

SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES

England & Wales · Charity number 1179544

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-08-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION, AND DEVELOP THE SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SKILLS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE TO DEVELOP RECREATION AND LEISURE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE. TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BPROUGH OF MAIDSTONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY THEIR OWN NEEDS AND PROMOTE INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY. TO PROMOTE HEALTHY AND SAFE LIFESTYLES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN MAIDSTONE BOROUGH.

Activities: To enhance the personal, social and emotional development of young people through informal education

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£64,395	£73,581	-	-
2024-03-31	£91,327	£66,770	-	-
2023-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David John Creasey	Chair	2023-07-04
JODIE DEVLIN		2025-04-25
Marianne Webb		2018-01-06
Rachel Jones		2024-03-22
Vanessa Mary Marson		2024-06-28

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025

Switch Youth Services - Trustees Annual Report Year ending 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Background

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Trustees

The trustees of the charity during the year were

David Creasey
Nicola Gallagher - resigned 17/05/2024
Marianne Webb
Rachel Jones
Vanessa Marson - appointed 19/06/2024

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Structure and Governance

Switch Youth Services (SYS - Charity no. 1179544) became an operational charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in April 2023 although it had been incorporated in August 2018 with the intention of taking over Maidstone Town Centre Youth Café (MTCYC - charity no. 1127568)

Switch is the only secular open access youth service available in the Maidstone Borough. Many others have closed due to withdrawals of statutory funding. Switch continues to attract large numbers of young people, many of whom have such significant problems that if Switch was not here, they would have little or no open access youth provision to engage with. Switch is served by a Trustee board and employed staff team as follows:

David Creasey is a church leader with The Vine in Maidstone where he also serves as a trustee of the charity. He is also co-opted School Governor with Leigh Academy Trust. Dave chairs the Switch trustee board.

Nicola Gallagher has been involved with Switch as a volunteer, and a trustee since June 2023. Due to relocating to the West Country Nicola resigned from the board in May 2024.

Marianne Webb is a partner with a local firm of solicitors and a trustee of Maidstone Museum Foundation.

Rachel Jones is a Director of Strategic Planning with the local NHS Trust (Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells) and a board member.

Vanessa Marson is a finance manager with Rock UK and joined our board in June 2024 on Nicola's departure.

SYS continues to employ two members of staff:

Nick Batchelor - Youth Service Manager

Erin Eversfield - Youth Centre Manager

Both Nick and Erin have youth work qualifications:

Nick Batchelor

Youth Justice Effective Practice Certificate - level 5

Advanced Diploma in Child Psychology - level 5

Community Justice Certificate in Drug and Alcohol services - level 3

Youth Work Practice - level 3

Designated Safeguarding Lead - level 3

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Erin Eversfield
Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice
Designated Safeguarding lead - level 3

The charity is also fortunate to have the services of a number of adult volunteers who provide a valuable service to young people. They provide a range of skills and valuable experience in their interactions with young people, and we are very grateful for the time they give to serving the charity.

All trustees, staff and volunteers are Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificated at the enhanced level.

Objectives

SYS has four main objectives as laid out in its Governing document. It achieves these objectives through facilitating;

- An open access café
- One to one mentoring
- Running multiagency outreach programmes and events
- Offering sessions for home educated young people to access pro social activities
- Educational and training sessions for young people to achieve a construction industry access card (CIS).
- Providing outreach workers on a Friday evening both in the town and on the local rail network

SYS also has access to secondary schools within the borough and takes assemblies detailing its services, as well as specific sessions for the students on bullying, knife crime and crime diversion talks including the impact of drugs and alcohol – this is not an exhaustive list of all the topics covered. Switch staff have continued to deliver high quality assemblies within schools and repeat bookings of these are part of our delivery plan to reach young people during this year, making them aware of Switch services and details of our open access youth café in central Maidstone.

