



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2023 Period start date To Period end date 31/12/2023

Charity name: Exmoor Young Voices

Charity registration number: 1182091

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>For the public benefit, to develop the capacity and skills of members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Exmoor, with particular reference to capacity and skills among young adults under the age of 30: providing opportunities for learning through experience; working to provide opportunities to raise issues and suggest solutions to stakeholders; involving young adults in collaborative effort so that they gain confidence in their own ability and the ability to influence decisions that affect them. By helping young adults living in or near the rural areas of Exmoor to develop their social and economic potential through participating in a range of educational and recreational activities.</p> <p>By enabling young adults to use their expertise to improve their communities, to share best practice and advise organisations on how young adults can be heard.</p> <p>The promotion for the benefit of the public of rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in Exmoor) by all or any of the following means:</p> <p>(a) the relief of financial hardship:</p> <p>(b) the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among young disadvantaged adults, and providing young disadvantaged adults with work experience, including informal training that supports young adults and those who work with young adults to realise their potential and enhance their employability, enterprise, financial literacy and life skills.</p>

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. Maintain and support 940 young adults, helping young residents and workers to stay on Exmoor, contributing to population balance, environment, communications, opportunities & the economy 2. Educate 5 public authorities, Consultative Forums, and Parish Councils, about the needs of Exmoor young people re: housing, rents, mortgages, finance, planning, sites, Section 106, digital inclusion, travel costs, wages 3. Partner Exmoor National Park, Somerset and Devon Councils, Caractacus, other councils and housing authorities 4. Raise funds for developmental activities 5. Communicate regularly across Exmoor National Park and its fringes to reduce rural isolation 6. Inform Housing Associations and authorities of the housing need 7. Maintain Foundation Grants to a small loan fund for housing young people 8. Maintain the Partnership with a loans and grants organisation 9. Maintain the promise of three Exmoor cottages as legacies 10. Support cases for housing young people 11. Continue to action the follow up Summit of the major authorities for pledges about how they will prioritise the needs of young people. 12. Maintain pro bono advisory services for self build, finance, fund raising, housing, legislation and opportunities 13. Service the self build project for young people in housing need 14. Conduct seminars, Members meetings, Parliamentary, radio, and TV presentations. 15. Identify potential self build sites 16. Ensure the Trustees have and understand the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit 17. Support EYV's excellent Young Coordinator
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No action to date. Working with partner agency Lendology
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None formal, though have established a self build pilot project for young residents
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Substantial
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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<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>EYV is active through its Young Coordinator, her EYV social media, publishing, research and website activities, including broadcasts, and also via its active Chair, Members, Trustees, and Advisors networking and keeping the 940 followers and communities in touch with regular information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • housing opportunities, • self build, • job vacancies, • grants, • business openings, • accessing services, • National Park information, • support groups, • volunteering and caring opportunities, • education, • childcare, • support to young parents, • finance support. <p>EYV's schedule includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoom and social media meetings 2. Individual support, advice and empowerment 3. Executive discussions 4. Site visits 5. Council, Park, HA activities and representation 6. Annual Report and Accounts to the Charity Commission 7. Regular Updates to members and providers 8. Supporting the Young Coordinator and Officers 9. Meetings with people who can make a difference for young people <p>Priority work that has made a difference includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to meet and inform policy and decision making Partners • Further research into young residents' needs • A self build, pilot project • Promoting EYV's published self build guide • Winning self build project funding • Homefinder consultations and revisions • Seeking housing priority for young adults and families with children • Continuing to gather information about housing needs • Advising and working with the Rural Housing Enabler and the Exmoor Rural Housing Network • Joining the new Local Community Network and its housing sub-group • Continuing to seek Section 106 self build mortgage lenders • Working in partnership with Lendology for grants and loans to young self builders • Emphasising the population issues of young adults continuing to live and work in the National Park & contributing to the economy • Advising the Park and others on affordable housing sites • Monitoring property prices and rents with local providers • Encouraging rural enterprise activities • Creating employment for local contractors and entrepreneurs • Maintaining information and pressure to increase broadband speeds • Maintaining information flow, across Exmoor, to young people, authorities and voluntary organisations about opportunities and changes. • Funding future development. • Publishing EYV's housing research and casestudies • Liaising with the Council for the Preservation of Rural England <p>Priorities for information and updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young adult residents and workers; • Exmoor National Park; • Lendology; • Community Development Foundation; • Somerset and Devon Councils; • Exmoor Trust; • Exmoor Hill Farming Network; • Caractacus, Magna, Falcon, LiveWest, and North Devon Housing Trusts; • The Parishes, key influencers and philanthropists
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Strong
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The accounts hold a Foundation Grant from another charity, reserved for the self build project
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	Public authorities and charitable foundations; pro bono services amounting to considerable resources in kind from professional advisers and funders
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Geographical spread of catchment area; lack of public and other transport; low wages; poor digital connectivity; overcoming barriers to face to face contact; the heavy burden on young members to sustain work, incomes, travel and young families; the slowness of authorities to adapt to the changing demographic
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	Para 1.25	Appointed by Trustees

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	The Charity's organisational structure is: 8 Trustees; a self-build project group; a network of volunteers; A Young Coordinator; seven professional (pro bono) advisors; quarterly meetings of the Membership; 24 public bodies as supporters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	24 public organisations support Exmoor Young Voices
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Exmoor Young Voices
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	118 2091
Charity's principal address	The Old Post Office, Hawkridge, Dulverton, Somerset, TA 22 9QW

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	William Lock	Chair		
2	Marion Silverlock	Secretary		
3	Justin Tyers	Trustee		
4	Magdalena Harding	Treasurer		
5	Josh Smith	Trustee		
6	Teresa Williams	Trustee		
7	Ginny Saunders	Trustee		
8	Chris Wilmoth	Trustee		
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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

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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)

	
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Full name(s)

Marion Silverlock	
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary	
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Date

25/10/2024

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Charity no. 1182091

Annual Accounts Year ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
Grants	3,200.00	11,930.50
Total Income	3,200.00	11,930.50
Expenditure		
Co-ordinator costs	3,238.39	2,425.00
Professional consultation	7,849.00	4,088.79
Travel & Subsistence	-	153.00
Meeting costs	168.75	643.70
Admin Expenses	169.09	250.51
PL Insurance	96.00	
Miscellaneous exps - Self-Build books	640.87	
Total Expenditure	12,162.10	7,561.00
Net income over expenditure	- 8,962.10	4,369.50
Bank balance 1/1/23	£ 59,894.90	55,525.40
Bank balance 31/12/23	£ 50,932.80	59,894.90

EXAMINER'S REPORT

I confirm that the Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st December 2023 is correct and in accordance with the books, records and information supplied to me.

Keith Ross, Parklands, Jury Road, Dulverton TA22 9EJ

17th October 2024