

Charity registration number: 1186952

**NEW MILTON YOUTH TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

# **New Milton Youth Trust**

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# **New Milton Youth Trust**

## **Trustees' Report**

### **For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation aims to advance in life and address the needs of all people aged 0 to 25 years old resident in New Milton and its surrounding areas. This is achieved through recreational, leisure, and experiential learning activities provided in the interest of social welfare. The activities are designed to improve conditions of life, offering support that helps develop the skills, capacities, and capabilities of young people to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In shaping our objectives for the period and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PD2)'. The achievements and activities above demonstrate the public benefit arising through the Charity's activities.

#### **Achievements and performance**

During the year the Charity has received a grant of £24,500 from the New Milton Town Council.

#### **Financial review**

The net surplus for the year amounted to £18,583 (2024 - £5,468) and total reserves stand at £31,183 (2024 - £12,600).

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### **For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Governing document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, established on 16 December 2019 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The organisation is governed by a constitution which sets out the objects and powers of the charity and governs the actions of the Trustees.

##### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution.

##### **Organisation**

The charity is governed by a committee of trustees. Trustees hold regular meetings where performance and future developments are discussed.

##### **Risk management**

The Trustees have identified whether there are any major risks to which the CIO may be exposed and believe that the systems in place are adequate to mitigate those risks.

##### **Related parties**

The charity has relationships with related parties and other charities and organisations with which it co-operates in pursuit of its charitable objectives.

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

##### **Trustees**

Helen Wallis -Dowling	
Sarah Conacher Cert Ed	
James Duncan Conacher	(Appointed 29 January 2024)
Richard Alvin Reid	
Susan Mary Larking	
Stephen John Clarke	
Tracy Ann Stevens	(Appointed 29 January 2024)

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## **Trustees' Report**

**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**Principal Office**                      64 Brook Avenue North  
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BH25 5HQ

**Charity Registration Number** 1186952

**Website**                                [nmyt.org.uk](http://nmyt.org.uk)

**Independent Examiner**            Westlake Clark Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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# **New Milton Youth Trust**

## **Trustees' Report**

**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of this incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principle in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and the financial information included on the charity's website accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on their behalf by;



**Trustee**

Date: 18/6/25

## **New Milton Youth Trust**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**

## **New Milton Youth Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of New Milton Youth Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

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

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Westlake Clark Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
7 Lynwood Court  
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Date:

# New Milton Youth Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and grants	2	68,702	68,702	16,557
Income from charitable activities	3	-	-	2,699
Other Income	4	44	44	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>68,746</b>	<b>68,746</b>	<b>19,256</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	50,163	50,163	13,788
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>50,163</b>	<b>50,163</b>	<b>13,788</b>
<b>Net income/( expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>18,583</b>	<b>18,583</b>	<b>5,468</b>
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>				
Total funds, brought forward		12,600	12,600	7,132
<b>Total funds, carried forward</b>		<b>31,183</b>	<b>31,183</b>	<b>12,600</b>

### CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the Charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above financial years.

### TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the above movements in funds during the above financial years.

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.



# New Milton Youth Trust

## Balance Sheet

As At 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		2,523		1,817
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		29,355		12,340	
		<u>29,355</u>		<u>12,340</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors falling due within one year	12	(695)		(1,557)	
		<u>(695)</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			28,660		10,783
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>31,183</u></u>		<u><u>12,600</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Unrestricted funds	13		31,183		12,600
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u><u>31,183</u></u>		<u><u>12,600</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 18/6/25 and were signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**1.1 Charity information**

New Milton Youth Trust is a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 16 December 2019 (Charity no. 1186952). The charity is established under a written constitution that specifies the objects and powers of the charity and is also governed under this constitution.

**1.2 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are presented in pound sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

**1.3 Going concern**

The charity's Financial Statements show net surplus of £18,583 (2024 - £5,468) for the year and free reserves of £31,183 (2024 - £12,600). The trustees are of the view that these results have secured the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months and on this basis the charity is a going concern.

**1.4 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

The restricted funds are monies raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose or donations subject to donor imposed conditions.

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#### **1.5 Income and endowments**

Income is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and amount can be measured reliably.

- Income received by way of donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received, unless they relate to a specified future year, in which case they are deferred.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

#### **1.6 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis under the following headings:

- a) Cost of raising funds comprises the cost of raising donations and their associated support costs.
- b) Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs directly associated with running events and training, to further the purposes of the Charity and their associated support costs. Grants are recognised as a cost when the Board of Trustees approves the grants.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

#### **1.7 Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs and governance costs which support the Trust's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The basis on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 6.

