

PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1185239

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-09-09

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH:(A) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;(B) PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

Activities: Prudhoe Youth Project aims to increase the services and opportunities available to young people in Prudhoe, working with other organisations and providing what young themselves say they they need. It provides support and guidance to young people . It currently offers youth sessions weekly during term time and project work, trips and activities during school holidays.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£156,924	£114,261	-	-
2024-03-31	£85,970	£85,075	-	-
2023-03-31	£89,603	£79,601	-	-
2022-03-31	£80,503	£50,629	-	-
2021-03-31	£44,130	£19,488	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Thompson Thoburn	Chair	2023-09-28
Christine Cuthbert		2025-05-12
Dorothy Emily Dickinson		2019-10-17
Gerald Bernard Price		2019-09-19
Jessica Hosking		2021-11-18
Stuart John Rutherford-Orrcock		2023-11-08
Vesta Elizabeth Moore		2022-04-28

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Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT**

Prudhoe Youth Project

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present the directors' report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees

Paul Davenport Chair appointed 11th February 2025

Dorothy Emily Dickinson Vice Chair appointed 17th October 2019

Jessica Hosking Treasurer appointed 18th November 2021

Stuart John Rutherford-Orrock Trustee appointed 8th November 2023

Stephen Thompson Thoburn Trustee appointed 28th September 2023

Vesta Elizabeth Moore Trustee appointed 28th April 2022

Gerald Bernard Price Trustee appointed 19th September 2019

Amanda Carr Trustee appointed 11th February 2025

Christine Cuthbert Trustee appointed 12th May 2025

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Meeting the public benefit requirement

Trustees are aware of their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

In meeting their purpose 'to help young people reach their full potential' they have run centre based and off site visits for young people and work with other youth groups to improve provision of services for young people.

Chairs report from Paul Davenport

It is with great pleasure that I present this year's Chair's Report for the Prudhoe Youth Project. The past year has been one of growth, resilience, and continued commitment to serving the young people of Prudhoe and the surrounding area. We have maintained a core group of dedicated workers who continue to deliver high-quality youth services with professionalism and care. Their commitment has been further strengthened by the successful securing of funding for two staff members to complete their apprenticeships through university—an exciting development that supports both individual growth and the long-term sustainability of the Project. While we continue to await news regarding a more permanent home for the Project, we remain adaptable and committed, utilising local rented properties to deliver our services. These arrangements have helped us maintain strong relationships with community partners and ensure our work remains embedded within the local area. The Project continues to benefit from the guidance of a skilled and loyal Board of Trustees, whose expertise provides a solid foundation for governance and strategic oversight. Combined with our dedicated staff team, this leadership enables the Prudhoe Youth Project not only to sustain its work but to flourish. We remain a major provider of youth services in the region, and we look forward to building on this success in the coming year. On behalf of the Trustees and Board, I extend my sincere thanks to all who contribute to the Project's ongoing work—our staff, volunteers, partners, funders, and most importantly, the young people who inspire everything we do.

Paul Davenport
Chair of Trustees
Prudhoe Youth Project

Report on Activities

Welcome to PYP's 2024-2025 annual report. We have had a busy year at our youth club supporting more than 358 young people. We have organised trips, residential and centre based activities during school holidays. We have seen over 250 free packed lunches delivered to children and provided more than 1000 hot meals.

PYP has had a staff team of 9 youth workers this year, which has allowed us to well staff our sessions. We have seen growth in our Senior Youth Club which has always been the quieter session. This is because we have now been around 5 years, and young people have grown with our service!

Here is our roundup of the year's events, projects, activities, residential and trips just for you to gain a snapshot of the work we've been doing from April 2024 to March 2025.

April 20234 – March 2025 Statistics

- We have seen 358 members join this year. This is an increase of 32 on the previous year.
- We have worked with young people 5,675 times over this 12-month period.
- Our busiest sessions are Junior Youth Club with an average of 32 attending each week and West Wylam Club which sees on average 26 young people a week.
- We have delivered support to 30 young people individually and over 1541 through group/lunchtime/ assemblies addressing sexual and mental health.
- We have delivered 16 trips, 2 residential opportunities and supported 3 community events this year.

Easter Residential

We took 25 young people away to Hawkthirst Scout Activity Centre, Kielder. Young people took part in adventurous activities which helped them acquire new skills including teamwork, gaining self-esteem, trying something new, and challenging themselves.

We were able to support young people who have special educational needs on this trip. These young people challenged themselves and enjoyed being part of the team. Overall, it was a positive experience with a lot gained over the 3 days.

Junior Youth Club

Junior youth club continues to be based at the Parish Hall and now once a month in the Family Hub, we have simply outgrown the Methodist Church. We have had 2 Junior sessions, the first session is for girls group members and school years 4 and 5.

Many of those young people enjoy group games, sports, creating special craft items to take home as well as board games, free time and a performance space.

Junior 2 is for young people in school years 6,7 and 8. This has turned into an informal session with a relaxed atmosphere. These young people enjoy each other's company and

prefer less structure to their sessions even so, we have still cooked, taken part in group games and enjoyed some crafts.

Many of the young people attending this session have worked with PYP for the past two years and this helps us develop trust between the young people and the youth workers. We support them to grow and help them reach their full potential.

Junior youth club allows young people to mix and widen their immediate social networks. We see many young people attend on their own and they may go to school outside of Prudhoe. These sessions are a means for them to make friendships within their community.

Senior Youth Club

Senior Youth Club is held on a Tuesday in the Methodist Church basement room for young people in school year 8 or above. The session offers a relaxed informal environment where young people can gain access to the pool table, sofas, free Gregg's food and a small kitchen.

Seniors is now held once a month in the Family Hub. This gives the opportunity for young people to cook from scratch and develop their life skills. These sessions explore young people's relationship with food, and we have encouraged them to make healthy choices by providing fruit most weeks. At the Family Hub we use the electrical Devices to play interactive games and create group quizzes.

We have now seen our Senior Youth Club fully functioning as it should be with having been established now for 5 years we have been able to build a strong relationship with teenagers from Prudhoe. It has taken several years due to young people taking time to fully trust us and what we do.

During young people's teenage years, they come across many issues including sexual health, alcohol and drugs, bullying, friendship problems, relationship and family issues. We use these sessions to support young people with the information and the advice they need to make informed choices.

West Wylam Youth Club

West Wylam Youth Club has now hit the 3 year mark. The area that is West Wylam has more deprivation and economic issues than other parts of Prudhoe. This club was set up as we identified a need to provide activities for the young people who do not currently access our provision in the centre of the town. We find that there is a divide within the town and we want to be able to support young people to access all sessions.

We provide food at these sessions to help address food poverty and provide a basket of essentials and toiletries such as water bottles, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, sanitary products and even coats. We aim to give young people access to items that they may not have at home.

We have two West Wylam sessions, allowing us to split the numbers and work with smaller groups of young people.

We can use the field next to the building, thanks to Adderlane School, and this has allowed us to play outside where we have enjoyed sports and group games. We have seen an increase in young people from West Wylam attending our other youth clubs in the centre of town. This shows us that we have had some success in breaking down the barriers between different parts of Prudhoe.

Girls Group

Girls Group runs from the Parish Hall on a Wednesday and every third Wednesday from the Family Hub. A group of young women come together to take part in supportive activities that empower young women to feel safe, address women's health issues, talk about self-esteem, personal safety and offers a place to get practical advice on all issues.

This year the Girls Group has been busy with 73 individuals attending over the period of 12 months, these numbers show us how important this project is and how much it's needed. Our total attendance is 897 young people. This group encourages young people to find new interests and hobbies as well as gain new skills, this includes cooking and baking, crafts, problem solving and general practical life skills that will help them in the future.

Lads Group

Lads Group has been running weekly sessions at the Family Hub. Although it's a relatively small group we have been making the most of the time in sessions. The lads enjoy doing sports on the Adderlane Schools playing field, cooking and playing board games together. This group has allowed young people to make new friends, develop their communication skills and engage in additional activities.

This year our lads have enjoyed some sessions around an art theme, thanks to funding from the Community Foundation our lads have been creating art pictures from nature, some junk sculptures using recycled materials and using drama and music to bring life into our sessions.

Lads Group is a wonderful safe environment for young men to talk to trained and qualified youth workers and gain the support they need to help them deal with any extra issues that arise during their everyday lives.

Happy Faces

Happy Faces is a Youth Club for neurodiverse young people, who may have special educational needs or are low in confidence and need support to develop their communication skills. We took over the running of this group in January 2025. Since then we have created 2 groups within Happy Faces, a Junior Session for ages 8-12 and a Senior session for 12 years and over. The transition was smooth with sessions running as normal and the number of attendees remaining the same.

In both sessions we have done planning with young people to identify what they would like to do at Happy Faces. Young people said they liked cooking, playing outside games and sensory activities which include clay work and playdough.

We were able to offer work experience to 6 of our Senior Happy Faces members. The work experience took place on a Saturday morning; we provided transport from Prudhoe to The Hub in Consett and these sessions ran for 8 weeks. We sourced external funding to pay The Hub in Consett to provide some specialist training for our young people. They developed skills in admin, effective customer service, cooking in a professional kitchen and working to a high standard.

These sessions greatly benefited these young people as they developed their independence and confidence which prepares them for adult life and life in our communities.

Lego Club

Lego Club is now in its third year, at these sessions we support those young people who may not feel able to attend our youth club sessions or require additional support. We identify a group of six young people each half term to work with.

We use Lego as a tool to really engage those young people in conversations about their lives and any difficulties they may be having. Our skilled and trained youth workers unpick those difficulties to try and allow them to see a way past them. Giving young people the confidence and determination to work through these issues then allows them to access other sessions, have a more fulfilled life, benefit from the opportunities available to them and allow them to reach their full potential. These sessions were delivered in school. We decided to approach Highfield Middle School to help us become more accessible to young people. Being based in a school reduces young people's anxiety when they first attend. It has strengthened our numbers and our relationship with the school.