Perspective

Switch staff deal with some of the most difficult and hard to reach young people in Maidstone and the surrounding borough. The depth of case work and interaction with statutory agencies, including safeguarding those at risk is a considerably resource intensive part of our work. We have seen the level of safeguarding need and intensive case work increase over this last year. We believe some of this is down to the lack of statutory open access youth provision, which has decreased sharply in this 12 months, and the considerable reputation Switch has with statutory agencies, and young people

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for providing high quality professional youth provision coupled with authentic relationships that have built trust with young people. Our relationships particularly with Kent Police have been a tremendous support for us and have resulted in better outcomes for young people. Our outreach work including the work with SE Trains has resulted in greater engagement with young people from a wider area of Kent and London. We are fully aware of the position Maidstone provides for the circulation of County Lines drug distribution using the rail network hence the partnership with SE trains.

Our analysis of our activities demonstrates that level of trust, given the very high-quality conversations that have taken place as well as the safeguarding activity of our team to keep children and young people safe. That trust is very apparent when we see some of those young people returning to Switch in later years to serve as volunteers themselves.

Activities

Switch has continued to deliver high quality open access youth provision based in the county town of Maidstone. Its central premises make for easy access for young people as many transit through the town after school. Switch offers a place to meet and socialise in a safe space, where concerns, issues and conversations can take place both to safeguard young people from harm but also to develop plans and strategies to make better decisions and choices in their lives.

The trustees have focussed on 4 things this year:

1. Consistent governance arrangements are in place including the provision of policies and procedures – including safeguarding and finance. Trustee meetings are regular and cover a range of essential areas to provide good management oversight of the charity
2. Staff support and line management is a priority as is availability of trustees to help debrief case issues given the nature of the charities work
3. The rise in costs for the charity sector and the ability to attract funding on any level has been challenging this year. The trustees have sought to streamline expenditure to ensure good financial stability, but this remains a significant, demanding and formidable objective to ensure the charity's ability to survive. This is not unique to Switch as other local children and youth projects have had to close with the downturn in reliable sources of funding.
4. The trustees and staff have concentrated on promotional activities including online presence, promotional materials, and videos to increase the volumes of young people accessing SYS services and furthering other agencies knowledge and trust in SYS so they can make appropriate referrals, and to access other revenue streams.

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Our staff team and volunteers have been active this year in supporting young people through: (last year's figures are in brackets)

1. **81** (175) young people have accessed One to One Sessions
2. **4860** (4861) visits have been made to the Open Access Centre – operating Tues to Friday 3.30-7pm
3. **990** (1635) young people have attended school assemblies run by the SYS Team
4. **1417** (1335) young people have been engaged on outreach either in the town or on the rail network.
5. The total number of interactions with young people this year has been **7462** (7531).
6. The Total number of new young people who have interacted with SYS for the first time is **2834** (1932).

Whilst some activity figures have decreased, open access visits have remained very steady. We have also increased our presence in outreach work, and this has included a partnership with SE Trains giving our staff access to the rail network to engage with young people. We have seen a substantial increase in people engaging with Switch for the first time and the figures below demonstrate the areas of those interactions. There have been considerable increases in the number of conversations in all areas that we record. Most notable is the increase in conversations around crime and violence.

These are the core topics discussed within the Youth Centre and on Outreach

- 632** (308) conversations around drugs
- 438** (147) conversations around mental health
- 622** (325) conversations around relationships
- 1136** (408) conversations around crime and violence
- 1425** conversations around behaviour – new area for this report

Recent trustee resignations and appointments

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Public benefit

In considering the activities of the charity the trustees have regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit and this has been outworked as described above.

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Financial review and outlook

This is the second annual report of activity for the charity and it has resulted in income of £64395 and expenditure of £73581 giving a deficit of £9186.

The charity is dependent on the support of individuals and organisations for funding and the trustees would like to record their appreciation of the strong support they have received and their sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

As a result of the amount of support it has been able to attract during the year, and since the year end the trustees believe the charity to be a going concern. The charity aims to continue and diversify its fundraising efforts to secure the future of the work.

Reserves policy

The trustees have adopted a policy that a reserve of £10,000 is required to meet unforeseen expenditures and accordingly this sum is regarded as reserves.

