

ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

England & Wales · Charity number 1178954

Details

Other names	ECVYS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-06-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE YOUTH VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ESSEX THROUGH ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION AND PROMOTING GOOD PRACTICE WITHIN THE SECTOR."VOLUNTARY SECTOR" IS DEFINED AS "CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS".CHARITIES ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES.VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY ORGANISATIONS.WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS OBJECT THROUGH A) ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION ECVYS WILL ENGAGE AND ENABLE VOLUNTARY YOUTH ORGANISATIONS SO THAT THEY CAN BE AN ACTIVE, RELEVANT AND INDEPENDENT VOICE AT THE FOREFRONT OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL YOUTH ISSUES & POLICY MAKING.THIS VOICE WILL ALSO ALLOW US TO FACILITATE CONVERSATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS THAT WILL STRENGTHEN & GROW THE VOLUNTARY YOUTH SECTOR & THEREBY ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ESSEX.B) PROMOTING GOOD PRACTICE & A SENSE OF ÆTOGETHERNESSÆ WITHIN THE SECTORECVYS WILL HELP FACILITATE GOOD PRACTICE & PROVISION OF YOUTH WORK BY VOLUNTARY YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN ESSEX. WE WILL DO THIS THROUGH NETWORKING, TRAINING & SHARING RESOURCES, UPDATES, FUNDING & ANY OTHER INFORMATION WE SEE AS BEING RELEVANT TO THE SECTOR & THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

Activities: To promote the youth voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Essex through advocacy and representation and promoting good practice within the sector.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£471,958	£415,106	-	-
2024-03-31	£474,820	£402,213	-	-
2023-03-31	£303,223	£271,386	-	-
2022-03-31	£418,786	£355,096	-	-
2021-03-31	£213,460	£163,158	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alistair McGarry		2022-11-15
Eileen French		2018-06-27
Jane Louisa Elizabeth Gardner		2025-10-23
MARTIN SOLDER		2018-06-27
MRS KERRY HORNER		2018-06-27
Mary Kathleen Margaret Putt		2024-11-19
PETER NIGEL DILLEY		2018-06-27
Paul Justin Stennett		2022-11-15
Rt. Rev. Roger Morris		2018-06-27

Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 1178954



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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Report 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.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

ECVYS has been an active, trusted and established voice of voluntary youth organisations in Essex for 50 years and we are proud that we have been a registered charity for seven years.

Our primary object is:

To promote the youth voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Essex, through advocacy and representation and promoting good practice within the sector.

"Voluntary sector" is defined as "charities and voluntary organisations"

Charities are organisations which are established for exclusively charitable purposes in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

Voluntary organisations are independent organisations which are established for purposes that add value to the community as a whole, or a significant section of the community, and which are not permitted by their constitution to make a profit for private distribution. Voluntary organisations do not include local government or other statutory organisations.

We will achieve this objective through:

a) Advocacy and representation

ECVYS will engage and enable voluntary youth organisations so that they can be an active, relevant and independent voice at the forefront of local and national youth issues and policy making. This voice will also allow us to facilitate conversations and partnerships that will strengthen and grow the voluntary youth sector, and thereby enhance the development of young people in Essex.

b) Promoting good practice and a sense of 'togetherness' within the sector

ECVYS will help facilitate good practice and provision of youth work by voluntary youth organisations in Essex. We will do this through networking, training and sharing resources, updates, funding and any other information we see as being relevant to the sector and the development of young people.

Reference and Administrative Details:

Charity Number: 1178954

Registered Office: Harway House, Rectory Lane, Chelmsford, Essex. CM1 1RQ

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Board of Trustees

Our board of trustees is made up from our member organisations; their role is important, making sure that ECVYS stays relevant and answerable to the voluntary organisations that it is set up to serve.

Chairman	Essex Boys and Girls Clubs: Martin Solder (County Director)
Other trustees	The Children's Society: Karry Clancy-Horner (Head of Youth Practice, Southern England) Chelmsford Diocese: Bishop Roger Morris (The Bishop of Colchester) GirlGuiding Essex South East: Canon Eileen French Essex Scouts: Paul Stennett (Chairman) Independent: Alistair McGarry Independent: Peter Dilley
CEO	Rachel Brett

Advisers

Bankers:	Triodos Bank
Independent Examiner:	Edmund Carr LLP

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

As we celebrate our 50th birthday year, we recognise and value our members and all that they are doing to offer excellent opportunities for children and young people across Essex to thrive. We are massively thankful to Essex County Council for our MOU that allows us to help represent, resource and support the voluntary youth sector in Essex. The Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit, who are committed to seeing funding and resources make their way to the voluntary youth sector, and to the PFCC and Mid/South ICS for their partnership youth listening projects this year. The funding received means we can help the sector to be professional, resilient and joined-up, and that young people can receive the best possible outcomes through engagement with a well-resourced and valued voluntary youth sector. This work in turn empowers thousands of youth leaders, volunteers and youth clubs to help young people across Essex to lead healthy, happy, safe and well-connected lives, and to make informed life choices.

For the year ended 31st March 2025, ECVYS had 72 member organisations, enabling 1,782 paid staff and 42,864 volunteers to access our resources and expertise. Through our membership 300,000 opportunities for children and young people to join a group or activity have been provided across 7,000 children's and youth work settings across our membership.

Through partnership work with agencies include ECC, The Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit, The PFCC, The Internet Watch Foundation, and the Mid and South NHS ICS, we have been able to help release over half a million pounds into the youth sector.

Our project-based work has included:

Youth Work in ASB Hotspot Areas

Funded by the PFCC, we worked with 7 youth organisations to help them target youth anti-social behaviour (and those at risk of engaging in ASB). Organisations have provided 2,486 young people with positive diversionary activities in trusted spaces and place this year.

Youth Voices

We have delivered three Youth Voices projects this year, with specific areas of focus:

- * Creating and sharing inappropriate images

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- * Young people and health research
- * Youth violence and safety in Essex

We heard from over 2,500 young people about their views, and the contributions they made have been used to shape national policy and develop targeted campaigns to reach young people.

Detached Youth Work

Over the six years that this project has been running, we have worked with nine organisations to facilitate delivery of detached youth work in seven areas of Essex at risk of having high levels of youth violence. This year, organisations have worked with over 5,000 young people to provide them with a trusted adult in places and spaces that young people choose to hang out. This project has now concluded.

Youth Resource Network / Essex Youth Map

Through our partnership with the Essex VVU, we have helped 7 youth Organisations in Essex to form part of our resource hub/ youth network. This funding released youth workers for 4hrs a week to network, resource and inform parents, professionals and young people about the opportunities and support available to them locally. This resource is funded as a direct result of young people highlighting through our listening projects that they do not know what activities are available to them.

In 2024-2025 we are excited to grow this network to all 14 areas of Essex!

These views from young people also led us to develop the Essex Youth Map, which shows all the activities and support that we could find across Essex. Every yr7 in Essex received the q.r code to the map, and it has been viewed over 22,000 times since we launched it in June 2024.

50 for 50

As part of our 50th Birthday celebrations we also set up a dedicated fund for groups to access to help with training costs for youth work skills qualifications. So far this has helped fund:

First Aid Training for 8 designated leaders
Level 2 Youth Work training for 5 youth leaders,
Mountain Bike Assessor
Level 3 Certificate in Leadership and Management
Level 6 Youth Focused Diploma
Level 4 Early Intervention Apprenticeship
FA Football Coach
12 Paediatric First Aid at Work Leads
2 Youth Mental Health First Aiders

Structure, Governance and Management

Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services is a CIO - Association registered on 27th June 2018 and it is governed by the constitution adopted at that time. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1178954.

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who set strategy and policy, with day-to-day management of the charity devolved to the Chief Executive Officer, who is supported by an Administrative Assistant and project specific staff. The minimum number of trustees is six and the maximum number twelve.

Financial Review

Unrestricted income for the 2024/25 financial year was £60,739 (2024: £81,431) derived mainly from infrastructure work, and service delivery. Overhead recovery is applied where appropriate.

We closely manage our costs and at the end of the financial year Unrestricted General Funds stood at £197,589

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after transfers between funds. Designated Funds of £94,786 (CEO Costs) and £18,000 (Operating Costs) have been retained. Total unrestricted fund were £310,375 (2024: £304,465).

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with general applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom General Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- * Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- * Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- * Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2015. They are also responsible for safekeeping the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 9/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M Solder
Chairman and trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on page 8 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity 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.

A. M. Stone

Signed:

Alex Stone FCCA
For and on behalf of Edmund Carr LLP

146 New London Road
Chelmsford
Essex
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Date: 18/12/25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	Note	Unrestricted to 31/03/2025 £	Restricted to 31/03/2025 £	Total to 31/03/2025 £	Total to 31/03/2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	0	0	0	0
Investment income	3	20,370	0	20,370	23,709
Charitable activities	4	40,050	357,219	397,269	399,357
Other Income		319	54,000	54,319	51,754
Total Income		60,739	411,219	471,958	474,820
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	46,222	368,884	415,106	402,213
Total resources expended		46,222	368,884	415,106	402,213
Net gains/losses on investments		(8,607)	0	(8,607)	0
Net income / (expenditure)		5,910	42,335	48,245	72,607
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		5,910	42,335	48,245	72,607
Funds at 01/04/2024		304,464	206,822	511,286	438,679
Funds at 31/03/2025		310,374	249,157	559,531	511,286

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BALANCE SHEET**

		2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	9	573	797
Investments		-	82,750
Total Fixed Assets		<u>573</u>	<u>83,547</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	13,870	1,074
Cash at bank and in hand		316,177	307,093
Investments	10	253,851	174,736
Total Current Assets		<u>583,898</u>	<u>482,903</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	12	24,940	55,164
Net Current Assets		558,958	427,739
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>559,531</u></u>	<u><u>511,286</u></u>
Funds	13		
Unrestricted Funds - General		197,589	191,678
Unrestricted Funds - Designated CEO		94,786	94,786
Unrestricted Funds - Designated Operating		18,000	18,000
Restricted Funds		249,156	206,822
		<u><u>559,531</u></u>	<u><u>511,286</u></u>

The notes at pages 10 to 18 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Signed 

Date 9/12/25

Martin Solder (Chairman)

**ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- income from membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Membership subscriptions which give a member rights to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.
- receipts received during the year which are not to be expected until after the balance sheet date are not recognised as income for the year and are included in funded charitable income deferred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Accounting Policies (continued)

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Resources expended (continued)

- where income on charitable funds has been recognised and the related expenditure is known and committed, the expenditure is recognised as a funded charitable activity accrual and is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably, in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently they are measured at the cost or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least 12 months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Current asset investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings	20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	20% straight line
Computer Hardware	20% straight line

Assets valued at £1,000 and above are capitalised.

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2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Donations	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Deposit account interest	7,213		7,213	5,607
Dividends from investments	13,157		13,157	3,366
Revaluation of investments			-	14,736
	<u>20,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,370</u>	<u>23,709</u>

All 2025 income received from investments was unrestricted.

4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Essex County Council	38,000	-	38,000	38,000
Anglia Ruskin University	-	-	-	1,000
Police, Fire Commissioner		343,131	343,131	358,089
Healthwatch Essex	0	14,050	14,050	-
Membership subscriptions	2,050	-	2,050	1,735
Online training sales		38	38	533
	<u>40,050</u>	<u>357,219</u>	<u>397,269</u>	<u>399,357</u>

5 Grant Making Activities

During the 2024/25 financial year, the charity paid grants to voluntary organisations in the value of £270,407 (2024 - £278,948). No grants were paid to individuals.