Health Drop-In – Prudhoe Community High School

We continue to run our weekly drop-in sessions at PCHS. We have had a wide variety of issues to deal with. We have supported young people with stress, anxiety, sexual health and mental health. During quieter days we take the opportunity to have a walk around in the canteen and yard to chat to other students to see how they are doing and let them know where to find support if they need it.

One trained staff member in each of our Health Drop In sessions has up to date mental health first aid training. Ensuring we respond correctly to young people's mental health needs and respond in a way that is appropriate to them.

The main outcome from this work has been offering a confidential, supportive, nonjudgemental space where a young person can be listened to. This project is a vital part of what we do at PYP. We aim to start a Health Drop In to support students at Highfield Middle School on a weekly basis later in 2025.

Summer Holiday Activities 2024

Over the summer we offered 6 weeks of activities. We offered a mixture of trips and centre-based sessions, and we wanted to make sure each child got a meal while they were with us.

We worked with JJ O'Donnell Elite Football Academy to provide weekly sport sessions. These sessions were aimed to improve young people's health and fitness. Being active during the school holidays is a top priority for us and using coaches from JJ O'Donnell Elite Football Academy made it fun, accessible and invigorating.

We developed a partnership with Karbon Homes this year. We took part in Karbon Homes holiday activities over Easter and the Summer holidays, which was funded by the Holiday Activities Fund. Centre based sessions were held at different venues such as Eastwood Park and the Methodist Church. This was done to break down barriers between different areas of Prudhoe. We hoped that this would allow our sessions to be more accessible. The total attendances for our centre-based sessions over the summer was 169 young people.

We provided 6 successful trips which included Hall Hill Farm, NUFC and the NU Centre, Skiing at Silksworth Outdoor Ski Slope, Clip and Climb, Surfing at South Shields and Inflatospace. Our trips were open to any young people from Prudhoe or the immediate surrounding areas. We offered trips out of the area, giving young people new experiences and promoting positive time with peers and youth workers as we know that this may be the only time that they have for such an opportunity. The trips were heavily funded, and we only asked for a small contribution from parents/carers. 176 young people attended our trips.

Art Club

We delivered a series of art sessions during the school holidays. We planned art activities and as the weeks progressed, we worked on a particular piece of art together which was then displayed in the library for the Arts Trail. We had other games and activities available during these sessions.

We ran sessions from the Parish Hall and Methodist Church for this Art Project, sessions ran mainly in the holidays, but the last few sessions ran in term time to allow us to complete the project. We had 36 young people engage in the project and all the young people involved really enjoyed the sessions.

Community Events and Project Work

PYP is an active member of Tynedale Youth Forum, and we took part in a joint residential with other youth projects from the west of Northumberland. We took six young people to Hawkhirst Scout Activity Centre, Kielder, where young people took part in a variety of challenging activities including zip wire, canoeing, mountain biking and archery. These young people socialised with other young people from different projects. We would like to

thank Tynedale Youth Forum for inviting us!

PYP produced a piece of artwork for the arts trail. It was a fantastic piece of artwork to go on show that was produced by young people for the whole community to see. Thank you to Prudhoe Community Partnership for the opportunity to get involved.

We attended Music By The Riverside, an event organised by Prudhoe Community Partnership. We ran craft activities for children and young people at this event.

Senior Youth Club worked with Tyne Valley Canoe Club who provided a water safety and canoeing session for us. This was based on the Tyne at the Riverside Park in Prudhoe. Water safety is vital in a town that has seen real tragedy in recent times. It gave the young people the opportunity to try something new and we will work with Tyne Valley Canoe Club in the future to continue to raise awareness.

We provided craft activities to children attending the Christmas Light Switch On event organised by Prudhoe Town Council and Prudhoe Community Partnership. We were based in the library and worked with new children aged 0-13 years. We believe we met 90 young people over the course of the event.

With Tynedale Youth Forum we gave awards to 6 young people for their outstanding work over the past year during which they each received a certificate and gift card. We took these young people to Haltwhistle Outdoor Swimming Pool and joined other youth projects from the west of Northumberland where they received their awards, had some pool time and a meal.

Christmas Activities

In the lead up to Christmas we organised some trips. It was great to see young people having fun. They challenged themselves on the ice, they were active and aimed to improve their fitness at Inflatospace and enjoyed a nice treat at the Cinema. It was a lovely way to end the year for young people from Senior's, Junior's and West Wylam Youth Club. A total of 95 young people attended these trips.

During Christmas 2024, thanks to support from the LGA Foundation, we were able to support 8 families. We delivered presents to ensure that children from Prudhoe received a gift on Christmas day. 14 children directly benefited from this who are experiencing poverty.

24 young people came along to our New Years Party in early January. They played games, danced and had a party food lunch. It was a great way to celebrate the New Year with young people.

Financial Review

PYP received grants from many different funders, these include Prudhoe Town Council, Sir James Knott Trust, Children in Need, Berwick Youth Project on behalf of National Lottery Community Fund, Ballinger Charitable Trust, The Barbour Foundation, Community Foundation High Sheriff Award, Community Foundation – John D Endowment and Prime,

Community Foundation - Reeds Grassroots, Community Foundation – The 1989 Willan Charitable Trust Fund, Garfield Weston Foundation, Groundworks UK , Karbon Homes, Hedley Foundation, LGA Foundation, Northumberland County Council – Community Chest.

PYP benefited from small grants and fundraising efforts. We would like to thank the people who play the Northumberland Lottery, the Dragon Tail Theatre Group, REGEN, Councillor Angie Scott Christmas Appeal, Councillor Gordon Stewart Donation and the donation from Happy Faces.

In the financial year April 2024 to March 2025 income totalled £156,924, of which £134,994 is restricted funding and £21,930 is unrestricted. Expenditure was mainly staffing costs £81,442, room hire £5,202, activities/resources £7,848 and trips/residential holidays £18,168, other cost £1,473 and finally bank charges of £127 totalling £114,133.

There was a balance of £123,552 at the year end, of which £82,694 is restricted funds for projects and £40,858 is unrestricted funds.

Assets

PYP does not yet have any fixed assets but holds assets in cash at the year end for future activities.

Plans for Future Periods

PYP has been consistent this year and continues to provide its core youth clubs to meet local need. Each youth club or group is important to young people. We wish to continue each of these projects and will seek funding to do so.

PYP will continue to plan trips and off-site activities with young people to ensure we address their hobbies and interests.

We wish to support young people into adulthood. To achieve this, we wish to develop our workforce. By the end of 2026:

- we wish to employ an apprentice Youth Worker
- see another Youth Worker in training at level 3 or above in Youth Work
- and wish to expand our workforce by employing local young people.

Risk Review

PYP has reviewed all policies including safeguarding, staff and volunteers have completed safeguarding training annually and one first aider is always on site of any organised activity. We have reviewed the risk assessments for each building to ensure we reduce the risks during our centre based sessions. We have consent forms from parents/carers, off site visits

are risk assessed and emergency contacts are available for each trip/residential. These measures reduce the risks in working with young people.

The main risk is attracting sufficient long term funding for staff and activities. To resolve this we have been granted two 3 year grants which will support us moving forward. More funding will be secured in this way where possible.

Governing Documents

PYP became a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) established on 9th September 2019. The charity submits annual accounts to the charity commission that have been independently audited.

Structure, Governance and Management

PYP is governed by the trustees who are elected by current trustees. There may be up to 10 trustees and two Prudhoe Town Council representatives who are also Trustees. Trustees meet bi- monthly.

Since the AGM in October 2024 Amanda Carr has stepped down as a trustee and we have welcomed Christine Cuthbert to the board of trustees.

Related Parties

PYP receives funding from Prudhoe Town Council. Prudhoe Town Council has appointed two Councillors as representatives.

Accountants and external examiner

Digital Accounting was appointed independent examiner at the 2023 Annual General Meeting. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the trustees on 20th October and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Davenport (Chair)




20th October 2025

Jessica Hosking (Treasurer)



20th October 2025

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT		1185239	
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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 £
A1 Receipts				
Berwick Youth Project on behalf of National Lottery Community Fund		4,121		4,121
Children In Need		14,040		14,040
Community Foundation - High Sheriff Award	1,260			1,260
Community Foundation - John D Endowment and Prime		2,400		2,400
Community Foundation - Readman Family Grassroots				-
Community Foundation - Reeds Grassroots		1,600		1,600
Community Foundation - The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust		10,000		10,000
Community Foundation - Reeds Grassroots				
Garfield Weston Foundation		6,000		6,000
Groundworks UK		738		738
Hadrian Trust				-
Hedley Foundation		2,000		2,000
Karbon Homes		3,228		3,228
LGA Foundation		6,600		6,600
National Lottery Foundation Awards for All				-
NCC Community Chest		780		780
Northumberland Police				-
Prudhoe Town Council		26,000		26,000
Shears Foundation				-
Sir James Knott Trust		8,600		8,600
The Ballinger Charitable Trust		16,000		16,000
The Barbour Foundation		30,000		30,000
The Joicey Trust				-
TK Maxx Foundation				-
Happy Faces Salary Costs		6,176		6,176
Fundraising, lottery, one off projects, donations	17,274			17,274
Young peoples contributions	3,408			3,408
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,930	134,894	-	166,824
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,930	134,894	-	166,824
A3 Payments				
Staffing		81,442		81,442
Room Hire		6,202		6,202
Activities and Resources		7,848		7,848
Trips & residentials		18,188		18,188
Other		1,473		1,473
Bank Charges	127			127
Sub total	127	114,133	-	114,261
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Computer Equipment				-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	127	114,133	-	114,261
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,803	20,880	-	42,683
A5 Transfers between funds				
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,056	61,834	-	80,889
Cash funds this year end	40,858	82,894	-	123,652