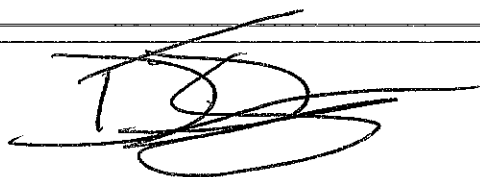
Risk statement

The trustees have examined the major risks that the charity faces. These are risks from helping vulnerable young people and financial risks due to dependence on donations and grants. Risks around helping young people are mitigated by procedures mentioned previously, including DBS checks. Financial risks relate to a shortage of funds if donations are insufficient and from fraud. These are addressed by a focus on fundraising and by internal controls over expenditure.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities to keep proper accounting records, to monitor the financial position of the charity and to prepare financial statements for each accounting year, also to safeguard its assets and to guard against fraud.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 26th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



David Creasey
Chair of Trustees

Date: 26/9/25.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Switch Youth Services ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

Signed

RT Williams

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Date *26/9/25*

Statement of Financial Activities
Year ending 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Income			
Donations	2	11,678	62,517
Grants Receivable	3	48,773	23,072
Charitable Activities	4	3,944	5,738
Total Income		64,395	91,327
Expenditure			
Raising Funds			
Charitable Activities	5	72,334	65,577
Support and administration costs	5	1,247	1,193
Total Expenditure		73,581	66,770
Net Deficit / Surplus		-9,186	24,557
General Fund			
Balance as at 1 April 2024		24,557	-
Balance at 31 March 2025		15,371	24,557

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts.

**Switch Youth Services
Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets			
Bank Balances	7	14,314	23,924
Debtors	8	1,310	1,315
		<u>15,624</u>	<u>25,239</u>
Amounts due in less than one year			
Creditors	9	253	682
		<u>253</u>	<u>682</u>
Net Current Assets		15,371	24,557
Net Assets		<u>15,371</u>	<u>24,557</u>
General Fund			
Free Funds		5,371	14,557
Reserves		10,000	10,000
Total Funds		<u>15,371</u>	<u>24,557</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on
signed on their behalf by:

2025 and

David Creasey

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts
Year ending 31st March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under the Financial Reporting Standard 102, have been prepared in accordance with that standard and with the associated Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount is measurable and it is probable that the income will be received

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Volunteers' food

Small amounts of food and drink are provided to volunteers from time to time in appreciation of their services. Since the value of food provided to volunteers is quantifiable it is reflected in Café Sales and shown as a cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

Pension Costs

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2 Income from Donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations from individuals and corporations	8,898	58,032
Gift Aid	2,780	4,485
	<u>11,678</u>	<u>62,517</u>

3 Grant income

	£	£
Grants from non-Governmental entities	35,930	12,666
Grants from Local Authorities	12,843	10,406
	<u>48,773</u>	<u>23,072</u>

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4 Income from Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Events Receipts	1,035	3,820
Café Sales	2,909	1,918
	<u>3,944</u>	<u>5,738</u>

5 Charitable Activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Direct Charitable Costs		
Employment costs	52,821	44,886
Premises costs	4,905	4,688
General costs	11,975	13,304
Café supplies	2,633	2,699
	<u>72,334</u>	<u>65,577</u>

Support and administration

Insurance	1,247	564
Bank Charges	-	12
Costs of closing predecessor charity	-	617
Independent Examinations fee	-	-
	<u>1,247</u>	<u>1,193</u>

6 Staff and Remuneration costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs		
Gross Salaries	51,063	43,760
Employer's NI (after allowance)	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	1,157	624
Payroll bureau cost	600	502
	<u>52,821</u>	<u>44,886</u>

The charity had two employees during the year.

