



Lordshill Youth Project

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1177775

## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

1 APRIL 2022 - 31 MARCH 2023

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**Charity Information**

Trustees:	Mr I Stickland (Chair) Mr D Saxton Mrs B Bray Mrs C Stickland
Registered address:	Zoe Braithwaite Centre Fraser Close Southampton SO16 8GP
Independent examiner:	Dawn Bell (MAAT)
Bankers:	HSBC Bank Plc 55 Above Bar Street Southampton SO14 7DZ

## **Trustees Report for the period ended 31 March 2023**

The Lordshill Youth Project was established in 1999 and became a charitable incorporated organisation in 2018.

### **Objectives, activities, and public benefit:**

The purpose of our charity is to act as a resource for young people living in the Lordshill area. Our aim is to make a measurable difference to the wellbeing of young people, irrespective of their circumstances, within the Lordshill area of Southampton.

Our services include a wide range of after-school activities that are facilitated by a team of Youth Workers in both a youth centre setting and through remote 'on the street' interactions.

These activities include recreational and leisure time activities, advice on life skills and sexual health, workshops on issues such as sexual health, bullying, drugs and alcohol misuse.

The youth centre also provides a safe space for young people, with Youth Workers on hand to provide guidance, advice and support.

The project also provides a free counselling service with qualified therapists, that young people can access outside of their traditional networks.

Charity Trustees have a duty to report on their charity's public benefit. They should demonstrate that there is an identified benefit, or benefits, to the public.

Collectively, the project's activities provide disadvantaged young people with the tools, capabilities, and confidence they need to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. This results in wider outcomes such as advancing education, relieving unemployment, and reducing antisocial behaviour.

The Trustees confirm that the activities of the project meet the requirement to deliver Public Benefit.

### **Structure, governance, and management:**

The project is governed by its constitution and is managed by the Trustees. The Trustees have ultimate responsibility for directing the work of our charity, ensuring that it is solvent, well-run and delivering against our charitable objects and public benefit.

There must be a minimum of three charity trustees and no more than twelve. The Trustees seek to ensure a good mix of experience and expertise to help ensure good governance including finance, working with children and young people and governance.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits for their contribution. No Trustee has any financial interest in the charity. No Trustee receives any remuneration for their services as Trustee, but they may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses.

The trustees normally meet monthly to discuss and make decisions on the management of the project. Additional volunteers are invited to attend management meetings, enabling the trustees to draw on a wider base of knowledge and experience.

The Lordshill Youth Project has a Service Level Agreement in place with Youth Options to provide youth

service delivery and support for the young people of Lordshill. The Lordshill Youth Project also has an agreement in place with Lordshill Church to provide a cleaner for the Youth Centre. Both organisations are represented at the monthly management meetings.

During the year under review, the Lordshill Youth Project commenced employment of 1 member of staff on a part time basis. The purpose of this role is to provide day to day administrative support to the project and explore opportunities for fundraising.

### **Achievements and performance:**

The Lordshill Youth project has continued to deliver detached and centre-based youth work throughout the year.

We have delivered 123 youth club sessions in the period Apr 22- Apr 23, and our youth workers have engaged with 179 young people.

Whilst we continue to focus on working with young people to reduce anti-social behaviour and attitudes, we have progressed to working in a more positive and proactive way to give young people a voice and opportunities to make a difference to their community. As an example, several young people became involved in the green influencer project. This is an activity where small groups of young people devise presentations and applications, which are then submitted to the funder for consideration. Our winning group opted to utilise the funding available to extend the available outdoor space. They decided to build a sheltered space that could be used by young people throughout the year, as well as to install solar lights so that the youth centre sports area was also accessible throughout the year and into the darker months. This bid was successful, and they were granted just over £5,000. The young people designed the structure, and it was erected in quarter 4.