#### **1.8 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computer equipment	33.33% on cost
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**1.9 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

**1.10 Financial instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**1.11 Taxation**

The Charity is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable for Income Tax or Corporation Tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

**1.12 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.13 Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due

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### **For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### **1.14 Cash flow statement**

The Charity qualifies as a small Charity and advantage has been taken of the exemption provided by SORP (FRS 102) not to prepare a cash flow statement.

#### **1.15 Volunteers and donated services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time is not recognised and refers to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt. No such donations were received during the year.

#### **1.16 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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**2. Income from donations and grants**

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
The National Literacy Trust	-	-	400
NM Town Partnership	-	-	5,447
NFDC	250	250	700
Other Donations	-	-	10
Lions Club of New Milton	200	200	-
Barton Methodist Church	323	323	-
ASBOC	750	750	-
NM Lions Donation for baby changing unit	250	250	-
<b>Grants</b>			
New Milton Town Council	24,500	24,500	10,000
NFDC Councillor Clarke Grant	-	-	-
NISA	3,000	3,000	-
Police & Crime Commission	13,271	13,271	-
Lottery Grant	19,054	19,054	-
Hampshire Cultural Trust	850	850	-
Energise Me	1,406	1,406	-
Acorn Trust	1,000	1,000	-
Communities First	998	998	-
Making A Difference Locally	2,500	2,500	-
NFDC	350	350	-
	<u>68,702</u>	<u>68,702</u>	<u>16,557</u>

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**3. Income from Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Communities First	-	-	440
Bauer Radio - Hardship Fund	-	-	700
NMRA - Drugs Box	-	-	1,559
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,699</u>

**4. Other Income**

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other Income	44	44	-
	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>

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**5. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Social &amp; educational activities</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	36,176	36,176	5,748
Direct project costs	533	533	2,407
Training and Supervision	645	645	1,269
Support costs (Note 6)	11,970	11,970	3,584
Governance costs (Note 6)	840	840	780
	<u>50,163</u>	<u>50,163</u>	<u>13,788</u>

**6. Support and governance costs**

The Charity initially identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Governance costs and other support costs are apportioned separately between the charity's key activities undertaken (see note 5) in the year. All the general support and governance costs have been apportioned to the various charitable activities on the basis of nature of transaction.



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#### 7. Support and governance costs (continued)

	General support £	Governance function £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Insurance	260	-	260	269
Administrative cost	1,874	-	1,874	861
Printing, postage and stationary	1,290	-	1,290	417
Communication and information technology	4,213	-	4,213	345
Professional fees	78	-	78	1,134
Depreciation	700	-	700	165
Sundry expenses	3,554	-	3,554	392
Independent examiner's fees	-	840	840	780
	<u>11,970</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>12,810</u>	<u>4,364</u>

#### 8. Net Income / (Expenditure) for the year

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Net movement in funds is shown after charging:</b>		
Independent examiner's fees	840	780
Depreciation	700	-
	<u>1,540</u>	<u>780</u>

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#### **9. Analysis of staff costs, trustees' remuneration and expenses and cost of key management Personnel**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staff costs</b>		
<b><u>Salaries</u></b>	<b>35,569</b>	<b>5,748</b>
Employer NI	-	-
Employer Pension	<u>607</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>36,176</u></b>	<b><u>5,748</u></b>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

No trustee received any remuneration for their services as trustees or any reimbursement of expenses.

#### **10. Staff Numbers**

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year (full time equivalent) was as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

The number of persons employed by the charity during the year was 5. (2024 - 3).

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**11. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Computer equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1st April 2024	1,982	1,982
Additions	1,406	1,406
As at 31st March 2025	<u>3,388</u>	<u>3,388</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1st April 2024	165	165
Charge for the year	700	700
As at 31st March 2025	<u>865</u>	<u>865</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
As at 31st March 2024	<u>1,817</u>	<u>1,817</u>
As at 31st March 2025	<u>2,523</u>	<u>2,523</u>

**12. Creditors: amount falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accrued expenses	357	780
Other taxation and social security	238	777
Pensions	99	-
	<u>695</u>	<u>1,557</u>

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**13. Funds**

	Balance at 01.04.24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31.03.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
General	12,600	68,746	50,163	31,183
	<u>12,600</u>	<u>68,746</u>	<u>50,163</u>	<u>31,183</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>12,600</u>	<u>68,746</u>	<u>50,163</u>	<u>31,183</u>

**Movement in funds — previous year**

	Balance at 01.04.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31.03.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
General	7,132	19,256	13,788	12,600
	<u>7,132</u>	<u>19,256</u>	<u>13,788</u>	<u>12,600</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>7,132</u>	<u>19,256</u>	<u>13,788</u>	<u>12,600</u>

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**14. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>
Fixed assets	2,523	2,523
Net current assets	28,660	28,660
	<u>31,183</u>	<u>31,183</u>
	<u>31,183</u>	<u>31,183</u>
	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Fixed assets	1,817	1,817
Net current assets	10,783	10,783
	<u>12,600</u>	<u>12,600</u>
	<u>12,600</u>	<u>12,600</u>

**15. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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### **Chair's Report**

#### **The Charity and Trustees**

The period from 2024 to 2025 marked our fourth year as a registered charity—and our first full year delivering youth services in and around New Milton.