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	40,868	82,884	-
	Cash Account	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,868	82,884	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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)
	Computer Equipment		868	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Prudhoe Youth Project		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	Charity no (if any)	1185239
	Set out on pages 1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *K. Saddington* **Date:** 17.10.25

Name: Karen Saddington - Digital Accountancy

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

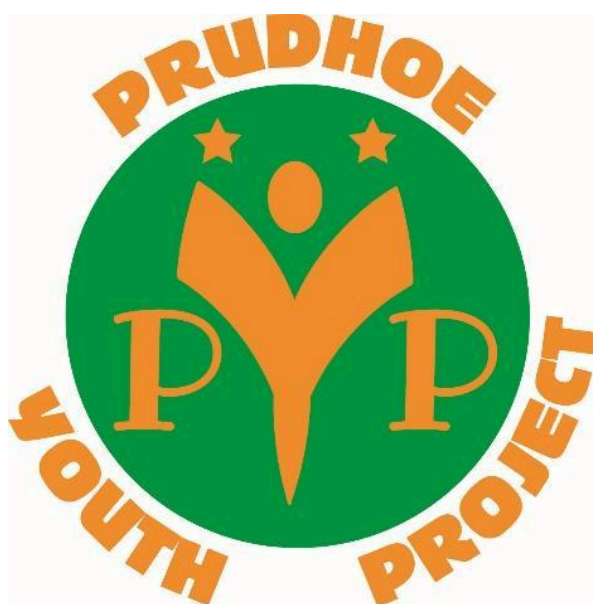
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In meeting their purpose *'to help young people reach their full potential'* they have run centre based and off site visits for young people and work with other youth groups to improve provision of services for young people.

Chairs report from Don Hutton

The Prudhoe Youth Project continues to serve the youth of Prudhoe and the more local area. There has been a growth in staff numbers and finance has been made available to meet the needs of the Project.

We still await news of a more permanent home from which to work from but until then we continue to utilise local rented properties.

The Project is well served by a group of suitably skilled and loyal Trustees and these combined with an excellent and equally well qualified staff enable us to not only exist but flourish as a major Youth Service in the area.

Report on Activities

We have had a strong year focusing on consistency and the development of positive relationships with young people. Keeping our doors open all year round and offering open access youth work is at the heart of everything we do.

PYP have been busy delivering regular projects which include Senior Youth Club, West Wylam Youth Club, Junior Youth Club, Girls/Lads Groups, Lego Club and the Health Drop-in at PCHS (Prudhoe Community High School). We have completed 2 short term projects this year, focusing on the climate change and exploring art.

Here is a sample of the year's events, projects, activities, residential opportunities and trips.

April 2023 – March 2024 Statistics

- We have seen 325 members join this year. 42% of them identify as male while 58% identify as female.
- We have worked with young people 4,536 times over this 12-month period.
- Our busiest sessions are Junior Youth Club with an average of 25 attending each week and West Wylam Club which sees on average 21 young people a week.
- We have delivered support to 137 young people individually and over 430 through group/lunchtime/ assemblies addressing sexual and mental health.
- We have delivered 22 trips, 2 residential opportunities and supported 3 community events this year.

Easter Residential

We took 23 young people away to Hawkthirst Scout Activity Centre, Kielder. Young people took part in adventurous activities which helped young people gain new skills including teamwork, gaining self-esteem, trying something new, and challenging themselves.

We were able to support young people who have special educational needs on this trip. These young people challenged themselves and enjoyed being part of the team. Overall, a positive experience with a lot gained over the 3 days.

Junior Youth Club

Our Juniors have been busy becoming 'crafty', playing games, enjoying outside time, and cooking each week. We have split the session into two different age groups to reduce numbers in any one session and to help us make sure we have good quality sessions.

We have split the first session into school years 4, 5 and girls group members. Many of those young people enjoy group games, sports, creating special craft items to take home as well as board games, free time, performance space and talent competitions.

Junior youth club allows young people to mix and widen their immediate social networks. We see many young people attend on their own and they may go to school outside of Prudhoe. These sessions are a means for them to make friendships within their community.

This group encourages young people to find new interests and hobbies as well as gain new skills, this includes cooking, washing dishes and general practical life skills that will help them in the future.

Our second Junior Youth Club session is for school years 6, 7 and 8. This session is aimed more at older young people, and we plan sessions with these young people to ensure they take part in activities that interest them. Many of the young people attending this session have worked with PYP for the past two years and this helps us develop trust between the young people and the youth workers. We support them to grow and help them reach their full potential.

Senior Youth Club

Senior Youth Club is held on a Tuesday in the Methodist Church basement room for young people in school year 8 or above. The session offers a relaxed informal environment where young people can gain access to the pool table, sofas, free Gregg's food, and a small kitchen.

Seniors has been well attended this year with numbers steadily growing. Seniors is now held once a month in the Family Hub. This is to allow young people to cook from scratch, these are vital life skills we support them to learn. These sessions explore young people's relationship with food and we have encouraged them to make healthy choices by providing fruit most weeks. At the Family Hub we use the technology there to take part in group quizzes and interactive games.

During young people's teenage years, they come across many issues including sexual health, alcohol and drugs, bullying, friendship problems, relationship issues and family issues. We use these sessions to support young people with the information and the advice they need to make informed choices. This year we have delivered sexual health sessions, drug and alcohol session with Sorted and sessions around positive relationships with the Northumberland Domestic Abuse Service.

West Wylam Youth Club

West Wylam Youth Club has been part of our regular sessions for 2 years now. The area that is West Wylam has more deprivation and economic issues than other parts of Prudhoe. This club was set up as we identified a need to provide activities for the young people who do not currently access our provision in the centre of the town. We find that there is a divide within the town, we want to be able to support young people to access all sessions.

We provide food at these sessions to help address food poverty. We provide a basket of essentials and toiletries such as water bottles, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, and sanitary products to enable young people to access items that they may not have at home.

We have now created two sessions a week to meet the current demand as our numbers have increased this year.

We can use the field next to the building, thanks to Adderlane School, and this has allowed us to play outside. We have enjoyed sports and group games. We have seen an increase in young people from West Wylam attending our other youth clubs in the centre of town. This shows us that we have had some success in breaking down the barriers between different parts of the Prudhoe.

Girls Group

Girls Group runs from the Parish Hall on a Wednesday. A group of young women come together to take part in supportive activities that empower young women to feel safe, address women's health issues, talk about self-esteem, safety and offers a place to get practical advice on all women's issues.

This year the Girls Group has been busy with attendances around 25 each week. The girls are relaxed and comfortable with each other and this space feels very safe and supported. We have been doing some work on self-image, feminine hygiene, encouraging our girls to be creative and cooking! We have also explored the issues that can present themselves during friendships and we have talked about supporting each other and staying safe.

Lads Group

Lads Group has been running weekly sessions at the Family Hub. Although a relatively small group we have a high number of young people with additional needs integrated into this session. The lads enjoy doing sports on Adderlane School playing field, cooking and playing

board games together. Because of this group young people have made new friends, have developed their communication skills and engaged in additional activities.

This year our lads have enjoyed a garden project where they improved the outdoor space at the Family Hub by doing some planting, painting and adding some sensory objects

Lads Group is a wonderful safe environment for young people to talk to trained and qualified youth workers and gain the support they need to help them deal with any extra issues that arise during their everyday lives.

Lego Club

Lego Club is now in its second year, at these sessions we support those young people who may not feel able to attend our youth club sessions or require additional support. We identify a group of six young people each half term to work with.

We use Lego as a tool to really engage those young people in conversations about their lives and any difficulties they may be having. Our skilled and trained youth workers unpick those difficulties to try and allow them to see a way past them. Giving young people the confidence and determination to work through these issues which allow them to access other sessions, have a more fulfilled life, benefit from the opportunities available to them and allow them to reach their full potential.

Last year we saw in all young people attending an increase in confidence and found that they were not so anxious as before. Young people said, 'Each session has gone really fast and i can build whatever I want' and 'Lego is the best thing in the world, and everyone should come to it.'

Health Drop-In – Prudhoe Community High School

We have been running our weekly drop-in sessions at PCHS. We have had a wide variety of issues to deal with. We have supported young people with stress, anxiety, sexual health and mental health. During quieter days we take the opportunity to have a walk around in the canteen and yard to chat to other students to see how they are doing and let them know where to find support if they need it. We aim to find some funding to offer support to students at Highfield Middle School on a weekly basis in the near future.

We have supported lots of young people this year and made a real difference. This project has taught us a lot and given us greater perspective on the challenges young people face. We may not be specialists in mental health but by having a weekly drop-in session available at the local high school we have supported those who require help to access it.

The main outcome from this work has been offering a confidential, supportive, non-judgemental space where a young person can be listened to.

During these sessions we have supported young people who require immediate support from the children's crisis team. We have helped families come together to give the child the correct support and worked with schools to offer support outside of our drop-in sessions. This project is a vital part of what we do at PYP.

Summer Holiday Activities 2023

Over the summer we offered 5 weeks of activities. We offered a mixture of trips and centre-based sessions, and we wanted to make sure each child got a meal while they were with us.

We developed a partnership with Karbon Homes this year. From this we supported Karbon Homes holiday activities over Easter and the Summer holidays, which was funded by the Holiday Activities Fund.

Centre based sessions were held at different venues, Eastwood Park, The Methodist Church, and the Parish Hall. This was done to break down barriers between different areas of Prudhoe. We hoped that this would allow our sessions to be more accessible.

Each venue had different assets that we would utilise, for example we would always use the kitchen at the Parish Hall to provide young people with cookery sessions and a hot meal, Eastwood Park gave us the outside space to play games and provide sporting activities and the Methodist Church main hall gave us space to move and be sheltered from the weather. The total attendances for our centre-based sessions over the summer were 129.

