



Lordshill Youth Project

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1177775

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

1 APRIL 2023 - 31 MARCH 2024

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Charity Information

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Trustees Report for the period ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and 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 accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

In preparing these accounts, the charity has adopted the accruals basis of accounting to give a true and fair view.

Objectives, activities, and public benefit:

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

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.

The Lordshill Youth Project employs 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.

The Lordshill youth project is also supported by a team of volunteers who give their time to support the activities of the project, such as helping to run the youth centre, preparing and serving food as part of the school holiday day time activity programme that provides breakfast and/or lunch to the young people who attend the youth centre.

Achievements and performance:

The Lordshill Youth project has continued to deliver two youth centre-based evening youth sessions a week during term time throughout this financial year, with additional detached sessions running at Oasis Lordshill Academy and in around Lordshill itself, with particular focus on the shopping precinct where there had been reports of antisocial behaviour involving young people.

The sessions run at Oasis Lordshill Academy have proven increasingly popular and enabled the project to work with a diverse group of young people, offering a safe place for the young people to meet their peers after school, play games and discuss issues with a trusted adult if they so wished.

As a result of the detached work during this financial year, the project identified key locations in the local area that would further benefit further from this provision. This will be implemented over the 2024 summer holidays with the support of the local shops and Support Network Groups.

After a period of unrest in the older age youth club night, the project worked closely with the young people, parents/carers, and schools to address standards of behaviour. As a result, numbers of attendees at the older age youth club night declined slightly. However, the project is now coming out the other side of this, with young people returning to the centre that had previously been deterred by the behaviour they were witnessing.

During the last financial year, several young people from the Lordshill Youth Project were taken on a 3 day Residential to Magdalen Farm in Somerset, where they got to grips with all things farming, challenged themselves to survive in the wild, learnt how to safely light a campfire, practised their teamwork, learnt to make pizzas from scratch and made smoothies using a bike powered blender. This residential was combined with young people from another Youth Centre and the groups engaged and interacted with each other, utilising and practising social skills to make friends with people from outside of their usual social groups. The residential was so successful that there are plans to repeat the event in summer 2024 with groups of young people from both centres, and with the farm offering a whole new range of activities. The young people are eager to get on board with this.

Several young people were also taken on two activity days at Avon Tyrrel during the February 2024 Half Term Holidays. Each day the young people were given the opportunity to turn their hand to archery, bush crafts and wall climbing. These activity days proved incredibly successful with young people developing in confidence as they tried new activities.

During the year, the Money Matters Charity were welcomed into the youth centre on several occasions, where they delivered workshops for our young people on the importance of being financially aware and explained the different terminology used when it comes to money matters. The

young people learnt how to create budgets and this highlighted the importance of being aware of how much things cost and what bills they will potentially have to pay as they get older. The project will continue to access this Charity for future workshops in the coming year

Financial review:

During the year under review, income amounted to £125,889.

The main source of funding received during the year was from the National Lottery Community Fund Grant. This grant was awarded in August 2022 and the total amount awarded was £179,434 over three years. Due to the nature of the timing of the grant compared to the financial year, £30,322 was carried over from 2022/23 into this financial year. A further £59,801 was received in 2023/24. Expenditure on activities funded by the grant amounted to £56,254. The balance of £33,869 is held as restricted funds to deliver our core charitable objectives of detached and centre-based youth services in Lordshill, with additional focus on activities that target food poverty and mental health issues faced by the young people of Lordshill.

Funding was also received from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Fund as a contribution towards the core cost of the youth service delivery.

Of particular note, Bridge Builders Mentoring, a charity with similar charitable objectives, donated £61,849 to the project in February 2024, in memory of Mr Clive Lewis OBE, the founder of Bridge Builders mentoring. There is no specified timeframe for the use of these funds, however the family of Mr Lewis have expressed a preference that the funds are used to provide support, financial or otherwise, to young people, whose personal circumstances prevent them from fulfilling their potential. This amount is held as designated unrestricted reserves, to be utilised over an indefinite period, whilst funds last.

During the year, non-restricted income of £1,739 was received from donations, hire of the Youth Centre by other partner organisations whose charitable objectives are similar to ours. This income will be held in reserve and fully reinvested back into the charitable activities of the project as needs arise.

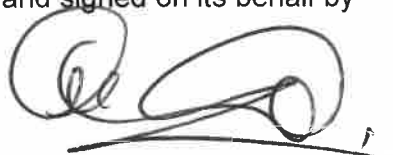
All costs incurred by the project during the financial year were in relation to the delivery of youth services in line with the charitable objectives of the project. The main cost was for the youth worker services provided by Youth Options.

Our reserves at the end of the financial year totalled £102,717, made up of £37,709 restricted reserves and £65,008 unrestricted reserves.