Trustees' remuneration

No amounts were paid or are due to be paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

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7 Bank Balances	2025	2024
	£	£
Nat West - Switch Youth Services account	14,229	23,420
Nat West - current account	85	504
PayPal account	-	-
	<u>14,314</u>	<u>23,924</u>

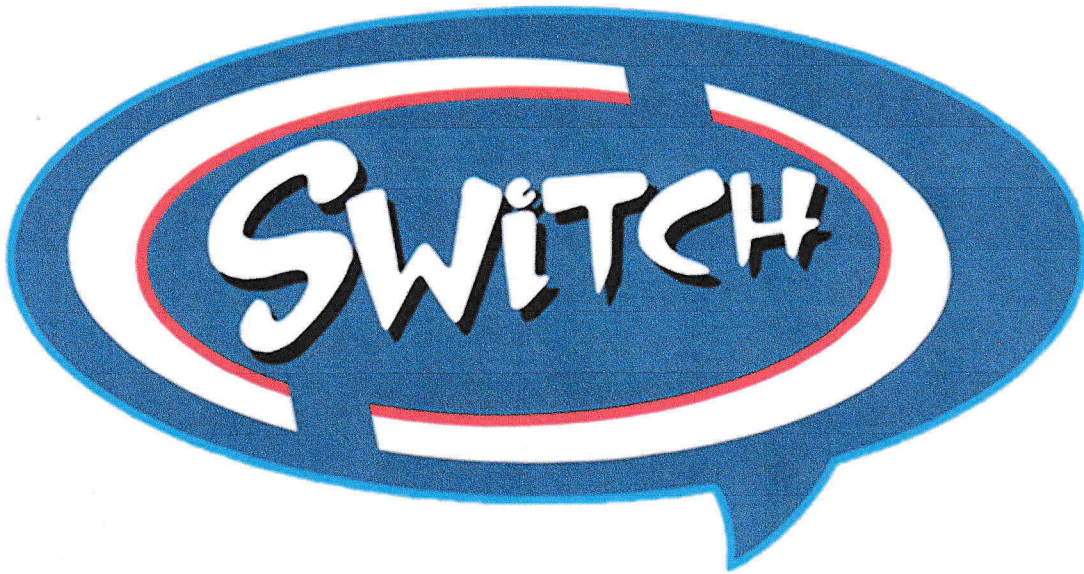
8 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	-	565
PAYE & NIC in credit	560	-
Payroll Deposit	750	750
	<u>1,310</u>	<u>1,315</u>

9 Creditors	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	-	532
PAYE & NIC	254	150
Pension	254	682
	<u>254</u>	<u>682</u>

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Trustees

The trustees of the charity during the year were

Paul Burbidge	resigned 31st July 2023
Brian Clarke	resigned 26th April 2023
Thomas Corkery	appointed 25th July 2023 and resigned 20th January 2024
David Creasey	appointed 4th July 2023
Nicola Gallagher	appointed 4th July 2023
Rachel Jones	appointed 22nd March 2024
Marianne Webb	

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Achievements and Performance

Structure and Governance

Switch Youth Services (SYS – Charity no. 1179544) became an operational Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in April 2023 although it had been incorporated in August 2018 with the intention of taking over Maidstone Town Centre Youth Services (MTCYS – charity no 1127568). However, the Charity continued to operate as an unincorporated organisation and the CIO remained dormant.

During 2022 and the 1st quarter of 2023 it became increasingly difficult for the trustees of MTCYS to maintain a financial income to support the charity going forward and in April 2023 the trustees decided to wind the charity up. Under its constitution it was possible to transfer any remaining assets to the CIO once liabilities including a redundancy payment to one member of staff were paid.

From April 2023 until July 2023 closure of MTCYS was undertaken and assets transferred to SYS. (MTCYS ceased to be active on the 23rd April 2023). This included the TUPE arrangements of two remaining staff – Nick Batchelor and Erin Eversfield. In July 2023 three new trustees were appointed to the board of SYS, David Creasey, Tom Corkery and Nicola Gallagher.

David Creasey is a church Leader with the Vine in Maidstone where he also serves as a Trustee of the charity. He is also a School Governor with Leigh Academy Trust.

Tom Corkery was a finance director for a major Kent based construction company.