We provided 5 successful trips which included Hall Hill Farm, Whickham Thorns Scout Activity Centre, Skiing at Silksworth Outdoor Ski Slope and Surfing at South Shields.

Our trips were aimed at current term time users with remaining spaces filled by new young people. We offered trips out of the area, giving young people new experiences and promoting positive time with peers and youth workers. We know that this may be the only time that they have for such an opportunity. The trips were heavily funded, and we only asked for a small contribution from parents/carers. 141 attended our trips.

We worked with 12 young people over the space of 14 sessions at Hagg Wood, exploring the issue of climate change and the environment. As well as having a great time in the woods our group of young people talked about climate change and what we could do to help.

The young people created bug hotels, took part in tree management called coppicing and made bird feeders. They had a great deal of fun in a fully natural environment. They made new friends, gained confidence and now have a better understanding about the world we live in.

Climate Action Group

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The group worked hard on a climate action presentation which they went on to deliver in-front of young people from Highfield Middle School and Ovingham Middle School. They shared a very important message about what each of us can do to help protect the environment. They devised 2 activities for young people to take part in and all 140 young people made a bird feeder and planted an acorn to grow an oak tree. The group felt it was important to allow young people to take something home with them.

The young people involved in this project were really engaged throughout, they enjoyed being in the woods and made new friends. By the end of the project all the young people felt more confident about the subject and were beaming with pride after speaking in front of other young people.

We feel the group will continue to spread their message.

Young people said 'It was fun. We learnt how to communicate with other year groups and I feel more confident when presenting to others.'

'It went well because everyone enjoyed it. Lots of other young people learnt about climate change.'

Art Club

We delivered a series of arts sessions during school holidays. We planned art activities and as the weeks progressed, we worked on a particular piece of art together which was then displayed in the Library for the Arts Trail. We had other games and activities available during these sessions.

We ran sessions from the Parish Hall and Methodist Church for this Art Project, sessions ran mainly in the holidays, but the last few sessions ran in term time to allow us to complete the project. We had 63 young people engage in the project, all the young people involved really enjoyed the sessions.

Community Events and Project Work

PYP is an active member of Tynedale Youth Forum, and we took part in a joint residential with other youth projects from the West of Northumberland. We took six young people to Whithaugh Park where young people took part in a variety of challenging activities including zip wire, canoeing, mountain biking and archery. These young people socialised with young people from different projects. We would like to thank the Tynedale Youth Forum for inviting us!

PYP produced a piece of artwork for the arts trail. It was a fantastic piece of artwork to go on public display produced by young people for the whole community. Thank you to Prudhoe Community Partnership for the opportunity to get involved.

We attended Music By The Riverside, an event organised by Prudhoe Community Partnership. We ran craft activities for children and young people at the event.

PYP worked with Tyne Valley Canoe Club to provide a water safety and canoeing session for young people. Water safety is vital in a town that has seen real tragedy in recent times. It gave the young people the opportunity to try something new and we will work with Tyne Valley Canoe Club in the future to continue to raise awareness.

We gave awards to 6 young people for their outstanding work over the past year. Each received a certificate and gift card. We took these young people to Haltwhistle Outdoor Swimming Pool and joined other youth projects from the west of Northumberland where they received their awards, had some pool time and a meal.

PYP continues offering support to Happy Faces by employing 4 members of staff on their behalf. We train, supervise and support these members of staff to ensure they deliver high quality youth work in Happy Faces sessions.

Christmas Activities

The lead up to Christmas we organised some trips with a total of 67 attendances and over 56 young people attending trips before we broke up for the Christmas holidays. It was great to see young people having fun, challenging themselves on the ice or on the climbing rope courses and offering a nice treat for some young people to the Cinema. It was a lovely way to end the year for young people from Senior's, Junior's and West Wylam Youth Club.

During Christmas 2023 we worked with Angie Scott's Christmas Appeal, this for the second year. We identified 4 families that needed extra support this Christmas. We delivered presents to families to ensure that children from Prudhoe received a gift on Christmas day 2023.

Financial Review

PYP received grants from many different funders, these include Prudhoe Town Council, Sir James Knott Trust, Community Foundation High Sheriff Award, Community Foundation - Reeds Grassroots, Community Foundation - Readman Family Grassroots, Garfield Weston Foundation, Hadrian Trust, National Lottery Foundation Awards for All, Northumberland Police, Shears Foundation, The Barbour Foundation, The Joicey Trust, TK Maxx Foundation, Karbon Homes

PYP benefited from small grants and fundraising efforts. We would like to thank the people who play the Northumberland Lottery, Queen Hall Key Project, Councillor Angie Scott's Christmas Appeal, Councillor Gordon Stewart's Donation.

In the financial year April 2023 to March 2024 income totalled £85,970, of which £74,160 is restricted funding and £11,810 is unrestricted. Expenditure was mainly staffing costs £63,975, room hire £5,019, activities/resources £3,960 and trips/residential holidays £11,131, Other cost £918 and finally bank charges of £72 totalling £85,075.

There was a balance of £80,889 at the year end, of which £ 61,834 is restricted funds for projects and £19,055 is unrestricted funds.

Assets

PYP does not yet have any fixed assets but holds assets in cash at the year end for future activities.

Plans for Future Periods

PYP has been consistent this year and continues to provide its core youth clubs to meet local need. Each youth club or group is important to young people. We wish to continue each of these projects and will seek funding to do so.

PYP will continue to plan trips and off-site activities with young people to ensure we address their hobbies and interests.

Risk Review

PYP has reviewed all policies including safeguarding, staff and volunteers have completed safeguarding training annually and one first aider is always on site of any organised activity. We have reviewed the risk assessments for each building to ensure we reduce the risks during our centre based sessions. We have consent forms from parents/carers, off site visits are risk assessed and emergency contacts are available for each trip/residential. These measures reduce the risks in working with young people.

The main risk is attracting sufficient long term funding for staff and activities. To resolve this the trustees and staff will aim to source funding that is awarded for a duration of 3 years and larger grants where possible.

Governing Documents

PYP became a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) established on 9th September 2019. The charity submits annual accounts to the charity commission that have been independently audited.

Structure, Governance and Management

PYP is governed by the trustees who are elected by current trustees. There may be up to 10 trustees and two Prudhoe Town Council representatives who are also Trustees. Trustees meet bi- monthly.

Since the AGM in November 2023 Cllr Christopher Barrett has stepped down as a trustee and we have welcomed Stuart John Rutherford-Orrrock to the board of trustees.

Related Parties

PYP receives funding from Prudhoe Town Council. Prudhoe Town Council has appointed two Councillors as representatives.

Accountants and external examiner

Digital Accounting was appointed independent examiner at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the trustees on 15th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Don Hutton (Chair)

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Jessica Hosking (Treasurer)

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

1185239

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date

01/04/2023

To

Period end date

31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds		Total funds		Last year	
	to the nearest	£	to the nearest	£	to the nearest	£	to the nearest	£	to the nearest	£
A1 Receipts										
Community Foundation Lawrence Campbell Community First Fund					-	-	-	-		3000
Community Foundation Wide Open Fund										2164
Prudhoe Town Council			20,000				20,000			20000
Sir James Knott Trust			8,500				8,500			9000
Community Foundation Wellesley Trust										9912
Community Foundation High Sheriff Award			1,000				1,000			1000
Ballinger Charitable Trust (on behalf of National Lottery Fund)										10000
Community Foundation Cost of Living Grant										4000
Prudhoe Community Partnership Grant from NCC for Youth Work										14057
Tesco Community Grant										500
Co-op Community Fund										4650
NCC Holiday Activities Grant										160
NCC Jubilee Grant										500
Community Foundation - Reeds Grassroots				1,000			1,000			-
Community Foundation - Readman Family Grassroots				4,932			4,932			-
Garfield Weston Foundation				5,000			5,000			-
Hadrian Trust				1,000			1,000			-
National Lottery Foundation Awards for All		1,727		17,267			18,994			-
Northumberland Police				4,461			4,461			-
Shears Foundation				5,500			5,500			-
The Barbour Foundation				2,000			2,000			-
The Joicey Trust				2,000			2,000			-
TK Maxx Foundation				500			500			-
Karbon Homes		700		1,000			1,700			-
Fundraising, lottery, one off projects, donations		1,882					1,882			3701
Happy Faces Salary Costs		5,102					5,102			3392
Young peoples contributions		2,399					2,399			2955
Other										602
Sub total (Gross income for AR)		11,810		74,160			85,970			89603
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).										
Sub total										
Total receipts		11,810		74,160			85,970			89,603
A3 Payments										
Staffing		5,660		58,315			63,975			50,539
Room Hire				5,019			5,019			6,002
Activities and Resources				3,960			3,960			9,822
Trips & residentials		708		10,423			11,131			13,066
Other		315		603			918			-
Bank Charges		72					72			72
Sub total		6,755		78,320			85,075			79,601
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)										
Computer Equipment										
Sub total										
Total payments		6,755		78,320			85,075			79,601
Net of receipts/(payments)		5,055		4,160			895			10,002
A5 Transfers between funds										
A6 Cash funds last year end		14,000		65,994			79,994			69,992
Cash funds this year end		19,055		61,834			80,889			78,994

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	19,065	61,834	-
	Cash Account	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,065	61,834	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	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	Computer Equipment		858	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Prudhoe Youth Project		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2024	Charity no (if any)	1185239
	Set out on pages 1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024

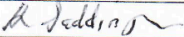
Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 01.07.24

