WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1173543

Details

Other names	WCYP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-06-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Weston Vicarage Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HG
Phone	02380448421
Website	http://wcyp.org/

Activities

Objects: 1) TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN WESTON, SOUTHAMPTON ANDTHE SURROUNDING AREAS BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OFPHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES ANDCAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE ANDRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;(C) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FORPEOPLE 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 TOIMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.(2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY MEANS OFBROADCASTING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELISTIC AND TEACHING NATURE.

Activities: WCYP serves young people living in Weston, Southampton and the surrounding areas by helping them advance in life by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals; advancing education; providing recreational activities; and advancing the Christian religion.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£123,111	£116,508	-	-
2024-12-31	£193,481	£178,133	-	-
2023-12-31	£153,905	£188,577	-	-
2022-12-31	£113,214	£169,985	-	-
2021-12-31	£117,934	£132,238	-	-
2020-12-31	£132,752	£87,397	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev DARON MEDWAY	Chair	2017-06-23
DEREK WYNDHAM CHAPLIN		2017-06-23
Dr Martin David Hughes		2023-05-01
Dr Peter Timothy Knight		2023-05-01
JOHN BARRY CHRISTIAN DUNCAN		2017-06-23
Tracey Eileen BURT		2022-05-19

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Accounts

Weston Church Youth Project (Southampton)

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1173543

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Weston Church Youth Project is a charitable incorporated organisation established to support children, young people and families in Weston through Christian youth, children's and community work. During 2025 the trustees continued to oversee the charity's activities in partnership with local churches and community organisations, particularly Holy Trinity Weston and Hope City Church. Trustees regularly acknowledged these connected relationships during the year and kept them under review as part of their governance arrangements.

Charity Name:	Weston Church Youth Project
Registered Charity Number:	1173543
Charity Status:	The charity is a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) and was granted charitable status on 23 June 2017.
Correspondence address:	Weston Vicarage, Weston Lane, Southampton, SO19 9HG
Independent Examiners:	Knight Goodhead Limited, 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 3DA

Trustees

The trustees serving during the year included Daron Medway as Chair, together with Peter Knight, Martin Hughes, Derek Chaplin and Tracey Burt. Attendance varied slightly through the year, but this was the core trustee body reflected across the minutes.

Structure, governance and management

The charity continued to be governed by its trustees, who met regularly during 2025 to review activities, finance, staffing, safeguarding and future planning. The trustees reviewed or approved a number of governance documents during the year, including the Data Protection Policy, Confidentiality and Information Sharing Policy, Financial Reserves Policy, and work towards a revised Conflicts of Interest Policy. Trustees also reviewed matters relating to banking authority, pensions administration and the appointment of independent examiners for the 2025 accounts.

In October 2025 the trustees approved the appointment of Knight Goodhead, Chartered Accountants, Chandlers Ford, to undertake the examination of the 2025 annual accounts.

Throughout the year the trustees also gave sustained attention to the charity's future structure, particularly in light of the approaching end of key funding streams, the increasing independence of Hope City Church, and the possibility that parts of the work might in due course continue through Holy Trinity Weston, Hope City Church, or other locally based arrangements.

Objectives and public benefit

The trustees continued to review the charity's purposes during 2025 and explicitly considered whether the work of the charity remained close to the objects set out in its constitution. In February 2025 trustees revisited the charity's constitutional basis and agreed that the project had remained close to its original objectives, even while discussing whether the current organisational form should continue in the longer term.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. They believe the charity continued to provide public benefit during the year through youth work, children's groups, schools work, community events, emotional well being support and faith-based activities for local children, young people and families. These activities benefited both those directly involved in the groups and the wider Weston community through relationship-building, practical support, community participation and Christian witness.

Review of activities and achievements

During 2025 the charity continued to support a wide range of youth, children's and family work in Weston. Trustees received regular staff reports and consistently recorded their thanks for the work being done by Carolyn Terry, Debbie Harris and Dave Williams. Across the year the minutes reflect encouraging levels of participation, evidence of positive impact, and continued demand for the charity's work.

Children's and family work remained a significant part of the charity's activity. Trustees noted that Bouldergang was thriving and at capacity in May, and by October and December there was a waiting list, with additional families asking when their children could join. Connect, Messy Church, school assemblies, holiday activities, a summer fayre, a Christmas fayre and other seasonal events all featured prominently in the year's programme. Trustees also noted encouraging feedback from school assemblies and practical evidence of spiritual openness, including families asking for Bibles.

The charity also continued to support specialist emotional well being work through Resilient Kids and Drawing and Talking. Trustees noted that children were benefiting significantly from these sessions. In March they recorded that Drawing and Talking sessions were making a difference to children's mental health, that children were sharing deeply with one another, and that school staff were very supportive of the work. In May trustees also discussed extending this kind of support to church families, recognising its potential to help new families form emotional and social bonds.

The youth work linked with Hope City Church and the Hope Centre also continued during 2025. In February, May and June trustees heard that The Venue was going well, with around 25 young people attending each week by May, and that there was growing participation in associated church life, including baptisms and follow-up from New Day. The Hope Centre remained busy through the week, and trustees noted that Hope City Church was gradually building capacity, team strength and financial health as it moved toward greater independence. In October trustees also recorded that the move to morning services had been well received and that new people were attending, while Sunday evening provision for young people at the Hope Centre was going well.

The trustees were also encouraged by signs of goodwill and wider community support. In May, Debbie Harris reported that two Itchen College students had chosen to support WCYP through a fundraising event because the project had positively affected their lives when they were younger. Trustees also noted external interest from funders in understanding the value and impact of the specialist support work being delivered.

Financial review

The trustees monitored the charity's finances closely throughout the year. They reviewed monthly financial reports and repeatedly considered the implications of expiring grants, staffing liabilities, reserves, pension matters and the future affordability of the organisation's current structure.

In May 2025 trustees were advised that the charity held £53,000 in its main operating account, with a further reserve equivalent to around three months' staff costs in the No. 3 account. At that point trustees also noted that Southampton City Council funding had ended in March 2025, the Garfield Weston grant would finish in November 2025, Joseph Rank funding would end in June 2025 although a further £10,000 was still expected, and Archbishops' Innovation Fund support would end in January 2026.

By December 2025 trustees noted that the charity had approximately £76,000 in the bank at the end of November. They also recorded that Innovation Fund monies would be exhausted by the end of December 2025 and that funds carried forward into 2026 would therefore be drawing on reserves. Trustees were clear that these reserves might need to be applied to staffing obligations, potential redundancy liabilities, and any orderly wind-down of the charity's affairs.

The charity made of a surplus of £6,603 in the year (2024: surplus of £15,348). At the year end total charitable funds were £68,794 (2024: £62,191) of which £5,000 was restricted (2024: £5,850).

A recurring concern through the year was the absence of a clear long-term income stream to sustain the existing staffing structure. In March Derek Chaplin expressed concern that there was no clear income stream to support staff beyond January 2026 unless Diocesan Investment Programme funding was secured. In June he stated that he could see no income that would sustain the present WCYP staff beyond the end of 2025. Trustees therefore discussed the need for openness with staff, prudent planning, and avoiding a situation in which the charity simply continued until funds were exhausted.

Trustees also reflected on lessons for financial management. In June and October they discussed the importance of future grant income being held and expended by the same organisation wherever possible, in order to maintain clarity and accountability.

Reserves policy

The trustees approved a Financial Reserves Policy during 2025. Their approach through the year was to maintain sufficient reserves to cover committed costs and foreseeable liabilities, especially staffing costs and potential redundancy obligations, while allowing the charity to continue operating during a period of funding uncertainty and organisational review. The retention of the No. 3 reserves account into 2026 reflected that cautious approach.

Safeguarding

The trustees gave safeguarding sustained attention during the year. In February and May they noted the need for safeguarding refresher training for staff, alongside related training such as first aid and GDPR. In October the trustees recorded that Sarah Finch, as WCYP Safeguarding Lead, had reviewed the DBS status of trustees and workers and had stressed the importance of keeping all aspects of safeguarding up to date, particularly given the vulnerability of many of the children and

young people involved. Trustees also clarified that safeguarding responsibility would rest with the organisation leading a given event, even where activities took place on another organisation's premises. In December the trustees approved a revised Safeguarding Policy incorporating comments from Sarah Finch.

Staffing and organisational development

A major strand of trustee work in 2025 concerned staffing, organisational sustainability and the future of the charity itself. Trustees were increasingly conscious that Hope City Church was becoming financially independent and that the original Weston church-planting project timeline was reaching a natural point of transition. They therefore considered whether the present form of WCYP should continue, whether some activities might transfer to other bodies, and how staff should be supported through any transition.

In September 2025 staff were formally informed in writing that WCYP remained financially stable into the early part of 2026, that no large grant applications were pending, and that there was only slim hope of additional diocesan assistance later in 2026. The letter also stated that posts connected to Hope City would not continue with WCYP beyond March 2026, that other posts could continue at least until early summer 2026 subject to income holding up, and that trustees would seek to avoid redundancy where possible through redeployment within WCYP or transfer of roles to Holy Trinity Weston.

Throughout the year trustees also addressed practical staffing matters, including reporting lines, maternity leave, temporary support arrangements, sessional staffing, pension administration and future employment options. By December trustees were planning on the basis that redundancies might need to be considered if transfers could not be achieved, while also exploring whether some staff or resources might move to Holy Trinity Weston or Hope City Church in an orderly way.

Risk management

The principal risks identified and managed by the trustees during 2025 were financial sustainability, staffing liabilities, safeguarding compliance, governance during transition, and the challenge of ensuring continuity of beneficial work while the charity's future remained under review. Trustees addressed these risks through regular financial reporting, policy review, safeguarding oversight, clear communication with staff, and early consideration of redeployment, TUPE and redundancy implications.

Plans for the future

By the end of 2025 the trustees expected that the charity was likely to close during 2026 unless a viable alternative structure or funding solution emerged. In October trustees discussed the possibility that the project might cease work by July 2026, and in December they worked on the basis that the project would likely be closing in July 2026, although practical and legal matters still needed to be worked through. At the same time, trustees continued to explore how core areas of fruitful work might continue through Holy Trinity Weston, Hope City Church or other local partnerships.

