

PROMISING FUTURES

England & Wales · Charity number 1175231

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 LIVING, WORKING OR GOING TO SCHOOL IN CASTLE VALE, WHO SUFFER FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, TO SUPPORT THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND ASPIRATIONS GIVE THEM EVERY CHANCE TO SUCCEED IN THE FUTURE, THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE LIKES OF EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, TRIPS AND VISITS AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DEEM APPROPRIATE.

Activities: Providing small grants to individuals up to the age of 18 years who live, work or go to school on Castle Vale. These grants are to support in hardship or to widen horizons.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£0	£459	-	-
2024-03-31		£0	£764	-	-
2023-03-31		£123	£2,123	-	-
2022-03-31		£286	£4,008	-	-
2021-03-31		£8,220	£6,096	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TREVOR EVANS	Chair	2017-10-19
JULIE EDWARDS		2017-10-19
SEAN JORDAN		2017-10-19
TAYLOR BILLINGS		2017-10-19

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Annual Report – Promising Futures

During the reporting period, Promising Futures continued to operate on a very small, local basis, providing targeted support to young people aged up to 18 who are living, working, or attending school in Castle Vale. The charity exists to respond flexibly to need as it arises, and trustees remain committed to offering timely, practical assistance where it can make a meaningful difference.

In this period, the charity made **=small grants**, each of up to £200, to support individual young people. Grants were awarded in response to direct requests and were agreed by trustees in line with the charity's aims. Although activity levels remain modest, trustees are confident that these grants had a positive impact on the young people supported.

The charity received **no income during the reporting period** and continued to operate using existing funds. Promising Futures remains deliberately small and volunteer-led, with no paid staff, allowing resources to be directed entirely towards grant making. Trustees will continue to review the charity's financial position and respond to requests for support as they arise.

Date	Income/Outgoing	Received from/Benefactor	Description	Commitment/Measure	Amount
21/6/2024	Outgoing	DASHELLES HAIR CD 3687	Grant	n/a	-75
21/6/2024	Outgoing	GLAMOUR TOUCH CD 3687	Grant	n/a	-2.49
21/6/2024	Outgoing	Beauty Bey Ltd CD 3687	Grant	n/a	-36.71
23/8/2024	Outgoing	round midnight creative arts rmca summer school	Grant	n/a	-345
				Total	-459.2

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Date	Income/Outgoing	Received from/Benefactor	Cash/Direct Credit	Description	Commitment/Member	Amount
26/5/2023	Outgoing	Amazon				-142.17
24/7/2023	Outgoing	Birmingham Fort Park				-108.17
14/12/2023	Outgoing	Amazon				-86.97
14/12/2023	Outgoing	Amazon				-70.98
14/12/2023	Outgoing	Amazon				-127.38
14/12/2023	Outgoing	Amazon				-175.94
19/12/2023	Outgoing	UCAS				-27.5
21/12/2023	Outgoing	Amazon				-25
						-764.11

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Once again we are pleased to report that we have been able to offer grants in both the main strands of funding. We have continued to offer support for young people in the locality at Christmas where they have suffered hardship or had particular challenges this year. Young people who have suffered hardship, or difficult circumstances within their young lives have also received support through supporting for accessing higher education and for providing items of clothing to support in rebuilding lives.

We have not actively sought funding this year due to challenges with regards to capacity for trustees, however trustees have met and agreed that there is still significant value in offering as a minimum the Christmas gifts to those young people who have suffered hardship in the previous year.

Thankfully we remain in a secure financial position for the coming year to be able to support our offer

						Income	Expenditure
13/5/2022	Outgoing	Centre Stage Theatre Trip					-800
11/5/2022	Outgoing	Domian Name Renewal - 123 Reg					-28.78
7/9/2022	Outgoing	J D SPORTS FASHION PLC CD 3687					-100
8/9/2022	Outgoing	PRIMARK 476 CD 3687					-100
12/12/2022	Outgoing	AMZNMktplace CD 3687					-823.22
20/2/2023	Outgoing	123 Reg LTD 004773664		Taken in error			-28.78
28/2/2023	Outgoing	Amazon Prime 1L2F763O4		Automatic Renewal of Prime - Cancelled on 26/03/2023 -			-94.18
26/3/2023	Income	T Evans - Refund of 123 Reg Money taken in error				28.78	
28/3/2023	Income	Amazin Prime CD 3687 - REFUND				94.18	
30/3/2023	Outgoing	JD Sports Fashion PLC CD 3687					-83.19
30/2/2023	Outgoing	Marks and Spencer					-64.99
						122.96	-2123.14

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We have not actively sought funding this year however we continued to benefit from donations from individuals and organisations.

