



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1/1/2024 Period start date To Period end date 31/12/2024**

**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 35: 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>

<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.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>Exmoor Young Voices (EYV) is a voluntary group of young people from across Exmoor, seeking viable and sustainable 'life' and 'work' opportunities for young residents. We tackle many issues for young people on the moor, including housing, digital inclusion, childcare, employment, communications, travel and local wages.</p> <p>We aim to engage with young people across Exmoor (covering parts of West Somerset and North Devon), listen to their issues, offer dedicated support from expert advisers and report their experiences to key policy decision-makers.</p> <p>Ultimately, Exmoor Young Voices strives for positive action that prioritises young people's needs. Our golden goal is to prevent young people from needing to leave Exmoor, forced to start a life elsewhere.</p> <p>In February 2019, we registered Exmoor Young Voices as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This has significantly strengthened our position and enabled us to access further support and assistance. We continue to work closely with five local housing associations/charities: Caractacus Housing, Falcon Rural Housing, North Devon Homes, LiveWest, &amp; Magna, &amp; Exmoor National Park Authority, local councils, forums and other voluntary organisations who can impact the lives of young residents.</p> <p>As far as we're aware, Exmoor Young Voices is the only organisation of its kind in National Parks and AONB. We are keen to develop partnerships with other National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty to support them in setting up Young Voices representative groups. Together, with a collective, stronger voice, we will drive the critical changes young people in rural areas so desperately need.</p> <p><b>Main Activities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain and support 940 young adults, helping young residents and workers to stay on Exmoor, contributing to population balance, environment, communications, opportunities &amp; the economy</li> <li>2. Educate public authorities, Consultative Forums, and Parish Councils, about the needs of Exmoor young adults re: housing, rents, mortgages, finance, planning, sites, Section 106, childcare, employment, digital inclusion, travel costs, wages</li> <li>3. Partner Exmoor National Park, Somerset and Devon Councils, Caractacus, other councils and housing authorities</li> <li>4. Raise funds for development activities</li> <li>5. Communicate regularly across Exmoor National Park and its fringes to reduce rural isolation and increase opportunities for social mobility</li> <li>6. Participate in the Local Community Network</li> <li>7. Inform Housing Associations and authorities of the housing need</li> <li>8. Maintain Foundation Grants to a small loan fund for housing young workers and residents</li> <li>9. Maintain EYV's Partnership with Lendology, a loans and grants organisation</li> <li>10. Maintain the promise of three Exmoor cottages as legacies</li> <li>11. Support individual cases for housing young adults and families</li> <li>12. Continue to action the follow up Summit of the major authorities for pledges about how they will prioritise the needs of young adults.</li> <li>13. Maintain pro bono advisory services for self build, finance, fund raising, housing, childcare, legislation and opportunities</li> <li>14. Service the self build project for young adults in housing need</li> <li>15. Conduct seminars, Members' meetings, Parliamentary, MP, radio, and TV</li> </ol>
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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
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No action to date. Working with partner agency Lendology, Foundations and Councils, particularly Parishes and Towns
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None formal, though have established a self build project for young residents
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Substantial, most of the organisation and its work
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
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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.

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- Won the Kings Award for Voluntary Service.
- Changemakers of the Year Award from the Campaign for National Parks
- Guests of the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff at the Bath and West Show
- Delivered International Seminar to Europarcs
- Published widely distributed appeal for plots of land
- Set up a unique Self Build Project for young adults on Exmoor, providing free advice and support for individuals and families interested in building their own homes on Exmoor
- Supported the publication of 'How to Self Build your Dream Home for £99,000 - or less!' a game-changing self build manual by Justin Tyers, EYV Trustee
- Established connections with a Community Interest Company able to provide self build loans and grants to young people
- Identified with Exmoor National Park Authority, 23 potential self build sites
- Delivered self build tours, seminars, Parliamentary, ITV, and BBC presentations
- Identified a range of issues in research with Exmoor young people, including housing, digital communications, transport, environment, local incomes and rents, childcare, submitted in a full report to the National Park in 2015
- Partnerships with every public authority, charity and foundation serving Exmoor, and funding from most
- Advised on digital inclusion, coverage, costs and continuing limitations
- Addressed every major authority, forum, consultative group, conference, farming and business network concerned with Exmoor, on the issues which young resident workers face in sustaining their part in Exmoor life
- Placing the issues facing young adults onto their agendas: housing, rents, mortgages, finance, planning, sites, section 106, digital inclusion, travel costs, wages
- Delivered 2 Summits bringing together several of Exmoor's young adults with Exmoor National Park Authority, local housing associations and all of the major authorities that administer Exmoor to discuss how we can make the moor a viable and sustainable place for young people to live and work
- Consulted on the new Somerset Homefinder application form and website
- Part of the Exmoor Rural Housing Network & its Task & Finish Group for Somerset Homefinder & Devon Home Choice
- Housed 15 young locals who had otherwise been ruled out on misunderstood technicalities
- Have 3 small cottages bequeathed to us via Caractacus Housing for young locals to rent in the future
- Secured membership of the new Local Community Network for Exmoor

#### **The Detail**

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:

- housing opportunities,
- self build,
- job vacancies,
- grants,
- business openings,
- accessing services,

**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.
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; low social mobility; 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: 10 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		
9	Robyn Gummer	Trustee		
10	Sam Camp	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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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

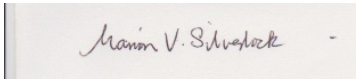
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## Declarations

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

25/10/2025
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## 2024 EXMOOR YOUNG VOICES

Charity no. 1182091

Annual Accounts Year ended 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>		
Grants	3,050.00	3,200.00
Donations	-	-
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Total Income	3,050.00	3,200.00
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Co-ordinator costs	4,349.75	3,238.39
Professional consultation	490.00	7,849.00
Travel & Subsistence	841.89	-
Meeting costs	28.90	168.75
Admin Expenses	72.00	169.09
PL Insurance	99.15	96.00
Miscellaneous exps - Self-Build Books		640.87
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Total Expenditure	5,881.69	12,162.10
Net income over expenditure	- 2,831.69	- 8,962.10
<b>Bank balance 1/1/24</b>	<b>£ 50,932.80</b>	<b>59,894.90</b>
<b>Bank balance 31/12/24</b>	<b>£ 48,101.11</b>	<b>50,932.80</b>

### EXAMINER'S REPORT

I confirm that the Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st December 2024 is correct and in accordance with the books, records and information supplied to me.



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

20th October 2025

Note: 3 cheques not cleared in 2024 totalling £807, new chqs written on 19/10/25 and included in 2025 accounts