Grants paid during the year related to the following activities:

Antisocial Behaviour Pilot	78,408
Detached Youth Work	178,122
Integrated Care Board	1,000
PFCC Youth Voices	360
University Listening Project	1,000
VVU Listening Project	6,350
Training Grants	5,167
	<u>270,407</u>

6 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Advertising and Promotion			-	-

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Bank Charges	63		63	64
Computer Costs	1,946		1,946	1,491
Conference Costs	2,813	6,219	9,032	7,411
Depreciation	224		224	224
Employer NIC	5,954		5,954	4,481
Employer Pension	3,872		3,872	2,233
Grants Paid Out		270,407	270,407	278,948
Insurances	482		482	441
Meeting Expenses			-	474
Office/Admin Expenses	180	985	1,165	386
General Expenses			-	346
Professional Services	1,355		1,355	732
Governance costs (Note 7)	1,800		1,800	-
Phone Costs	294		294	549
Salaries	24,628	91,273	115,901	100,541
Subscriptions	249		249	52
Training Costs			-	1,625
Travel and Accommodation	2,362		2,362	2,987
	<u>46,222</u>	<u>368,884</u>	<u>415,106</u>	<u>402,213</u>

7 Governance Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Examination of Financial Statements	<u>1,800</u>	<u>0</u>

8 Staff costs and emoluments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Total staff costs were as follows:		
Wages & salaries	115,901	100,541
Social security costs	5,954	4,481
Pension	3,872	2,233
	<u>125,727</u>	<u>107,255</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025	2024
Project co-ordination staff	1	1
Management staff	1.75	1.75
	<u>2.75</u>	<u>2.75</u>

The average head count in the year was 4 (2024: 4)

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension cost) for the reporting period of more than £60,000 (2024: nil)

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity was £57,609 (2024 - £47,455)

Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

ECVYS participates in the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), which is a defined contribution workplace pension scheme, in order to fulfil the requirements under automatic enrolment regulations. Total employer contributions for the current period were £3,872. Amounts outstanding at the year end were £84.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

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	Fixture and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	622	499	1,121
At 31 March 2025	<u>622</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>1,121</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	124	200	324
Charge for the year	125	99	224
At 31 March 2025	<u>249</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>548</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>498</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>797</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>373</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>573</u>

10 Investments

	Listed Investments £	Other Investments £	Total Total £
Valuation			
At 1 April 2024	174,736	82,750	257,486
Additions	-	4,972	4,972
Revaluations	- 8,607	-	- 8,607
At 31 March 2025	<u>166,129</u>	<u>87,722</u>	<u>253,851</u>

All listed investments are made up of shares in COIF Investment Funds, designed for charities. These are managed by the CCLA.

Other investments are made up of long term fixed bond investments and are not publicly traded. These investments are set to mature within 12 months.

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors	- 180	60
Other debtors and prepayments	<u>14,050</u>	<u>1,014</u>
	<u>13,870</u>	<u>1,074</u>

12 Creditors; amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Creditors	9,166	9,166
Deferred Income	0	42,500
Social Security	0	2,398
Pension Fund	84	83
Accruals / Other Creditors	<u>15,690</u>	<u>1,017</u>
	<u>24,940</u>	<u>55,164</u>

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In 2024 a grant of £42,500 was received in advance of need. The income was deferred to 2025 so that both the income and expenditure were recorded in the same financial period.

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13 Funds	01/04/2024	Income	Expenses	Transfer	31/03/2025
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	191,678	60,739	(54,828)		197,589
Designated - CEO	94,786	0	0		94,786
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0		18,000
Total Unrestricted	304,464	60,739	(54,828)	0	310,375
Restricted Funds					
Training	52,710	60	(5,167)		47,603
ASB Pilot	1,819	90,872	(90,150)		2,541
Detached Youth Work	87,654	187,377	(198,207)		76,824
Healthwatch Essex	-	14,050	0		14,050
ICB	-	3,000	(1,000)		2,000
PFCC Youth Voices	-	1,360	(1,360)		0
Project Staff Salaries	6,000	0	0		6,000
Uni Listening Project	1,000	0	(1,000)		0
VVU Listening	15,362	18,000	(18,000)		15,362
VVU Voice of Communities	616	0	0		616
VVU Staff	7,441	96,500	(54,000)		49,941
Essex Anchor	231	0	0		231
Grassroots Grants	5,988	0	0		5,988
PFCC Bespoke	28,000	0	0		28,000
					0
Total Restricted	206,822	411,219	(368,884)	0	249,156
Total	511,286	471,958	(423,712)	0	559,531

The specific purposes for which funds are to be applied are as follows:

Designated Funds.

CEO - a provision for staff costs relating to the CEO role, to be used in the event that there is a reduction in Income
Operating provision for future operating costs, to be used in the event that there is a reduction in income

Restricted Funds:

Training - funds to pay for training of staff and volunteers of third party organisations delivering youth work
ASB Pilot - PFCC funded detached youth work in hotspot areas
Detached Youth Work - VVU funded detached youth work
ICB - Youth voices listening project around health research
PFCC Youth Voices - Young peoples focus group
Project Staff Salaries - Income specifically for staff costs
Uni Listening Project - Youth voices listening project around staying safe online
VVU Listening - Listening project around how safe young people feel in their communities
VVU Voice of Communities - Projects for VVU workstream 'voice of communities' that we lead
VVU Staff - Staff costs for working with the VVU
Essex Anchor - Young peoples listening project around careers in the NHS
Grassroots Grants - ECC funded small grants pot to help grassroots youth clubs start up again after covid.
PFCC Bespoke - VVU funds for bespoke work around the voice of communities workstream

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Analysis of movement in funds - previous year

	01/04/2023	Income	Expenses	Transfer	31/03/2024
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	169,167	81,431	(58,920)		191,678
Designated - CEO	94,786	0	0		94,786
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0		18,000
Total Unrestricted	281,953	81,431	(58,920)	-	304,464
Restricted Funds					
Training	54,529	528	(2,347)		52,710
ASB Pilot	0	148,400	(146,581)		1,819
Detached Youth Work	32,382	178,860	(123,588)		87,654
ECC Listening Healthy Relations	0	1,800	(1,800)		0
Essex Anchor	831	0	(600)		231
Grassroots Grants	9,517	0	(3,529)		5,988
Project Staff Salaries	0	6,000	0		6,000
PFCC Bespoke Projects	28,000	0	0		28,000
Uni Listening Project		2,800	(1,800)		1,000
VVU Voice of Communities	616		0		616
VVU Listening	22,165	12,500	(19,303)		15,362
VVU Staff Costs	8,686	42,500	(43,745)		7,441
Total Restricted	156,726	393,388	(343,293)	0	206,821
Total	438,679	474,819	(402,213)	0	511,285

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds at 31st March 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	573	-	573
Fixed asset investments	-	-	-
Current assets	334,742	249,156	583,898
Current liabilities	24,940	-	24,940
Total net assets	310,375	249,156	559,531

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds at 31st March 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	797	-	797
Fixed asset investments	82,750	-	82,750
Current assets	276,082	206,821	482,903
Current liabilities	55,164	-	55,164
Total net assets	304,465	206,821	511,286

15 Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with ECVYS or a related entity.

Trustee expenses reimbursed £nil (2024 - £nil)

16 Related Party transactions

During the year, the charity paid £69,177 (2024: £31,490) of grants to organisations which trustees are involved with

None of the trustee's associated with these organisations were involved in any matters or meetings relating to the award of these funds, which were for the purpose of furthering the objects of ECVYS.

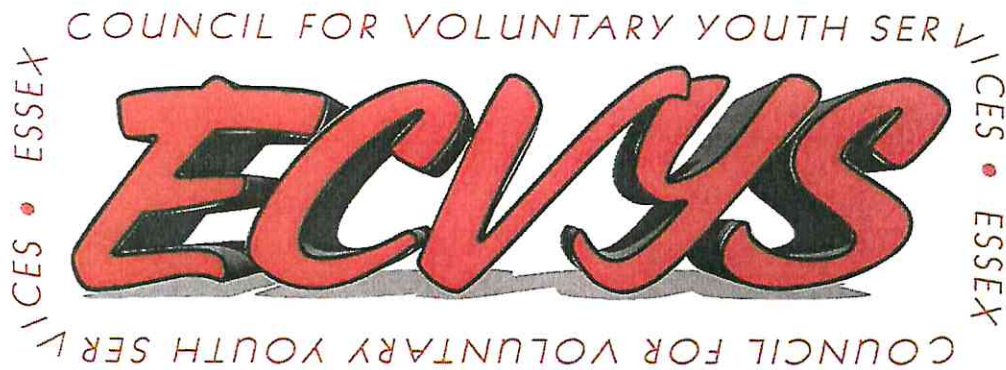
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The charity also received income of £303 (2024: £245) in the year from organisations permitted to appoint a trustee to the board of the charity. These all relate to membership to ECVYS.

17 Additional Disclosures
None

Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 1178954



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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

ECVYS has been an active, trusted and established voice of voluntary youth organisations in Essex for 50 years and we are proud that we have been a registered charity for Six years.

Objective: *To promote the youth voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Essex, through advocacy and representation and promoting good practice within the sector*

"Voluntary sector" is defined as "charities and voluntary organisations"

Charities are organisations, which are established for exclusively charitable purposes in accordance with the law of England and Wales

Voluntary organisations are independent organisations which are established for purposes that add value to the community as a whole, or a significant section of the community, and which are not permitted by their constitution to make a profit for private distribution. Voluntary organisations do not include local government or other statutory organisations.

We will achieve this objective through:

a.) Advocacy and representation

ECVYS will engage and enable voluntary youth organisations so that they can be an active, relevant and independent voice at the forefront of local and national youth issues and policy making.

This voice will also allow us to facilitate conversations and partnerships that will strengthen and grow the voluntary youth sector, and thereby enhance the development of young people in Essex.

b.) Promoting good practice and a sense of 'togetherness' within the sector

ECVYS will help facilitate good practice and provision of youth work by voluntary youth organisations in Essex. We will do this through networking, training and sharing resources, updates, funding and any other information we see as being relevant to the sector and the development of young people.

Board of Trustees

Our board of trustees is made up from our member organisations; their role is important, making sure that ECVYS stays relevant and answerable to the voluntary organisations that it is set up to serve.

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs: Martin Solder (County Director)

The Children's Society: Kerry Clancy-Horner (Head of Youth Practice, Southern England)

Chelmsford Diocese: Bishop Roger Morris (The Bishop of Colchester)

GirlGuiding Essex South East: Canon Eileen French

Essex Scouts: Paul Stennett (Chairman)

Independent: Alistair McGarry

Independent: Peter Dilley

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Overview:

Our work has gone from strength to strength and so has our team. We were excited this year to welcome Nicole Redgwell as our youth researcher to develop our very popular youth voices work. Nicole started in September and has already facilitated two brilliant projects that have together enabled around 2000 young people to have their voices heard.

There has been growth in our representation, networking and training and we are so proud of all that you will read in this report about the work.

Activities that we have been involved with:

This year our members told us that they support over 290,000 children and young people in Essex (Last year this figure was 245,000!) What a huge demand there is in Essex for voluntary sector children's and youth work!



