



Lordshill Youth Project

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1177775

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

1 APRIL 2024 - 31 MARCH 2025

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## Lordshill Youth Project CIO - Registered Charity 1177775

### Charity Information

Trustees:	Mr I Stickland (Chair) Mr D Saxton Mrs E Bray Mrs C Stickland
Registered address:	Zoe Braithwaite's Centre Fraser Close Southampton SO16 8GP
Independent examiner:	Lorna Simpson (FCCA)
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## **Trustees Report for the period ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

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:**

Throughout this financial year, the Lordshill Youth project has continued to deliver two centre-based and one detached evening youth work sessions each week during term time, along with additional detached evening youth work session during the summer school holiday and a centre based activity and support programme during the the summer, easter and half term school holidays.

One of the highlights for the Lordshill Youth Project this year was the incredible support given to us by Willmott Dixon Ltd. This company was working on a large construction project near to the Zoe Braithwaite centre. In networking sessions, we were able to introduce ourselves and discuss the work of the Lordshill Youth Project and its impact in the Lordshill area. Following several meetings and visits to the Zoe Braithwaite Centre, Willmott Dixon Ltd agreed to completely refurbish the inside of the Zoe Braithwaite Centre building as a community work gesture. The materials used were of high quality and specifically chosen to be hard wearing. Completed in January 2025, the centre now features a modern, durable interior with a colour scheme designed to help young people, including those with special needs, feel relaxed and comfortable.

Since the youth club reopened after refurbishment, attendance by young people has risen noticeably. The young people have a sense of pride in being part of the project and we have factored this into many discussions on wellbeing, working together, respect for each other and challenging anti-social behaviour.

We delivered over 150 youth sessions this year. Young people from Lordshill also participated in two residential trips (with places sponsored by partner organisations) and a stargazing night in the New Forest led by the National Park Authority.

Feedback from the young people both verbally and in written responses to questions indicates they feel strongly that Lordshill Youth Project makes them feel safer in their area, gives them opportunities to engage in positive activities, informs them about next steps in employment and training, gives them a better understanding of anti-social behaviour and its effects on others and informs them about support, advice and how to obtain it.

### **Financial review:**

During the year under review, income amounted to £62,982.

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

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years. Due to the nature of the timing of the grant compared to the financial year, £33,869 was carried over from 2023/24 into this financial year. A further £61,259 was received in 2024/25.

Expenditure on activities funded by the grant amounted to £57,382. The balance of £37,746 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.

The donation of £61,849, received in 23/24 from Bridge Builders Mentoring, continues to be held as designated unrestricted reserves. These funds have generated £804 in bank interest income for the charity which has been recognised as unrestricted income. This income will be fully reinvested back into the charitable activities of the project.

During the year, un-restricted income of £919 was received from donations and hire of the Youth Centre by partner organisations. This income will be 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 £105,736, made up of £39,086 restricted reserves and £66,650 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 2025.

### 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.



Lorna Simpson (FCCA) (Independent examiner)

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the period ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Income</b>	2	1,723	61,259	62,982	125,889
<b>Less expenditure</b>					
Delivery of youth services	3	-	43,262	43,262	42,582
Employee costs	3	-	6,920	6,920	4,792
Charitable activities		-	1,485	1,485	1,794
Youth Centre running costs	3	-	6,332	6,332	5,931
Office expenses		-	1,828	1,828	1,202
Other expenses		81	55	136	798
Total expenditure		81	59,882	59,963	57,099
<b>Net income</b>		1,642	1,377	3,019	68,790
 Funds at 1 April 2024		<b>65,008</b>	<b>37,709</b>	<b>102,717</b>	<b>33,927</b>
Funds at 31 March 2025		<b>66,650</b>	<b>39,086</b>	<b>105,736</b>	<b>102,717</b>

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.

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## Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash at bank		66,650	43,475	110,125	108,172
Prepayments		-	138	138	57
Total current assets		66,650	43,613	110,263	108,229
<b>Less</b> Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	-	4,527	4,527	5,512
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>66,650</b>	<b>39,086</b>	<b>105,736</b>	<b>102,717</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>					
Restricted funds	7	-	39,086	39,086	37,709
Unrestricted funds		66,650	-	66,650	65,008
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>66,650</b>	<b>39,086</b>	<b>105,736</b>	<b>102,717</b>

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 2025**

**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, funding sources and interest 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

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	167	-	167	62,408
Gift Aid	-	-	-	104
Grants	-	61,259	61,259	62,301
Room hire	752	-	752	1,076
Bank interest	804	-	804	-
	1,723	61,259	62,982	125,889

## 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 (2024: 1.4) and the total cost of youth service delivery for the period under review amounted to £43,262 (2024: £42,582).

The project directly employs 0.27 full time equivalent admin staff (2024 0.27) to provide day-to-day administrative support to the project and explore opportunities for fundraising. The cost of this employment was:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,536	3,985
Social security costs	1,384	807
Pension costs	-	-
	6,920	4,792

Cleaning services were delivered by staff employed by Lordshill Church. The costs of £1,182 (2024: £1,268) 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 (2024: 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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	4,527	5,512
	<b>4,527</b>	<b>5,512</b>

## 7. Movement of Funds

The movement of funds during the period were:

	1 Apr 2024	Receipts	Payments	31 Mar 2025
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Southampton City Council Community Chest (Counselling & Wellbeing)	1,340	-	-	1,340
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	33,869	61,259	57,382	37,746
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Fund	2,500	-	2,500	-
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>37,709</b>	<b>61,259</b>	<b>59,882</b>	<b>39,086</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General funds	3,159	1,723	81	4,801
Designated Funds - The Clive Lewis Award	61,849	-	-	61,849
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>65,008</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>66,650</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>102,717</b>	<b>62,982</b>	<b>59,963</b>	<b>105,736</b>

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.

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. Due to the nature of the timing of the grant compared to the financial year, £33,869 was carried over from 2023/24 into the financial year under review. A further £61,259 was received in 2024/25. Expenditure on activities funded by the grant amounted to £57,382. The balance of £37,746 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. These funds will be fully utilised during the 2025/26 financial year.

Funding of £2,500 was received during the previous financial year from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Fund. It was specified that the funding be allocated to the delivery of youth worker led youth services and designated for use before by 31 December 2024. This funding has been fully used as specified.

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 or restrictions regarding 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 funds have 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.