

- Rock Climbing/Abseiling
- Canoeing/Learning Paddle Skills
- Learning Rope Skills/Belaying/Tying Knots
- Forest Schools Learning
- High Ropes Challenges
- Abseiling
- Canoeing/Improving Paddle Skills
- Team Building and Problem Solving

In addition, our older members have provided a much-valued support role throughout all these activities, providing leadership to the younger children. This provides opportunities to our seniors to develop life skills, including dependability, responsibility, making decisions, settling conflict and a sense of well-being as they grow into trustworthy young adults. It is in our look-ahead plan to establish Allendale Youth as a Direct Licenced Centre for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, so that these young people can work towards formal recognition for their efforts. If successful, Allendale Youth will be the only licenced centre in the community.



Safety Briefing Before the Big Jump!



Dear Reader - I Jumped! (Into Ullswater)



**Capsize!**



**Building Trust in Each Other!**





Birds-eye View!

### **Finances/Fund-raising**

We were very grateful to received additional support from several grant makers who continued to fund the charity for 2020/2021 in support of staffing and other core costs. We received the following grants in the period:

- Northumberland Youth Service
- Sir James Knott Trust
- Belford Trust
- CAF Covid Response
- Helen Allinson Trust

Our 2020/2021 **Outdoor Positive Activity Programme** was supported by the following grant makers:

- Home Office VRU/Police Commissioner
- High Sheriff of Northumberland
- UK Youth CAF Response
- Allendale Parish Council
- Rotary Club Hexham

### **Building/Refurbishment**

- We continue to have very poor Wi-Fi connection. It is hoped to get a better service in the future, should the Village Hall be a beneficiary of the Allen Valley's Broadband Initiative which is taking place throughout the community by volunteers.
- The small kitchen/toilet area continues to be in a poor condition and evidence of damp. We are also suffering from a leak from the village hall above, which has

affected our ceiling quite badly. Village Hall has been informed and grants will be applied for so that investigations/improvements can be carried out.



**Anna with Jamie (one of our young leaders)**

#### **Ongoing/Future Plans (Covid 19 Permitting)**

- Continue fundraising for project work and activities and the sustainability of Allendale Youth Ambition as a whole.
- Continue fundraising for the ongoing refurbishment and improvement programme of the youth centre.
- **Establish Allendale Youth as a Direct Licensed Centre for delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh Award**
- Adventure Activity Programmes with Weardale House Adventure Centre
- Continuous programme of Well-being project work
- Young people's own fundraising activities
- Provide our young people led steering group with an activity budget so they become the curators of activity for other young people.
- Easter/Summer 2021 programme of activities for the school holidays based on what the young people plan.
- Re-establish Young Notes Youth Choir
- Establish a Job Club which will prepare 14+ young people for interviews and job hunting.
- Aim for additional opening hours to support our work with smaller groups of young people.

## Challenges/Risks

The funding of core costs. The grant makers willing to fund the staffing and running costs of a charity are scarce, compelling staff to make activities fit the funding streams available. Many hours are spent on completing funding applications, with perhaps only one in 5 applications being successful.

Maintaining the interest and commitment of the older participants is still a significant challenge and this has not been helped by the Covid situation. The older they get, the more they want to be away from the supervision of adults. We have had significant success in this period with our committed older members volunteering at the project on our **Outdoor Positive Activity Programme**. The answer is to fund educational and enjoyable activities that the young people choose to be involved with and want to commit to. Seeking funding for challenging and innovative ideas will continue and we will aim to put the young people in charge of the activity programmes.

## Finances

Finances are healthy in the reporting period and no risks to staffing or delivery of our work is identified going forward into the next financial year. We have a small reserve which would allow us to continue for 6 months.



**The Beautiful Game!**

## Public benefit statement

The trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to be managed and delivered with due regard to public benefit and the wellbeing and support of Young People and is the sole reason for the existence of the charity and its work.