Our members are large umbrella children's and youth Organisations, and small frontline groups, who have come to rely on ECVYS for representation, support, advice, training, grants, networking, and identifying needs in the sector so that their voices can be heard. Our advocacy work this year has helped much needed resources be released back into the sector, and has helped groups share their concerns and joys with statutory organisations. This is a much needed role for the sector and it is a privilege for us to be able to do this for our groups.

Through our youth voices work and work with the Violence and Vulnerability Unit we have increased our workload and reach this year, and have been building upon key partnerships to help see the voluntary youth sector thrive.

"ECVYS is a good source of support and information. It is reassuring to know there is a body we can go to for advice and training opportunities. They also provide funding for training which is always helpful, particularly in the current climate. It has been good to be linked with other organisations and helps you realise you are part of something bigger" -Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

ECVYS Cluster groups:

We regularly get between 40-50+ people at our online cluster meetings and they are always well received by our members (and many other organisations who also attend).

The meetings consist of updates from various organisations from the children's and youth world such as; The Children and Young People's Partnership Board, the ESCB, Essex Youth Services, Children's and Families Leads, the Violence and Vulnerability Unit and health.

As well as updates, funding, training and general support and networking we have also been listening to members around their needs and themed some of our meetings around what members were saying they wanted and needed.

The network is a bubbling hub of enthusiasm and passion for the sector and they very much appreciate these meetings and have told us they are invaluable in supporting them to do their frontline work.

This year we have run face to face Cluster meetings too, that has been greatly received and valued.

"Belonging to ECVYS brings about knowledge through information, networking, collaboration and opportunities to extend the reach of what we can do as an organisation, beyond our abilities to have done so ourselves" -Tiptree Youth Outreach Project

Representation: We represent our members at 24 various groups/subgroups-

- 1.) The Essex Safeguarding Children's Board Exec (and all of the stay safe meetings)
- 2.) The ESCB missing from education sub group
- 3.) The ESCB learning and development sub group (and task group)
- 4.) The Children's Partnership Board (Plus all of the quadrant meetings, and some sub groups)
- 5.) The Supporting Families strategic partnership board
- 6.) The Essex domestic abuse local partnership board
- 7.) Safer Essex
- 8.) The VVU Ops board (and The voice of communities group)
- 11.) The Eastern region youth participation group
- 12.) The East of England & East Midlands regional youth work unit
- 13.) The Violence against women and girls steering group

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

Representation for the voluntary youth sector at the meetings is vital for our groups and the children and young people in Essex, Southend and Thurrock. It is so important because it allows us to temperature check the work going on at grassroots level and allows them to share their views on issues that matter to them. It also means we can keep them abreast of any changes in policy, funding, safeguarding and training so that they can keep children and young people stable, resilient and safe. Representing the sector is part of our core offer in order to keep our groups well connected and an active part of the conversation around any new strategies, plans and ways of working for children's and young people's groups.

Often our groups know what is going on at grassroots level, but we have been able to be there for them and link them up with key policy makers so that we can help our children and young people to have positive futures. This in turn has enabled us to have a thriving voluntary youth sector in Essex with over **19,212 volunteers** in our membership alone.

“ECVYS help keep charities updated and connected, we need ECVYS to keep that joint working youth focus” -Teen Talk, Harwich

Mailshot:

We have 326 people signed up to receive our mailshot this year, from hundreds of voluntary and statutory services. The mailshot covers all our ECVYS work, any updates, funding pots, activities for young people, campaigns, vacancies, volunteering opportunities and much more. We also send out individual emails of noteworthy information/campaigns that we feel may benefit our groups. Our groups always tell us what a valuable resource our newsletter is. Someone in the statutory services even told us it was the only newsletter they bother reading! Our administrator sends these out fortnightly, and for those on the ground, our mailshot is an important link to everything that is going on and helps them to stay connected.

“Being a member of ECVYS has helped us access training, funding, cooperation and knowledge sharing, with other youth organisations. It has help us develop the confidence as an organisation to deliver new projects and support more young people in our community”
-Canvey Island Youth Project

Training and Training grants:

This year our MOU with Essex County Council helped over **7,000** children/youth groups in Essex to provide safe environments.

Our training enables groups and individuals to access important training that they need to make sure they are running their groups to the best of their ability and in the light of good practice.

Our training grants also help organisations with more specialist, or specific, training for their groups, or training that they may not usually be able to access as they are volunteers.

This year we directly helped to train up 178 people from the voluntary youth sector. The training that the staff/volunteers received would have had an impact on 106,664 children and young people from voluntary groups in Essex. 73 of these young people also received training through our training grant for members.
available or accessible to the sector.

We were able to offer some face- face training every term around specific needs that our members have highlighted such as; Gender identity and its impact on residential trips, Turning conversations about risky behaviours into positive ones, Having a restorative approach to youth work, young leaders training and leadership skills.

Online training; L2 Food Hygiene and Safety, Personal Safety for Lone Workers, Self-Harm, Suicidal Thoughts and GDPR.

Listening projects

This year we have run various funded listening projects-

1. The Essex Anchor network funded a project around careers support and opportunities in the NHS,
2. Essex County Council funded a project around healthy relationships in the home,
3. Anglia Ruskin University and the Internet Watch Foundation funded a project around young people sharing inappropriate images
4. The VVU funded us to run a project around youth violence and perceptions of safety

This work is so insightful for funders to hear clear and honest views from young people in their youth club setting. It also strengthens relationships for youth leaders and young people and helps bring in a small amount of funding to each of the groups who take part.

Work with the Violence and Vulnerability Unit

We have had another brilliant year working with the Violence and Vulnerability Unit (VUU) who fund us for the equivalent of one full time post, and one day a week of our youth researcher post.

Through this work we have facilitated our fifth year of listening projects with the VUU with over 1300 young people through youth clubs, detached works and schools with our member groups. We were also able to use social media to engage with a further 49 young people around issues of safety.

We continue to oversee the detached youth work project, and have been taking part in some evaluation for the project so that our partners may have some great evidence of the project once the funding comes to an end in 2025. A big thank you to Essex Boys & Girls Clubs, Bar'n'Bus, Red Balloon, Essex YMCA, Southend YMCA, North Avenue Youth Centre and Essex Youth Service for working with us on this.

ECVYS also lead on the Voice of communities work and organised, facilitated and evaluate the Community Grant fund for the VUU that helped over 7,139 children and young people engage in early intervention with 18 organisations. A special aspect to this work for us is that young peoples voices from our listening work is at the heart of the grants process and runs throughout, right from conception through to evaluation.

In October the VUU funded a youth voices listening conference where over 100 people got together to listen to young people share their views around issues that matter to them.

FUTURE PLANS

For our 50th year we have lots of exciting events planned including launching an interactive map to share all youth work across Essex, a funding pot to help with training staff and volunteers from the voluntary sector, Youth hubs in 7 areas of Essex to help resource and network the sector, plus more training, youth listening and possible conferences.

It's an exciting time for us at ECVYS, and as a team of staff and Trustees we are pleased to be a catalyst for such positive change and growth in the voluntary sector.....Bring on the next 50 years!

Thank you to all our members and funders this year for your support.

Rachel Brett (ECVYS CEO), and the ECVYS Trustees

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

Report to the trustees of Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS) on accounts for the period ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions give by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted to 31/03/2024 £	Restricted to 31/03/2024 £	Total to 31/03/2024 £	Total to 31/03/2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	0	0	0	103
Investment income	3	23,709	0	23,709	4,769
Charitable activities	4	39,735	359,622	399,357	298,264
Other Income		17,987	33,767	51,754	0
Total Income		81,431	393,389	474,820	303,136
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	58,920	343,293	402,213	271,368
Total resources expended		58,920	343,293	402,213	271,368
Net (expenditure)		22,511	50,096	72,607	31,768
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		22,511	50,096	72,607	31,768
Funds at 01/04/2023		281,953	156,726	438,679	406,911
Funds at 31/03/2024		304,464	206,822	511,286	438,679

ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		797	1,022
Investments		82,750	-
Total Fixed Assets		<u>83,547</u>	<u>1,022</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,074	2,426
Cash at bank and in hand		307,093	448,277
Investments		174,736	-
Total Current Assets		<u>482,903</u>	<u>450,703</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	8	55,164	13,046
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>511,286</u>	<u>438,679</u>
Funds	9		
Unrestricted Funds - General		191,678	169,167
Unrestricted Funds - Designated CEO		94,786	94,786
Unrestricted Funds - Designated Operating		18,000	18,000
Restricted Funds		206,822	156,726
		<u>511,286</u>	<u>438,679</u>

The notes at pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts.

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

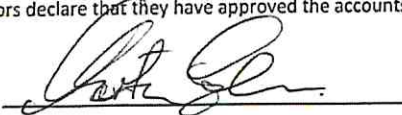
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed



Date

24/4/2024

Martin Solder (Chairman)

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- income from membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Membership subscriptions which give a member rights to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.
- receipts received during the year which are not to be expected until after the balance sheet date are not recognised as income for the year and are included in funded charitable income deferred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Resources expended *(continued)*

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- where income on charitable funds has been recognised and the related expenditure is known and committed, the expenditure is recognised as a funded charitable activity accrual and is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably, in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently they are measured at the cost or other consideration expected to be received.

Current asset investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Donations	-	-	-	103
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103</u>

3 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Deposit account interest	5,607	-	5,607	4,769
Dividends from investments	3,366	-	3,366	-
Revaluation of investments	14,736	-	14,736	-
	<u>23,709</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,709</u>	<u>4,769</u>

All 2023 income received from investments was unrestricted.

4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Essex County Council	38,000	-	38,000	38,000
Anglia Ruskin University	-	1,000	1,000	-
Police, Fire Commissioner	-	358,089	358,089	257,000
Essex Anchor	0	-	-	981
Membership subscriptions	1,735	-	1,735	1,715
Online training sales	-	533	533	105
Consultancy	-	-	-	517
	<u>39,735</u>	<u>359,622</u>	<u>399,357</u>	<u>298,318</u>

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5 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Advertising and Promotion			-	450
Bank Charges	64	-	64	64
Computer Costs	1,491	-	1,491	295
Conference Costs	-	7,411	7,411	5,770
Depreciation	224	-	224	-
Employer NIC	4,481	-	4,481	2,335
Employer Pension	2,233	-	2,233	1,685
Grants Paid Out	-	278,948	278,948	181,184
Insurances	441	-	441	492
Meeting Expenses	474	-	474	637
Office/Admin Expenses	- 386	-	- 386	325
General Expenses	346	-	346	80
Professional Services	732	-	732	1,105
Phone Costs	386	163	549	368
Salaries	46,652	53,889	100,541	74,590
Subscriptions	52	-	52	52
Training Costs	103	1,522	1,625	245
Trustee Expenses	-	-	-	35
Travel and Accommodation	1,627	1,360	2,987	1,656
	<u>58,920</u>	<u>343,293</u>	<u>402,213</u>	<u>271,368</u>

6 Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages & salaries	100,541	74,590
Social security costs	4,481	2,335
Pension	2,233	1,685
	<u>107,255</u>	<u>78,610</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024	2023
Project co-ordination staff	1	1
Management staff	1.75	1.5
	<u>2.75</u>	<u>2.5</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000. (2023: nil)

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Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

ECVYS participates in the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), which is a defined contribution workplace pension scheme, in order to fulfil the requirements under automatic enrolment regulations. Total employer contributions for the current period were £2233. Amounts outstanding at the year end were £461.