Before reflecting on our work, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Trustees, who generously volunteer their time to oversee our operations and provide a stable foundation for this vital work to take place.

We are always keen to welcome new members to our Board of Trustees, particularly individuals with experience in business planning, financial management, fundraising, human resources, as well as play, youth, and family work. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Trustee, please contact us at [hello@nmyt.org.uk](mailto:hello@nmyt.org.uk).

#### **Youth Work**

For New Milton Youth Trust, youth work is about supporting young people to grow by:

- Exploring their own values, beliefs, and ideas
- Building confidence to find their voice and role in the community
- Learning life skills that support their personal and social development

We believe in meeting young people where they are and empowering them to shape their own journey. Our approach is grounded in respect, inclusion, and active participation—treating each young person as a partner in their learning.

Our youth work also fosters a sense of belonging, encouraging young people to celebrate diversity, take pride in their strengths, and engage with others to build a fair and inclusive community.

#### **What Does Our Youth Work Look Like**

##### **Detached Youth Work**

Detached youth work is street-based and reaches young people who may not access building-based provision. Our detached youth workers bring their skills and experience to the places where young people gather, offering activities and support through informal education.

For those who feel left behind or unable to access other services, detached youth work provides an opportunity to build positive relationships with trusted adults. Our team offers

information, advice, and support, and encourages young people to lead on projects that help them recognise and realise their potential as valued members of the community.

Our team of three detached youth workers is out every Thursday evening, following a regular route with designated 'surgery points' in Ashley and at the Skate Park.

### **Building-Based Youth Work**

We run drop-in sessions for all local young people aged 11+ on Wednesday and Friday evenings. These sessions include arts and crafts, cooking, social and emotional learning, sports, pool, games, and a safe space to relax. Activities are shaped by the needs and interests of the young people who attend.

Our team of five youth workers are skilled in building professional, trusting relationships with young people, enabling them to access the support they need.

All staff are trained to provide sex and relationships advice and to distribute condoms. They also receive regular training on current trends in drug and alcohol use, crime (including knife crime), online safety, safeguarding, first aid, and food hygiene.

### **Safe Haven**

Launched as a pilot in September with funding from the Local Children Partnership's IYC Legacy Fund, our Safe Haven Club is designed for young people who may not feel comfortable accessing our open sessions—perhaps due to social anxiety or additional needs. This is a referral-based space.

The club offers the same activities as our open sessions but in a calmer, more structured environment tailored to individual needs. Some young people receive one-to-one support from staff. Due to its success, we have continued the Safe Haven Club beyond the initial 12-week pilot, and it is now a regular part of our provision.

### **Schools Work**

Our outreach work in local secondary schools includes both targeted group sessions and floating support during lunchtimes. Our Youth Work Manager collaborates closely with SENCOs and other school staff to design bespoke sessions for young people identified as needing additional support.

## **A Year in the Life of New Milton Youth Trust**

### **April to June 2024**

April brought the fantastic news that we had secured a £19,000 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund's Awards for All programme to support our detached youth work for one year. Shortly after, we received a further £11,500 from New Milton Town Council for our building-based provision.

We also organised trips to the Golf Driving Range in Christchurch, funded by the Local

## **Children's Partnership.**

In May, we took part in the Lions Community Event on the Recreation Ground, where our team engaged with local residents, promoted our work, and ran activities.

In June, as part of our growing relationship with local schools, Laura (our Youth Work Manager) attended a school coffee morning to meet parents and carers. We believe it's vital for families to know about our services and meet our team—especially in relation to our Safe Haven project.

Our staff also attended training with the excellent drug education organisation, The Loop. Meanwhile, our detached team, in partnership with NFDC's Community Safety Team, were present on local beaches as young people celebrated the end of exams and prom season. This was a great opportunity to engage with beach hut owners and talk to young people about safety and respectful use of shared spaces.