The trustees remain grateful for the commitment of staff, volunteers, supporters and partner organisations, and for the impact made during 2025 in the lives of children, young people and families across Weston. That gratitude is repeatedly reflected in the minutes and in the trustees' written communication with staff.

Daron Medway, Chair
On behalf of the Trustees

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires the trustees to prepare a statement of financial activities and balance sheet for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trustees and of its financial activities for that year and adequately distinguishes any material special trust or another restricted fund of the charity. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State, whether the policies adopted, are by the appropriate SORP on Accounting by Charities and the Accounting Regulations and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included in the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 4/04/2026 **and signed on its behalf by:**

D. Medway

Rev D. Medway, Chair

D. W. Chaplin

D. W. Chaplin, Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Church Youth Project for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 7 to 15.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited
Chartered Accountants

7 Bournemouth Road
Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh
Hampshire SO53 3DA

Dated: 7 April 2026

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	97,256	21,333	118,589	188,213
Charitable activities	3	4,522	-	4,522	5,268
Total income		**101,778**	**21,333**	**123,111**	**193,481**
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	94,325	22,183	116,508	178,133
Total expenditure		**94,325**	**22,183**	**116,508**	**178,133**
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**7,453**	**(850)**	**6,603**	**15,348**
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	10	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME		**7,453**	**(850)**	**6,603**	**15,348**
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**7,453**	**(850)**	**6,603**	**15,348**
FUND BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY 2025		56,341	5,850	62,191	46,843
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	10	**63,794**	**5,000**	**68,794**	**62,191**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	2,467		2,151	
Cash at bank and in hand		67,227		76,924	
		69,694		79,075	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(900)		(16,884)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			68,794		62,191
NET ASSETS			68,794		62,191
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted			63,794		56,341
Restricted			5,000		5,850
TOTAL FUNDS			68,794		62,191

Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee D.Medway
4/4/2026

04/04/2026

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the Financial Statements are as follows:

Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The charity meets the defintion of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are intially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting note.

The Financial Statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is responsible in law.

The Financial Statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

Income Recognition Policies

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific polices are applied to particular categories of income:

Grants and donations are recognised when any pre-conditions preventing their use have been met.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis where there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Expenditure includes VAT as the charity is not VAT registered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable acitivites comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance Costs include those costs associated with meeting the statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for use by the trustees in furtherance of the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Significant Judgements and Estimates

Preparation of the Financial Statements may require the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates. There are no items in the Financial Statements where judgements and estimates would have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the Financial Statements.

2 DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Planned giving	3,334	-	3,334	1,584
Other giving	3,777	11,333	15,110	49,174
Grants	20,071	10,000	30,071	41,442
Innovations funding	69,456	-	69,456	95,382
Gift Aid	618		618	631
	97,256	21,333	118,589	188,213

There were no donated services and facilities receivable which could be quantified in the year (2024 - none).

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Young people's contributions	4,522	-	4,522	5,268

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

4 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable Activities					
Salaries	5	56,730	11,333	68,063	112,445
Pension contributions		7,393	-	7,393	10,118
Sessional workers		4,650	-	4,650	6,954
Staff expenses, training and support		2,306	-	2,306	3,284
Activities and equipment		15,296	-	15,296	12,801
Residential expenses		3,449	-	3,449	2,636
Management and administration		-	3,435	3,435	5,759
Project work		2,021	-	2,021	7,203
Printing, postage and stationery		236	-	236	360
Publicity and website		130	-	130	878
Hire of premises		1,214	7,415	8,629	15,035
Governance Costs					
Examiner's fees		900	-	900	660
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**94,325**	**22,183**	**116,508**	**178,133**

5 ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages, including employer's National Insurance	68,063	112,445
Pension contributions	7,393	10,118
Sessional workers	4,650	6,954
	80,106	129,517

	2025	2024
The average number of employees was:	7	9

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2024 - none).

Trustees received no remuneration in the current or prior year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

6 TAXATION

As a registered charity, the income is generally exempt from tax by reason of its charitable objects and activities.

7 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other Debtors	617	631
Prepayments	1,850	1,520
	2,467	2,151

8 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	-	-
Accruals	900	660
Deferred income	-	16,224
	900	16,884

9 MOVEMENTS ON DEFERRED INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 January 2025	16,224	62,129
Resources deferred in the year	-	16,224
Resources released in the year	(16,224)	(62,129)
Deferred income at 31 December 2025	-	16,224

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

10 ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	56,341	101,778	(94,325)	-	63,794
Restricted funds					
Joseph Rank Foundation	5,850	10,000	(10,850)	-	5,000
Youth Pastor	-	11,333	(11,333)	-	-
	5,850	21,333	(22,183)	-	5,000
Total funds	**62,191**	**123,111**	**(116,508)**	**-**	**68,794**

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds given for particular purpose and projects. The restricted funds must be used for the specific purpose as laid down by the donor.

The Joseph Rank Foundation fund is restricted for use in core costs.

The Youth Pastor fund represents donations given by Holy Trinity Church, Weston, to fund a youth pastor.

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances as at 31 December 2025 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Current assets	64,694	5,000	69,694
Current liabilities	(900)	-	(900)
	63,794	5,000	68,794

Fund balances as at 31 December 2024 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Current assets	73,225	5,850	79,075
Current liabilities	(16,884)	-	(16,884)
	56,341	5,850	62,191

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the charity paid £3,419 to Holy Trinity Weston for venue hire. Daron Medway, trustee, is also a trustee of Holy Trinity Weston.

During the year the charity paid £2,280 to Weston Adventure Playground Association for venue hire. Daron Medway and Peter Knight, trustees, are also trustees of Weston Adventure Playground Association.

During the year the charity paid £869 to Hope City Church towards operating costs of the Hope Centre, Southampton. Daron Medway, trustee, is also a trustee of Hope City Church, Southampton.

13 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
INCOME			
Donations and GRANTS	178,213	10,000	188,213
Charitable activities	5,268	-	5,268
Total income	**183,481**	**10,000**	**193,481**
EXPENDITURE			
Charitable activities	168,133	10,000	178,133
Total expenditure	**168,133**	**10,000**	**178,133**
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**15,348**	**-**	**15,348**
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	**15,348**	**-**	**15,348**
FUND BALANCES AT 1 JANUARY 2024	40,993	5,850	46,843
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	**56,341**	**5,850**	**62,191**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

14 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVE

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	40,993	183,481	(168,133)	-	56,341
Restricted funds					
Joseph Rank Foundation	5,850	10,000	(10,000)	-	5,850
	5,850	10,000	(10,000)	-	5,850
Total funds	**46,843**	**193,481**	**(178,133)**	**-**	**62,191**

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Weston Church Youth Project of Weston Vicarage, Weston Lane, Southampton, SO19 9HG for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Financial Statements comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	Weston Church Youth Project	
Working Name:	WCYP	
Registered Charity Number:	1173543	
Charity Status:	The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was granted charitable status on 23 June 2017.	
Correspondence Address:	Weston Vicarage Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HG	
Trustees:	Rev D Medway Mrs T Burt Mr D W Chaplin Mr J B C Duncan Dr P Knight Dr M Hughes	Chair Secretary Treasurer Safeguarding
Our Advisors:		
Independent Examiners:	Abraham & Dobell 230 Shirley Road Southampton SO15 3HR	

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
(CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of Weston Church Youth Project are:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of twenty-nine living in Weston, Southampton and the surrounding areas 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; and

   (c) 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.

2. The advancement of the Christian religion mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document
The charity Weston Church Youth Project is governed by its constitution. The charity was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 23 June 2017 with a charity number of 1173543.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees
The charity is administered by a board of trustees which, at the date of this report (December 2024), numbered 6 (2023 - 6).

Trustees, whether elected, appointed or co-opted are required by law to act in the best interests of the charity and not the body that appointed them or from which they were co-opted.

Trustee Induction and Training
Trustees are familiar with the work of the charity, having new trustees meet with the Chair of the trustees, who provides a briefing on the charity to include:

- the obligations of board members;
- the main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the constitution;
- the financial position of the organisation, including the last set of financial statements and funding status; and
- future plans and objectives.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Risk Management
The trustees have examined the major operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Organisational Charity Structure
The trustees, comprising 6 members, including a secretary and treasurer, who meet at least 4 times a year, are responsible for the management and administration of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Weston Church Youth Project comprises of three categories of work: 'Faith', 'Fun', and 'Support', in addition to a Church Plant project called 'Hope City' (in partnership with Holy Trinity Church, Weston and Kings Community Church, Hedge End). In 2024, Weston Church Youth Project's 'Fun' and 'Support' groups were supported by approximately 20 volunteers, whilst 'Faith' groups were supported by approximately 15 volunteers, a total of over 35 volunteers.

FAITH (7-18s) (Carolyn Terry plus two team and twelve volunteers)

Bouldergang – (our 7s – 11s) which meet on a Monday after school. We have run 35 sessions, with 41 different children attending with an average 18 per week. Trips undertaken: Playzone – 43 children.

At Easter, we held our Holiday club and in total we had 36 children attend. This resulted in our numbers at Bouldergang increasing. In October we ran a light trail along with Hope City Church and Holy Trinity Weston, we gave out 360 bags of sweets to those at Weston. In November we ran a Light Party which 23 children attended.

Connect (our 11 – 16s) meets on a Tuesday at 4.30pm We have run 34 sessions, which 45 different young people have attended and we see an average of 10 each week.

In the summer 15 young people attended Dynamic camp from this group. Dynamic camp is a group of 5 churches, from Chichester, Guildford, Weston, Bursledon and Thornhill. In total 80 young people attended this camp. Trips included – Lasertag which 25 young people attended, Southampton Treasure hunt with 5 young people, Crazy golf with 8 young people.

Messy Church which meets on the 1st Sunday of the month has had a total of about 76 children and 120 adults who have attended over 7 sessions. Our Christingle Service is also a highlight and has approximately 85 adults/children attending.

FUN The 'Fun' category comprises 'Open Access' groups and trips out for children and young people aged 7 to 18. (Matt Cranston, Ellie de la Cour plus six team and ten volunteers)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Rock Solid (7-11's): 39 sessions of Rock Solid, engaging approximately 150 children, and an average attendance of 38 children. In a recent survey, 92% of children said they felt more confident, 100% of children said they have fun, and 83% of children said it has helped them make new friends. When asked what could be improved, one child said: "It can't be. BETTER"

Connect (11-16's): (Fun and Faith) 36 sessions of Connect, engaging a total of approximately 35 young people, and an average attendance of 10 young people. In a recent survey, 80% of young people said that they made new friends, 77.7% of young people said that they learnt about the Bible, 61% of young people said they felt more confident.