7 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	60	1,499
Other debtors and prepayments	1,014	1,014
	<u>1,074</u>	<u>2,513</u>

8 Creditors; amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Creditors	9,166	10,322
Deferred Income	42,500	-
Social Security	2,398	1,937
Pension Fund	83	472
Accruals / Other Creditors	1,017	315
	<u>55,164</u>	<u>13,046</u>

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9 Funds	01/04/2023	Income	Expenses	Transfer	31/03/2024
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	169,167	81,431	(58,920)		191,678
Designated - CEO	94,786	0	0		94,786
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0		18,000
Total Unrestricted	281,953	81,431	(58,920)	0	304,464
Restricted Funds					
Training	54,529	528	(2,347)		52,710
ASB Pilot	0	148,400	(146,581)		1,819
Detached Youth Work	32,382	178,860	(123,588)		87,654
ECC Listening Healthy Relations	0	1,800	(1,800)		0
Essex Anchor	831	0	(600)		231
Grassroots Grants	9,517	0	(3,529)		5,988
Project Staff Salaries	0	6,000	0		6,000
PFCC Bespoke Projects	28,000	0	0		28,000
Uni Listening Project		2,800	(1,800)		1,000
VVU Voice of Communities	616		0		616
VVU Listening	22,165	12,500	(19,303)		15,362
VVU Staff Costs	8,686	42,500	(43,745)		7,441
Total Restricted	156,726	393,388	(343,293)	0	206,822
Total	438,679	474,819	(402,213)	0	511,286

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Analysis of movement in funds - previous year

	01/04/2022	Income	Expenses	Transfer	31/03/2023
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	177,485	45,104	(55,632)	2,210	169,167
Designated - CEO	94,786	0	0	0	94,786
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0	0	18,000
Total Unrestricted	290,271	45,104	(55,632)	2,210	281,953
Restricted Funds					
Training	55,436	138	(1,045)		54,529
Detached Youth Work	26,692	175,000	(169,310)		32,382
Essex Anchor		981	(150)		831
Grassroots Grants	14,577	0	(5060)		9,517
In Care Review	1,640	0	0	(1640)	0
PFCC / Police Voices	90	0	(90)		0
PFCC Bespoke Projects		28,000			28,000
VVU Voice of Communities	6,800		(6,184)		616
VVU Listening	10,835	17,000	(5,670)		22,165
VVU Staff Costs		37,000	(28,314)		8,686
Micro Youth Voices	570			(570)	0
Total Restricted	116,640	258,119	(215,823)	(2,210)	156,726
Total	406,911	303,223	(271,455)	0	438,679

10 Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with ECVYS or a related entity.

Trustee expenses reimbursed nil (2023 - £35)

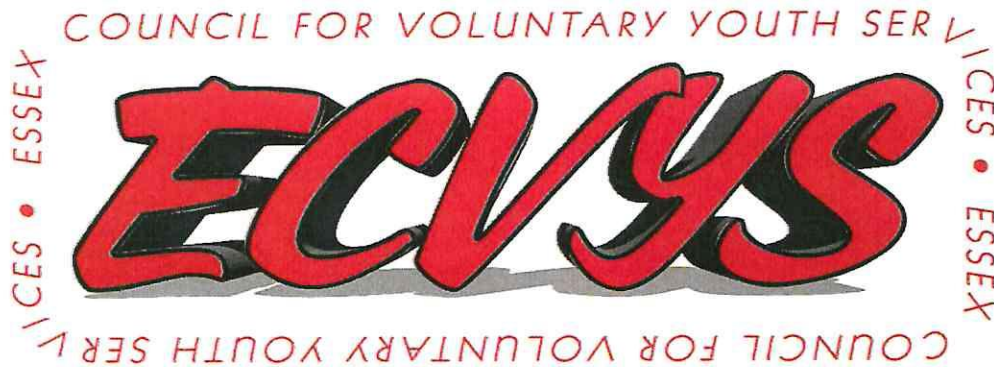
11 Related Party transactions

There were no related parties within the year.

12 Additional Disclosures

None

Accounts



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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The ECVYS network reaches over
245,000 children and young people
and **22,000** volunteers



OBJECTIVE AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

ECVYS has been an active, trusted and established voice of voluntary youth organisations in Essex for **nearly 49 years** and we are proud that we have been a registered charity for five years.

Objective: *To promote the youth voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Essex, through advocacy and representation and promoting good practice within the sector*

"Voluntary sector" is defined as "charities and voluntary organisations"

Charities are organisations, which are established for exclusively charitable purposes in accordance with the law of England and Wales

Voluntary organisations are independent organisations which are established for purposes that add value to the community as a whole, or a significant section of the community, and which are not permitted by their constitution to make a profit for private distribution. Voluntary organisations do not include local government or other statutory organisations.

We will achieve this objective through

a.) Advocacy and representation

ECVYS will engage and enable voluntary youth organisations so that they can be an active, relevant and independent voice at the forefront of local and national youth issues and policy making.

This voice will also allow us to facilitate conversations and partnerships that will strengthen and grow the voluntary youth sector, and thereby enhance the development of young people in Essex.

b.) Promoting good practice and a sense of 'togetherness' within the sector

ECVYS will help facilitate good practice and provision of youth work by voluntary youth organisations in Essex. We will do this through networking, training and sharing resources, updates, funding and any other information we see as being relevant to the sector and the development of young people.

Board of Trustees

Our board of trustees is made up from our member organisations; their role is important, making sure that ECVYS stays relevant and answerable to the voluntary organisations that it is set up to serve.

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs: Martin Solder (County Director)

The Children's Society: Kerry Clancy-Horner (Head of Youth Practice, Southern England)

InterAct: Peter Dilley (Participation and Safeguarding Lead)

Chelmsford Diocese: Bishop Roger Morris (The Bishop of Colchester)

GirlGuiding Essex South East: Canon Eileen French

Essex Scouts: Paul Stennett (Chairman)

Independent: Alistair McGarry

1. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Overview:

What a busy year! We have seen a lot of growth in our project work, the demand for our service and growth within our team. We were very excited to welcome Lynsey Crisp as our administrator in April 2022 and Beks Korniej as our Partnership and Projects Manager in September 2022. These fantastic additions to our team have enabled some even more fantastic work to support our members.

Activities that we have been involved with:

Our members support over 245,000 children and young people and we exist to help support them to do this amazing work. Our members are small frontline children's and youth organisations, and larger umbrella children's and youth work organisations, who have come to rely on ECVYS for representation, support, advice, training, grants, networking, and identifying needs in the sector so that their voices can be heard. Our advocacy work this year has helped much needed resources be released back into the sector, and has helped groups share their concerns and joys with statutory organisations. This is a much needed role for the sector and it is a privilege for us to be able to do this for our groups.

Through our youth voices work and work with the Violence and Vulnerability Unit we have increased our workload and reach this year, and have been building upon key partnerships to help see the voluntary youth sector thrive.

This year we have completed listening projects with various partners who have funded us to gather over 4000 views from young people on various issues and we have even more lined up for next year.

"I really value ECVYS. You are so different to other organisations out there, in that you aren't our competition, but are there to support the youth sector and be a voice for us" Yellow Door

ECVYS Cluster groups:

We regularly get between 40-50+ people at our online cluster meetings and they are always well received by our members (and many other organisations who also attend).

The meetings consist of updates from various organisations from the children's and youth world such as; The Children and Young People's Partnership Board, the ESCB, Essex Youth Services, Children's and Families Leads, the Violence and Vulnerability Unit and health.

As well as updates, funding, training and general support and networking we have also been listening to members around their needs and themed some of our meetings around what members were saying they wanted and needed.

Themes have included Youth Mental Health provision, the Cost of Living crisis and Levelling Up. We have welcomed external speakers from specialist organisations to offer insight to our members and answer their questions. The network is a bubbling hub of enthusiasm and passion for the sector and they very much appreciate these meetings and have told us they are invaluable in supporting them to do their frontline work. We will also be running some face to face groups again this year, starting with the West Quadrant as they were super enthusiastic to be the first group!

"These meetings are really helpful due to the breadth of organisations that attend, I feel it's a good use of my time". Victim Support

Representation:

We continue to represent our groups at various meetings such as-

- 1.) The Essex Safeguarding Children's Board Exec (and all of the stay safe meetings)
- 2.) The ESCB missing from education sub group
- 3.) The ESCB training and development sub group
- 4.) The Children's Partnership Board (and all of the quadrant meetings)
- 5.) The Supporting Families strategic partnership board
- 6.) The Essex domestic abuse local partnership board
- 7.) Safer Essex
- 8.) The Supporting Families strategic partnership board
- 9.) The VVU Ops board
- 10.) The National Council of Voluntary Youth Organisations network
- 11.) The Eastern region youth participation group
- 12.) The East of England & East Midlands regional youth work unit
- 13.) The Mid & South Community Assembly co-production group

"Thank you for making sure that we are represented at meetings and that young people are having their voices heard in regards to their needs"- PACT for Autism

Representation for the voluntary youth sector at the meetings is vital for our groups and the children and young people in Essex, Southend and Thurrock. It is so important because it allows us to temperature check the work going on at grassroots level and allows them to share their views on issues that matter to them. It also means we can keep them abreast of any changes in policy, funding, safeguarding and training so that they can keep children and young people stable, resilient and safe. Representing the sector is part of our core offer in order to keep our groups well connected and an active part of the conversation around any new strategies, plans and ways of working for children's and young people's groups.

Often our groups know what is going on at grassroots level, but we have been able to be there for them and link them up with key policy makers so that we can help our children and young people to have positive futures. This in turn has enabled us to have a thriving voluntary youth sector in Essex with over **22,000 volunteers** in our membership alone.

"I am so busy with our clubs I can't get to anything else. It's wonderful knowing you take us seriously and share our views with those in charge of making decisions"-North Essex Girl Guides

Mailshot:

We have 267 people signed up to receive our mailshot this year, from hundreds of voluntary and statutory services. The mailshot covers all our ECVYS work, any updates, funding pots, activities for young people, campaigns, vacancies, volunteering opportunities and much more. We also send out individual emails of noteworthy information/campaigns that we feel may benefit our groups. Our groups always tell us what a valuable resource our newsletter is. Someone in the statutory services even told us it was the only newsletter they bother reading! Our administrator sends these out fortnightly, and for those on the ground, our mailshot is an important link to everything that is going on and helps them to stay connected.

"I love your newsletter. I always find out about new things and tell others"
-Claire Moss, Mistley Kids club

Training and Training grants:

This year our MOU with Essex County Council helped over **7,000** children/youth groups in Essex to provide safe environments for children and young people to belong to. **1000 more than last year.**

Our training enables groups and individuals to access important training that they need to make sure they are running their groups to the best of their ability and in the light of good practice.

Our training grants also help organisations with more specialist, or specific, training for their groups, or training that they may not usually be able to access as they are volunteers.