Name: Karen Saddington - Digital Accountancy

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

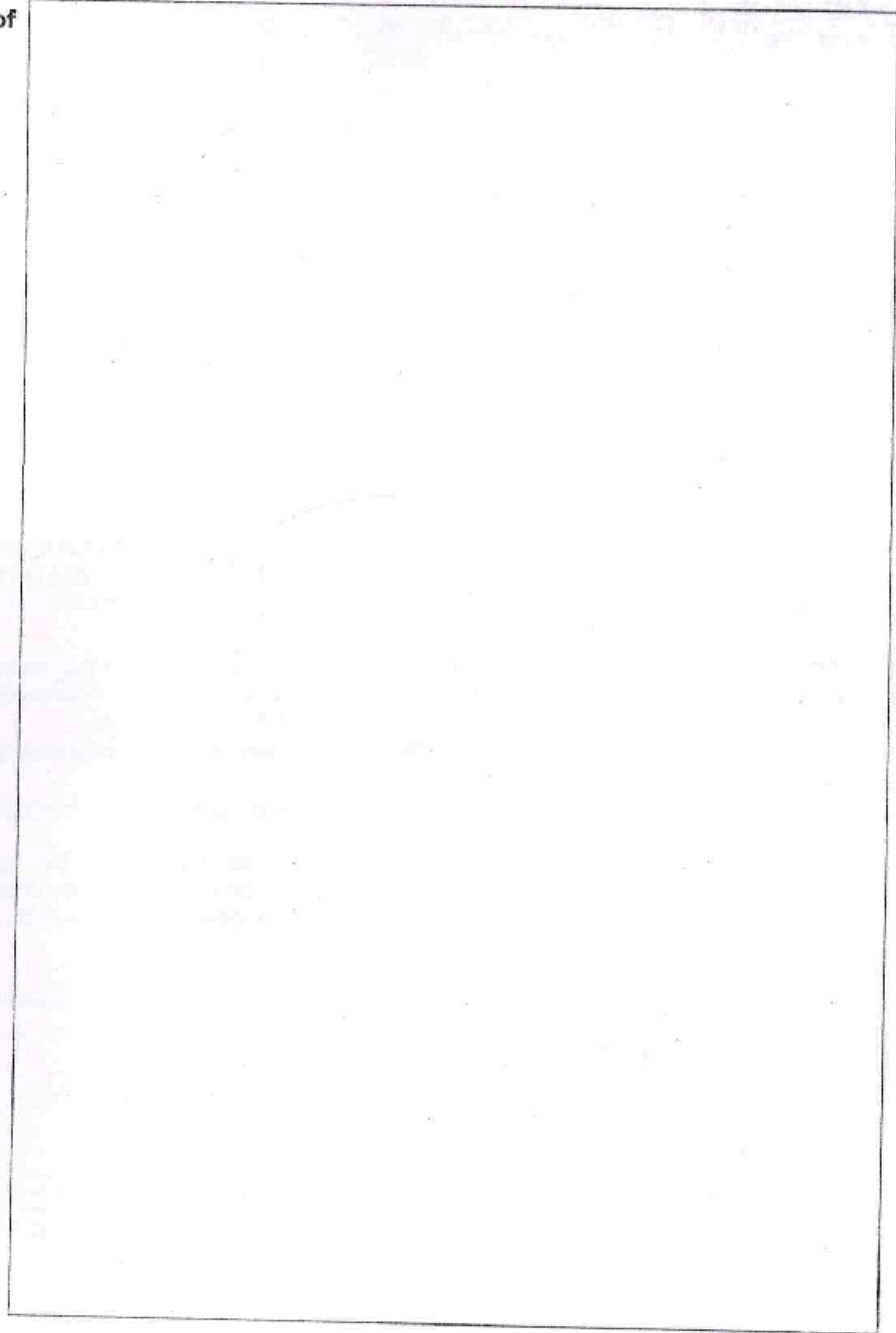
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

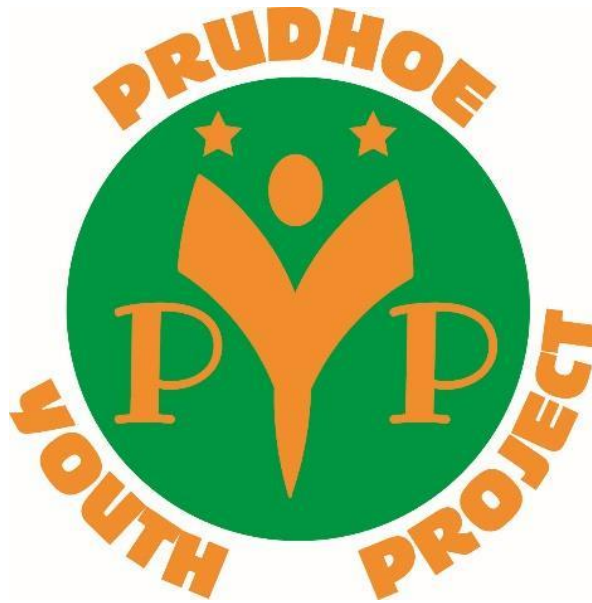


PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185239

Accounts

Registered charity no 1185239



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT**

Prudhoe Youth Project

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present the directors' report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Prudhoe Youth Project

Charity registration number: 1185239

Registered Office and operational address:

Spetchells Centre

58 Front Street

Prudhoe

NE42 5AA

Website: prudhoeyouthproject.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/prudhoeyouthproject>

Trustees

Dorothy Dickinson (appointed 17th October 2019)

Vesta Moore (appointed 28th April 2022)

Jessica Hosking (appointed 18th November 2021)

Kirstie Sample (appointed 6th September 2021)

Paul Davenport (appointed 15th October 2020)

Brenda Grey (appointed 11th June 2020)

Cllr Angie Scott (appointed 13th February 2020)

Cllr Gerald Bernard Price (appointed 19th September 2019)

Donald Hutton (appointed 21st March 2019)

Cllr Christopher Barrett (appointed 21st March 2019)

Stephen Thompson Thorburn (appointed 28th September 2023)

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Our Aims and Objectives

PYP helps young people reach their full potential by providing activities and support for young people in Prudhoe in ways that:

- Are based on what young people say they need
- Are delivered on their own terms
- Integrate young people with additional needs
- Recognise the increasing mental health issues among young people
- Support LGBT+ young people
- Provide support and guidance to vulnerable young people
- Promote wellbeing generally among young people

Meeting the public benefit requirement

Trustees are aware of their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

In meeting their purpose *'to help young people reach their full potential'* they have run centre based and offsite visits for young people and work with other youth groups to improve provision of services for young people.

Chairs report from Dorothy Dickinson

At the end of my 4th year PYP chair, I look back with an overall sense of satisfaction and pride for what we have achieved.

You will be fully aware that PYP's aims and objectives are to help young people reach their full potential and to do that we as a charity provide activities and support for our young people in Prudhoe.

Throughout 2022/23 Gemma and her team have worked hard to organise and plan activities that are based on:-

- What young people say they need
- Made sure their needs were based on their own terms
- The integration of young people with additional needs
- The recognition of the increasing mental health issues among young people
- Great support for LGBT+ young people
- Provision, support and guidance to those vulnerable young people
- Promoting wellbeing generally among young people

From ice skating trips, DJ skills workshops and the numbers of the junior youth club increasing in January. There has been progress made with seniors and developments in mental health activities to support those in the girls group. Flourishing west wylam youth club so much so being split up into two groups.

There have been great advances with the Lego Club which has been just fantastic as funds have been set to employ a new member of staff!

There has been positive inroads into the high school with the health drop in having a steady flow of young people being sign posted to other health groups such as mental and sexual health.

A fantastic year, however a whole year cannot pass us by without the odd disappointment for example losing NCC Youth Service groups from the town and some unsuccessful applications for funding for the charity but Gemma and her team continue to strive with their great efforts to support the young people of Prudhoe.

Finally I must extend my gratitude to Gemma and her team for all of their hard work as PYP's success is linked to dedication, commitment and hard work. This has been provided by Gemma and her team making excellent progress this year.

Report on Activities

We have had a fantastic year creating new projects, developing stronger connections with the community and we have seen an influx in young people attending our sessions.

PYP have been busy delivering new projects which include Lego Club and PYPSS (Prudhoe Young Peoples Support Service). As well as supporting our existing clubs, West Wylam Youth Club and Junior Youth Club by expanding its delivery to meet demand.

Here is our roundup of the year's events, projects, activities, residentials and trips just for you to gain a snapshot of the work we've been doing from April 2022 to March 2023.

April 2022 – March 2023 Statistics

We have seen 290 members join this year. 45% of them identify as male while 54.5% identify as female and 0.5% identify as they/them.

We have worked with young people 4,079 times year.

Our busiest sessions are Junior Youth Club with an average of 31 attending each week and West Wylam which sees on average 20 young people a week.

We have delivered support to 58 young people individually and over 900 through group/lunchtime/ assemblies addressing sexual and mental health.

We have delivered 15 trips and 2 residentials to 200 young people this year.

Easter Residential

We took 23 young people away to Hawkhirst Scout Activity Centre, Kielder. They took part in adventurous activities which helped young people gain new skills including teamwork, confidence, trying something new, challenging themselves and learning a new skill. These were just a handful of outcomes from this 2-night 3-day trip away.

The group really benefited from spending two nights away from home. It was clear some young people lacked confidence and were upset at first. By the second night all young people grew in confidence and developed their social skills post pandemic.

Junior Youth Club

Our Juniors have been busy getting crafty, playing games, enjoying outside time, and cooking each week. We have split the session into two different age groups to reduce numbers in any one session and to help us make sure we have good quality sessions.

We have split the first session into school years 4 and 5 and many of those young people enjoy playing games, making arts and crafts and cooking. It is a fun place to get together with peers from the current school or other schools within their community. Allowing young

people to mix and widen their social networks and peers. We see many young people attend on their own and after a few weeks they seem to find new friendships within the group.

Juniors encourages young people to find new interests and hobbies as well as gain new skills, this does include tidying up, washing dishes and general practical life skills that will help them in the future.