Nicola Gallagher has been involved with Switch as a volunteer and she has fundraising knowledge and contacts through the family business that she is part of.

Brian Clarke resigned from the board on 26th April and the remaining trustees, Paul Burbidge and Marianne Webb remained on the board. On 31st July Paul Burbidge (former Chair) resigned.

Marianne Webb continues to serve on the board of the CIO. Marianne is a partner with a local firm of solicitors and a trustee of Maidstone Museum Foundation.

David Creasey and Nicola Gallagher were appointed to the board as Trustees on the 4th July. David Creasey was elected Chair of Trustees on the 4th July and Nicola Gallagher was appointed Vice Chair on the 25th July. Tom Corkery was appointed as a Trustee on the 25th July. The Trustees also appointed Erin Eversfield as Secretary to the trustees (a non-trustee appointment).

SYS currently employ 2 members of Staff:
Nick Batchelor – Youth Service Manager
Erin Eversfield – Youth Centre Manager

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Both Nick and Erin have youth work qualifications:

Erin Eversfield
Level 3 diploma in Youth Work Practice
Designated Safeguarding lead -Level 3

Nick Batchelor
Youth Justice Effective Practice Certificate-Level 5
Advanced diploma in Child Psychology-Level 5
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The Charity is also fortunate to have the services of a number of adult volunteers who provide a valuable service to young people.

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Objectives

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- Offering sessions for home educated young people to access pro social activities.
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SYS also has access to secondary schools within the borough and takes assemblies detailing its services as well as specific young people related sessions on bullying, knife crime and crime diversion talks including drugs and alcohol – this is not an exhaustive list of all the topics covered.

Perspective

Maidstone is the county town of Kent and sits on good motorway and rail networks. It is becoming increasingly diverse with a mix of rural and urban areas within the Borough. In one of our local primary schools over 40 different languages and dialects are spoken and this will not be unusual in other primary and secondary schools. Its close proximity to London (around 35 miles) makes it an easy target for county lines drug traffic which is ever increasing, amongst other challenges faced by young people.

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Some London Boroughs have bought buildings in Maidstone to house families where they have insufficient housing available locally. This presents SYS with even greater opportunities to help Young People who may not have area knowledge or ties to the town. As the town changes its culture and diversity does as well. This can be incredibly positive as it gives all young people a greater world view, but it also brings challenges that have not been as evident before such as gang culture, knife crime, greater use of and more diverse use of a wider number of drugs and sexual exploitation found in bigger inner-city areas. This does not mean these things were not there before, but we have seen a greater increase and awareness of them.

As the world and our nation have more openly discussed mental health, we again have seen an explosion in demand for Mental Health services that are sadly lacking or the waiting times for access are too long to be meaningful for young people. Again, SYS has been able to work with significant number of young people and advocate for them with Statutory agencies. Helping young people to build resilience in their lives has been a core part of all its activities in helping them deal with often complex and challenging issues.

Activities

This has been both a challenging and rewarding year for SYS. With very little finance at the beginning of its life SYS has managed to serve young people throughout this year gaining their trust as well as the respect and trust of other agencies and statutory bodies. The staff team have given themselves to this task alongside the volunteers who have continued to give of their time to reach out and create a safe space for young people to talk, share experiences and address difficult and challenging issues within their lives. Statistics only tell part of the story of any organisation like SYS, but the figures below demonstrate a commitment by the trustees, staff, and volunteers to ensure SYS continues to serve young people and be of wider benefit to the people of Maidstone.

The trustees have focussed on 5 things this year:

1. Ensuring good governance arrangements are in place including the provision of policies and procedures – including safeguarding and finance. Regular trustee meetings to ensure good overall management arrangements for the Charity.
2. A clear focus on Staff support and line management.
3. Robust planning and events to raise income and streamline expenditure to ensure good financial stability.
4. Increased promotional activities including online presence, promotional materials, and videos to increase the volumes of young people accessing SYS services and furthering other agencies knowledge and trust in SYS so they can make appropriate referrals.
5. Active recruitment of further trustees with appropriate and relevant skills

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Our staff team and volunteers have been active this year in supporting young people through:

1. 175 young people have accessed One to One Sessions
2. 4861 visits have been made to the Open Access Centre – operating Tues to Friday 3.30-7pm
3. 1635 young people have attended school assemblies run by the SYS Team
4. 1335 young people have been engaged on outreach either in the town or on the rail network.
5. The total number of interactions with young people this year has been 7531.
6. The Total number of new young people who have interacted with SYS for the first time is 1932.