Training grants and training online we were able to offer topics such as-

- 1.) Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene (This is massively popular and one that is always in high demand)
- 2.) Health and Safety at work
- 3.) Personal Safety for Lone Workers
- 4.) Mental Health First Aid for our membership
- 5.) Risky Behaviours and Positive Conversations
(in partnership with the training effect around having positive conversations with young people around risky behaviour, and how to evaluate these conversations. This is something that we are working on funding again this year for more workers and volunteers.
- 6.) A training grant for the Scouts allowed them to train 20 mental health first aid volunteers

"This has enabled our Volunteers to gain the skills to support our Volunteers and Young people who may have mental health issues". Essex Scouts

- 7.) A training grant for Chelmsford Diocese allowed them to train 10 young leaders in leadership skills

"The grant has enabled us to provide a well-resourced and positively influential course for young people in churches across the Diocese, who have been recognised as having leadership potential in different areas". Chelmsford Diocese

- 8.) In October we ran a listening conference with Essex Boys and Girls clubs for 52 young people and their youth leaders in partnership with the Essex VVU and Essex Police. As part of the day, young people got to take part in workshops;

- LGBTQ+ and Hate Crime Awareness delivered by The Outhouse
- An introduction to self-defence delivered by Wing Tsun
- What to do in an emergency - First Aid and CPR Essex and Herts Air Ambulance
- Healthy Relationships - The Next Chapter
- Your safety on a Map and Staying Safe in Public with a Q&A Essex Police Cadets delivered by Essex Safeguarding Children's Board and Harlow Essex Police Cadets

"There are lots of judgy people when you say you are part of the LBGTQI+ community. Thank you for letting us run a work shop and talk about how to be more accepting of others"- Young person, The Outhouse

Organisations who have accessed our training in 2022/3

Roots to Wellbeing, Colchester Korban Project, The Community House, The Outhouse East, Brentwood Diocese, The Police cadets, Chelmsford Diocese, Essex Scouts, Home-start Essex, Essex Boys and Girls Clubs, Chafford Hundred Community Church, Interact, Chelmsford Boys Brigade, The Next Chapter, Young Essex Assembly, Essex Police, Essex VVU, Chelmsford volunteering centre, Rainbow Services, The Princes Trust, Colchester Community Church, African families in the UK, Colchester Army Garrison, Firstsite Colchester, Bar'n'Bus, The Red Balloon Foundation, Essex YMCA, Southend YMCA, North Avenue youth centre

Next year we are so excited to be continuing our offer but also expanding our training. We are going to run regular training options based upon the needs of our members and the issues that they raise with us. This will be a great level of support for them. Already we are planning more training around Risk Taking Behaviours and positive conversations and are in talks with The Outhouse East to run some training around young people, gender identity and residential.

Another need that has arisen this year is about the state of the sector in regards to a lack of staff and volunteers to work with children and young people. We remain committed to helping our groups grow and so will be running a campaign to recruit more volunteers, staff and young people into groups. This is an urgent need and a number of groups may cease to run or not be able to offer what they previously have if we can't address this issue.

Work with the Violence and Vulnerability Unit

We have had another brilliant year working with the Violence and Vulnerability Unit (VVU) who fund us for the equivalent of one full time post.

Through this work we have facilitated our fourth year of listening projects with the VVU with over 1500 young people.

We have overseen and managed a detached youth work grant that enables some of our member groups to run detached youth work and be part of this bigger project. A big thank you to Essex Boys & Girls Clubs, Bar'n'Bus, Red Balloon, Essex YMCA, Southend YMCA, North Avenue Youth Centre and Essex Youth Service for working with us on this.

The team have organised, facilitated and evaluated a Communities Grant that helped over 11,000 children and young people engage in early intervention with 20 organisations.

We have organised and facilitated the process for the Secondary Grant that helped even more groups access funding for targeted work.

We lead on the Voice of Communities work that makes sure community groups are at the heart of the VVU teams work. We also worked with the Young Essex Assembly in some panel decision making for our grants processes (that will also expand further this year).

FUTURE PLANS

In the next financial year, we are really pleased to be able to continue our work with the Essex VVU and to have a couple of youth voices projects lined up.

Thanks to our expanded team we also plan on visiting even more groups to identify training needs and hear about their fantastic work, so that we can best represent them in meetings. We are developing our cluster meetings in each quadrant whilst also keeping our online offer and growing our training provision so that we have at least one face to face training each term (this year we already have 'Young People, Residential and Gender Identity' training and 'Risky Conversations' training lined up).

We are working with our members this year to run a campaign to get more children, young people, staff and volunteers back into our member groups.

We are also looking at recruiting someone to take on our youth voices work, as this is proving to be really successful with both funders wanting to engage with young people and young people wanting to share their views. Our expanded offer will seek to gain regular funding from various organisations who will receive a set amount of engagement over the year. Young people in our organisations will also be given more ways to engage and to evaluate any previous involvement.

This is an exciting time.... I think I always say that but it is true!

Thank you to all our members and funders this year for your support.

Rachel Brett (ECVYS CEO), and the ECVYS Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Report to the trustees of Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS) on accounts for the period ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions give by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Sarah Eley*

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACA

Address: 10 Church End
Great Dunmow
Essex
CM6 2AF

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted to 31/03/2023 £	Restricted to 31/03/2023 £	Total to 31/03/2023 £	Total to 31/03/2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	103	0	103	0
Investment income	3	4,769		4,769	5,491
Charitable activities	4	40,232	258,119	298,351	413,295
Other Income				0	0
Total Income		45,104	258,119	303,223	418,786
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	55,545	215,823	271,368	355,096
Total resources expended		55,545	215,823	271,368	355,096
Net (expenditure)		(10,441)	42,296	31,855	63,690
Transfer between funds		2,210	(2,210)	0	0
Net movement in funds		(8,231)	40,086	31,855	63,690
Funds at 01/04/2022		290,271	116,640	406,911	343,221
Funds at 31/03/2023		282,040	156,726	438,766	406,911

ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		1,022	399
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	2,513	1,272
Cash at bank and in hand		448,277	416,258
		<u>450,790</u>	<u>417,530</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	8	13,046	11,018
Net current assets		437,743	406,512
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>438,766</u>	<u>406,911</u>
Funds	9		
Unrestricted Funds - General		178,771	177,485
Unrestricted Funds - Designated CEO		94,786	94,786
Unrestricted Funds - Designated Operating		18,000	18,000
Restricted Funds		147,209	116,640
		<u>438,766</u>	<u>406,911</u>

The notes at pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts.

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

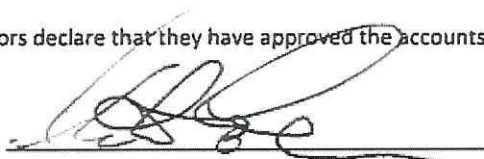
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed



Martin Solder (Chairman)

Date

26/6/2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- income from membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Membership subscriptions which give a member rights to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.
- receipts received during the year which are not to be expected until after the balance sheet date are not recognised as income for the year and are included in funded charitable income deferred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Resources expended (*continued*)

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- where income on charitable funds has been recognised and the related expenditure is known and committed, the expenditure is recognised as a funded charitable activity accrual and is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably, in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently they are measured at the cost or other consideration expected to be received.

Current asset investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	103	-	103	-
	<u>103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	4,769	-	4,769	5,491
	<u>4,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,769</u>	<u>5,491</u>

All 2022 income received from investments was unrestricted.

4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Essex County Council	38,000		38,000	197,077
University of Essex			-	-
Police, Fire Commissioner		257,000	257,000	210,950
Children's Society			-	2,000
Essex and Kent Police			-	2,000
Essex Anchor		981	981	-
Membership subscriptions	1,715		1,715	1,140
Online training sales		105	105	128
Conferences and events			-	-
Consultancy	517		517	-
	<u>40,232</u>	<u>258,086</u>	<u>298,318</u>	<u>413,295</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Awards Issued			-	7,500
Advertising and Promotion	36	414	450	-
Bank Charges	64		64	80
Computer Costs	249	46	295	1,012
Conference Costs		5,770	5,770	-
Depreciation			-	100
Employer NIC	2,335		2,335	697
Employer Pension	1,685		1,685	1,122
Grants Paid Out	103	181,081	181,184	284,848
Insurances	492		492	357
Meeting Expenses	637		637	-
Office/Admin Expenses	295	30	325	655
General Expenses	80		80	-
Professional Services	1,105		1,105	6,777
Phone Costs	358	10	368	211
Salaries	46,588	28,002	74,590	50,061
Subscriptions	52		52	50
Training Costs		245	245	1,075
Trustee Expenses	35		35	-
Travel and Accommodation	1,431	225	1,656	551
	<u>55,545</u>	<u>215,823</u>	<u>271,368</u>	<u>355,096</u>

6 Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages & salaries	74,590	50,061
Social security costs	2,335	697
Pension	1,685	1,122
	<u>78,610</u>	<u>51,880</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023	2022
Project co-ordination staff	1	1
Management staff	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>2.5</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000. (2022: nil)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

ECVYS participates in the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), which is a defined contribution workplace pension scheme, in order to fulfil the requirements under automatic enrolment regulations. Total employer contributions for the current period were £1122
Amounts outstanding at the year end were £113

7 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	1,499	1,272
Other debtors and prepayments	1,014	-
	<u>2,513</u>	<u>1,272</u>

8 Creditors; amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors	10,322	9,313
Deferred Income	-	-
Social Security	1,937	-
Pension Fund	472	113
Accruals / Other Creditors	315	1,592
	<u>13,046</u>	<u>11,018</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9 Funds	01/04/2022	Income	Expenses	Transfer
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	177,485	45,104	(55,545)	2,210
Designated - CEO	94,786	0	0	0
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0	0
Total Unrestricted	<u>290,271</u>	<u>45,104</u>	<u>(55,545)</u>	<u>2,210</u>
Restricted Funds				
Training	55,436	138	(1,045)	
Detached Youth Work	26,692	175,000	(169,310)	
Essex Anchor		981	(150)	
Grassroots Grants	14,577	0	(5,060)	
In Care Review	1,640	0	0	(1640)
PFCC / Police Voices	90	0	(90)	
PFCC Bespoke Projects		28,000	0	
VVU Voice of Communities	6,800		(6,184)	
VVU Listening	10,835	17,000	(5,670)	
VVU Staff Costs		37,000	(28,314)	
Micro Youth Voices	570	0	0	(570)
Total Restricted	<u>116,640</u>	<u>258,119</u>	<u>(215,823)</u>	<u>(2210)</u>
Total	<u>406,911</u>	<u>303,223</u>	<u>(271,368)</u>	<u>0</u>

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Analysis of movement in funds - previous year

	01/04/2021	Income	Expenses	Transfer
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	131,007	82,631	(57,595)	21,443
Designated - CEO	94,786	0	0	0
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0	0
Total Unrestricted	<u>243,793</u>	<u>82,631</u>	<u>(57,595)</u>	<u>21,443</u>
Restricted Funds				
Training	55,308	128	0	
Detached Youth Work	26,251	207,165	(187,391)	(19333)
Grassroots Grants		0	103,258	(88,681)
In Care Review	0	2,000	(360)	
PFCC / Police Voices	0	4,000	(2,540)	(1370)
VVU Voice of Communities	17,300	6,950	(17,450)	
VVU Listening	0	10,835		
Youth Voices				
Micro Youth Voices	570			
Total Restricted	<u>99,429</u>	<u>231,078</u>	<u>(104,483)</u>	<u>(109,384)</u>
Total	<u>343,222</u>	<u>313,709</u>	<u>(162,078)</u>	<u>(109,384)</u>

10 Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with ECVYS or a related entity.

ECVYS reimbursed one trustee £35 of expenses (2022 - nil)

11 Related Party transactions

There were no related parties within the year.