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8/4/2021	Income	JOSHUA CUMBERBATCH castle vale u10s				286	
8/5/2021	Outgoing	GW-VD-MAR21	Bacs	GW-VD-MAR21 - CHOICES PROJECT			-798
18/8/2021	Outgoing	Mentoring - Foundations for the Future	Bacs	Mentoring	F4TF		-2240
14/12/2021	Outgoing	Amazon - Christmas Gifts for children in hardship/need	Debit Card	AMZNMktplace CD 3687			-807.09
17/12/2021	Outgoing	Amazon - Christmas Gifts 2 x replacement gifts	Debit Card	AMZNMktplace CD 3687			-128.97
12/1/2022	Outgoing	Christmas Carol Trip DT and JP	Bacs	A Christmas Carol Trip			-33.6
						286	-4007.66

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24/4/2020	Income	Owen Arthur	Cash		N/A	100	
24/4/2020	Income	Adam Holmes			N/A	100	
25/4/2020	Income	Trev and Kim			N/A	0.01	
25/4/2020	Income	Annette Brecknell			N/A	50	
25/4/2020	Income	Paul Williams			N/A	20	
26/4/2020	Income	Garry Flatres			N/A	50	
28/4/2020	Income	Sadie Hyde			N/A	20	
28/4/2020	Outgoing	COVID Impacted Families		Sympathy Cards	Trustees		-16.85
12/5/2020	Outgoing	COVID Impacted Families		Stationary/Educational activity packs	Compass		-293.23
26/6/2020	Income	BVC COVID GRANT			N/A	2000	
2/7/2020	Income	MRS Rollason			N/A	50	
7/8/2020	Outgoing	CV Town FC	Direct Credit				-1300
18/8/2020	Outgoing	Castle Vale Concorde					-1300
19/9/2020	Outgoing	BVC COVID GRANT		Compass			-2000
14/12/2020	Income	Inca Arts (Christmas Present Project)			N/A	472	
15/12/2020	Outgoing	Local Young People		Villa Shirt (Fan-itnl)			-61.95
15/12/2020	Outgoing	Local Young People		Amazon Prime (Offer) & Prime Membership			-8.98
15/12/2020	Outgoing	Local Young People		Amazon - Christmas Present project			-446.69
16/12/2020	Outgoing	Local Young People		Amazon - Christmas Present project			-428.52
21/12/2020	Income	The PH&Cg - Pioneer (Christmas Present Project)			N/A	450	
12/1/2021	Income	Amazon	Direct Credit	Prime CD 3687 Refund	N/A	7.99	
26/1/2021	Outgoing	Kristopher Lowe		Therapy Sessions at Olive Tree Solutions	Sharon Gordon		-240
5/3/2021	Income	West Midlands PCC	Cheque	115937	N/A	4900	
						8220	-6096.22



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Amy Hope

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Trustees have found time despite the challenges presented by COVID to liaise accordingly to ensure applications are considered in a timely manner.

Once again we are pleased to report that we have been able to offer grants in both the main strands of funding. We were delighted to support two grass roots football teams with sponsorship that enabled them to widen their membership and further embed the opportunities they were providing.

COVID has clearly added to demand and as such we were pleased to be able to support in funding for stationary and educational activity packs distributed to over 200 families in the local community, and via a donation from INCA arts we were able to support 16 young people impacted directly by COVID, in many cases - through bereavement, in the purchase of an item gifted to them in the days preceding Christmas.

Supporting a young person to access counselling yielded some outstanding results for the individual - and is an area we hope to develop further.

We continued to benefit from donations from individuals and organisations, in particular a sizeable figure from West Midlands Police at the end of the reporting period, meant we were well placed to support scores of young people in the forthcoming year.

As ever we are keen to do more and look forward to building the charity and its reputation as time goes on. Thankfully we remain in a secure financial position for the coming year.