Our second Junior Youth Club session is for school years 6, 7 and 8. This session is aimed more at older young people who prefer to sit and have conversations with staff members and their peers. We have worthwhile conversations about friendships, family life, money, society, and the community in which they live. This group enjoys cooking and playing board games, but the focus is always around conversations. Many of the young people attending this session have worked with PYP for the past three years and this helps us develop trust between the young people and the youth workers. We support them to grow and inspire them to believe in themselves.

Senior Youth Club

Senior Youth Club is held on a Tuesday in the Methodist Church basement room for young people in school year 8 or above. The session offers a relaxed informal environment where young people can gain access to the pool table, sofas, free Gregg's food and a small kitchen.

During young people's teenage years, they come across many issues including sexual health, alcohol and drugs, bullying, friendship problems, relationship issues and family issues. We use these sessions to support young people with the information and the advice they need to make informed choices. For example, we may talk about young people's sexual health and give them the information required to make safer choices. We have given them information on vaping, smoking, alcohol and drugs, including their long-term effects where possible. This information has been shared with young people so they can make informed choices when they come across these substances in their day-to-day lives.

West Wylam Youth Club

West Wylam Youth Club has been set up in the West Wylam area of Prudhoe. This area has more deprivation and economic issues than other parts of Prudhoe. This club was set up as we identified a need to provide activities for the young people who do not currently access our provision in the center of the town. We find that there is a divide within the town, we want to be able to support young people to access all sessions.

We provide food at these sessions to help address food poverty. We provide a basket of essentials and toiletries such as water bottles, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, and sanitary products to enable young people to access items that may not have at home.

The session has allowed us to meet many new young people which we have not had contact with before. Because of this project they have engaged in our activities during school holidays which has seen them attend our activities in the centre of the town. Therefore, breaking down the barriers to them accessing central sessions, trips and residentials. We now have continued crossover in young people attending West Wylam Youth Club and Junior Youth Club.

Our attendances have risen so with the same set up as Junior Youth Club we provide 2 sessions to ensure we have lower numbers attending. This has helped ensure the Youth Work we provide is to the best quality. We feel this project is a vital service to a community who may need more help than other parts of Prudhoe.

Girls Group

Girls Group runs from the Parish Hall on a Wednesday. A group of young women come together to take part in supportive activities that empower young women to feel safe, address women's health issues, talk about self-esteem, safety and offers a place to get practical advice on all women's issues.

This year the group has supported one another to have in depth conversations about the menstrual cycle, social media, and its negative connotations on women's body images. This session allows the young people to gain new skills such as cooking from scratch and gives them the opportunity to get involved in group work.

We have worked with the girls supporting them to think positively about friendships and how to manage any conflict which has been extremely helpful for them.

Lads Group

Lads Group has been running weekly sessions at the family hub. Although a relatively small group, we have a high number of young people with additional needs integrated into this session. The lads enjoy doing sports, cooking and playing games. The staff listened to the lads to make sure we plan sessions around their interests and hobbies and many young people within this group have made new friends, have developed their communication skills and consider this group as a way to engage with their local community.

Lads Group is a wonderful safe environment for young people to talk to trained and qualified youth workers and gain the support they need to help them deal with any extra issues that arise during their everyday lives.

Lego Club

Lego Club was established in this financial year as a new project, supporting those young people who may not feel able to attend our youth club sessions. We identify a group of five

or six young people each half term to work with. These five or six young people may not feel able to access our current sessions due to additional needs, low self-esteem, anxiety, mental health issues or a variety of those issues.

Over the past year we have worked with three groups of young people exploring a particular project. These have been the Christmas project, summer holiday vacation and the freestyle project. Once the young people have finished their models, they have been displayed in the Prudhoe Community Hub window. We use Lego as a tool to really engage those young people in conversations about their lives and any difficulties they may be having. Our skilled and trained youth workers unpick those difficulties to try and allow them to see a way past them. This gives young people the confidence and determination to work through these issues which then allows them to access other sessions, have a more fulfilled life, benefit from the opportunities available to them and allow them to reach their full potential.

Summer Holiday Activities 2022

Over the summer we offered 2 summer camp sessions and 1 trip each week for the whole 6 weeks. We wanted to offer longer sessions, so we extended the time from the previous year and we wanted to make sure each child got a meal while they were with us.

Summer camp sessions were held at different venues, Eastwood Park, The Methodist Church, and the Parish Hall. This was done to break down barriers between different areas of Prudhoe. We hoped that this would allow our sessions to be more accessible.

Each venue had different assets that we would utilise, for example we would always use the kitchen at the parish hall to provide young people with cookery sessions and a hot meal, Eastwood Park gave us the outside space to play games and provide sporting activities and the Methodist basement room has a chilled vibe with a pool table and games tables to promote socialising time. The total attendances for our Summer Camp sessions were 212.

We provided 5 successful trips which included Kirkley Hall Zoo, Falconry Days (bird of prey centre), Canny Crafty and ice cream at Wheelbirks, forest school with Natures Living Room CIC and Surfing at South Shields.

Our trips were aimed at our current term time users with remaining spaces filled by new young people. We wanted to offer trips out of the area, give young people new experiences and promote positive time with peers and youth workers. We know that this may be the only time they get these opportunities potentially as a young person. The trips were heavily funded and we only asked for a small contribution from parents/carers. 131 young people attended our summer trips. Altogether we worked with 182 young people over the summer holidays.

Here is some parent feedback from the summer holidays:

‘These sessions were a lifesaver this summer. With budgets tight and the cost of living rising so high we weren’t able to take ***** a lot of places in the holidays so your days out were

so welcome and so affordable. **** loved them especially the surfing and we can't thank you all enough. Keep up the good work **** mum xx'

'The activities in the holidays we fantastic thanks very much. My son has grown in confidence so much because of your groups. His interactions with the other young people have come on great as this can be a particular problem for him. He loves your sessions and looks forward to coming. I can't thank you all enough.'

Community Events and Project Work

We took young people to collect a High Sheriff Award at Alnwick Playhouse. These young people were chosen by PYP for their achievements at our youth sessions and in our group work activities.

PYP is an active member of Tynedale Youth Forum and we took part in a joint residential with other youth projects from the West of Northumberland. We took six young people to Whithaugh Park where young people took part in a variety of challenging activities including zip wire, canoeing, mountain biking and archery. These young people got to socialise with others that are from different youth projects in the area. We would like to thank Tynedale Youth Forum for inviting us!

PYP worked with the Red Brick Care Home to play games with the residents of the care home. Our young people really enjoyed working with the older people and were paired up, so they supported each other during the games. It was a lovely opportunity for young people to engage in intergenerational work. During the session we saw the care home come to life with young people's influence and enthusiasm.

PYP produced a piece of artwork for the arts trail. It was a fantastic piece of artwork to go on show produced by young people for the whole community. Thank you to Prudhoe Community Partnership for the opportunity to get involved.

PYP worked with Tyne Valley Canoe Club to provide a water safety and canoeing session for young people. Water safety is vital in a town that has seen real tragedy. It gave the young people the opportunity to try something new and we hope that they go on to work with Tyne Valley Canoe Club in the future.

PYP continued its work supporting young people with mental health needs through PYPSS (Prudhoe Youth Project Support Service). We saw a number of young people at our drop-in sessions and on a one-to-one basis throughout the year to help them work through the mental health issues they were experiencing. Some of these were just several sessions of support with a youth worker, other sessions led to further referrals into children's services, the NHS, and other services.

PYPSS has developed and now works directly in schools. We delivered assemblies to 800 young people, talking to them about Mental Health. These assemblies gave young people the opportunity to think about their own mental health issues and we talked about how they may find support. We then established our Health Drop In Session at Prudhoe

Community High School, supporting young people through a lunch time drop-in session where they can talk about anything that they were worried about. This included mental health, sexual health, relationship problems, friendship issues, bullying and family issues.

PYP continues offering support to Happy Faces by employing 2 members of staff on their behalf. We train, supervise and support these members of staff to ensure they deliver high quality youth work in Happy Faces sessions.

Christmas Activities

The lead up to Christmas was busy with a total of 129 attendances and over 60 young people attending trips before we broke up for the Christmas holidays. It was great to see young people having fun, challenging themselves on the ice or on the climbing rope courses. We saw real benefit to our lad's group social night bowling. It was a lovely way to end the year.

During Christmas 2022 we worked with Angie Scott's Christmas Appeal to put a call out to families who may have needed extra support over Christmas. We had seen the cost-of-living crisis gripping the UK and we knew that we had families who were experiencing financial difficulties. After some communication with families, we identified 5 families needing extra support this Christmas. These families were not going to have presents for their children on Christmas Day and they also did not have the money to cover the cost of Christmas dinner.

We worked with a number of organisations including the Angie Scott Christmas Appeal, Darras Hall Primary School, Stocksfield Baptist Church and Feeding Families to provide packs of food and presents to deliver to family's doorsteps so that no young person went without a present or a Christmas dinner. This was an extremely moving piece of work and really highlighted some of the hardships our families are experiencing.

Our 2023 new year party was attended by 20 young people on the 3rd of January. The young people enjoyed playing games, catching up with one another and eating some party food. We had food and prizes that were donated by Gordon Stewart.

Financial Review

PYP received grants from many different funders, these include; Community Foundation Lawrence Campbell Community First Fund, Community Foundation Wide Open Road Fund, Prudhoe Town Council, Sir James Knott Trust, Community Foundation Wellesley Trust, Community Foundation High Sheriff Award, Ballinger Charitable Trust (on behalf of National Lottery Fund), Community Foundation Cost of Living Grant, Prudhoe Community Partnership Grant from NCC for Youth Work, Tesco Community Grant, Co-op Community Fund, Northumberland County Council Holiday Activities Fund and Northumberland County Council Jubilee Grant.

PYP benefited from small grants and fundraising efforts. We would like to thank the people who play the Northumberland Lottery, Aldi at Prudhoe, Wilton Holmes and Prudhoe Football Club, Lloyds Bank and PayPal Gift Aid.