12 Additional Disclosures

None

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31/03/2023

169,254
94,786
18,000
282,040

54,529
32,382
831
9,517
0
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28,000
616
22,165
8,686
0
156,726
438,766

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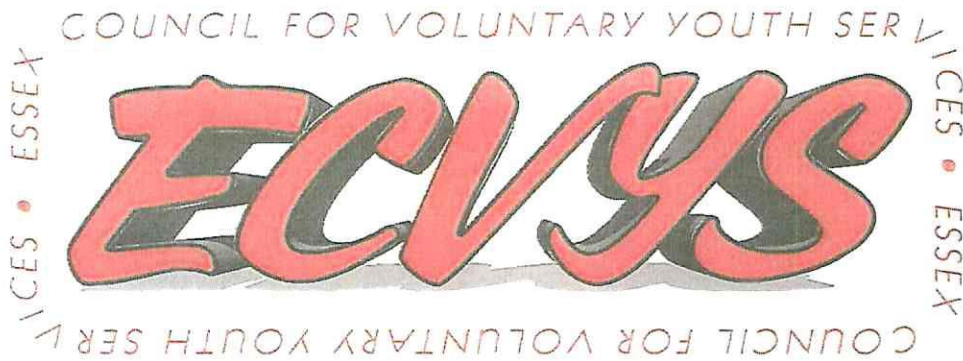
31/03/2022

177,485
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290,271

55,436
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1,640
90
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10,835
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570
116,640
406,911

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Charity Registration Number: 1178954



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES: For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The ECVYS network reaches over **244,000** children & young people
(over 6000 youth clubs in Essex) 145,557 young people & 99,165 children

OBJECTIVE AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

ECVYS has been an active, trusted and established voice of voluntary youth organisations in Essex for over 35 years and we are proud that we have been a registered charity for four years.

Object: *To promote the youth voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Essex through advocacy and representation and promoting good practice within the sector.*

"Voluntary sector" is defined as "charities and voluntary organisations".

Charities are organisations, which are established for exclusively charitable purposes in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

Voluntary organisations are independent organisations which are established for purposes that add value to the community as a whole, or a significant section of the community, and which are not permitted by their constitution to make a profit for private distribution. Voluntary organisations do not include local government or other statutory organisations.

We will achieve this object through

a.) Advocacy and representation

ECVYS will engage and enable voluntary youth organisations so that they can be an active, relevant and independent voice at the forefront of local and national youth issues and policy making. This voice will also allow us to facilitate conversations and partnerships that will strengthen and grow the voluntary youth sector, and thereby enhance the development of young people in Essex.

b.) Promoting good practice & a sense of 'togetherness' within the sector

ECVYS will help facilitate good practice and provision of youth work by voluntary youth organisations in Essex. We will do this through networking, training and sharing resources, updates, funding and any other information we see as being relevant to the sector and the development of young people.

Board of Trustees

Our board of trustees is made up from our member organisations; their role is important, making sure that ECVYS stays relevant and answerable to the voluntary organisations that it is set up to serve.

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs: Martin Solder (County Director)

The Children's Society: Kerry Clancy-Horner (Head of Youth Practice Programmes)

InterAct: Peter Dilley (Participation and Safeguarding Lead)

Chelmsford Diocese: Bishop Roger Morris (The Bishop of Colchester)

Girl Guiding Essex South East: Canon Eileen French

1. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES



ECVYS overview 2021-22

- The ECVYS network reaches over **244,000** children & young people (over 6000 youth clubs in Essex) 145,557 young people & 99,165 children
- Matched funding towards activities this year ***£10,000**
*Estimated value of ECVYS trustees and volunteers giving their time to ECVYS
- The ECVYS network resource & empower over **28,000** volunteers in children's & youth work in Essex

Overview: This year has been another tough year for many organisations. For ECVYS to support those working with young people through a pandemic has been challenging, but very worthwhile. Sadly, within the ECVYS team we lost Sharon, our much loved admin, to cancer - there will be a raffle at the AGM to help raise funds for a youth garden project at Barnston Village Hall in Sharon's memory.

Activities that we have been involved with- Training and Training grants:

ECVYS organisations span over **6,000** children's/youth groups in Essex that provide safe environments for children and young people to belong to.

Our training grant provision continues to enable groups to provide specific training for volunteers and young people that is not otherwise available or accessible. This training helps to make sure that the sector is prepared and trained to offer safe environments for young people to thrive, and that staff and volunteers are immersed in good practice and have good knowledge of young people.

We were again unable to hold any face to face training this year but people have still been accessing the online training that we provide.

Training grants & training online were able to offer topics such as-

- 1.) Level 2 Food Safety & Hygiene (This is massively popular and one that is always in high demand)



- 2.) Health and Safety at work
- 3.) Personal safety for lone workers
- 4.) Safeguarding and Leadership (at times and venues more accessible to volunteers)
- 5.) Youth Leader Training skills

Over 50 organisations have actively engaged with training and networking this year.

'The food hygiene course was good and doing it online was perfect for me. Thank you as it has prepared me for work' – young person, Korban housing

'Thanks for the course. I can now help prepare the food for young people on our programmes' – The Wilderness foundation

ECC: Remobilising Grassroots organisations: Remobilising Grassroots organisations: ECVYS were commissioned by ECC to run a funding pot for them to help grassroots children's and youth clubs get started again after the pandemic. This work started in February 2021 and we still have a small amount in this pot at the end of April 2022. Essex Boys & Girls clubs also worked with us on this project to supply some invaluable support and advice for groups who needed a bit of extra help to re-open.

651 youth clubs have benefitted from this funding through ECVYS.

Listening projects:

Our listening projects have developed over the last few years and have become a great way for organisations to engage with young people around issues that matter to them. Young people get to share their views, and groups that take part receive a donation towards their youth clubs.

This year we have worked with Essex Police for their new children and young person's strategy, the National Institute for Health Research around Covid recovery, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) around the Essex Crime Plan, ECC on young people's voices around the Covid vaccine, the national Children's Society around young people in care and the Violence & Vulnerability Unit around youth violence in Essex.

Over 1,800 people have taken part in listening projects this year.

Representation:

Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB):

ECVYS are on the ESCB Executive Board and we are able to update groups as to any safeguarding changes as and when they happen, and input into meetings on behalf of the sector. Our groups access the ESCB training and receive £10 off any training costs if they are an ECVYS member.

We have ECVYS voluntary representatives at each of the Stay Safe groups who in turn can feed into the Executive Board through our CEO, and vice versa. The new role of 'Partnerships and Engagement Officer' for ECVYS is making sure that voluntary groups can feed into the Stay Safe groups and the Exec., and then vice versa.

This year has seen a lot of added involvement in the role of safeguarding as groups (and the ESCB) adapt to changes that have arisen because of Covid.

ECVYS have been involved in: Safer Essex, the hybrid Child Protection Conference, a member of the ESCB 'Missing' Sub-committee, the 'Risk in the Community' Working Group, the 'Still Not Safe' Task and Finish Group, the ESCB, ESAB and SET DSB Learning and Development Sub-committee, interviews with the ESCB to help them find their new Training Administrator, and been part of the ESCB Business



Planning Group to share views as to what the voluntary sector and children and young people in Essex need from the ESCB to help them be safe, have positive futures, and to thrive in Essex.

*'Updates about safeguarding issues and discounts through ECVYS for courses are a huge benefit'
– Colchester HomeStart*

'Thank you for making sure that we are represented at meetings and that young people are having their voices heard in regards to their needs'- PACT for Autism

Children's partnership board:

ECVYS represent the sector at the County Children's Partnership Board and are able to empower conversations that may otherwise not happen between voluntary groups and the other partners around the table like Police, Health and Education. Representing the sector at meetings is part of our core offer and makes sure that all voluntary children's and youth clubs in Essex are a part of the conversation, and that they are up to date on any new strategies and plans for Essex, and aware of what is happening. It is also a great way to feed into meetings about what is happening at grassroots level.

We have ECVYS voluntary representatives at each of the quadrant Partnership Boards to make sure that local and Countywide are as joined up as they can be and remain relevant.

This year this has also allowed us to present the views of the sector around the impact of Covid on young people, be a part of planning an employability toolkit, represent the sector at an 'Emotional Health and Mental Wellbeing' workshop and the 'Parent Outcomes' workshop.

ECVYS are also now a part of the Working Families Stakeholder Forum and the Supporting Families Strategic Partnership Board. These have been great platforms to represent the sector and for our members to have a voice.

Our network helps support, train and encourage those who work with **28,000 volunteers** in Essex.

This past year we have also been involved in Covid-related task groups to represent the sector and children and young people in Essex: The Local Infrastructure Inclusion and Transformation Group, the Essex Renewal Mobilisation Group and the Essex Partners Board- Communities Network Reference Group.

ECVYS are also able to represent the sector at the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS), the SET Parenting Group, Think Family forums, the Domestic Abuse Stakeholder Event, the joint meeting of Essex Criminal Justice Board, and the Reducing Reoffending 'Help for Parents and Young People Involved in Drugs and Crime' run by Essex Police. Each of these has helped raise the profile of ECVYS and our members.

'Thank you for listening to us and taking our views to the Childrens partnership board. It's reassuring to have you and know that we are being heard' – Brentwood Catholic youth service

'I can never get to any meetings as I just volunteer, I am thankful for all you do and keeping us in the loop' - Rainbow Rural

The Violence & Vulnerability Unit (VUU): We are thrilled that we have been working with the VUU again this year and have been involved in various projects like running the unit's stream of work called 'The Voices of the Community' and helping to manage a community grant funding pot for organisations working with young people at risk of serious violence.



Detached youth work: Since September 2020, ECVYS have been working with some of our amazing partners, who deliver face to face youth work, to work on a project around detached youth work for 10-14yr olds. The project works in Basildon, Southend, Thurrock, Colchester, Tendring, Harlow and Chelmsford and is funded by the Violence & Vulnerability Unit & Active Essex.

Our partners are (Essex Boys & Girls Clubs, Red Balloon, Bar'n'Bus, Essex YMCA, Southend YMCA, Teen Talk, Colchester HomeStart, Essex Youth service & North Avenue youth club). The project aims to put a trusted adult in young people's lives, and to link up with local youth clubs and services.

This year the project had contact with **nearly 7,000 young people**. We are really excited to continue this project in 2022-2023.

ECVYS Cluster Groups:

The meetings have been running online throughout this last year and have had many advantages to being run this way, and the only extra cost being a Zoom subscription. These meetings have drawn many people in and we have decided to run with a hybrid format of these meetings in future and only meet face to face once a year in the quadrants. We regularly get between 40-50 people at these meetings and they have been an extremely useful source of information, discussion and sharing. The usual set up of these meetings includes updates from the Children and Young People's Partnership Board, ESCB, Essex Youth Services, Childrens and Families leads, and other countywide services, as and when they have things they would like to update the sector on. It is a great network of voluntary organisations coming together and the groups are vital to our members in helping them to do what they do best in their face to face work with children, young people and families in Essex.

'I never used to get the chance to come to Cluster meetings and they have been a lifeline for our organisation throughout Covid'- Cirdan Sailing Trust

Mailshot:

Our mailshot reaches 100's of voluntary groups in Essex and is passed on to many more through umbrella bodies. The mailshot covers all our ECVYS work, any updates, funding information, campaigns, vacancies, volunteering opportunities and much more. We also send out individual emails of noteworthy information/campaigns that we feel may benefit our groups. Over the past year many groups have been in touch to say how much they value this resource. Our members are busy doing face-face work and to have a mailshot like this, where information comes together all in one place, is key for members to keep them involved and connected.