The Venue (15-18's): 42 sessions of the Venue, engaging a total of approximately 20 young people. This free café space for older teenagers began in January 2024, growing from 2 young people to approximately 14 regular attendees. In a recent survey, 100% of young people rated The Venue 5/5, 83.3% of young people said that they made new friendships or developed existing friendships, and 83.3% of young people said that their confidence improved.

Weston family work (in partnership with Holy Trinity and the 19-29's church plant): WCYP ran two family events including an Easter Trail and Halloween Light Trail, which each engaged hundreds of people. Love Weston also ran a 'Summer Club', which ran 9 sessions, with 25 volunteers, and approximately 225 people attending.

School drop-ins (lunch times): WCYP attended Weston Secondary School for break time and lunch time drop-ins (engaging with young people, making conversation and often playing a game or activity). They attended school for a total of 35 drop-in sessions, engaging an average of 8 young people per both staff members each session.

School's work: WCYP offered Weston Secondary School mentoring and group work in the Autumn term, however this offer was not taken up by the school.

Case study 1: *"All at WCYP have helped (my child) develop more confidence and independence. (My child) struggles with connecting and communicating with children of the same age; this has improved massively since they have been attending. They have built strong bonds that I'm hoping will last."*

Case Study 2: Young person feedback "*to the Venny people. - I like the Venny it is the best club I has is the games at the best and so is the food I think you should open it on Wednesdays and Fridays So we can have so much fun and I love the Shop it has my favourite snacks you are all the best – yours sincerely (Name) and i am so excited for camping !*

The **'ENGAGE'** and **'ACHIEVE'** categories are comprised of specific groups and activities which seek to help children and young people with their educational, emotional, and mental health development.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
(CONTINUED)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Children aged 7-11 (Primary School): (Debbie Harris + others)

Resilient Kids is a referral-based group for children that focuses on supporting emotional and mental health development, specifically their resilience. We have had new children join during the Autumn term and we have been following a Bounce Back Ability Course. The children have bonded together well as a group; it is great to see children in discussion with increased confidence.

We are completing the current teaching after Christmas and all the children are excited to continue attending Resilient Kids which has a good and supportive core group. The school are happy to promote the group and we have identified some of the Drawing and Talking children who would benefit. This group was supported by 4 staff and 2 volunteers throughout the year.

Drawing and Talking (individual): These sessions for children, provided a form of mentoring for them and allowing them to process their emotions through the medium of art. The Leader reports that it continues to make a positive impact on the emotional health of these children. It is really encouraging that they are so keen to meet with her each week and will verbalise how much it is helping them.

Drawing and Talking (group work): The children in our most recent 'Emotion' group have been remarkably open and supportive of each other. The group bonded well and they reported that the course had helped them to get along with others better, improved confidence, helping them feel happier with who they are. To the question 'How has the course helped you?', responses included: 'I feel a lot happier now', 'I am more confident', 'I have new friends', 'It has helped me make friends'.

For young people aged 11-18 (Secondary School+): (Matt Cranston & Ellie de la Cour)

Momentum: This after school group for young people focused on supporting emotional and mental health development. The group ran for a total of 20 sessions, with an average attendance of 4 young people, and engaging a total of 8 young people.

Cooking group: During the Autumn term, the Youth Development Coordinator worked with Weston Secondary School to host a cooking group for young people at the Venny (Weston Adventure Playground). This group ran for 4 sessions, with a weekly attendance of 4 young people.

Mentoring: Team supported Weston Secondary School by providing one-to-one mentoring with students. The project ran 21 mentoring sessions, supporting 2 young people.

School drop-ins (break and lunch times): Team attended Weston Secondary School for break time and lunch time drop-ins (engaging with young people, making conversation and often playing a game or activity). They attended school for a total of 56 drop-in sessions, engaging an average of 8 young people per member of the team each session. These drop-ins were supported by 3 staff and 1 volunteer.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Detached work: The project ran 13 detached work sessions, where members of the team engaged with children, young people and families in the community.

Family work: A Halloween 'Light Trail' (in partnership with Holy Trinity Church and the 19-29's Hope City Church) which engaged approximately 800 individuals. There were two family events including an Easter Egg Hunt which over 40 individuals joined.

Hope City Church

2024 has seen the birth of a new church in Weston, aimed in particular at discipling and raising up leaders from 19-29 year olds from working class backgrounds. Hope City Church started meeting in Weston Shore Infant School on 31st March (Easter Sunday).

January and February involved a lot of discussions to clarify expectations of all parties regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (Holy Trinity Weston, King's Community Church Hedge End and WCYP) for all involved. This was completed on 18th March.

Operationally the early months of the year were dedicated to building up infrastructure and purchasing equipment to enable things to happen. This included a lot of support from the church plant administrator, Rosie Swift - who set up Church Suite, built a website and helped draft policies amongst other things. We tried to be innovative in our use of funds: for example, spending marketing money on Hope City branded sports socks (very popular on our estate) instead of a website. We also customised cups for our church services reminiscent of Costa/McDonalds to try and create an environment which young people in the area could connect with.

Behind the scenes a new CIO, Hope City Church Southampton, was set up. The new CIO took on operational responsibilities for Sundays (from WCYP) and mid-week Hope Centre activities (from King Community Church) in September.

Alongside this work, the Youth Group 'The Venue' for 15-18 year olds started at the Hope Centre in January. The Venue ran 38 sessions throughout the year supported by a team of primarily Hope City volunteers, which really helped build connection between local young people and the church. Attendance on Thursdays reached as high as 14 young people and at least nine have also come along on Sundays since. One came to Catalyst Festival with us in the summer, another has since been baptised in another church.

Partly due to a footprint of years of community work and living on the Weston Estate, Sunday gatherings at Hope City included attendance of locals from the off. From an initial church planting team of 30-40 individuals, on Sundays our attendees can now range from 50-80 people including children.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Hope City Church (Continued)
Alongside 'The Venue', key Hope Centre ministries in connecting with 19-29 year olds have been our 'Hope Hub' (a drop in/community café/food centre on Thursdays), 'Friday Club' (a toddler group) on Fridays and recently 'TOAST', an after school club on Thursdays.

Two 'Connect Groups' have also been running throughout the year, bible studies and Christian fellowship meeting in homes on the estate, engaging around 30 people. These have proved to be particularly popular with locals who enjoy a setting in which to share and process their thoughts on faith and the bible. In November we also started a third group at the Hope Centre during the 'Hope Hub'.

High points of the year so far have included 6 baptisms, plus a group of over 30 attending Catalyst Festival together and experiencing God, as well as growing in closeness as community. While there Dave William (our Pioneer Evangelist) spoke at a seminar as part of a panel - explaining how to reach 'grass roots' communities. Twenty (some slightly rowdy) Hope City members called encouragements and opinions from the back and were able to explain their own perspectives. It couldn't have been a better way to showcase the work of the church.

Hope City has coordinated with other WCYP and Holy Trinity Weston staff to put on events across the estate. A 'Light trail' at Halloween (engaging over 600 people) and an Easter trail, as well as a Holiday club throughout the summer. We intentionally stopped our Sunday meetings in order to resource this club which paid off. A lady who volunteered with us in the summer has since been baptised.

Throughout the year Dave and the team have engaged in many forms of training. He completed the Church Planting Course run by New Wine. Members of Hope City Church also attended conferences by the Centre for Church Multiplication, The Eden Network and Launch.

PROJECT STAFFING

Our Project Leader completed his time with us at 31 December 2024. One sessional worker also finished in the autumn. Due to financial constraints, neither will be replaced currently.

There remain five employees (each part time) and two sessional workers at 2024 year end.

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(CONTINUED)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity recorded an overall surplus in the year to 31 December 2024 of £15,348 (2023 - deficit of £(34,672)).

The surplus of £15,348 all arose on unrestricted funds, compared to an unrestricted fund deficit of £(40,522) and a restricted fund surplus of £5,850 in the previous year.

Overall, the charity, at 31 December 2024, had accumulated funds of £62,191, compared to £46,843 in the previous year.

The trustees are satisfied with the outcome this year.

Principal Funding Sources

The Church of England: Archbishops' Council - Innovation Fund	(Jan 2023 - 2026)
Southampton City Council - extended into a Year 5 for 2024	
Holy Trinity Weston, PCC	(plus part Benefact grant)
The Joseph Rank Trust	(July 2023 x 3 years)
The Garfield Weston Foundation	(Oct 2023 x 2 years)
Local Giving, Co-op, Amazon	
Other personal donations	
Young People's Contributions	

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short-term operating the Project, so there are no funds for long-term investment.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The ending of the Southampton City Council (SCC) funding (at 31 March 2025) and with little success in other new fundraising initiatives has resulted in the trustees sadly having to pause the open access work of Rock Solid. With reduced income, there are not the funds to replace staff who have moved on.

The Archbishops Council Innovation 3-year funding will complete at 2025 year end. The two staff recruited for the Hope City Church will then transfer to that newly established charity.

An application is being made to the Diocese of Winchester - Diocesan Investment Programme during 2025 which may secure the ongoing Faith (7-18s) work from 2026.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
(CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (CONTINUED)

An application to Vivid Homes has been approved to support the Resilient Kids and Drawing & Talking work, which has proved well appreciated – and will now follow on from the final SCC support in April 2025.

In the absence of a Project Lead who has traditionally led applications to seek other funding sources, the future work of the trust is under close review by the trustees.

The trustees wish to express their gratefulness to God for the financial support received, the dedicated staff and volunteer commitment throughout the year - and the blessing and encouragement of the ministry in the project work to the young people of Weston.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the Financial Statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
(CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

A review of the charity's ongoing statutory and accounting requirements will be made at a forthcoming meeting of the trustees.

