

**Registered Number: CE012409**

**Charity Number: 1175866**

**BERKSHIRE YOUTH TRUST**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Unaudited**  
**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 31 March 2024**



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Trustees:**

R.G. Smee

M. Farrant

C. Smee

Lord St John of Bletso

**Company registered number** – CE012409

**Charity Registered number** - 1175866

**Registered Office**

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**BERKSHIRE YOUTH TRUST**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**  
(Registered Number: CEO 12409)  
(Charity Number: 1175866)

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's report) regulations 2013 is not required.

### **Our Aims and Objectives**

#### **Objectives**

The objects of the Berkshire Youth Trust (BYT) as set out in its constitutional documents is the acquisition and provision of facilities to charitable operational groups, including Berkshire Youth (BY), for the education and in the interests of the social welfare and recreation of children and young persons resident in Berkshire. The main focus is to promote and develop their physical, social, spiritual and mental capabilities. Nothing in the constitution of the CIO authorises an application of the property for purposes which are not charitable.

#### **Aims**

The objectives will be achieved by working with Local Authorities in Berkshire to identify town centre buildings which are suitable for conversion to provide high quality "inspired facilities", attractive to young people and which: -

- offer a broad range of appropriate activities within a modern environment.
- provide a wide range of personal and social development opportunities to help and support young people in their transition from adolescence to adulthood.
- where appropriate, offer quality professional support based on individual needs to enable further achievement.
- where appropriate, promote positive intervention within the Agenda for Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP).
- create opportunities for young people to engage with their community by undertaking volunteering activities for the benefit of the community in their locality.
- offer training and learning qualifications in the provision of Youth services to young people.

## **Partnerships**

Acquisition, refurbishment fitting out and the long-term maintenance and upgrading of these buildings will be funded in part by:-

- Maintenance clauses under the lease;
- Local Authorities, Institutions and supportive local companies; and
- Other educational establishments, where we create opportunities for their pupils to engage in their spare time with young people less fortunate than themselves for personal advancement, opportunities to volunteer and gain qualifications in youth work.

The daily operation of these facilities are currently undertaken by a related Charity, Berkshire Youth (BY) (a company limited by guarantee Registered number 04493501, Charity number 1106341).

## **Our achievements to date**

The purchase of a 50% interest in the Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place, Newbury RG14 1DF. The building is owned 50/50 by Berkshire Youth Trust (BYT) and West Berkshire Council (WB). The building has been completely refurbished and is 100% leased to Berkshire Youth to offer their much needed services to youngsters in the local communities.

Berkshire Youth enjoy an advantageous lease agreement with BBY Waterside Limited and West Berks Council to occupy the building for a term of 35 years from completion of the purchase for a rent of £5,000 per annum.

The BYT income and expenditure for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 is included in the Income and Expenditure Account at page 11.

## **Ensuring our work delivers our aims**

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

## **How our activities deliver public benefit**

All our charitable activities focus on providing high quality inspired club facilities for young people aged 8 -18 years to enable providers of youth services, such as Berkshire Youth, to offer, high quality and safe environment for young people. These state-of-the-art facilities offer an alternative to young people, particularly those that are vulnerable to the lure of gang culture and the financial rewards from criminal activity.

In order to achieve the best opportunities and outcomes for young people the facilities will be managed within a community model. The local community will be allowed access to the building through user groups who work with different sectors of the community from young children to old people for social and other community events. This will ensure that the facilities are used to capacity. This will broaden

the experience for members of the community in their participation as a member of a user group, as a young person who is a member of the club or as a volunteer.

### **Future Fundraising Opportunities**

Local Authorities have been starved of cash for the provision of youth services, except for the most extreme cases. Against this backdrop, Local Authorities have relied upon the providers of youth services, such as Berkshire Youth, to provide the services they are no longer able to offer. Providers of youth services, such as Berkshire Youth, rely upon annual grants and donations in order to meet their operational costs. They are not able to raise funding for capital investment or to endow their survival for the long term.

Whilst Local Authorities have no cash for funding youth projects, they own significant underutilised properties, typically in town centres, which potentially create the opportunity to develop state-of-the-art club facilities for young people. BYT and its network seek to acquire such properties to lease to operational youth groups.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation incorporated and registered as a charity on 21 July 2018. The company was established under Constitution which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and how it is governed. In the event of the company being wound up members are not required to contribute further amounts to the charity.

#### **Recruitment and Appointment of Charity Trustees**

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Constitution once appointed remain in place until they retire or are removed in accordance with the Constitution. Any retiring director is eligible for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

All charity trustees provide their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. The trustees seek to ensure that the needs of young people are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body and its network.

#### **Obligations of Charity Trustees.**

The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the Constitution and the latest published report and accounts, is made available to all new and continuing Trustees. The Charity Commission's guide "the Essential Trustee" is distributed to all new trustees along with the Constitution.

#### **Risk Management**

From time to time the Trustees conduct a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure

operators of the Charity's properties put in place appropriate policies for safeguarding; health and safety of members of the clubs, staff, volunteers, and visitors to the facilities; and data protection. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

### **Organisational Structure**

Berkshire Youth Trust Trustees meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Committee consists of four members relevant to the current work of the charity.

