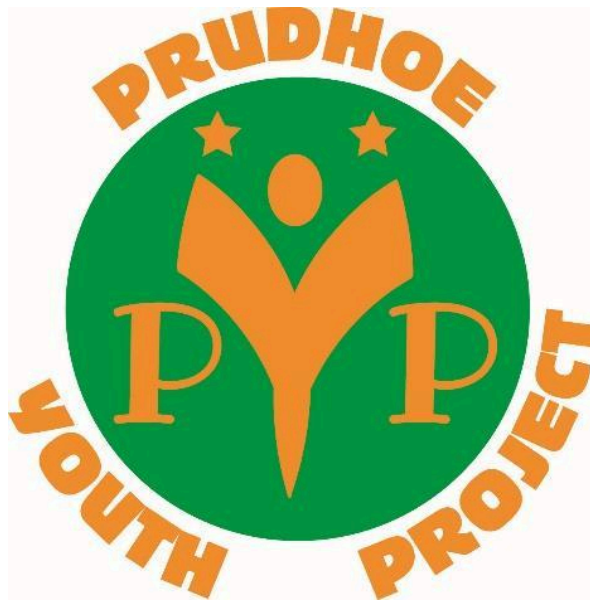


Registered charity no 1185239



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

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Prudhoe Youth Project

Charity registration number: 1185239

Registered Office and operational address:

Spetchells Centre

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Trustees

Donald Hutton	Chair	appointed 21 st March 2019
Dorothy Emily Dickinson	Vice Chair	appointed 17 th October 2019
Jessica Hosking	Treasurer	appointed 18 th November 2021
Stuart John Rutherford-Orrock	Trustee	appointed 8 th November 2023
Stephen Thompson Thoburn	Trustee	appointed 28 th September 2023
Vesta Elizabeth Moore	Trustee	appointed 28 th April 2022
Kirstie Sarah Sample	Trustee	appointed 16 th September 2021
Angie Scott	Trustee	appointed 13 th February 2020
Dorothy Emily Dickinson	Trustee	appointed 17 th October 2019
Gerald Bernard Price	Trustee	appointed 19 th September 2019

Company Secretary

Gemma Nixon, Youth Project Manager

Independent Examiner

Digital Accountancy

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Bank

Unity Trust Bank plc

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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 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 Hawkhurst 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-Orrock 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	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
		01/04/2023		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				-	4680
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	5,860	58,315	-	63,975	50,639
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		958	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	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	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

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

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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 / 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:

K. Saddington

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.