Approved by the trustees on 21 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

.....
D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Church Youth Project for the year ended 31 December 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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DAVID J MANT FCA
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

230 Shirley Road
Southampton
SO15 3HR

21 July 2025

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	10,000	178,213	188,213	149,647
Charitable activities	3	-	5,268	5,268	4,258
TOTAL INCOME		10,000	183,481	193,481	153,905
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	10,000	168,133	178,133	188,577
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		10,000	168,133	178,133	188,577
NET INCOME/NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	15,348	15,348	(34,672)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		5,850	40,993	46,843	81,515
Total funds carried forward		£5,850	£56,341	£62,191	£46,843

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	2,151		4,223	
Cash at bank and in hand		76,924		106,069	
		79,075		110,292	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	16,884		63,449	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			62,191		46,843
TOTAL NET ASSETS	10		£62,191		£46,843
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	11				
Unrestricted income funds			56,341		40,993
Restricted income funds			5,850		5,850
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			£62,191		£46,843

Approved on 21 July 2025 by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

D. Medway

REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

D W Chaplin

D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

(a) **Basis of Accounting**
The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accountancy and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

(b) **Fund Accounting**
Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

(c) **Income**
All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific polices are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.
- Income from charitable activities is recognised when it is received.

(d) **Expenditure**
Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) **Expenditure (Continued)**

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The following grants were received during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Planned giving	-	1,584	1,584	2,934
Other giving	-	49,174	49,174	20,479
Grants	10,000	31,442	41,442	40,102
Innovations funding	-	95,382	95,382	85,162
Gift Aid	-	631	631	970
	£10,000	£178,213	£188,213	£149,647

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The following income was generated during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Young people's contributions	£-	£5,268	£5,268	£4,258

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries	-	112,445	112,445	107,217
Pension contributions	-	10,118	10,118	10,396
Sessional workers	-	6,954	6,954	9,608
Staff expenses, training and support	-	3,284	3,284	1,382
Activities and equipment	340	12,461	12,801	11,130
Residential expenses	-	2,636	2,636	1,530
Management and administration	870	4,889	5,759	5,582
Project work	6,830	373	7,203	31,553
Printing, postage and stationery	-	360	360	735
Publicity and website	-	878	878	230
Hire of premises	1,960	13,075	15,035	8,614
	10,000	167,473	177,473	187,977
Governance Costs				
Examiner's costs	-	660	660	600
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£10,000	£168,133	£178,133	£188,577

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

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5. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Salaries, Social Security costs and employer's pension contributions	£129,517	£129,517	£127,221
The average weekly number of employees during the year was:		9	9

Trustees received no remuneration in the year.

6. TAXATION

As a charity, Weston Church Youth Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	631	2,748
Prepayments	1,520	1,475
	£2,151	£4,223

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8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	-	720
Accruals	660	600
Deferred income	16,224	62,129
	£16,884	£63,449

9. MOVEMENTS IN DEFERRED INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2024	62,129	-
Resources deferred in the year	16,224	62,129
Resources released in the year	(62,129)	-
Deferred income at 31 December 2024	£16,224	£62,129

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances are represented by:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Current assets	5,850	73,225	79,075	110,292
Current liabilities	-	(16,884)	(16,884)	(63,449)
Net assets at 31 December 2024	£5,850	£56,341	£62,191	£46,843

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

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11. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	At 01.01.24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted General Funds	40,993	183,481	168,133	56,341
Restricted Income Fund				
Joseph Rank Trust	5,850	10,000	10,000	5,850
Total funds	£46,843	£193,481	£178,133	£62,191

Unrestricted general funds comprise those funds which trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Unrestricted designated funds comprise those funds set aside by the trustees for a specific use.

Restricted income funds are funds which have been given for a particular purpose or projects.

The only restricted fund relates to funds received from Joseph Rank Trust which was for core costs.

12. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions.

13. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no material post Balance Sheet events at 31 December 2024.

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WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

TOTAL FUNDS

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Planned giving		1,584		2,934
Other giving		49,174		20,479
Grants		41,442		40,102
Innovations funding		95,382		85,162
Gift Aid		631		970
Young people's contributions		5,268		4,258
		193,481		153,905
EXPENDITURE				
Salaries	112,445		107,217	
Pension contributions	10,118		10,396	
Sessional workers	6,954		9,608	
Staff expenses, training and support	3,284		1,382	
Activities and equipment	12,801		11,130	
Residential expenses	2,636		1,530	
Management and administration	5,759		5,582	
Project work	7,203		31,553	
Printing, postage and stationery	360		735	
Publicity and website	878		230	
Hire of premises	15,035		8,614	
Accountancy	660		600	
		178,133		188,577
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		£15,348		£(34,672)

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Planned giving		1,584		2,934
Other giving		49,174		20,479
Grants		31,442		30,102
Innovations funding		95,382		85,162
Gift Aid		631		970
Young people's contributions		5,268		4,258
		183,481		143,905
EXPENDITURE				
Salaries	112,445		107,217	
Pension contributions	10,118		10,396	
Sessional workers	6,954		9,608	
Staff expenses, training and support	3,284		1,382	
Activities and equipment	12,461		10,880	
Residential expenses	2,636		1,530	
Management and administration	4,889		4,832	
Project work	373		29,903	
Printing, postage and stationery	360		735	
Publicity and website	878		230	
Hire of premises	13,075		7,114	
Accountancy	660		600	
		168,133		184,427
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		£15,348		£(40,522)

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

RESTRICTED FUNDS

JOSEPH RANK TRUST

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Grants - Joseph Rank Trust		10,000		10,000
EXPENDITURE				
Activities and equipment	340		250	
Management and administration	870		750	
Project work	6,830		1,650	
Hire of premises	1,960		1,500	
		10,000		4,150
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		£-		`£5,850

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

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Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1173543

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WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Weston Church Youth Project of Weston Vicarage, Weston Lane, Southampton, SO19 9HG for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Financial Statements comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	Weston Church Youth Project			
Working Name:	WCYP			
Registered Charity Number:	1173543			
Charity Status:	The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was granted charitable status on 23 June 2017.			
Correspondence Address:	Weston Vicarage Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HG			
Trustees:	Rev D Medway	Chair		
	Mrs T Burt	Secretary		
	Mr D W Chaplin	Treasurer		
	Mr J B C Duncan	Safeguarding		
	Dr P Knight		App	01.05.23
	Dr M Hughes		App	01.05.23
Our Advisors: Independent Examiners:	Abraham & Dobell 230 Shirley Road Southampton SO15 3HR			

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of Weston Church Youth Project are:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 29 living in Weston, Southampton and the surrounding areas 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; and

   (c) 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.

2. The advancement of the Christian religion mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document
The charity Weston Church Youth Project is governed by its constitution.

The charity was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 23 June 2017 with a charity number of 1173543.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees
The charity is administered by a board of trustees which, at the date of this report, numbered 6 (2022 - 5).

Trustees, whether elected, appointed or co-opted are required by law to act in the best interests of the charity and not the body that appointed them or from which they were co-opted.

Trustee Induction and Training
Trustees are familiar with the work of the charity, having new trustees meet with the Chair of the trustees, who provides a briefing on the charity to include:

- the obligations of board members;
- the main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the constitution;
- the financial position of the organisation, including the last set of financial statements and funding status; and
- future plans and objectives.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Organisational Charity Structure

The trustees, comprising 6 members, including a secretary and treasurer, who meet at least 4 times a year, are responsible for the management and administration of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Weston Church Youth Project comprises -

- For 7-19 year olds: four categories of work: 'Faith', 'Fun', and Engage' and 'Achieve'
- For 19 – 29 year olds: a new Church Plant project to be called 'Hope City', grown in partnership with Holy Trinity Church Weston, and Kings Community Church Hedge End.

FAITH (Carolyn Terry plus two team and twelve volunteers)

Bouldergang – (our 7 – 11s) meets on a Monday after school. We have run 35 sessions, 39 children have attended with an average of 15 each week. Trips undertaken: At Easter, we held our Holiday club at Holy Trinity church and in total 38 different children attended. In the Summer 18 attended to Ninja Warrior and also Rock Up in Whiteley. After Holiday club, numbers at Bouldergang did increase.

Pulse (now known as Connect, our 11 – 14s) meets on a Tuesday at 4.30pm. We have run 36 sessions at which 20 young people have attended. In the Summer 15 young people attended Dynamic camp (by 5 churches based on Chichester). Around 80 children attend each year.
Trips from Pulse included Ninja Warrior and Ice skating.

Messy Church meets the 1st Sunday of the month has had 46 adults attend and 50 children. In the Summer we held an event in the park where we ran games which attracted 35 people. Our Christingle service was also a highlight with 70 children/adults attending.

FUN The 'Fun' category comprises 'open access' groups and trips out for children and young people aged 7 to 18. (Matt Cranston, Ellie de la Cour plus six team and ten volunteers)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Rock Solid (7-11's): This after school club for children runs at the Venny (Weston Adventure Playground) for two hours on a Wednesday. Rock Solid has been running for many years and has evidenced significant outcomes for children, such as increased confidence and improved social relationships with peers. The group had an average attendance of 36 (with 52 on the busiest session), running for 31 sessions, and engaging an estimated total of 115 children throughout the year. This group was supported by 10 staff, 6 volunteer trustees, and 8 other volunteers.

Rock Solid (11-18's): WCYP's older Rock Solid session for 11-18 year olds ran on Thursdays, initially for two hours at the Venny, and then an hour and a half at Chamberlayne Leisure Centre. The group had an average attendance of 15, running for 34 sessions, and engaging an estimated total of 50 young people throughout the year. This group was supported by 5 staff and 2 volunteers.

Residentials: WCYP ran a residential in the Easter holidays at YMCA Fairthorne Manor, with thanks to funding from UK Youth. This residential provided the opportunity for 12 young people aged between 11 and 15 to attend and engage in activities such as climbing and archery.

Trips: WCYP ran one 'Fun' trip to the New Forest Aqua Park for 20 young people, in addition to three other 'Faith' trips (reported separately).

The **'ENGAGE'** and **'ACHIEVE'** categories are comprised of specific groups and activities which seek to help children and young people with their educational, emotional, and mental health development.

For Children aged 7-11 (Primary School): (Debbie Harris + others)

Resilient Kids:Resilient Kids is a referral-based group for children that focuses on supporting emotional and mental health development, specifically their resilience. We have had new children join during the Autumn term and we have been following a Bounce Back Ability Course. The children have bonded together well as a group; it is great to see children in discussion with increased confidence.

We are completing the current teaching after Christmas and all the children are excited to continue attending Resilient Kids which has a good and supportive core group. The school are happy to promote the group and we have identified some of the Drawing and Talking children who would benefit. This group was supported by 4 staff and 2 volunteers throughout the year.