Our work in tackling local food poverty continued with providing holiday activity sessions with food, during the school holidays. We also gave nutrition and cooking experiences to young people so that they could prepare their own meals, working to a budget and have fun too. We also held an evening family event which invited the local community to attend a session on making pizza, this session had embedded numeracy skills within the delivery and was facilitated by Itchen College. We saw 9 local families attend, some of whom had not been involved with Lordshill Youth Project previously, which resulted in continued attendance to the youth club by the young people.

We also continued with our detached youth work where we worked with local businesses including the local schools, as well as the local Police Community Support Officers, Sainsburys and Sovereign Housing Association. We have built a good working relationship to ensure we are targeting the right hot spots, reducing negative behaviours, and having a positive impact on engagement with those that may not attend the youth club sessions but that may need support. Youth Support Workers engaged with young people to provide discussion opportunities, information, advice and guidance on a range of issues. The issues covered with young people are based on their needs and include a huge number of subjects such as but not limited to education and training, sexual health, sport and leisure, alcohol and drugs, smoking/vaping, homophobia, mental health, money, homelessness, internet safety, crime and relationships. Youth Support Workers also signposted young people to existing youth provision in the area, including specialist advice, local youth groups, sports clubs or activities.

Over the year, we have further developed our volunteer programme and now have a team of 6 who support youth club sessions and holiday clubs so that we can have larger numbers of young people at these activities.

## Financial review:

During the year under review, income amounted to £66,345 with expenditure of £49,923.

The main source of funding received during the year was the National Lottery Community Fund Grant. This grant was awarded in August 2022 and the total amount awarded was £179,434 over three years. Of this, £58,374 was received in the 2022/23 financial year. Due to the nature of the timing of the grant compared to the financial year, £30,322 was carried over into the new financial year.

Funding was also received from Southampton City Council for the provision of Holiday Activities with Food.

During the year, non-restricted income was received from donations and from hire of the Youth Centre by other partner organisations whose charitable objectives are similar to ours. This income was fully reinvested back into the charitable activities of the project.

We are very grateful for the support of our funders, as well as those individuals and organisations who have made donations to the project, without whom we would not be able to continue to provide services to the young people of Lordshill.

Details of our grants, and the associated activities they funded, can be found in Note 4 of the accounts.

All costs incurred were in relation to the delivery of youth services in line with the charitable objectives of the project. The main cost was for the youth worker services provided by Youth Options.

Our reserves at the end of the financial year totalled £33,927, made up of £32,507 restricted reserves and £1,420 unrestricted reserves.

The National Lottery Community Fund grant will enable the continuation of the project's activities until September 2025. The Trustees are aware that the longer-term sustainability of the project is dependent upon the development of future funding opportunities and increasing the projects unrestricted income. Efforts continue to be made in this area.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on:

and signed on its behalf by



Mr Ian Stickland (Trustee)



Mr Darryl Saxton (Trustee)

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lordshill Youth Project for the period ended 31 March 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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 Act').

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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 Trust 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.



Dawn Bell (MAAT) (Independent examiner)

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the period ended 31 March 2023**

		2023	2023	2023	2022
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds		4,003	63,187	67,190	17,714
Total Incoming resources		4,003	63,187	67,190	17,714
 Delivery of youth services	2	8,621	29,602	38,223	37,119
Employee costs		-	1,451	1,451	-
Charitable activities		-	2,885	2,885	3,735
Youth Centre costs		-	4,330	4,330	7,490
Office expenses		-	2,557	2,557	833
Other expenses		132	345	477	4801
Total resources used		8,753	41,170	49,923	49,657
 Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(4,750)	22,017	17,267	(31,943)
  Funds at 1 April 2022		<b>6,170</b>	<b>10,490</b>	<b>16,660</b>	<b>48,603</b>
Funds at 31 March 2022		<b>1,420</b>	<b>32,507</b>	<b>33,927</b>	<b>16,660</b>