Company law 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 charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently; and
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charitable company, to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Trustee Management Committee**

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3

### **Investment Policy**

A prudent sum will be retained in reserves each year. Most of the charity's funds are raised to be spent on projects so in the short term there will be few funds for longer term investment. However, the longer term plan is to raise significant sums in advance for new projects and to endow Berkshire Youth so that it can continue to provide services to the young people of Berkshire.

When and if substantial funds become available the Trustees will take advice from competent investment advisors for the purposes of long-term investment. Grants, donations and other sums received in advance will be invested on the money market.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the operational expenditure. Between £15,000 to £30,000 is maintained in general funds. The reserves are

needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity.

Approved by the Management Committee on ~~12 November~~ <sup>12 November</sup> 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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**Roger Guy Sme (Trustee)**



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Berkshire Youth Trust ('the Company')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('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**

Since the charity's gross income is more than £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated:

12 NOVEMBER 2024

Patrick John Aberneithy Greenwood  
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales  
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**BERKSHIRE YOUTH TRUST**  
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

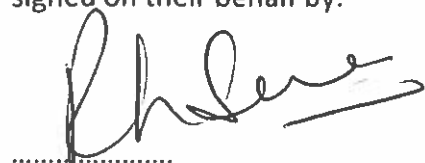
	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOME</b>				
Voluntary Income-Donations	0	0	0	26,974
Grants	0	0	0	0
Investment	605	0	605	216
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>27,190</b>
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Bank Charges	60	0	60	72
Sundry expenditure	120	0	120	100
Governance- Legal & Professional	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>27,018</b>
<b>FUNDS BOUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>621,668</b>	<b>600,293</b>	<b>1,221,961</b>	<b>1,194,943</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>622,093</b>	<b>600,293</b>	<b>1,222,386</b>	<b>1,221,961</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	2	1	1
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Long term loans to BBY (Waterside)Limited	3	1,193,725	1,193,725
Cash at bank		28,662	28,237
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,222,387</b>	<b>1,221,962</b>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		0	0
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>1,222,387</b>	<b>1,221,962</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,222,387</b>	<b>1,221,962</b>
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<b>CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>			
Restricted Funds	4	622,093	621,668
Unrestricted Fund	4	600,293	600,293
Share Capital		1	1
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>1,222,387</b>	<b>1,221,962</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue to the Trustees on 12 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



**Roger Guy Smee- Director**

The notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements

**BERKSHIRE YOUTH TRUST**  
**(Formerly Bradfield Berkshire Youth)**  
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**Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1. Accounting Policies**

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

**(a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Berkshire Youth Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**(b) Fund accounting**

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

**(c) Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts 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 accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

#### **(d) Resources expended**

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

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises 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 constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between expenditure categories 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.

#### **(e) Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets (excluding investments) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 4 years. Impairment reviews are carried out as and when evidence comes to light that the recoverable amount of a functional fixed asset is below its net book value due to damage, obsolescence or other relevant factors.

#### **(f) Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment in the subsidiary is included at cost plus any long term amounts due by the subsidiaries. Any provisions for diminution in value of subsidiaries or amounts due by subsidiaries deemed to be irrecoverable; and any surpluses accruing to the charity as a result of the sale of the shares of the subsidiaries or their assets; are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

### **2. Fixed Asset Investment**

The fixed asset investment relates to one ordinary share of £1 in BBY Waterside Limited, a company incorporated in England, company number 10990928.

### **3. Long Term Loans to BBY Waterside Limited**

Long Term Loans of £1,193,725 (2023 £1,193,725) to BBY Waterside limited, a company wholly owned by the Trust were made to fund the acquisition and refurbishment of the Waterside Centre, Newbury,

Berkshire for the purposes of providing preventative youth services for under privileged young people in West Berkshire. These loans are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed date for repayment. The intention of the Trustees is that in due course these loans will be converted into shares in the BBY Waterside Limited.

#### 4. Summary of Funds

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>		
Balance brought forward	621,668	594,650
Income	605	27,190
Expenditure	-180	-172
Transfer to Restricted Funds		0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>622,093</b>	<b>621,668</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Balance brought forward	600,293	600,293
Income	0	0
Expenditure	0	0
Transfer from Unrestricted Funds	0	0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>600,293</b>	<b>600,293</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>		
Balance brought forward	1,221,961	1,194,943
Income	605	27,190
Expenditure	-180	-172
Transfer to Restricted Funds	0	0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>1,222,386</b>	<b>1,221,961</b>

Unrestricted Funds are the funds which the Trustees are free to use for the Trusts Charitable Objectives.

#### 5. Related Party Transactions

Donations received from trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil). During the year to 31 March 2024 the Trust made interest free unsecured loans of £Nil to BBY Waterside Limited (2023- £120,000). These loans are to be converted into shares in BBY Waterside Limited in due course. At the year end, the Trust was owed £1,193,725 (2021 £1,193,725) by BBY Waterside Limited.