In the financial year April 2022 to March 2023 income totaled £89,603, of which £78,345 is restricted funding and £11,258 is unrestricted. Expenditure was mainly staffing costs £50,639, room hire £6,002, activities/resources £9,822 and trips/residentials £13,066 and finally bank charges of £72 totaling £79,601.

There was a balance of £79,994 at the year end, of which £ 65,994 is restricted funds for projects and £14,000 is unrestricted funds.

Assets

PYP does not yet have any fixed assets but held assets in cash at the year end for future activities.

Plans for Future Periods

PYP have developed and extended several projects this year to meet local need. These projects each have an individual importance for young people from Prudhoe and it's surrounding areas. We wish to continue each of these projects and will seek funding to do so.

PYP will continue to plan trips and offsite activities with young people to ensure we address the hobbies and interests of young people.

We want to maintain our staff team of 7 and ensure they receive annual safeguarding training. We wish to bring our team together at staff meetings to ensure we have a crossover between our youth sessions, allowing us to consider young people's needs, share resources and support each other.

We will involve young people in decisions we make about the service we run and seek feedback from young people and parents/carers annually.

Risk Review

PYP has reviewed all policies including safeguarding. Staff and volunteers have completed safeguarding training annually and one first aider is always on site of any organised activity. We have reviewed the risk assessments for each building to ensure we reduce the risks during our centre based sessions. We have consent forms from parents/carers, off site visits are risk assessed and emergency contacts are available for each trip/residential. These measures reduce the risks in working with young people.

The main risk is attracting sufficient long term funding for staff and activities. To resolve this the trustees and staff will aim to source funding that is awarded for a duration of 3 years and larger grants where possible.

Governing Documents

PYP became a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) established on 9th September 2019. The charity submits annual accounts to the charity commission that have been independently audited.

Structure, Governance and Management

PYP is governed by the trustees who are elected by current trustees. There may be up to 10 trustees and two Prudhoe Town Council representatives who are also Trustees. Trustees meet bi- monthly.

Since the AGM in September 2022 Brenda Gray and Paul Davenport have stepped down as trustees and we have welcomed Stephen Thompson Thorburn to the board of trustees.

Related Parties

PYP receives funding from Prudhoe Town Council. Prudhoe Town Council has appointed two Councillors as representatives.

Accountants and external examiner

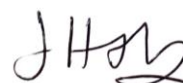
Digital Accounting was appointed independent examiner at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.


This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the trustees on 7th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Dorothy Dickinson (Chair)

Jessica Hosking (Treasurer)



	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT		1185239	CC16a	
		Receipts and payments accounts				
		For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To		Period end date 31/03/2023
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
Community Foundation Lawrence Campbell Community First Fund		3,000	-	3,000		
Community Foundation Wide Open Fund		2,164		2,164		
Prudhoe Town Council		20,000	-	20,000	18090	
Sir James Knott Trust		9,000	-	9,000	9000	
Community Foundation Wellesley Trust		9,912	-	9,912		
Community Foundation High Sheriff Award		1,000	-	1,000		
Ballinger Charitable Trust (on behalf of National Lottery Fund)		10,000		10,000		
Community Foundation Cost of Living Grant	4,000			4,000		
Prudhoe Community Partnership Grant from NCC for Youth Work		14,057		14,057		
Tesco Community Grant		500		500		
Co-op Community Fund		4,660		4,660		
NCC Holiday Activities Grant		160		160		
NCC Jubilee Grant		500		500		
Northumberland Police				-	3000	
Blackett Family Community First				-	4,920	
Joicey Trust				-	3,400	
High Sheriff Award				-	1000	
The 1989 William Charitable Trust				-	10000	
Reeds Grassroots and Northumberland Village Homes Trust				-	3000	
Benevity (Amazon)				-	1405	
NCC Community Chest				-	1500	
Graham Belfords Charitable Settlement				-	5000	
The Barbour Foundation				-	2000	
Lottery Fund				-	9509	
NCC Micro Grant				-	500	
NCC Holiday Activities				-	900	
Fundraising, lottery, one off projects, donations	3,701			3,701	2276	
Happy Faces Salary Costs		3,392		3,392	2510	
Young peoples contributions	2,955			2,955	804	
Other	602			602	1687	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,258	78,345	-	89,603	80503	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	11,258	78,345	-	89,603	80,503	
A3 Payments						
Staffing	21,742	28,897	-	50,639	32,737	
Room Hire	4,134	1,868	-	6,002	2,352	
Activities and Resources	993	8,829	-	9,822	6,278	
Trips	4,563	8,503		13,066	5,358	
Residentials				-	3,833	
Bank Charges	72			72	72	
Sub total	31,504	48,097	-	79,601	50,630	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	959	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	959	
Total payments	31,504	48,097	-	79,601	51,589	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,246	30,248	-	10,002	28,914	
A5 Transfers between funds	- 16,086	16,086	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,332	19,660	-	69,992	15,476	
Cash funds this year end	14,000	65,994	-	79,994	44,390	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Prudhoe Youth Project

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023	Charity no (if any)	1185239
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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


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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 31.10.23

Name: Karen Saddington - Digital Accountancy

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

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Address:

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PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185239

Accounts

Registered charity no 1185239



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT**

Prudhoe Youth Project

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present the directors' report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Prudhoe Youth Project

Charity registration number: 1185239

Registered Office and operational address:

Spetchells Centre

58 Front Street

Prudhoe

NE42 5AA

Website: prudhoeyouthproject.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/Prudhoe-Youth-Project-269171274027843/

Trustees

Dorothy Dickinson (appointed 17 October 2019)

Vesta Moore (appointed 28 April 2022)

Jessica Hosking (appointed 18 November 2021)

Kirstie Sample (appointed 6 September 2021)

Paul Davenport (appointed 15 October 2020)

Brenda Grey (appointed 11 June 2020)

Cllr Angie Scott (appointed 13 February 2020)

Cllr Gerald Bernard Price (appointed 19 September 2019)

Donald Hutton (appointed 21 March 2019)

Cllr Christopher Barrett (appointed 21 March 2019)

Company Secretary

Gemma Nixon, Youth Development Worker

Independent Examiner

Digital Accountancy

Spetchells Centre

58 Front Street

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Bank

Unity Trust Bank plc

Nine Brindleyplace

Birmingham

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Our Aims and Objectives

PYP helps young people reach their full potential by providing activities and support for young people in Prudhoe in ways that:

- Are based on what young people say they need
- Are delivered on their own terms
- Integrate young people with additional needs
- Recognise the increasing mental health issues among young people
- Support LGBT+ young people
- Provide support and guidance to vulnerable young people
- Promote wellbeing generally among young people

Meeting the public benefit requirement

Trustees are aware of their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

In meeting their purpose *'to help young people reach their full potential'* they have run centre based and outreach sessions for young people and work with other youth groups to improve provision of services for young people.

Activities

PYP now runs a variety of sessions from different venues in the community.

Junior Youth Club runs 2 sessions on a Wednesday night due to the high demand. We spent time cooking, creating crafts, team projects and looking at issues including relationships, bullying and social media.

Girls Group comes together for an hour a week to take part in activities that relate to girls, these include mental health, supporting each other, confidence, and self-esteem.

Senior Youth Club has seen a new group come through which has allowed us to build relationships and gain trust between the youth workers and new young people. As one of our quieter groups, it gives us the opportunity to have one to one conversation with young people experiencing difficulties.

Lads Group is a new initiative following the success of our Girls Group. This new session currently runs once a month. The boys enjoy being active and sporting activities seem to be the most popular.

We do outreach sessions in the community and once a month at Prudhoe Community High School. We have been able to share information including what we do, what we offer, which includes one to one support and access to the C-Card scheme (a sexual health service).

During the school holidays we have organised trips and centre based sessions.

We continue to support Happy Faces by employing a member of staff to run their sessions. We support that staff member by offering supervision, training, and guidance on a regular basis.

PYP is a member of Tynedale Youth Forum where we share essential information, good practice, and training opportunities. PYP attends larger Tynedale Youth Forum events, where Prudhoe young people gain opportunities to come together with other young people to have shared experiences.

Financial Review

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Charitable Settlement, The Barbour Foundation, Lottery Fund, NCC Micro Grant and NCC Holiday Activities Fund.

It also benefited from small grants and fundraising efforts and would like to thank upcycling project, people who play the Northumberland Lottery, room hire support from Prudhoe Community Partnership, Friends of Eastwood Park who supported us financially to take a group of young people on a trip and the Queens Hall who have allowed us to bring musicians to work with our young people.

In the financial year 2021-2022 income totalled £80,503, of which £66,835 is restricted funding and £13,668 is unrestricted.

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There was a balance of £69,992 at the year end.

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Plans for Future Periods

PYP wishes to sustain successful projects through fundraising on an annual basis. PYP will develop new projects that address the hobbies, interests and needs of young people.