Signed: *M Stonehouse*

Name: **Margaret Stonehouse (Chair)**

Date: **July 2021**



## ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION RESERVES TABLE FOR USE IN 2021/2022

	REPORTING YEAR 2020/2021	COMMENTS
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS (as ring-fenced by Donor)</b>		
Core Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff Wages</li> <li>- Staff Overtime</li> <li>- Holiday/Sick Cover</li> <li>- Specialist Providers</li> </ul>	54033.00	New Grant Receipts for Salaries/Core Costs Sir James Knott (£10000) Belford Trust (£15000) LA Youth Service (£2000)
Refurbishment Programme/Essential Works	1865.00	New Grant Receipts Schoefield Trust (£750) Helen Allison Trust (£1000)
Young Notes Singing Project	145.00	Project on Hold
Young People's Own Fund-Raising	30.00	Ongoing
Covid Support Grants	24.00	Residual (will buy Covid Cleaning Products)
Recycling Project	53.00	Ongoing (will buy bio-degradable refuse bags)
Positive Youth Activities	7224.00	Ongoing Projects (Rotary, Police, UK Youth, High Sheriff).
Hoodies (Community Fund Raising)	20.00	Ongoing
<b>TOTAL OF RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>63394.00</b>	
<b>UNRESTRICTED TOTAL (as per audited accounts)</b>	<b>6578.00</b>	
<b>Designated Overhead (from Unrestricted)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rent/Insurance (£780)</li> <li>- Insurance/Subscriptions (£500)</li> <li>- IT (£500)</li> <li>- Admin/Housekeeping (£600)</li> <li>- Training, Health &amp; Safety (£850)</li> <li>- Maintenance (£750)</li> <li>- General Session Resources/Equip (£850)</li> </ul>	780.00 500.00 500.00 600.00 850.00 750.00 850.00	
<b>Total of Designated Funds</b>	<b>4830.00</b>	
<b>Unallocated funds (£6548 - £4830)</b>	<b>1748.00</b>	<b>Not assigned to specific expenditure</b>
<b>(Charity Reserve)</b>	<b>5000.00</b>	<b>As agreed by Trustees</b>
<b>(Actual Reserve)</b>	<b>6748.00</b>	

## **ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION RESERVES POLICY 2021-2022** **(based on 2020/2021 Accounts)**

### **Introduction**

The Trustees of Allendale Youth Ambition (AYA) have agreed the need to secure the charity's viability beyond the immediate future. In order to be able to provide reliable services over the longer term, AYA must be able to manage and absorb setbacks and to take advantage of change and opportunity. The Trustees will provide for this by maintaining, and where possible. Putting aside, when afforded, some of our unrestricted income as a reserve against future uncertainties. When carrying reserves forward, the charity refers to three general descriptors of reserve funds:

### **Restricted Reserves**

Restricted Reserves are those funds earmarked by donors' or grant-makers' wishes for specific intended and future use. The level of restricted reserves varies from year to year in accordance with the amount of restricted funds raised, the purpose and timescales. Restricted Reserves may also include planned for and extended periods of carry forward funding; for example, three-year salary projections and other core costs which are often typical subjects for core funding donations as compared with close ended activity projects.

### **Unrestricted (Designated Reserves)**

Although Designated Funds (those not earmarked by donors) are sometimes classed as being Unrestricted Funds, such funds form the basis of the annual budget for essential core spending and fixed costs - usually allocated to the overhead/ operational costs of running the charity. Unless specifically grant based - these include essentials such as staff costs, rent, insurance, maintenance, training, and IT costs. Similarly, AYA also designates a budget for activity and delivery costs – as this is a core function of our face to face work with young people. As such, these designated funds cannot be treated as free reserves and will not be included in the total of the Unrestricted Reserves. However, to assist grant-makers in their decisions whether to award funds to the charity – a table of how funds are allocated is attached to this document. This demonstrates that funds are allocated as needed to run the core operations of the charity – and that large reserves are not being hoarded.

### **Unrestricted (Free Reserves)**

These are funds that are not restricted by a donor, nor are they designated to essential or anticipated spending on overhead and operational costs. Such funds can thus form the basis of building a true free reserve, that would safeguard the operations of the charity for a period of time, should new or anticipated income streams fail. In financially healthy times, such funds will be diverted to specific projects for young people.

### **Setting a Free Reserves Value**

AYA aims to retain sufficient financial reserves to protect against failure to meet fundraising needs, unforeseen costs, and general risk to the viability of the charity. 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.