To give a flavour of some of the issues and challenges that young people have discussed with our team at SYS here are some of the headline topics discussed: Within the Youth Centre and on Outreach

308 conversations around drugs
147 conversations around mental health
325 conversations around relationships
408 conversations around crime and violence

All in all, a dramatic, fruitful, and rewarding year, but with many young people continuing to face the many challenges and difficulties of life with ever decreasing services to meet the need. The commitment of the whole team at SYS remains to serve the young people of Maidstone to ensure that as many of those needs can be addressed. We can't always build the future for young people, but we can help build young people for the future.

Recent trustee resignations and appointments

In this period, we have lost a valued member of our trustee board – Tom Corkery was sadly killed on the 20th January 2024. Tom was a very valued member of the SYS Board and was instrumental in the early months of the new CIO being active in helping to organise its finances. Tom had been a former Finance Director and brought much knowledge and experience to us. It is SYS's intention to dedicate this year to him and all he brought to us in the short time many of us had known him.

In better news, we have recently recruited a new trustee to the Board – Rachel Jones. Rachel also brings with her a range of experience and skills. Rachel is a Director of Strategic Planning with the local NHS Trust (Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells) and a board member, and we warmly welcomed her to the board on her appointment on the 22nd March 2024.

Public benefit

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Financial review and outlook

This is the first period of activity for the charity and it has resulted in income of £91,327 and expenditure of £66,770 leaving a surplus of £24,557 which is carried forward. The charity is dependent on the support of individuals and organisations for funding and the trustees would like to record their appreciation of the strong support they have received and their sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

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The charity aims to continue and diversify its fundraising efforts to secure the future of the work.

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Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 16th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



David Creasey
Chair of Trustees

Date: 17th April 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Switch Youth Services ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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.

Signed



RT Williams
26 Lancet Lane
Maidstone ME15 9RY

Date

17/04/24

**SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income			
Donations	2	62,517	-
Grants receivable		23,072	-
Charitable Activities	3	5,738	-
Total Income		<u>91,327</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Charitable activities	4	65,577	-
Support and administration costs	4	1,193	-
		<u>66,770</u>	<u>-</u>
Net surplus		24,557	-
General Fund			
Balance at 1 April 2023		-	-
Balance at 31 March 2024		<u>24,557</u>	<u>-</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts.

**SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Bank balances	6	23,924	-
Debtors	7	<u>1,315</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>25,239</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts due in less than one year			
Creditors	8	682	-
		<u>682</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>24,557</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets		<u>24,557</u>	<u>-</u>
General Fund			
Free funds		14,557	-
Reserves		10,000	-
		<u>24,557</u>	<u>-</u>
General Fund total		<u>24,557</u>	<u>-</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on signed on their behalf by:

16th April 2024 and



David Creasey

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these accounts.

**SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under the Financial Reporting Standard 102, have been prepared in accordance with that standard and with the associated Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income, the amount is measurable and it is probable that the income will be received.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate

2 Income from Donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations from individuals and corporations	58,032	-
Gift aid	4,485	-
	<u>62,517</u>	<u>-</u>

3 Income from Charitable Activities

Events receipts	3,820	-
Café sales	1,918	-
	<u>5,738</u>	<u>-</u>

**SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

4 Charitable Activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Direct Charitable Costs		
Employment costs	44,886	-
Premises costs	4,688	-
General costs	13,304	-
Café supplies	2,699	-
	<u>65,577</u>	<u>-</u>
Support & Administration		
Costs of closing predecessor charity (below)	617	-
Insurance	564	-
Bank Charges	12	-
Independent Examination fee	-	-
	<u>1,193</u>	<u>-</u>
Combined charitable activity cost	<u>66,770</u>	<u>-</u>

Costs of closing predecessor charity

On 1st May the operations of Maidstone Town Centre Youth Café were transferred to this charity and that charity was then closed. The bank balance was transferred to this charity, contributions were made by supporters of that charity and costs were disbursed as follows.