Drawing and Talking (individual): These sessions for children, provided a form of mentoring for them and allowing them to process their emotions through the medium of art. The Leader reports that it continues to make a positive impact on the emotional health of these children. It is really encouraging that they are so keen to meet with her each week and will verbalise how much it is helping them.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Drawing and Talking (group work): The children in our most recent 'Emotion' group have been remarkably open and supportive of each other. The group bonded well and they reported that the course had helped them to get along with others better, improved confidence, helping them feel happier with who they are. To the question 'How has the course helped you?', responses included: 'I feel a lot happier now', 'I am more confident', 'I have new friends', 'It has helped me make friends'.

For young people aged 11-18 (Secondary School+): (Matt Cranston & Ellie de la Cour)

Momentum: This after school group for young people focused on supporting emotional and mental health development. The group ran for a total of 20 sessions, with an average attendance of 4 young people, and engaging a total of 8 young people.

Cooking group: During the Autumn term, the Youth Development Coordinator worked with Weston Secondary School to host a cooking group for young people at the Venny (Weston Adventure Playground). This group ran for 4 sessions, with a weekly attendance of 4 young people.

Mentoring: Team supported Weston Secondary School by providing one-to-one mentoring with students. The project ran 21 mentoring sessions, supporting 2 young people.

School drop-ins (break and lunch times): Team attended Weston Secondary School for break time and lunch time drop-ins (engaging with young people, making conversation and often playing a game or activity). They attended school for a total of 56 drop-in sessions, engaging an average of 8 young people per member of the team each session. These drop-ins were supported by 3 staff and 1 volunteer.

Detached work: The project ran 13 detached work sessions, where members of the team engaged with children, young people and families in the community.

Family work: A Halloween 'Light Trail' (in partnership with Holy Trinity Church and the 19-29's Hope City Church) which engaged approximately 800 individuals. There were two family events including an Easter Egg Hunt which over 40 individuals joined.

HOPE CITY CHURCH Southampton

A significant development for this charity was its expansion into people aged 19-29 years old on the Weston Estate. An application to the Church of England Vision and Strategy Board, to encourage and nurture Innovation by funding into areas such as younger people and children, or lower income communities - was approved on 6th January 2023. The grant spans three years, and requires other contributions to top up the full proposed budget.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was required to be developed between three parties – WCYP as the host, Holy Trinity Church Weston, and Kings Community Church, Hedge End. The purpose is to establish and launch a church plant (to be called Hope Church) which will become established as its own charity independent of WCYP. The aim of the Innovation Funding is for the Church of England to learn the lessons of this journey. The MoA was finally approved by the separate Trustees and the PCC, and signed on 18 March 2024.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

Building a team: Over the course of 2023 the church planting team grew in number to around 30 adults, all of whom were engaged in some form of volunteering either regularly weekly through activities at the Hope Centre or lending support to one off events. One such event at Halloween as part of the 'Light Trail' with other Christian groups led to around 800 individuals being engaged.

A key factor in recruiting and connecting new members was through mid-week 'connect' groups meeting in homes across the estate. The two groups in place grew in numbers providing a strong core of the church plant. The primary focus of the team over the year was connecting with each other through monthly 'Open Heaven" prayer meetings and monthly 'Family Times' (Sunday afternoon meals, sharing vision for the plant, sung worship and prayer).

A key appointment was the Church Plant Administrator who started her role in October enabling the development of processes for the new Hope City Church.

Connecting to a Community: In partnership with Kings Community Church, through a Food Centre, a toddler group, knitting group and a language club, the team were able to connect and embed into the community in Weston. A particular success was in the toddler group where attendees from the local area joined the team and now help lead the group.

Training: Now renamed Pioneer Evangelist, Dave Williams has engaged in the New Wine Leadership Training course (to be completed in 2024). Team members attended conferences on church planting run by both The Church of England and the Catalyst network of Churches. They also attended courses regarding mission to low-income demographics such as CCX Estates and Jubilee Plus.

PROJECT STAFFING. Our Acting Project Manager for maternity cover completed her contract in June: the Youth Activities Co-ordinator left in May. Our deputy project manager was appointed as Open Access Lead in October. For the new church venture, a Church Planter was appointed in February (later retitled as Pioneer Evangelist) and an Administrator in October.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity recorded an overall deficit in the year to 31 December 2023 of £(34,672) (2022 - deficit of £(56,771).

This was split between a surplus on restricted funds of £5,850 and a deficit of £(40,522) on unrestricted funds.

Overall funds of the charity carried forward reduced from £81,515 to £46,843.

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(CONTINUED)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Principal Funding Sources

The Church of England : Archbishops' Council - Innovation Fund	(Jan 2023 – 2025)	£250k over 3 years
Southampton City Council – Play & Youth Opportunities	(Jan 2023 = Year 4)	£25k pa
Southampton City Council – Safer Neighbourhoods Fund	(Jan 2023 one off)	£11k
Holy Trinity Weston, PCC		£13k
The Joseph Rank Trust	(July 2023 x 3 years)	£10k pa
The Garfield Weston Foundation	(Oct 2023 x 2 years)	£10k pa
Local Giving, Co-op, Amazon		£14k
Other donations		£15k
Young People's Contributions		£ 4k

Investment Policy
Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short-term operating the Project, so there are no funds for long-term investment.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The introduction (at short notice) of the opportunity to launch a church plant on this estate as a new venture this year past, has engaged a considerable amount of time and effort for trustees and new staff (as well as some existing) over the last eighteen months. One aim of the launch is to enable the fledgling church to become independent and self sustaining within the three years of the grant – never-the-less continuing to work in concert with the original WCYP 7-18's age group. Trustees are conscious that our children and young people will inevitably grow up into the older age group (19-29's), and that their parents own engagement will bridge both streams.

There is a welcome overlap in staff and volunteers across the participating parties, which it is hoped will continue to the benefit of all engaging in the work and ministry.

The trustees will necessarily review the 3-year Strategic Plan (Sept 2021 – August 2024) in the light of the financial climate locally and nationally, as well as the church development - to determine both the future Aims and Objectives, and hence to consider funding streams necessary to deliver.

We take careful, dependant and thankful note of the Psalmist' song 127 - "Unless the Lord builds the house (*project*), the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain".

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the Financial Statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

A resolution to re-appoint Abraham & Dobell as Independent Examiners will be proposed at the forthcoming meeting.

Approved by the trustees on 16 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

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D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Church Youth Project for the year ended 31 December 2023.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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DAVID J MANT FCA
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

230 Shirley Road
Southampton
SO15 3HR

16 September 2024

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	10,000	139,647	149,647	106,204
Charitable activities	3	-	4,258	4,258	7,010
TOTAL INCOME		10,000	143,905	153,905	113,214
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	4,150	184,427	188,577	169,985
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4,150	184,427	188,577	169,985
NET INCOME/NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		5,850	(40,522)	(34,672)	(56,771)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		-	81,515	81,515	138,286
Total funds carried forward		£5,850	£40,993	£46,843	£81,515

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	4,223		9,801	
Cash at bank and in hand		106,069		73,256	
		110,292		83,057	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	63,449		1,542	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			46,843		81,515
TOTAL NET ASSETS	10		£46,843		£81,515
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted income funds	11		46,843		81,515
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			£46,843		£81,515

Approved on 16 September 2024 by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

D. Medway

REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

D W Chaplin

D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

(a) **Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accountancy and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

(b) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

(c) **Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific polices are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.
- Income from charitable activities is recognised when it is received.

(d) **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) **Expenditure (Continued)**

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The following grants were received during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Planned giving	-	2,934	2,934	4,183
Other giving	10,000	20,479	30,479	21,455
Grants	-	30,102	30,102	27,250
Innovations funding	-	85,162	85,162	52,446
Donations	-	970	970	870
	£10,000	£139,647	£149,647	£106,204

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The following income was generated during the year:

	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Young people's contributions	£4,258	£4,258	£7,010

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries	-	107,217	107,217	107,683
Pension contributions	-	10,396	10,396	4,790
Sessional workers	-	9,608	9,608	13,905
Staff expenses, training and support	-	1,382	1,382	6,016
Activities and equipment	250	10,880	11,130	2,692
Residential expenses	-	1,530	1,530	5,627
Management and administration	750	4,832	5,582	3,450
Project work	1,650	29,903	31,553	14,754
Printing, postage and stationery	-	735	735	975
Publicity and website	-	230	230	2,534
Hire of premises	1,500	7,114	8,614	6,473
Fundraising	-	-	-	366
	4,150	183,827	187,977	169,265
Governance Costs				
Examiner's costs	-	600	600	720
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£4,150	£184,427	£188,577	£169,985

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5. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Salaries, Social Security costs and employer's pension contributions	£127,221	£127,221	£126,378
The average weekly number of employees during the year was:		9	6

Trustees received no remuneration in the year.

6. TAXATION

As a charity, Weston Church Youth Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	2,748	8,384
Prepayments	1,475	1,417
	£4,223	£9,801

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8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	720	822
Accruals	600	720
Deferred income	62,129	-
	£63,449	£1,542

9. MOVEMENTS IN DEFERRED INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2023	-	52,446
Resources deferred in the year	62,129	-
Resources released in the year	-	(52,446)
Deferred income at 31 December 2023	£62,129	£-

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances are represented by:

	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Current assets	110,292	110,292	83,057
Current liabilities	(63,449)	(63,449)	(1,542)
Net assets at 31 December 2023	£46,843	£46,843	£81,515

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11. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	At 01.01.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted General Funds	81,515	143,905	184,427	40,993
Restricted Income Fund				
Joseph Rank Trust	-	10,000	4,150	5,850
Total funds	£81,515	£153,905	£188,577	£46,843

Unrestricted general funds comprise those funds which trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Unrestricted designated funds comprise those funds set aside by the trustees for a specific use.

Restricted income funds are funds which have been given for a particular purpose or projects.

The only restricted fund relates to funds received from Joseph Rank Trust which was for core costs.

12. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions.

13. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no material post Balance Sheet events at 31 December 2023.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Risk Management

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

Overview

WCYP was registered as a CIO by the PCC of Holy Trinity Weston in 2017 (Charity No 1173543), but the project is actually in its 30th year and has 7 part-time staff, a number of paid sessional workers and other volunteers. It is the sole provider of youth work for children of primary and secondary school age and above in the community of Weston. It enjoys a very good reputation across the city of Southampton. It is highly regarded by the Diocese of Winchester as an example of effective parish ministry, providing faith-based and open-access activities and schools work.