A formal policy on reserves was agreed at a meeting of the Board and the Trustees have set a reserves policy which requires:

- Reserves are built/maintained/reduced at a level which ensures that up to **6 months** of the organisation's current activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. For the current year following our annual audit, the figure of **£5000.00** has been identified as an unrestricted financial reserve (which have not been designated for other purposes). This will be reviewed annually by the Board.

- In deciding where and how to invest financial reserves, Trustees will always consider the need for balance between short-term cash needs and investing for better returns for the charity. Therefore, for the financial year of 2020/2021, the nominated free reserve of **£5000.00** will be retained alongside other funds in the existing accessible charity bank account.

### **Achievement of the Goal**

If AYA continues to maintain this unrestricted and non-designated surplus position within the reserve figure achieved, it will aim not to spend the surplus, unless the needs of our service users dictate an intervention or unexpected major repairs. If AYA were to receive significant, unexpected funds (wherein the donor has not specified expenditure), Trustees will decide, on a case by case basis, whether the income should be designated for a particular purpose or to boost the unrestricted financial reserves. Trustees will always monitor the growth and size of any free reserve and have responsibility to decide if excessive reserves should be diverted to achieve a balance and consider increasing the outputs of the charity.

### **Measurement of progress towards the goal**

Achievement or otherwise against the Financial Reserves Policy will be measured and reviewed annually. Trustees will review progress against the policy, and the policy itself, alongside approval of the Annual Report and Accounts each year. Decisions on designations, or changes to designations, will be recorded. In addition, consideration will be given to the following:

- Risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different to that budgeted
- Planned activity level
- Organisation's commitments

**£5000.00** is agreed to be a reasonable level of **free reserve** and the charity will seek to maintain this level over the next 12 months. This Reserves Policy will form part of AYA Annual Report and Return to the Charity Commission.

Agreed on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Trustee: M Stonehouse (Chair)**



**Allendale Youth Ambition**

# **Allendale Youth Ambition Financial Reserves Policy (supporting information)**

## **Definition of Reserves**

For the purposes of this policy, the term “reserves” is applied to that part of AYA income that is freely available for its general purposes, aims and objectives. Reserves are the resources that AYA has, or can make available to spend, for any or all of its purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure.

This definition excludes unspent money from restricted grants, i.e. where a funder has specified what the money must be spent on and thus the Trustees do not have the power to spend the money on anything else. In any case, funders generally require the return of any significant unspent funds. In terms of Charity Commission guidance, it excludes the following:

- i. Permanent endowment/capital
- ii. Expendable endowment/capital
- iii. Restricted income/funds
- iv. Designated income funds
- v. Income funds which could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charity use.

Although there are no legal restrictions on the use of Designated income funds or expendable endowment as reserves, this is generally not recommended by the Charity Commission. If part of an Unrestricted fund is ear-marked for a particular project it may be designated as a separate fund. Funds could be designated for a project that AYA is seeking to build resources for. Designation does not restrict the Trustees; they can change their minds. But the initial decision should be a genuine one, not a method of hoarding funds.

Any Designations will be recorded in the minutes of a board meeting – as will any subsequent re-designation. It is important that a policy providing for transfer between funds and allocations to or from designated funds as well as the reasons for setting up a fund are explained, specifically in notes to accounts.

Reserves will therefore generally only include:

## **Unrestricted Funds – General**

This is money that can be spent on anything which furthers the objectives of AYA. Often this is money that has been generated through public fund-raising (raffles, donations and so on), unless the money was promoted as being raised for a specific purpose.

All unrestricted funds come within the definition of free reserves so long as they are not currently designated. Money from restricted funds can only be included in free reserves if the funder has given written permission for this to happen.

## **Justification for Holding Reserves**

Any organisation which enters commitments – through the agreement to deliver services, the employment of staff, the rental of premises, the purchase of goods or services etc, must ensure it has sufficient resources to cover the related costs. Even when an organisation operates in the most stable of environments, there will remain an element of uncertainty about a grant coming in. Against this background it is considered good practice for AYA to seek to build some financial reserves which allow us to meet future commitments or unforeseen expenses without a negative impact on its ability to deliver services in the manner planned.

AYA will hold reserves to enable the organisation to:

- a. Absorb setbacks, to take advantage of change and opportunities and expansion of services where appropriate.
- b. Demonstrate that we have thought through how we might secure our viability beyond the immediate future and provide reliable services over the longer term.
- c. Demonstrate to potential funders that we are effectively managing our resources and have considered our long-term plans and viability.