Receipts	
Funds transferred from predecessor charity	2,843
Contributions received re closure costs	2,800
	<u>5,643</u>
Payments	
Redundancy cost	5,000
Other costs	1,260
	<u>6,260</u>
Residual closure cost	<u>617</u>

**SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

5 Staff & Trustees' remuneration

Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross salaries	43,760	-
Employer's NI (after allowance)	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	624	-
Payroll bureau cost	502	-
	<u>44,886</u>	<u>-</u>

The charity had two employees during the year.

Trustees

No amounts were paid or are due to be paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

6 Cash At Bank Balances

	2024	2023
	£	£
NatWest - Switch Youth Services account	23,420	-
NatWest - current account	504	-
PayPal Account	-	-
	<u>23,924</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	565	-
Payroll deposit	750	-
	<u>1,315</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors		
PAYE & NI	532	-
Pension	150	-
	<u>682</u>	<u>-</u>

SWITCH YOUTH SERVICES

England & Wales - Charity number 1179544

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.04.2022** Period start date To **31.03.2023**
Period end date

Charity name: **Switch Youth Services**

Charity registration number: **1179544**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To advance the education, and develop the social and personal skills, of young people in the Borough of Maidstone.2. To develop recreation and leisure facilities for young people in the Borough of Maidstone.3. To give young people in the Borough of Maidstone the opportunity to identify their own needs and promote increased participation in society.4. To promote healthy and safe lifestyles for young people in the Maidstone Borough.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Facilitating an inclusive, open access youth cafe with 5 rooms for young people (11-21) to attend, enjoy, relax, socialise and access support if required.2. One-to-one Mentoring: Young people on the periphery of, or in the youth justice system, are mentored by our Lead Youth Worker which includes our Crime Diversion programme.3. Multi-Agency Outreach Programme: Working in the most challenging areas for Anti-Social behaviour. Building relationships, entering discussion on behaviour, choices, and consequences, providing a safe space for those that need it.4. Home education offering young people the opportunity to engage with pro-social activity that they may miss by not attending main-stream school.5. Future You Programme: Delivered to motivate and help young people understand their future goals.

		<p>6. Crime Diversion and Substance Misuse Programmes: delivered in schools, and pupil referral units by exploring attitudes and beliefs, substance misuse and its impact, choices and consequences, myths around criminal activity, prison life, the law including joint enterprise, and the effect of behaviour on others (victim empathy)</p> <p>7. Adult volunteering:</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that that they have taken into account the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Charity was not in operation for the relevant financial year. Operation was undertaken by MTCYS an unincorporated charity no. 1127568</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Dormant accounts submitted as CIO was not in operation during this financial period. Operation was undertaken by MTCYS an unincorporated charity no. 1127568.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>(a) Every charity trustee must be a natural person.</p> <p>(b) No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or • if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 12(1) (e). <p>(c) No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.</p> <p>(d) At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Switch Youth Services
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1179544
Charity's principal address	Switch Youth Services 34A High Street Maidstone, Kent ME14 1JH
	Switch Youth Services

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Burbidge	Chair		
2	Marianne Webb			
3	Brian Clarke			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Paul C Burbidge	
Full name(s)	PAUL CHRISTOPHER BURBIDGE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	09/02/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Switch Youth Services 1179544

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01 04 2022 To 31 03 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PAUL CHRISTOPHER BURBIDGE	09/02/20
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England & Wales - Charity number 1179544

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	01	04	2021	To	31	03	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

34 A High Street
Maidstone
Kent
Postcode <input type="text" value="ME14 1JH"/>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mark Chase - Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