Weston Church Youth Project (WCYP) aims to be a resource for young people living in Weston, Southampton, by providing a safe space to belong while offering activities which have a positive impact on their lives. Our vision is to enable the young people of Weston to live life to the full (cf. John 10:10), by providing fun and engaging youth clubs, faith-based groups, exciting and affordable life experiences, educational support, mental wellbeing groups, and supportive mentoring.

Our work primarily targets young people and their families living in the area of Weston, one of the most deprived wards in Southampton and in the top 4% most deprived in the whole country. As a Christian charity we do this through four distinct but related programmes of activity: *Fun, Faith, Engage and Achieve*.

All of our work is accessible and affordable and we work hard to include young people who might otherwise be disengaged, by being actively involved in local schools, working with local organisations such as the parish church, and through supporting young people through ages 7 to 18 and beyond, providing them with a safe and welcoming community to which they can belong. When we run trips, we significantly subsidise the cost for young people to enable those with the lowest incomes to be involved. We also provide healthy food, cooking sessions and after school drinks and toast - and sometimes full meals - to support those young people whose families live in poverty.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Overview (Continued)

Our *Fun* programme includes Rock Solid, our weekly open access youth clubs. These take place at the Venny - an adventure playground and community centre in the heart of the Weston estate - and reach up to 100 young people aged 7-18 each week. We also run subsidised trips, to enable young people to broaden their horizons and have new experiences.

Our *Faith* programme offers specific groups for anyone wanting to explore the Christian faith. These groups reflect the Christian values of our organisation. The work includes leading school assemblies, after school provision and holiday clubs which help young people learn about the Christian faith and fun and interactive ways, enabling them to feel safe enough to explore belief. Most of these groups take place in Weston Church Centre, including weekly after school clubs and a monthly Messy Church. During Christian festivals such as Christmas and Easter we also invite local schools into the church building to enable them to feel more comfortable in that setting.

Our *Engage* programme extends the impact we have on young people and includes a young leaders scheme, where young people volunteer at younger youth activities, acting as peer mentors and role models, receiving support, incentives and training to improve their confidence, skills and future employability. We run an annual Resilient Kids programme: a weekly group to improve the long term mental health and wellbeing of primary aged young people. We also offer workshops and projects which foster commitment, learning, and personal development, such as healthy lifestyle workshops and indoor climbing qualifications.

Our *Achieve* programme aims to improve engagement with education. In the local primary school in Weston, just 46% of pupils are meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, (compared to 64% in Southampton), and 40.8% receive Special Educational Needs support (compared with the national average of 12.6%). The local secondary school, has the highest overall persistent absence rates in Southampton. Our Achieve programme includes mentoring, transition work, and courses that explore motivation, confidence and career options.

Examples of outcomes we recorded (via survey) for our work in 2022:

Fun: Drop-in clubs, trips, family fun days

- 82% said they had made new friends at Rock Solid
- 80% felt their self-esteem and aspirations had improved
- 94% said they had tried something new through our programmes

Faith: Faith clubs, messy church, holiday clubs, and camps

- 90% said their friendships had improved
- 70% felt they had learned something new about Christianity
- 67% had grown in confidence since attending our sessions

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Overview (Continued)

Engage: Projects, courses and volunteering
- 90% felt they were more resilient
- 90% said our work had helped them feel more confident
- 100% felt they had learned new skills they could use in the future

Achieve: Schools based support and mentoring
- 80% felt more resilient
- 72% began to engage in more out of school activities
- 78% felt they were contributing more to the community

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity recorded a deficit in the year to 31 December 2022 of £(56,771) (2021 - (14,304).

Principal Funding Sources
The Project was granted an extension of the three year grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund, which was due to complete in June 2022 – through to December 2022. WCYP application for a tapered down Continuation Funding was unsuccessful.

A contract with Southampton City Council called 'Lot 4 – Youth and Play Opportunities' has supported our Fun to Engage Programmes. It was gratefully approved for four years to run from January 2020 to Dec 2023. Three years of funding was secured from Garfield Weston in May 2020, which is unrestricted and can support all programmes. Additional funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund, Local Giving and Amazon has been welcomed: as well as £17k from the Parish Church Council and personal donations for the Faith work.

Two application for funding were declined by national bodies this autumn. Work has commenced seeking a potential application for funds from the Church of England New Innovation Fund – for initiating a 'young church' plant in Weston, as well as supporting this Youth Project's Faith work.

Investment Policy
Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short-term operating the Project, so there are no funds for long-term investment.

The Marketing and Fundraising Assistant worked with the Project Manager in implementing a fundraising strategy, writing applications, and developing the social media platforms and website. She left the Project in June 2022.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategic Plan: A 'Strategic Planning Group' was formed last year, including 2 Trustees, the Project Manager and the Fundraising and Marketing Assistant. They utilised a series of tools to analyse the current environment in which the Project sits, identify gaps in practices and establish objectives for 2021 – 2024. This work was completed by that summer and resulted in 16 objectives and 6 bold steps which included improving our fundraising strategy and financial system, creating an accessible brand identity, increasing our pool of volunteers, improving relationships with local schools and organisations and investing in the employability of young people in Weston.

A major new initiative has been developed during 2022. As a Christian charity, our ultimate aspiration - by means of our holistic and inclusive approach - is to increase the likelihood that younger people (7-18s & 19-29s) in Weston will 1) become Christians, 2) identify as committed members of a local worshipping community, 3) confidently share their faith in Christ, and eventually 4) move into local Christian leadership.

We therefore monitor and evaluate all aspects of our work on a regular basis, conducting surveys on young person satisfaction, as well as tracking progress in a variety of areas over time. Through our smaller, more targeted provision we use the Resilience Framework to assess our impact on young people's resilience over time, and also use tools such as the Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire, and mental health measures including the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ). Our primary aspiration, therefore, is for the aforementioned work to continue and, under God, to see it grow in terms of kingdom impact, reach and influence.

Additionally, a key finding of the Church of England *Youth and Children Growth Research* paper, published in July 2022, was that relational investment in families (as opposed to directly with children and young people) was a common theme amongst growing churches. On the strength of this finding, we would like to see our established work with 7-18s act as a bridgehead for a new faith-based initiative [which started in March 2023] among those aged 19 to 29.

The aim of this young church project will be to deliver a culturally appropriate programme of social action, evangelism, worship, discipleship and leadership training aimed specifically at younger people which results in the growth of a new and accessible expression of church. We therefore want to test the theory that the established work of WCYP, which is of vital importance in its own right, can also act as a bridge-head to reaching younger adults with the gospel of the Kingdom and the planting of a new congregation.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the Financial Statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The introduction of new online software for 2023 establishes a natural opportunity to test for competitive prices for the annual audit of Accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 18 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

D. Medway 18/9/23

REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Church Youth Project for the year ended 31 December 2022.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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DAVID J MANT FCA
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

230 Shirley Road
Southampton
SO15 3HR

18 September 2023

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	52,446	53,758	106,204	115,931
Charitable activities	3	-	7,010	7,010	2,003
TOTAL INCOME		52,446	60,768	113,214	117,934
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	97,962	72,023	169,985	132,238
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		97,962	72,023	169,985	132,238
NET INCOME/NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(45,516)	(11,255)	(56,771)	(14,304)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		45,516	92,770	138,286	152,590
Total funds carried forward		£-	£81,515	£81,515	£138,286

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	9,801		1,271	
Cash at bank and in hand		73,256		190,121	
		83,057		191,392	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	1,542		53,106	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			81,515		138,286
TOTAL NET ASSETS	10		£81,515		£138,286
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted income funds	11		81,515		92,770
Restricted income funds			-		45,516
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			£81,515		£138,286

Approved on 18 September 2023 by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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TREASURER

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

(a) **Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accountancy and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

(b) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

(c) **Income**

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific polices are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.
- Income from charitable activities is recognised when it is received.

(d) **Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) **Expenditure (Continued)**

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The following grants were received during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Planned giving	-	4,183	4,183	3,535
Other giving	-	21,455	21,455	16,705
Grants	-	27,250	27,250	25,153
BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities	52,446	-	52,446	67,332
Donations	-	870	870	668
Government grants (furlough)	-	-	-	2,538
	£52,446	£53,758	£106,204	£115,931

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The following income was generated during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Tuck shop	-	2,964	2,964	778
Young people's contributions	-	4,046	4,046	1,225
	£-	£7,010	£7,010	£2,003

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries	61,302	46,381	107,683	89,551
Pension contributions	3,848	942	4,790	4,472
Sessional workers	9,591	4,314	13,905	8,440
Staff expenses, training and support	4,719	1,297	6,016	4,506
Activities and equipment	96	2,596	2,692	545
Residential expenses	5,168	459	5,627	100
Management and administration	1,684	1,766	3,450	7,581
Project work	3,807	10,947	14,754	9,810
Printing, postage and stationery	291	684	975	242
Publicity and website	1,975	559	2,534	2,031
Hire of premises	5,279	1,194	6,473	4,204
Fundraising	202	164	366	96
	97,962	71,303	169,265	131,578
Governance Costs				
Examiner's costs	-	720	720	660
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£97,962	£72,023	£169,985	£132,238

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5. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Salaries, Social Security costs and employer's pension contributions	£74,741	£51,637	£126,378	£102,463

The average weekly number of employees during the year was:	6	5

Trustees received no remuneration in the year.

6. TAXATION

As a charity, Weston Church Youth Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	8,384	-
Prepayments	1,417	1,271
	£9,801	£1,271

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8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	822	-
Accruals	720	660
Deferred income	-	52,446
	£1,542	£53,106

9. MOVEMENTS IN DEFERRED INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2022	52,446	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	52,446
Resources released in the year	(52,446)	-
Deferred income at 31 December 2022	£-	£52,446

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances are represented by:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Current assets	-	83,057	83,057	191,392
Current liabilities	-	(1,542)	(1,542)	(53,106)
Net assets at 31 December 2022	£-	£81,515	£81,515	£138,286

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

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The trustees, comprising 5 members, including a secretary and treasurer, who meet at least 4 times a year, are responsible for the management and administration of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

Overview

The pandemic has continued to affect the Project however, as restrictions lifted we were able to do more and more. We continued to operate online and in small, bubbled groups with the weekly delivery of activity packs until May 2021. We then brought some of our online activities offline and in person, much to the delight of the young people. They were still small, bubbled groups. In May half term we went on 2 trips with our teenagers and in the second half of the summer term (June and July) we invited those who had been receiving the activity packs to meet at the Adventure playground for in-person play sessions.