'I make time to read your newsletter as it's very valuable to me to keep me in touch with what is happening across the County and the funding information is great too'- Essex North East Guiding

FUTURE PLANS

In the next financial year we are really pleased to be able to continue our detached project and our work with the Essex VVU.

We have just welcomed a new administrator and will be advertising soon for a new Partnership and Engagement Officer to help expand on our representation and make it even easier for groups to contribute and have their voices heard and stay connected and informed.

We are so pleased to be able to build upon the work of ECVYS and it is an honour to represent our members and help them develop their youth work.

Thank you for your support this year.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Report to the trustees of Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS) on accounts for the period ended 31st March 2022 set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions give by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACA

Address:

10 Church End
Dunmow
Essex
CM6 2AF

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted to 31/03/2022 £	Restricted to 31/03/2022 £	Total to 31/03/2022 £	Total to 31/03/2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2			0	0
Investment income	3	5,491	0	5,491	6,093
Charitable activities	4	77,140	336,155	413,295	207,360
Other Income		0	0	0	8
Total Income		82,631	336,155	418,786	213,460
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	57,595	297,501	355,096	163,158
Total resources expended		57,595	297,501	355,096	163,158
Net (expenditure)		25,036	38,654	63,690	50,302
Transfer between funds		21,443	(21,443)	0	0
Net movement in funds		46,479	17,211	63,690	50,302
Funds at 01/04/2021		243,792	99,429	343,221	292,919
Funds at 31/03/2022		290,271	116,640	406,911	343,221

ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

		2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		399	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,272	1,014
Cash at bank and in hand		416,258	448,636
		<u>417,530</u>	<u>449,650</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	8	11,018	106,429
Net current assets		406,512	343,221
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>406,911</u>	<u>343,221</u>
Funds	9		
Unrestricted Funds - General		177,485	131,006
Unrestricted Funds - Designated CEO		94,786	94,786
Unrestricted Funds - Designated Operating		18,000	18,000
Restricted Funds		116,640	99,429
		<u>406,911</u>	<u>343,221</u>

The notes at pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts.

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

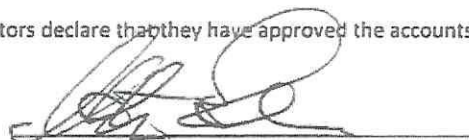
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above

Signed



Martin Solder (Chairman)

Date

8/7/2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- income from membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Membership subscriptions which give a member rights to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.
- receipts received during the year which are not to be expected until after the balance sheet date are not recognised as income for the year and are included in funded charitable income deferred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

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Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Resources expended (*continued*)

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities.

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- where income on charitable funds has been recognised and the related expenditure is known and committed, the expenditure is recognised as a funded charitable activity accrual and is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably, in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently they are measured at the cost or other consideration expected to be received.

Current asset investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Donations	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Deposit account interest	5,491	-	5,491	6,093
	<u>5,491</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,491</u>	<u>6,093</u>

All 2022 income received from investments was unrestricted.

4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Essex County Council	42,000	155,077	197,077	150,203
University of Essex			-	1,975
Police, Fire Commissioner	34,000	176,950	210,950	33,497
Children's Society		2,000	2,000	-
Essex and Kent Police		2,000	2,000	-
Harlow District Council			-	-
Membership subscriptions	1,140		1,140	1,435
Online training sales		128	128	-
Conferences and events			-	-
Consultancy			-	20,250
	<u>77,140</u>	<u>336,155</u>	<u>413,295</u>	<u>207,360</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**5 Expenditure on Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Awards Issued		7,500	7,500	-
Bank Charges	80		80	48
Computer Costs	1,012		1,012	-
Depreciation	100		100	-
Employer NIC	697		697	211
Employer Pension	1,122		1,122	1,063
Grants Paid Out	1,101	283,747	284,848	102,453
Insurances	357		357	353
Meeting Expenses			-	86
Office/Admin Expenses	493	162	655	799
Office Machine Maintenance			-	456
Professional Services	1,425	5,352	6,777	1,270
Phone Costs	211		211	1,464
Rent			-	4,332
Salaries	49,321	740	50,061	48,047
Subscriptions	50		50	49
Training Costs	1,075		1,075	248
Training Grants Given			-	2,260
Travel and Accommodation	551		551	19
	<u>57,595</u>	<u>297,501</u>	<u>355,096</u>	<u>163,158</u>

6 Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages & salaries	50,061	45,674
Social security costs	697	938
Pension	1,122	1,002
	<u>51,880</u>	<u>47,614</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022	2021
Project co-ordination staff	1	1
Management staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000. (2021: nil)

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Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

ECVYS participates in the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), which is a defined contribution workplace pension scheme, in order to fulfil the requirements under automatic enrolment regulations. Total employer contributions for the current period were £1122. Amounts outstanding at the year end were £113.

7 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors	1,272	1,014
Other debtors and prepayments	-	-
	<u>1,272</u>	<u>1,014</u>

8 Creditors; amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Creditors	9,313	1,267
Deferred Income	-	103,258
Social Security	-	1,061
Pension Fund	113	315
Accruals / Other Creditors	1,592	528
	<u>11,018</u>	<u>106,429</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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10 Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with ECVYS or a related entity.

ECVYS did not reimburse any trustee expenses for fulfilling their duties.

11 Related Party transactions

There were no related parties within the year.

12 Additional Disclosures

None

Accounts



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES: For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

OBJECTIVE AND SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

ECVYS has been an active, trusted and established voice of voluntary youth organisations in Essex for over 30 years and we are proud that in June 2018 we became a registered charity.

Object: *To promote the youth voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Essex through advocacy and representation and promoting good practice within the sector.*

"Voluntary sector" is defined as "charities and voluntary organisations".

Charities are organisations, which are established for exclusively charitable purposes in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

Voluntary organisations are independent organisations which are established for purposes that add value to the community as a whole, or a significant section of the community, and which are not permitted by their constitution to make a profit for private distribution. Voluntary organisations do not include local government or other statutory organisations.

We will achieve this object through

a.) Advocacy and representation

ECVYS will engage and enable voluntary youth organisations so that they can be an active, relevant and independent voice at the forefront of local and national youth issues & policy making.

This voice will also allow us to facilitate conversations & partnerships that will strengthen & grow the voluntary youth sector & thereby enhance the development of young people in Essex.

b.) Promoting good practice & a sense of 'togetherness' within the sector

ECVYS will help facilitate good practice & provision of youth work by voluntary youth organisations in Essex. We will do this through networking, training & sharing resources, updates, funding & any other information we see as being relevant to the sector & the development of young people.

Board of Trustees

Our board of trustees is made up from our member organisations; their role is important, making sure that ECVYS stays relevant and answerable to the voluntary organisations that it is set up to serve.

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs: Martin Solder (County Director)

The Children's Society: Kerry Clancy-Horner (Head of Service, London & the East of England)

InterAct: Peter Dilley (Participation and Safeguarding Lead)

Chelmsford Diocese: Bishop Roger Morris (The Bishop of Colchester)

GirlGuiding Essex South East: Canon Eileen French

1. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES



ECVYS overview 2020-21

- The ECVYS network reaches over **244,000** children & young people (over **6000** youth clubs in Essex) 145,557 young people & 99,165 children
- So far this year we have enabled training for over 400 people in the voluntary youth & community work sector (not including those from statutory services who also attended training & networking.)
- Matched funding towards activities this year ***£10,000**
*Estimated value of ECVYS trustees and volunteers giving their time to ECVYS
- The ECVYS network resource & empower over **28,000** volunteers in children's & youth work in Essex

Overview: This year has been a tough year for many organisations. For ECVYS to support those working with young people through a pandemic has been challenging, but very worthwhile. This year our workload, representation & involvement has increased and we are excited that the work this year means we can look forward to growth within the ECVYS staff team very soon.

Activities that we have been involved with-

Training and Training grants:

This year we were unable to hold any face to face training, but people have still been accessing the online training that we provide.

Trauma perceptive practice: This year we have also worked with EMHWS to provide an online awareness workshop around TTP (Trauma Perceptive Practice- the Essex approach to understanding behaviour and supporting emotional wellbeing) and how an understanding of this might be helpful for those in the voluntary children's and youth sector.

This workshop saw over 50 people from the voluntary children's and youth sector attend and many were interested in the full training. As a result of this, the TTP team are soon running the full training for our groups too.

Healthy relationships and consent: We are also worked with wellbeing and public health to provide those in the sector with free training for them by Brooke. This bespoke offer for the sector was around healthy relationships and consent. There was a session aimed at volunteers and one at paid staff



working with children and young people in the voluntary sector. 26 volunteers and 47 paid staff took part in the training.

Training grants & training online were able to offer topics such as-

- 1.) Level 2 Food safety & Hygiene
- 2.) Health and Safety at work
- 3.) Personal safety for lone workers
- 4.) Safeguarding and leadership (at times and venues more accessible to volunteers)
- 5.) Youth Leader Training skills
- 6.) Trauma perceptive practice
- 7.) Healthy relationships and consent
- 8.) Resilience and communication
- 9.) Training focused in specialised areas for the Boys Brigade and their Queens Badge- leadership skills, personal development, risk assessments, social media issues, volunteering theory and volunteering experience.
- 10.) Training focused in specialised areas for Chelmsford Diocese and their leadership skills course-
leadership styles, teamwork, how to balance the joys and hard parts of leadership, building skills and tools for resilience, communication, leading youth group sessions online.

We have also been involved this year in the Essex Police's training for their new children's and youth officers. ECVYS was involved in a session about engaging with the voluntary sector and forming partnerships.

Over all 60+ organisations have actively engaged with training and networking this year, and many more were also engaged through our ECVYS youth voices projects, the work with the VVU and through the grassroots re-mobilisation grant that we managed on behalf of ECC District councils.

ECC: Remobilising Grassroots organisations: ECVYS were commissioned by ECC to run a funding pot for them to help grassroots children's & youth clubs get started again after the pandemic. This work started in February 2021 and will continue into the next financial year. 100's of organisations have already been helped through this fund and it has been a great piece of work. Essex Boys & Girls clubs also worked with us on this project to supply some invaluable support and advice for groups who needed a bit of extra help to re-open.

Listening projects:

We have been involved in a few listening projects this year and with over 800 people (600 of these were young people). These projects were-

'Young people in lockdown', funded by the Essex Community Foundation & the #iwillfund.

'Young people's views on youth violence & vulnerability in Essex' and 'Residents views on youth violence & vulnerability in Essex', these were run through the Essex Violence & Vulnerability Unit.

We also worked with EBGC to run a listening project with ECC to engage with young people about levels of confidence in returning to school in September 2020 and further a campaign about having confidence to return to schooling after the pandemic.

Representation:

ESCB: Our CEO sits on the ESCB executive board and this vital role helps voluntary groups make sure that their children and young people are resilient and have stable and thriving families. It also helps groups make sure that they are inclusive and have supportive communities and safe and accessible groups. We are able to update groups as to any safeguarding changes as and when they happen, and



input into meetings on behalf of the sector. We have ECVYS voluntary representatives at each of the stay safe groups who in turn can feed into the exec group through our CEO and vice versa. This has been such an important aspect of our work in enabling organisations to keep young people safe from harm and be safe in their communities, community groups and neighbourhoods.