32 policies in place to ensure the safeguarding and wellbeing of all young people, staff and volunteers
All staff and volunteers are DBS checked to ensure the safety of young people accessing the service
Regular trustees' meetings discussing financial overview and ongoing work to ensure sustainability of charity

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To support the personal and social development of young people
Engage with young people in a respectful manner that encourages reflection and understanding of their own and others behaviour and attitudes
Encourage young people to take responsibility for their own actions and choices
Support other agencies and therefore young people through collaborative partnerships

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Facilitate a youth café/drop in centre that places an emphasis on the wellbeing of young people
Build respectful relationships while maintaining professional boundaries with all young people so that the organisation operates as a fully inclusive charity
Offer support, advice and guidance in a non-directive manner so that young people choose the appropriate pathway for themselves and therefore take responsibility for their choices
Support young people transition from adolescence to adulthood through a variety of means including volunteering so that they become employment ready and take steps to independent and autonomous lives
Encourage young people to support the wider community as well as themselves and each other

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Paul C Burbidge	
Full name(s)	PAUL CHRISTOPHER BURBIDGE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	27/01/23	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Switch Youth Services	No (if any) 1179544
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charity Ball	-	-	-	-	-
Café Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts, Donations & Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	-
Asset sales	-	-	-	-	-
Other SLA & Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
Employment Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Premises Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Premises Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Café Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Ball	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	-	-	-
	Deposit Account	-	-	-
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	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
Paul Burbidge	PAUL CHRISTOPHER BURBIDGE		27/1/23

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	04	2020	To	31	03	2021

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Mark Chase - Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Support young people transition from adolescence to adulthood through a variety of means including volunteering so that they become employment ready and take steps to independent and autonomous lives
Encourage young people to support the wider community as well as themselves and each other

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Engaged with over 1500 young people

Over 2500 voluntary hours accrued by both young people and adult volunteers

Support the wider community through engaging with adult volunteers that are in recovery from substance misuse

Won Community Impact Award at Colyer Ferguson Charitable Trust's 50th Anniversary Awards

Only no statutory agency involved in local Police Gangs and CSE Forum

Continued partnership with Kent and Medway Collaborative Outreach Programme, working alongside all the universities in Kent to widen participation into Higher Education for young people that are socially or economically disadvantaged

Delivered Crime Diversion, Substance Misuse, Healthy Relationships and Anger Management programmes and workshops to over 300 young people

Began a new outreach programme engaging with vulnerable young people within the heart of our community

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Reserves are kept, where possible, to ensure the continued sustainability of the organisation should current funding streams become limited or cease
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Paul C Burbidge	
Full name(s)	PAUL CHRISTOPHER BURBIDGE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	07/01/22	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Switch Youth Services	No (if any) 1179544
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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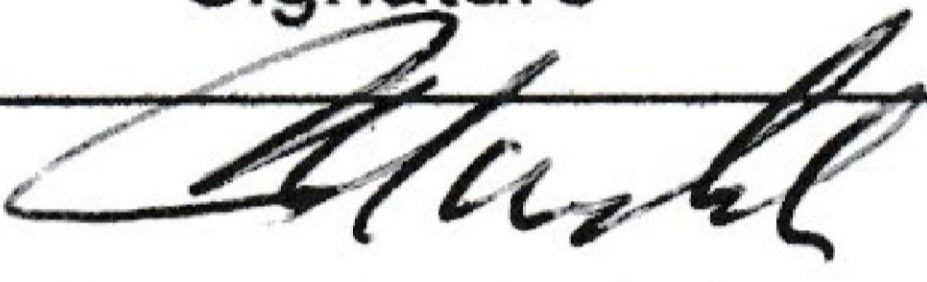
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charity Ball	-	-	-	-	-
Café Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts, Donations & Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	-
Asset sales	-	-	-	-	-
Other SLA & Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
Employment Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Premises Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Premises Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Café Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Charity Ball	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	-	-	-
	Deposit Account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	MARIANNE WEBB		17.12.2021