***The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.***

**Balance sheet  
as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors		-	-	-	1,170
Cash at bank		1,420	36,283	37,703	23,429
Prepayments		-	59	59	-
		1,420	36,342	37,762	24,599
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors		-	3,835	3,835	7,939
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>1,420</b>	<b>32,507</b>	<b>33,927</b>	<b>16,660</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>					
Restricted funds	4	-	32,507	32,507	10,490
Unrestricted funds		1,420	-	1,420	6,170
<b>Total Trust Funds</b>		<b>1,420</b>	<b>32,507</b>	<b>33,927</b>	<b>16,660</b>

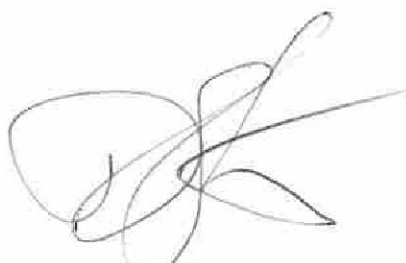
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on:

and signed on its behalf by:



Ian Stickland (Chairperson)



Mr Darryl Saxton (Trustee)





**Notes to the accounts  
for the period ended 31 March 2023**

**1. Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources have been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity became entitled to the resources, the trustees were virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value could be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure and liabilities have been recognised when the charity had a legal or constructive obligation.

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

Restricted reserves are funds that have been granted for particular purposes within the objects of the charity.

**2. Staff Costs**

The average number of full-time equivalent youth workers during the year under review was 1.4 (2022: 1.4) and the total cost of youth service delivery for the period under review amounted to £38,223 (2021: £37,119).

Youth services were delivered by staff who were employed by Youth Options and the associated costs of the delivery of the service were charged to the project.

In January 2023, the project commenced direct employment of 0.27 (2022: nil) full time equivalent admin staff to provide day-to-day administrative support to the project and explore opportunities for fundraising. The cost of this employment was:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,451	-
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	-	-
	<u>1,451</u>	<u>-</u>

**3. Trustees' Expenses**

The trustees received no remuneration or expenses for acting as trustees.

#### 4. Restricted Funds

The movement in restricted funds during the period were:

	1 Apr 2022	Receipts	Payments	31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£
Southampton City Council Community Chest (Counselling & Wellbeing)	1,340	-	-	1,340
Southampton City Council Community Chest (Tackling Food Poverty)	1,235	-	1,235	-
Southampton City Council Youth Fund	6,287	-	6,287	-
Southampton City Council Holiday Activities And Food Programme	1,628	4,813	5,596	845
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	-	58,374	28,052	30,322
	10,490	63,187	41,170	32,507

The Southampton City Council Community Chest award of £2,500, for counselling and wellbeing activities, was granted to the Lordshill Youth Project to provide counselling services to the young people of Lordshill. The award initially covered the period February 2020 to February 2021. Due to the delaying impact of COVID-19 during the 2020/2021 financial year, the duration of the award was extended in agreement with Southampton City Council. The project will continue to fund counselling sessions for young people until the funding is fully expended.

The Southampton City Council Community Chest award of £2,392, for tackling food poverty, was granted to the Lordshill Youth Project to complete the kitchen improvements at the Zoe Braithwaite Youth Centre and support the use of the kitchen to relieve food poverty among the young people of Lordshill. This funding has now been fully utilised.

In January 2022, Southampton City Council awarded a Youth Fund grant to the project amounting to £8,300, towards the running costs of the project up to 31 March 2023. This funding has now been fully utilised.

The award from Southampton City Council under the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, is to provide holiday club activities for young people, to include provision of food. The aim of the programme is to tackle food poverty issues that affected 'free school meal' entitled young people during the school holidays. The project runs centre-based school holiday activity sessions including provision of food for young people in the Lordshill area and will continue to do so until the funding is fully expended.

In August 2022, the National Lottery Community Fund awarded the project £179,434 over three years. The purpose of the grant is to cover the costs of youth service delivery, youth centre running costs, provision of counselling services and child food poverty relief services for young people in Lordshill. Of the total funding amount, £58,374 was received in the 2022/23 financial year.

#### 5. Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the year under review. Transactions with Youth Options and Lordshill Church, the projects partner organisations, were undertaken on an arms-length basis.