In January 2021 we appointed 2 new members of the team. A Parish Youth Pastor, a role which moved over from Holy Trinity's PCC to come under WCYP and a new role of Fundraising and Marketing Assistant.

The YouthEngagement Co-ordinator (effective from 2020) and the Fun to Engage Coordinator had left WCYP by June; so we were down by 2 members of staff until November 2021. During this time, mentoring for ages 11-18 stopped and we could only manage 1 trip and a handful of in person meet ups over the summer. However, in September 2021, we had opened our doors with 2 open access sessions (Rock Solid) at the Weston Adventure Playground, 2 faith open access sessions (Bouldergang and Pulse) at Holy Trinity Weston, and an in person Resilient Kids course also at the Adventure Playground. Rock Solid was well received and in our session for years 3-6, we were seeing approximately 45 children a week and up to 20 11-18 year olds in our older session.

Between July and November 2021, the 2 jobs vacancies were reviewed, adapted and advertised; enabling the recruitment of 2 new members of staff who joined us by the beginning of November. This meant mentoring could resume and more outings organised.

Despite Covid and staff shortages we have reached 239 individual young people, are now seeing 70-90 young people a week and had really positive feedback from our beneficiaries about our services.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Mentoring
In 2021 WCYP have mentored 20 different young people in the local primary and secondary school. We have seen an increasing demand for this service from both schools and have recently recruited an experienced volunteer to help in the secondary school.

The Children's and Families Coordinator has been using a newly trained tool called Drawing and Talking as a way to mentor the children. This has been received immensely well by both the children and school. There have been reports of improved focus, behaviour and engagement at school due to these 'Debbie days' as one of the children calls them.

We have measured our outcomes for mentoring by asking our young people to complete questionnaires at the start of their course and at the end. The results below show the percentage of young people who showed a positive change:

- Getting along better with peers - 40%
- Increased confidence - 50%
- Increased self-esteem and taking part in regular extra activities outside of school - 40%
- Feel they contribute to the community - 55.56%
- Feel more resilient to what life throws at them - 40%

Open Access Youth Groups (Rock Solid)
From September 2021 we were able to open our doors more freely, monitoring group sizes at first and updating our risk assessment as rules changed.

The year 3-6 (ages 7-11) group was incredibly popular from the start and over the year we met 114 different young people with a regular weekly attendance of 40-50 children. Activities during this session include craft, board games, video games, sports and treasure hunts. We engage the children in litter picking and helping with jobs to give a sense of ownership and responsibility for their youth group. We also have Young leaders (14+) who come and volunteer during these sessions by setting up, running sports and helping with the Tuck shop. We now have 11 young leaders who help regularly.

The older Rock solid groups were merged from September-December due to staff shortages. During this time we met with 55 different young people between the ages of 11-18 with a regular attendance of 15-20 young people.

Open Access Faith Youth Groups (Bouldergang and Pulse)
These 2 groups were brand new started by the new Youth Pastor. Bouldergang is a faith group open to all for years 3-6, ages 7-11 and Pulse is for years 7-9, ages 11-14. Both started quite small with only a few coming each week. We now have met 21 individual children at Bouldergang with a weekly attendance of 10-12. At Pulse we have met 17 individuals with a weekly attendance of 6-10 young people.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Small Group Work

Resilient Kids - This group for 7-11 year olds we/parents/school have identified as needing extra support continued to meet online until September 2021 when they began to meet in person. During the sessions the group would look at friendships, managing stress and anxiety and how to build resilience by different activities and discussions. The group have been on trips to adventure golf, picnics and treasurer hunts including the parents and have recently had a farm visit their session.

School group work - During April-June our former Fun to Engage Coordinator met with 2 different groups, supporting them with friendship and behaviour issues, both groups showed positive changes in their relationships with peers and aspirations. Group work is school paused whilst we had vacancies.

Lunch time club - In November when the 2 new staff were in post 2 small, bubbled lunch time clubs for groups of young people from years 7 and 8 were formed. The school wanted a bubbled group rather than open access because they had identified this specific group of students as needing support and space to be during their lunch break.

Mosaic Project - This project took about 1 year to complete as staff changes meant we had to pause and pick it up again when new staff were appointed. 6 different young people engaged in this project and 5 community mosaics have been created with a local artist to be put up on display around the community. The young people really enjoyed learning a new skill and spending a quieter session doing something different, also they are looking forward to seeing their work out in the community. We plan to incorporate this into future treasurer hunts for other of our families and children to enjoy.

Trips and Residentials

During 2021 we have been on 6 trips, with 75 different young people. These have been very well received and we have observed a great enjoyment because of the 18 months of lockdown that meant many of these young people didn't get out and about much. Here are some of our amazing outcomes as a result of these opportunities:

- 58% said they made new friends
- 80% said there was an improvement in relationship with friends
- 85% increased confidence
- 81% increase self esteem
- 83% tried something new
- 82% increased aspirations

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity recorded a deficit in the year to 31 December 2021 of £(14,304) (2020 - surplus of £45,355).

Principal Funding Sources

The Project has completed 30 months of a three year grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund, which completes in June 2022: which has provided almost 70% of our annual income in recent years. WCYP is applying for a tapered down Continuation Funding.

A contract with Southampton City Council called 'Lot 4 - Youth and Play Opportunities' has supported our Fun to Engage Programmes. It was gratefully approved for four years to run from January 2020 to Dec 2023. Three years of funding was secured from Garfield Weston in May 2020, which is unrestricted and can support all programmes. Additional funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund, Local Giving has been welcomed: as well as £20k from the Parish Church Council and personal donations for the faith work.

One application for a Major grant has been held by the body whilst we seek other contributors. Several trustees met with the MP and Mayor of Southampton seeking opportunities for the Funds for Youth Organisations announced by the Chancellor in autumn 2021. Work also commenced seeking a potential application for funds from the Church of England New Innovation Fund.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short-term so there are no funds for long-term investment.

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A Fundraising and Marketing Assistant was recruited for January 2021. This role supports the Project Manager in implementing a fundraising strategy, writing applications, and handling the social media platforms and website. An increasing amount of the Project's work is now communicated online, and expertise in this field was necessary.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Strategic Plan

In February 2021 a small 'Strategic Planning Group' was formed, including 2 Trustees, the Project Manager and the new Fundraising and Marketing Assistant. They utilised a series of tools to analyse the current environment in which the Project sits, identify gaps in practices and establish objectives for the next 3 years. This work was completed by the summer and resulted in 16 objectives and 6 bold steps which included improving our fundraising strategy and financial system, creating an accessible brand identity, increasing our pool of volunteers, improving relationships with local schools and organisations and investing in the employability of young people in Weston.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (CONTINUED)

Website and Logo

As part of the strategic plan objectives WCYP has been working on improving our online presence, by redesigning it and making it more accessible and easy to use. We are also in the process of updating and modernising our logo to also be more accessible

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the Financial Statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

A resolution to re-appoint Abraham & Dobell as Independent Examiners will be proposed at the forthcoming meeting.

Approved by the trustees on 11 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

D. Medway

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REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

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D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Church Youth Project for the year ended 31 December 2021.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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DAVID J MANT FCA
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

230 Shirley Road
Southampton
SO15 3HR

11 October 2022

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	67,332	48,599	115,931	130,936
Charitable activities	3	-	2,003	2,003	1,816
TOTAL INCOME		67,332	50,602	117,934	132,752
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	83,260	48,978	132,238	87,397
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		83,260	48,978	132,238	87,397
NET INCOME/NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(15,928)	1,624	(14,304)	45,355
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		61,444	91,146	152,590	107,235
Total funds carried forward		£45,516	£92,770	£138,286	£152,590

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	1,271		1,604	
Cash at bank and in hand		190,121		151,646	
		191,392		153,250	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	53,106		660	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			138,286		152,590
TOTAL NET ASSETS	10		£138,286		£152,590
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted income funds	11		92,770		91,146
Restricted income funds			45,516		61,444
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			£138,286		£152,590

Approved on 11 October 2022 by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

D. Medway.

REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

D W Chaplin.

D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

(a) **Basis of Accounting**
The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accountancy and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

(b) **Fund Accounting**
Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

(c) **Income**
All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific polices are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.
- Income from charitable activities is recognised when it is received.

(d) **Expenditure**
Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) **Expenditure (Continued)**

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The following grants were received during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Planned giving	-	3,535	3,535	3,447
Other giving	-	16,705	16,705	400
Grants	-	25,153	25,153	53,057
BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities	67,332	-	67,332	52,169
Donations	-	668	668	10,325
Government grants (furlough)	-	2,538	2,538	11,538
	£67,332	£48,599	£115,931	£130,936

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The following income was generated during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Tuck shop	-	778	778	856
Young people's contributions	-	1,225	1,225	960
	£-	£2,003	£2,003	£1,816

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries	57,009	32,542	89,551	56,649
Pension contributions	-	4,472	4,472	3,015
Sessional workers	4,612	3,828	8,440	7,703
Staff expenses, training and support	2,824	1,682	4,506	4,056
Activities and equipment	313	232	545	129
Residential expenses	100	-	100	241
Management and administration	6,784	797	7,581	6,961
Project work	6,147	3,663	9,810	4,526
Printing, postage and stationery	47	195	242	141
Publicity and website	1,359	672	2,031	747
Hire of premises	4,065	139	4,204	2,569
Fundraising	-	96	96	-
	83,260	48,318	131,578	86,737
Governance Costs				
Examiner's costs	-	660	660	660
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£83,260	£48,978	£132,238	£87,397

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5. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Salaries and Social Security costs	£61,621	£40,842	£102,463	£67,367
The average weekly number of employees during the year was:			5	5

Trustees received no remuneration in the year.