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Approved by the trustees on 20th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Dorothy Dickinson (Chair)



Jessica Hosking (Treasurer)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Prudhoe Youth Project

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1185239

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Signed:

Date:

21.09.22

Name:

Karen Saddington - Digital Accountancy

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

ICAEW

Address:

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

1185239

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

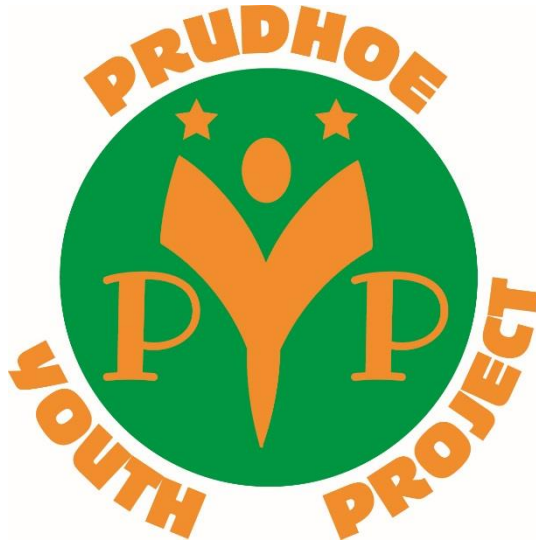
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Prudhoe Town Council		18,090	-	18,090	5000
Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust	-	-	-	-	4000
Northumberland Police	-	3,000	-	3,000	
Blackett Family Community First	-	4,920	-	4,920	-
Joicey Trust	3,400	-	-	3,400	-
Sir James Knott	-	9,000	-	9,000	9000
High Sheriff Award	-	1,000	-	1,000	750
Wellesley Trust	-	-	-	-	10000
The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust	-	10,000	-	10,000	10000
Reeds Grassroots and Northumberland Village Homes Trust	-	3,000	-	3,000	
Benevity (Amazon)	-	1,405	-	1,405	
NCC Youth Service Youth Fund	-	-	-	-	480
NCC Community Chest	-	1,500	-	1,500	
Graham Belfords Charitable Settlement	5,000	-	-	5,000	
The Barbour Foundation	-	2,000	-	2,000	1750
Hexham Rotary Club	-	-	-	-	700
Lottery Fund	-	9,509	-	9,509	
NCC Micro Grant	500	-	-	500	
NCC Holiday Activities	-	900	-	900	
Fundraising, lottery, one off projects, donations	2,276	-	-	2,276	379
Happy Faces Salary Costs	-	2,510	-	2,510	
Young peoples contributions	804	-	-	804	
Other	1,687	-	-	1,687	2072
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,668	66,835	-	80,503	44130
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,668	66,835	-	80,503	44,130
A3 Payments					
Staffing		32,737	-	32,737	14,916
Room Hire	1,200	1,152	-	2,352	138
Activities and Resources	2,182	4,096	-	6,278	3,403
Trips	-	5,358	-	5,358	
Residentials	-	3,833	-	3,833	
Bank Charges	72	-	-	72	72
Sub total	3,454	47,175	-	50,629	18,529
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	959
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	959
Total payments	3,454	47,175	-	50,629	19,488
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,214	19,660	-	29,874	24,642
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	40,118	-	-	40,118	15,476
Cash funds this year end	50,332	19,660	-	69,992	40,118

PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185239

Accounts

Registered charity no 1185239



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT**

**Digital Accountancy , Spetchells Centre
58 Front Street, Prudhoe, NE42 5AA**

Prudhoe Youth Project

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present the directors' report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Prudhoe Youth Project

Charity registration number: 1185239

Registered Office and operational address:

Spetchells Centre

58 Front Street

Prudhoe

NE42 5AA

Website: prudhoeyouthproject.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/Prudhoe-Youth-Project-269171274027843/

Trustees

Cllr Christopher Barrett (appointed 21st March 2019)

Paul Davenport (appointed 15 October 2020)

Dorothy Dickinson (appointed 17th October 2019)

Bethany Elringham (appointed 15 October 2020)

Brenda Grey (appointed 11 June 2020)

George Hepburn OBE (appointed 24 September 2020)

Donald Hutton (appointed 21st March 2019)

Rachel Noble (appointed 21st March 2019)

Vesta Moore (appointed 19th September 2019)

Cllr Gerald Price (appointed 19th September 2019)

Cllr Angie Scott (appointed 13 February 2021)

Richard Shrimpton (appointed 21st March 2019)

Peter Surrige (resigned 14 May 2020)

Company Secretary

George Hepburn OBE

Independent Examiner

Digital Accountancy , Spetchells Centre

58 Front Street, Prudhoe, NE42 5AA

Bankers – Unity Trust Bank plc. Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HB

Our Aims and Objectives

Purposes and Aims

PYP helps young people reach their full potential by providing activities and support for young people in Prudhoe in ways that:

- Are based on what young people say they need
- Are delivered on their own terms
- Integrate young people with special needs
- Recognise the increasing mental health issues among young people
- Support LGBT+ young people
- Provide support and guidance to vulnerable young people
- Promote wellbeing generally among young people

Meeting the public benefit requirement

Trustees are aware of their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

In meeting their purpose 'to help young potential reach their full potential ' they have run detached and centre based session for young people and worked with other youth groups to improve provision of services for young people.

Activities

Gemma Nixon was appointed Youth Development Officer in July following public advertisement. Gemma is a qualified and experienced youth worker who had previously worked as Youth Development Worker for RTC Sports in Otterburn. Gemma subsequently appointed Hollie Lees and Jamie Yeowart as sessional youth workers. Alan Lamb was appointed later in the year as Happy Faces sessional youth worker.

Activities with young people has been curtailed because of lockdowns as a result of the pandemic which prevented face to face sessions for several months and reduced numbers attending sessions thereafter. This has been particularly frustrating with staff in post ready to develop relations with young people

The following activities have taken place:

Ø Junior youth club sessions have been delivered from the Methodist Church and moved to the Parish Hall for young people aged 8-13. We offered two sessions on a Wednesday to reduce the numbers in any one session. These sessions have been based around young people's interest including sports, games, arts and crafts and music.

Ø Senior youth club delivered from the Methodist Church has been supporting young people aged 13-19. During sessions we have chatted with young people allowing youth workers to build relationships, played games and covering issues such as mental health, sexual health and offering support into further education and employment.

Ø We have 46 registered young people; these young people have attended our sessions and completed our annual consent form.

Ø Detached youth work took place when we were unable to open youth clubs and schools were open to all young people. Detached then became outreach sessions where youth workers could sign post young people to PYP activities. We have had 83 face to face contacts through our youth sessions and detached youth sessions.

Ø PYP delivered holiday activities which included golf, dance, bushcraft. We delivered trips to Stomping Ground where young people took part in forest school activities. We held 9 school holiday activities in total which have been face to face and online.

Ø During periods of local and national lockdown we offered a variety of support, we sent young people letters and craft packages, organised group and one to one zoom call and met up face to face with individuals who needed extra support.

Ø We have supported Happy Faces by offering a youth worker for sessions via zoom and continued to support the organisation by employing a youth worker to deliver sessions on a regular basis.

PYP has also set up a forum for all the youth groups in the town to share common concerns and experiences and is attended by about 20 different organisations. It is also a member of Tynedale Youth Forum.

PYP is a partner in a project to redevelop a former school (East Centre) as a future hub for young people's activities and has contributed to planning meetings during the year.

Financial Review

PYP was awarded grants by Sir James Knott Trust (£27,00 over 3 years), Wellesley Trust (£10,000) and Willan Charitable Trust (£10,000) for staffing and running costs and received further funding from Prudhoe Town Council (£5,000) and Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust (£4000) as well as some smaller grants. In all, income totalled £44130 (2020: £34,722) and brought forward £15476 awarded in the previous year.

Expenditure was mainly to pay for staffing and activities and totalled £19488 (2020: £19246) which was considerably less than expected due to activities being suspended during lockdowns. The delays were discussed with funders who agreed for their grants to be carried forward.

There was a balance of £40,118 (2020 £15476) at the year end to be used for staffing and activities during 2021-2 as circumstances allow.

Assets

PYP does not yet have any fixed assets but held assets in cash at the year end for future activities.

Plans for Future Periods

PYP will run three weekly sessions a week in term times and holiday activities as well. It was difficult to work consistently with young people during the lockdowns and now hopes to build up regular groups of young people of different ages and work with time to determine future activities.

PYP will continue to work with Prudhoe Community partnership and other agencies to redevelop East Centre as a long term permanent base for young people in the town.

Risk Review

PYP has followed government guidelines and gain support from the National Youth Agency who are the national body for youth work in England. At each level of restrictions, we have reviewed and amended risk assessments and action plans to adapt changing guidelines.

The main risk is attracting sufficiently long term funding for staff and activities and we continue to have a sub group which monitors the charities finances.

Governing Document

PYP became a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) established on 9th September 2019.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Project is governed by the trustees who are elected by the members. There may be up to 10 trustees of whom two may be appointed by Prudhoe Town Council. Trustees have met monthly.

Paul Davenport, Bethany Eltringham, Brenda Grey and George Hepburn joined as trustees during the year.

At the Annual General Meeting Cllr Chris Barrett, Don Hutton and Rachel Noble retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election.

Related Parties

PYP receives funding from Prudhoe Town Council which has two representatives appointed as trustees.

Accountants and external examiner.

Digital Accounting was appointed independent examiner in June 2021.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the trustees on 15th July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Dorothy Dickinson (Chair)

George Hepburn OBE (Treasurer)

Prudhoe Youth Project
(registered charity no 1185239)

Receipts and Payments
period ended 31.03.21

	Total	Notes
Receipts		
Prudhoe Town Council	5000	
Sir James Knott	9000	
Wellesley Trust	10000	
The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust	10000	
The Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust	4000	
NCC Youth Service, Youth Fund	480	
The Barbour Foundation	1750	
Hexham Rotary Club	700	
High Sheriff Award	750	
Fundraising, lottery, small funding group,donations	379	
Other	2072	Furlough, Part Payment for Zoom
Total receipts	44130	
Payments		
Staffing	14916	
Room Hire	138	
Activities and Resources	3403	
Equipment	959	
Bank Charges	72	
Total payments	19488	
Balance	24642	
Bank balance brought forward	15476	
Balance at 31.03.21	40118	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Reserves	
Payroll	814 due 30.4.21
Prudhoe Town Council	2600 residential tba
Shears Foundation	4300 for activities 21.22
The Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust	4000 for activities 21.22
Wellesley Trust	5000 for activities 21.22
The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust	5000 for activities 21.22
The Barbour Foundation	1500 for activities 21.22
Carried forward for future periods	16904
Balance @31.03.21	40118



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Prudhoe Youth Project

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1185239

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

15.06.21

Name:

Karen Saddington - Digital Accountancy

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

ICAEW

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