Documentation, in the form of this Reserves Policy, provides the public, existing and potential funders with a clear explanation of the nature and purpose of any reserves held. The essential point here is that it can demonstrate to funders/donors the reasons to retain a particular level of income as a reserve.

The Reserve Policy is based on a realistic assessment of need and covers as a minimum:

- i. The reasons why AHA needs reserves
- ii. The level or range of reserves needed
- iii. The steps AYA is going to take to establish or maintain reserves at the agreed level of range
- iv. Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the policy.

### **Setting a Reserve Level**

There is no absolute level of free reserves that AYA should hold but when looking at the level of free reserves considerations should include:

- How secure is AYA's present funding?
- How long would it take to find alternative sources of funding?
- If AYA had to close, how long would it take to wind it up in an orderly manner?
- What costs may be involved in winding up? Consider:
  - Staffing
  - Rent
  - Other commitments

AYA declare that an acceptable level of free reserve is to maintain level of service for between 3 – 6 months.

### **Reserves – Disclosure**

AYA's annual return will state the level of reserves on the last day of the financial year and the future needs, opportunities, contingencies and risks relevant to the level of reserves.

### **Reserves Policy – Timing**

The AYA Reserves Policy will be reviewed/updated every financial year end and will reflect the prevailing financial circumstance. This will be completed in preparation for any applications going forward for funding in the new financial year.

# ALLENDALE YOUTH AMBITION CHARITY

NO :1172492

Financial Statements for the Period from 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2021

## Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this period	Last Year 01.04.19 to 31.03.20
	£	£	£	£	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	2085	38,020	-	40,105	30880
Activities	100			100	0
Subs and Tuckshop	-			-	987
Training	500			500	1500
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,685</b>	<b>38,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,705</b>	<b>33367</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Activities	7	10,599	-	10,605	4219
Youth development Work	-	7,150	-	7,150	10520
Contribution to Hall Costs	255	-	-	255	770
Refurbishments	-	46	-	46	639
Insurance	138		-	138	0
Web costs	331			331	155
Admin/Stationary/COVID & other costs					
Training	30	1,476		1,506	562
Training	-		-	-	84
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>19,271</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,032</b>	<b>16950</b>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>18,749</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,673</b>	<b>16417</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds at start of period	4,654	49,646	-	54,300	37883
<b>Cash funds at end of period</b>	<b>6,578</b>	<b>68,395</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,973</b>	<b>54300</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period



	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this period	Last Year 01.04.19 to 31.03.20
	£	£	£	£	
<b>Cash Balances</b>					
Community Account	6,578	68,395	-	74,973	54300

There are no other monetary assets, investment assets or liabilities.

There are no assets retained for the charity's own use

## Statement of funds is shown on page 2

For and on behalf of the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D.H. HOMES	14/7/2021
	M. STONEHOUSE	14.7.2021

**Allendale Youth Ambition Charity No: 1172492**

**Financial Statements for the Period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 (continued)**

**Statement of Funds**

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Account	General	4,654	761	2,685	6,578
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
RF1 NCC Youth Service & Sherburn Trust Jpicey Trust Belford Trust	Staff & Provider Costs	35,683	7,150	25,500	54,033
RF2 Helen Allinson Trust	Refurbishment	161	46	1,750	1,865
RF3 Hadrian Trust	Singing Project	145	0	0	145
RF4 Government COVID Support	COVID Related issues	0	1,476	1,500	24
RF5 Young Peoples' Fund Raising	Extra Activities	30	0	0	30
RF6 Northumberland Community Chest	Recycling/Cleaning Project	53	0	0	53
RF7 Haydon Bridge and Newbrough Youth Projects	Positive Youth Activities	8,553	10,599	9,270	7,224
RF8 Hoodies	Hoodies	20	0	0	20
RF9 Reserve	Reserve	5,000	0	0	5,000
<b>Totals for Restricted Funds</b>		<b>49,646</b>	<b>19,271</b>	<b>38,020</b>	<b>68,395</b>
<b>Totals for all Funds</b>		<b>54,300</b>	<b>20,032</b>	<b>40,705</b>	<b>74,973</b>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees/members of Allendale Youth Ambition Charity**  
**On Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2021** **Charity No 1172492**

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

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