6. TAXATION

As a charity, Weston Church Youth Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	1,271	1,604
	£1,271	£1,604

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8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	660	660
Deferred income	52,446	-
	£53,106	£660

9. MOVEMENTS IN DEFERRED INCOME

	2021 £	2020 £
Resources deferred in the year	52,446	-
Deferred income at 31 December 2021	£52,446	£-

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances are represented by:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Current assets	97,962	93,430	191,392	153,250
Current liabilities	(52,446)	(660)	(53,106)	(660)
Net assets at 31 December 2021	£45,516	£92,770	£138,286	£152,590

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11. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	At 01.01.21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted income funds	91,146	50,602	48,978	92,770
Restricted income funds - BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities	61,444	67,332	83,260	45,516
Total funds	£152,590	£117,934	£132,238	£138,286

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted income funds are funds which have been given for a particular purpose or projects. The only restricted funds relates to funds received from the Big Lottery - BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities.

12. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions.

13. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no material post Balance Sheet events at 31 December 2021.

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WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Weston Church Youth Project of Weston Vicarage, Weston Lane, Southampton, SO19 9HG for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Financial Statements comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	Weston Church Youth Project	
Working Name:	WCYP	
Registered Charity Number:	1173543	
Charity Status:	The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was granted charitable status on 23 June 2017.	
Correspondence Address:	Weston Vicarage Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HG	
Trustees:	Rev D Medway Mrs B Rass Mr D W Chaplin Mr J B C Duncan Mr R Dunne	Chair Secretary Treasurer Safeguarding Health & Safety
Our Advisors: Independent Examiners:	Abraham & Dobell 230 Shirley Road Southampton SO15 3HR	

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OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of Weston Church Youth Project are:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18 living in Weston, Southampton and the surrounding areas 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; and

   (c) 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.

2. The advancement of the Christian religion mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document
The charity Weston Church Youth Project is governed by its constitution.

The charity was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 23 June 2017 with a charity number of 1173543.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees
The charity is administered by a board of trustees which, at the date of this report, numbered 5.

Trustees, whether elected, appointed or co-opted are required by law to act in the best interests of the charity and not the body that appointed them or from which they were co-opted.

Trustee Induction and Training
Trustees are familiar with the work of the charity, having new trustees meet with the Chair of the trustees, who provides a briefing on the charity to include:

- the obligations of board members;
- the main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the constitution;
- the financial position of the organisation, including the last set of financial statements and funding status; and
- future plans and objectives.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Risk Management
The trustees have examined the major operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Organisational Charity Structure
The trustees, comprising 5 members, including a secretary and treasurer, who meet at least 4 times a year, are responsible for the management and administration of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

The year commenced with the usual range of activities for young people both at the Venny, and Holy Trinity, Weston (HT-W) - open access youth provision, mentoring, day trips, and planned residential weekends for later.

The advent of the national lockdown resulting from the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the complete closure of the Project for safety reasons in mid March 2020. The vacant posts of Project Manager and Finance Assistant had been advertised and a short-list of candidates briefed for interview in March was necessarily halted. Two staff co-ordinators and all the Sessional Workers were furloughed from 1 April under the HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. (One other staff member took maternity leave from June). The trustees wrote advising the Charities Commission of the closure: though their reply advised that it was not deemed a notifiable event.

The Fun to Engage Co-ordinator and Children's and Families Worker were cautiously returned to work on 22 June, albeit either working from home or safely distanced in the Venny Office. The Weston Adventure Playground officers undertook a Covid risk assessment with WCYP trustees, of the Venny facility (and later Holy Trinity church hall): and the necessary safeguards were recorded and put in place for staff.

The previous Treasurer had given notice to leave on 31 March 2020. An existing trustee volunteered for that task from 1 April 2020, which included all monthly bookkeeping.

During the months of April-July, the trustees met regularly either via Zoom or at safe-distance, working with staff to create a plan to sustain the Project within the limitations of the national restrictions. The post of Project Manager (PM) was reviewed and re-advertised, resulting in a successful appointment which commenced in August. The team then worked on gradually reintroducing activities that were safe and in accord with government guidelines for youth groups.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Some activities were put online - mentoring and small group work such as Resilient Kids. A new engaging take on Rock Solid was introduced, which involved delivering a weekly activity pack, filled with craft and activities, to 30 families with primary age children. When possible, small bubbled groups of young people met outside, or at the Venny (which has a covered open area). An innovative outdoor 'treasure' hunt was introduced for small family groups.

Mentoring and small group work was also delivered at Chamberlayne School when they were open in the autumn. The Team worked very hard to find new ways to reach young people and had to develop new skills of communicating effectively online.

The Faith programme had been halted due to the pandemic: and the Youth Pastor moved from Weston in August. In the Autumn, the trustees and PM recruited a new Parish Youth Pastor who became employed by the Project, rather than HT-W. The aim was to bring unity to the Project's team and support the Project Manager with pastoral care of the staff: also creating a healthy bridge between the church and non-church based youth work in Weston. *(The Parish Youth Pastor commenced in January 2021.)*

During the unsettling time of restrictions and ever changing guidelines, the Team worked hard to plan for the future: and establish new and creative ways to reach and provide for the children, young people and their families in and around Weston area.

The opportunity for staff to engage in training was taken during the year whilst activities were reduced. Our Fun to Engage Coordinator worked through his Level 3 Youth work Qualification; and the new Project Manager attended a Managing for Managers Course, organised through The Directory of Social Change; and also Safeguarding training with our supplier Thirtyone:eight.

The year was quite different to previous years because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the restrictions and limitations, the Project has reached 227 different young people across Weston and the surrounding areas in 2020 (compared to 376 in 2019).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity recorded a surplus in the year to 31 December 2020 of £45,355 (2019 - £30,923).

Principal Funding Sources
The Project is now more than halfway through the final three years of the significant grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund, which completes in June 2022.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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FINANCIAL REVIEW (CONTINUED)

Principal Funding Sources (Continued)
A contract with Southampton City Council called 'Lot 4 - Youth and Play Opportunities' has helped to fund our Fun to Engage Programmes. It was gratefully approved for four years to run from January 2020. Three years of funding was secured from Garfield Weston in May 2020, which is unrestricted and can support all programmes. Additional funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund for Resilient Kids was nominated by customers - which apart from a break in activities during April-November, has been running successfully. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust monies were approved by them to be time extended due to the lockdown delays.

Investment Policy
Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short-term so there are no funds for long-term investment.

A review of operational needs changed the anticipated role of a *Finance* and Fundraising Assistant, to seek a *Marketing* and Fundraising Assistant: who was recruited to start in January 2021. This role supports the Project Manager in implementing a fundraising strategy, writing applications and handling the social media platforms and website. An increasing amount of the Project's work is now communicated online, and expertise in this field was necessary.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

A Strategic Planning Team is to be established to consider how to advance the aims and objectives of the Trust amid the changing environment of lockdowns and restricted meeting opportunities.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
(CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

In preparing the Financial Statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

A resolution to re-appoint Abraham & Dobell as Independent Examiners will be proposed at the forthcoming meeting.

Approved by the trustees on 13 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

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D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Church Youth Project for the year ended 31 December 2020.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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DAVID J MANT FCA
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

230 Shirley Road
Southampton
SO15 3HR

13 September 2021

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	52,169	78,767	130,936	181,876
Charitable activities	3	-	1,816	1,816	7,326
TOTAL INCOME		52,169	80,583	132,752	189,202
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	50,931	36,466	87,397	158,279
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		50,931	36,466	87,397	158,279
NET INCOME/NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		1,238	44,117	45,355	30,923
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		60,206	47,029	107,235	76,312
Total funds carried forward		£61,444	£91,146	£152,590	£107,235

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	1,604		1,517	
Cash at bank and in hand		151,646		106,378	
		153,250		107,895	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	660		660	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			152,590		107,235
TOTAL NET ASSETS	9		£152,590		£107,235
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted income funds	10		91,146		47,029
Restricted income funds			61,444		60,206
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			£152,590		£107,235

Approved on 13 September 2021 by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR

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D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

(a) **Basis of Accounting**
The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accountancy and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

(b) **Fund Accounting**
Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

(c) **Income**
All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific polices are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.
- Income from charitable activities is recognised when it is received.

(d) **Expenditure**
Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) **Expenditure (Continued)**

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The following grants were received during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Planned giving	-	3,447	3,447	6,280
Other giving	-	400	400	439
Grants	-	53,057	53,057	71,202
BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities	52,169	-	52,169	98,808
Donations	-	10,325	10,325	5,147
Government grants (furlough)	-	11,538	11,538	-
	£52,169	£78,767	£130,936	£181,876

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The following income was generated during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Tuck shop	-	856	856	1,986
Young people's contributions	-	960	960	5,340
	£-	£1,816	£1,816	£7,326

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries	37,752	18,897	56,649	83,588
Pension contributions	-	3,015	3,015	4,004
Sessional workers	826	6,877	7,703	7,956
Staff expenses, training and support	2,282	1,774	4,056	8,905
Activities and equipment	58	71	129	3,343
Residential expenses	-	241	241	13,116
Management and administration	5,653	1,308	6,961	8,088
Project work	2,189	2,337	4,526	16,104
Printing, postage and stationery	6	135	141	1,124
Publicity and website	568	179	747	6,172
Hire of premises	1,597	972	2,569	5,219
	50,931	35,806	86,737	157,619
Governance Costs				
Examiner's costs	-	660	660	660
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£50,931	£36,466	£87,397	£158,279

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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5. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Salaries and Social Security costs	£38,578	£28,789	£67,367	£95,548
The average weekly number of employees during the year was:			5	7

Trustees received no remuneration in the year.

6. TAXATION

As a charity, Weston Church Youth Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments	1,604	1,517
	£1,604	£1,517

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)

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31 DECEMBER 2020

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals	660	660
	£660	£660

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances are represented by:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Current assets	61,444	91,806	153,250	107,895
Current liabilities	-	(660)	(660)	(660)
Net assets at 31 December 2020	£61,444	£91,146	£152,590	£107,235

10. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	At 01.01.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted income funds	47,029	80,583	36,466	91,146
Restricted income funds - BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities	60,206	52,169	50,931	61,444
Total funds	£107,235	£132,752	£87,397	£152,590

10. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted income funds are funds which have been given for a particular purpose or projects. The only restricted funds relates to funds received from the Big Lottery - BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities.

11. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions.

12. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no material post Balance Sheet events at 31 December 2020.