Further details of our restricted funds and the associated activities they support, can be found in Note 7 of the accounts.

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.

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 2024.

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.


27/09/2024.

Dawn Bell (MAAT) (Independent examiner)

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the period ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income	2	63,588	62,301	125,889	67,190
Less expenditure					
Delivery of youth services	3	-	42,582	42,582	38,223
Employee costs	3	-	4,792	4,792	1,451
Charitable activities		-	1,794	1,794	2,885
Youth Centre running costs	3	-	5,931	5,931	4,330
Office expenses		-	1,202	1,202	2557
Other expenses		-	798	798	477
Total expenditure		-	57,099	57,099	49,923
Net income		63,588	5,202	68,790	17,267
 Funds at 1 April 2023		1,420	32,507	33,927	16,660
Funds at 31 March 2024		65,008	37,709	102,717	33,927

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

**Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Current Assets					
Cash at bank		65,008	43,164	108,172	37,703
Prepayments		-	57	57	59
Total current assets		65,008	43,221	108,229	37,762
Less Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	-	5,512	5,512	3,835
Net Assets		65,008	37,709	102,717	33,927
Financed by:					
Restricted funds	7	-	37,709	37,709	32,507
Unrestricted funds		65,008	-	65,008	1,420
Total Funds		65,008	37,709	102,717	33,927

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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 2024**

1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 and applicable charity law.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus trustees consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

Income from donations and funding sources has been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity became entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources and the monetary value could be measured with sufficient reliability.

Gift Aid on donations is included in incoming resources. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor has specified otherwise.

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and liabilities have been recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

2. Income

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	62,408	-	62,408	415
Gift Aid	104	-	104	-
Grants	-	62,301	62,301	63,187
Room hire	1,076	-	1,076	3,588
	<u>63,588</u>	<u>62,301</u>	<u>125,889</u>	<u>67,190</u>

3. Staff Costs

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.

The average number of full-time equivalent youth workers during the year under review was 1.4 (2023: 1.4) and the total cost of youth service delivery for the period under review amounted to £42,582 (2023: £38,223).

The project directly employs 0.27 full time equivalent admin staff (January to March 2023: 0.27) to provide day-to-day administrative support to the project and explore opportunities for fundraising. The cost of this employment was:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,985	1,451
Social security costs	807	-
Pension costs	-	-
	<u>4,792</u>	<u>1,451</u>

Cleaning services were delivered by staff employed by Lordshill Church. The costs of £1,182 (2023: £1,084) were recharged to the project by Lordshill Church and form part of the Youth Centre running costs. This equated to 0.05 full-time equivalent staff.

4. Trustees' Expenses

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

No expense payments were made to trustees during the year (2023: nil)

5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that all of the charities income and gains are applied to its charitable objectives.

6. Analysis of creditors amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	5,512	3,835
	<u>5,512</u>	<u>3,835</u>

7. Movement of Funds

The movement of funds during the period were:

	1 Apr 2023	Receipts	Payments	31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Southampton City Council Community Chest (Counselling & Wellbeing)	1,340	-	-	1,340
Southampton City Council Holiday Activities And Food Programme	845	-	845	-
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	30,322	59,801	56,254	33,869
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Fund	-	2,500	-	2,500
Total Restricted Funds	32,507	62,301	57,099	37,709
Unrestricted Funds				
General funds	1,420	1,739	-	3,159
Designated Funds - The Clive Lewis Award	-	61,849	-	61,849
Total Unrestricted Funds	1,420	63,588	-	65,008
Total Funds	33,927	125,889	57,099	102,717

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 award from Southampton City Council under the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, was to provide holiday club activities for young people, to include provision of food. The aim of the programme was to tackle food poverty issues that affected 'free school meal' entitled young people during the school holidays. The project ran centre-based school holiday activity sessions including provision of food for young people in the Lordshill area. This funding has now been fully utilised.

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, £59,801 was received during the financial year (2023: £58,374).

Funding amounting to £2,500 was received during the financial year from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Fund. The restrictions of this funding are such that it must be used towards delivery of the youth worker led youth services and must be utilised by 31 December 2024.

In February 2024, Bridge Builders Mentoring, a charity with similar charitable objectives, donated £61,849 to the project, in memory of Mr Clive Lewis OBE, the founder of Bridge Builders mentoring. There is no specified timeframe for the use of these funds, however the family of Mr Lewis have expressed a preference that the funds are used to provide support, financial or otherwise, to young people, whose personal circumstances prevent them from fulfilling their potential. The trustees have established The Clive Lewis Award and the funds have been set aside by the trustees for this purpose. The total amounts has been classified as unrestricted designated funds, to be utilised over an indefinite period, whilst funds last.

8. 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.