The Essex Compact: Our CEO is the joint vice chair of the Essex Compact. The aim of the group is help organisations make sure that their tenders are fair and that all groups get an equal chance at applying. The Compact also run mediation for any organisations that have fallen short of the compact. We are currently recruiting for a new chair to develop the group further. This role helps make sure that community groups and the statutory sector are being inclusive and supportive- not only to each other, but for the benefit of the groups they are set up to serve.

The Children's partnership board: Our CEO sits on the County children's partnership board as a representative of the sector. It is a central hub for statutory groups who work with children & young people in Essex and being a part of this group allows us to feed in issues from the voluntary sector and to also let our groups know of rising concerns, new policies or important updates.

We have ECVYS voluntary representatives at each of the quadrant partnership boards to make sure that local and Countywide are as joined up as they can be and remain relevant.

SET parenting group: This year we have been involved with the SET (Southend, Essex & Thurrock) parenting group, which has enabled ECVYS to speak on behalf of the sector and engage with community groups about campaigns that their members and their member's families might be interested in.

The violence & vulnerability Unit: Part way through this year our CEO started working one day a week for the Violence and vulnerability unit. This was quickly upped to two days to represent the workload. This involves running the unit's stream of work called 'The voices of the Community' and helping to manage a couple of community grant funding pots.

Our CEO also spoke at the Essex Community foundations online conference about how young people are coping with the pandemic and the importance of supporting groups with vision rather than short term funding. This input came directly from groups who we engage with.

Our ability to represent groups, engage with statutory services and enable a conversation about needs and partnership is one of the massive advantages of ECVYS and makes a trusted Umbrella organisation within the children and youth voluntary sector.

Detached youth work: From September of 2020 ECVYS pulled together some of our amazing partners who deliver face to face youth work to work on a project around detached youth work for 10-14yr olds in Essex, Southend & Thurrock. The project worked in Basildon, Southend, Thurrock, Colchester & Tendring for 6 months and was funded by the Violence & vulnerability unit & Active Essex. Our partners (Essex Boys & Girls Clubs, Red Balloon, Bar'n'Bus, Essex YMCA, Southend YMCA, Teen Talk & Colchester HomeStart) were able to work with over 2000 young people throughout the pandemic and we are really excited to be developing this work even further in the next academic year.

ECVYS networking: Our networking meetings are held in each quadrant, and this year we have had to adapt and run these meetings over Zoom instead. We regularly get between 40-50+ people at these meetings and they have been an extremely useful source of information, discussion and sharing. The usual set up of these meetings includes updates from The children and young people's partnership board, The ESCB, The youth services, Childrens and families leads, and other county wide services as and when they have things they would like to update the sector on. It is a great network of voluntary organisations coming together and these meetings have really been both a support and source of information at this time. These groups are vital to our members in helping them to do what they do best in their face to face work with children and families in Essex.



Our CEO is also the secretary for the NCVYS group that is currently meeting over zoom. We have engagement from all over the UK and it is a great partnership of voluntary groups like ECVYS.

Mailshot: Our mailshot reaches 100's of voluntary groups in Essex and is passed on to many more through Umbrella bodies. The mailshot covers all our ECVYS work, any updates, funding, information, campaigns, vacancies, volunteering opportunities and much more. We also send out individual emails of noteworthy information/ campaigns that we feel may benefit our groups.

Comments about ECVYS training and support in 2020-21

'Two of the young people who participated in the training we provided with a grant from ECVYS in 2019 have this year taken on a leadership role in training the new cohort of young people. They have also participated in shaping and influencing conversations at a more strategic level, including the recruitment of a new Bishop of Chelmsford.'

'ECVYS has been a great help and support this year. It has not been an easy year for us, but ECVYS has helped us find support and funding.'

'The ECVYS grant has allowed us to take a cohort of participants on an excellent residential weekend and allowed us to make it a really good experience for them.'

Comments from young people who attended training

'Now that I have finished the course I feel more confident and find it easy to express my feelings and thoughts.'

'I have really developed my team work skills by meeting all the new people on the programme and working with them on fun activities and projects.'

'I feel like I've grown as a person and am more confident in myself.'

'I feel as if I have a deeper understanding of a good leader and how to be successful not only in leadership but in life. I feel happy and content.'

'I enjoyed taking part and have gone on to organise events for children and raise money for charity'

FUTURE PLANS

In the next financial year we are able to continue our detached project with the Violence & Vulnerability unit, Active Essex & our partners and we will also be working in 2 new districts (Harlow & Chelmsford).

Our CEO will continue working 2 days a week with the violence and vulnerability unit and we will continue to offer our youth voices projects as ways for groups to engage effectively with young people.

We are also looking to expand our ECVYS team and create a post that will enhance the network and links with statutory & voluntary organisations.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Report to the trustees of Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS) on accounts for the period ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions give by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted to 31/03/2021 £	Restricted to 31/03/2021 £	Total to 31/03/2021 £	Total to 31/03/2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	0	0	0	180
Investment income	3	6,093	0	6,093	3,878
Charitable activities	4	61,182	146,178	207,360	74,190
Other Income		0	8	8	118
Total Income		67,275	146,186	213,460	78,366
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	58,197	104,961	163,158	68,312
Total resources expended		58,197	104,961	163,158	68,312
Net (expenditure)		9,078	41,225	50,302	10,054
Transfer between funds		23,775	(23,775)	0	0
Net movement in funds		32,853	17,450	50,302	10,054
Funds at 01/04/2020		210,939	81,979	292,919	282,865
Funds at 31/03/2021		243,792	99,429	343,221	292,919

ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

		2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,014	994
Cash at bank and in hand		448,636	293,726
		<u>449,650</u>	<u>294,720</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	8	106,429	1,801
Net current assets		343,221	292,919
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>343,221</u>	<u>292,919</u>
Funds	9		
Unrestricted Funds - General		131,006	98,154
Unrestricted Funds - Designated CEO		94,786	94,786
Unrestricted Funds - Designated Operating		18,000	18,000
Restricted Funds		99,429	81,979
		<u>343,221</u>	<u>292,919</u>

The notes at pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts.

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

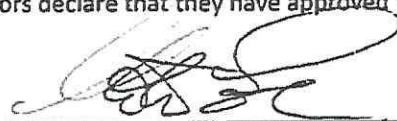
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed



Date

1/7/21

Martin Solder (Chairman)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2015 and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future projects or commitments.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- income from membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Membership subscriptions which give a member rights to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.
- receipts received during the year which are not to be expected until after the balance sheet date are not recognised as income for the year and are included in funded charitable income deferred.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Resources expended (*continued*)

- expenditure on raising funds includes the cost of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by the charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- where income on charitable funds has been recognised and the related expenditure is known and committed, the expenditure is recognised as a funded charitable activity accrual and is included in expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably, in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently they are measured at the cost or other consideration expected to be received.

Current asset investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Donations	-	-	-	180
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>

3 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Deposit account interest	6,093	-	6,093	3,878
	<u>6,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,093</u>	<u>3,878</u>

All 2021 income received from investments was unrestricted.

4 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Essex County Council	38,000	112,203	150,203	38,000
University of Essex		1,975	1,975	-
Police, Fire Commissioner	1,497	32,000	33,497	12,000
Essex Community Foundation			-	17,000
Epping Forest DC			-	1,000
Harlow District Council			-	1,000
Membership subscriptions	1,435		1,435	1,430
Online training sales			-	-
Conferences and events	-	-	-	2,662
Consultancy	20,250		20,250	1,098
	<u>61,182</u>	<u>146,178</u>	<u>207,360</u>	<u>74,190</u>

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5 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Youth Voices		1,800	1,800	5,400
Detached Youth Work		71,250	71,250	5,400
Grassroots Grants		27,203	27,203	5,400
VVU Voice of Communities		2,200	2,200	5,400
Advertising	-	-	-	12
Misc Expenses	190	-	190	302
Gross Wages	48,047	-	48,047	45,674
Employers N.I.	211	-	211	938
Employers Pensions	1,063	-	1,063	1,002
Rent	4,332	-	4,332	4,536
Travelling	19	-	19	1,577
Trustee Expenses	-	-	-	37
AGM, OGM and Meetings	86	-	86	2,065
Printing	432	-	432	552
Postage and Carriage	-	-	-	88
Telephone and Mobile	1,464	-	1,464	791
Stationery	100	-	100	84
Hosting Fee & I.T.	77	-	77	45
Professional Fees	1,270	-	1,270	1,285
Office Machine maintenance	456	-	456	648
Bank Charges	48	-	48	60
Donations	-	-	-	1,430
Subscriptions	49	-	49	47
Training Grants Given	-	2,260	2,260	1,330
Training Costs	-	248	248	130
Insurance	353		353	280
	<u>58,197</u>	<u>104,961</u>	<u>163,158</u>	<u>84,512</u>

6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Total staff costs were as follows:		
Wages & salaries	48,047	45,674
Social security costs	211	938
Pension	1,063	1,002
	<u>49,320</u>	<u>47,614</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the period, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents was as follows:

	2021	2020
Project co-ordination staff	1	1
Management staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000. (2019: nil)

Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

ECVYS participates in the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST), which is a defined contribution workplace pension scheme, in order to fulfil the requirements under automatic enrolment regulations. Total employer contributions for the current period were £ 1063

Amounts outstanding at the year end were £315

7 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors	1,014	994
Other debtors and prepayments	-	-
	<u>1,014</u>	<u>994</u>

8 Creditors; amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Creditors	1,267	1,069
Deferred Income	103,258	-
Social Security	1,061	-
Pension Fund	315	308
Accruals / Other Creditors	528	424
	<u>106,429</u>	<u>1,801</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9 Funds	01/04/2020	Income	Expenses	Transfer	31/03/2021
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	98,154	67,275	(58,197)	23,775	131,007
Designated - CEO	94,786	0	0		94,786
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0		18,000
Total Unrestricted	210,939	67,275	(58,197)	23,775	243,792
Restricted Funds					
Training	57,809	8	(2,508)		55,308
Detached Youth Work	0	97,501	(71,250)		26,251
Grassroots Grants	0	27,203	(27,203)		0
VVU Voice of Communities	0	19,500	(2,200)		17,300
Youth Voices	23,600	1,975	(1,800)	(23,775)	0
Micro Youth Voices	570				570
Total Restricted	81,979	146,186	(104,961)	(23,775)	99,429
Total	292,919	213,460	(163,158)	0	343,221

Analysis of movement in funds - previous year

	01/04/2019	Income	Expenses	Transfer	31/03/2020
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	73,343	47,248	(22,438)		98,153.00
Designated - CEO	132,253	0	(37,467)		94,785.53
Designated - Operating	18,000	0	0		18,000
Total Unrestricted	223,596	47,248	(59,905)	-	210,939
Restricted Funds					
Training	60,945	3,628	(5,304)		59,269
					0
Total Restricted	60,945	3,628	(5,304)	0	59,269
Total	284,541	50,876	(65,209)	0	270,208

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

10 Trustee remuneration, benefits and expenses

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with ECVYS or a related entity.

ECVYS did not reimburse any trustee expenses for fulfilling their duties.

11 Related Party transactions

There were no related parties within the year.

12 Additional Disclosures

None