## **July to September 2024**

In July, our team and Deputy Chair attended NMRA's Local Networking Event—another valuable opportunity to raise awareness of our work and connect with local residents and potential volunteers.

In August, thanks to funding from the local Nisa store in Ashley, we took a group of young people to Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre for a day of outdoor challenges. We also began recruiting new staff as we said farewell to Naomi and Zac, two valued youth workers.

In September, we welcomed Callum, Madi, and Charlie to the team—enthusiastic new staff members who are already growing into their roles.

September also saw the launch of our Safe Haven Club and the start of the Rhythm and Poetry Project (RAP), a collaboration between New Milton Youth Trust, Hampshire Cultural Trust, and ArtfulScribe, as part of the Play on Words Literature Festival. We invited young people to work with JT, a rapper from Southampton, to write spoken word pieces, with the aim of performing alongside the band Tongue Fu in October 2024.

The young people involved shared powerful stories through poetry and music—expressing emotions, experiences of isolation, and deeply personal journeys.

## **October to December**

The spoken word pieces created during the RAP project were performed alongside Tongue Fu in October—to rapturous applause. It was a truly proud moment for everyone involved.

October also brought the exciting news that we had been successfully nominated for a Make A Difference Locally Award of £5,000. This funding enabled us to employ an additional detached youth worker for a year.



In November, hot on the heels of the RAP project and with the continued support of Hampshire Cultural Trust, we launched the Graffiti Art Project in partnership with MBN Arts. With permission from the Town Council, we were able to redecorate the front of our Drop-In building—not only to make it more visible, but also to introduce young people to new creative skills. Working with Mike, the artist, young people co-designed the mural and learned the techniques needed to assist in the final wall painting, which took place in March. The project included five sessions leading up to the final piece.

December was a busy month. Thanks to the Mission for Christmas Appeal, staff and volunteers were able to deliver Christmas gifts to 76 children and young people. We also hosted a Christmas Party, where young people cooked a full Christmas dinner—made possible by generous donations from Tesco and Morrisons—for over 30 attendees. It was a joyful way to end the year at the Club.

To top it off, we received the fantastic news that New Milton Town Council had awarded us a further £13,000 to support our building-based work for another six months.

### **January to March**

The funding from the Town Council allowed us to begin recruiting new staff in January 2025.

That same month, Laura gave a presentation at a coffee morning at Barton Methodist Church, after which we were delighted to receive a donation of £318, raised during the event.

We were also thrilled to receive a grant of just over £13,000 from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Anti-Social Behaviour Fund. This funding will support the development and delivery of training for young people, parents/carers, and professionals on topics such as the influence of music, knife crime, substance use, and online safety. Much research and planning has already taken place, and we will begin delivering these workshops in September. If you'd like to know more, please speak with Laura.

March saw the launch of another exciting initiative: The Gym Project, in partnership with Freedom Leisure, funded by a #BeeWell grant. This project is aimed at young people not currently in education, employment, or training. It offers one hour of personal training per week and a six-month free gym membership, enabling participants to continue using the gym outside of project hours.

We also welcomed two new team members in March—Rich and Jacob—who have joined both our building-based and detached teams. Rich is also taking on a deputy role to support Laura.

Finally, our Graffiti Project concluded in mid-March with the spray painting of the final mural on the front wall of the NMYT building. Young people worked alongside the artist to bring their co-designed vision to life. If you've seen it, I'm sure you'll agree—it's a truly impressive piece of art.

## **Projects**

### **Youth and Family Hub**

A long-term vision for New Milton Youth Trust is to create a lasting, community-led space where children, young people, and families can access the support and opportunities they deserve. One of the founding motivations behind the Trust was the desire to re-establish a dedicated building for children, young people, and families—owned and run by the community.

We are committed to making this vision a reality and are excited to see it take shape.

Throughout this period, NMYT has been working closely with New Milton Town Council, who have purchased land for the project. We are thrilled to be partnering with them as the development progresses.

Our goal is to ensure that the voices of young people, families, and the wider community are at the heart of this project. We will be encouraging everyone to get involved and share their views, so that the Youth and Family Hub truly reflects the needs of those it serves.

We are extremely fortunate to have the support of Aaron Lawford, a local resident and expert in property management and development. Aaron has generously volunteered his time, offering invaluable advice on leasing, building development, and planning. He even delivered a workshop on entrepreneurship for our young people—which was a huge hit. On behalf of the Trustee Board, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks.

## **Thank You**

We are incredibly grateful for the support we've received from individuals and organisations throughout the year. In particular, we would like to thank the following for their funding:

- New Milton Town Council and councillors
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Culture in Common (Energise Me)
- Hampshire Cultural Trust
- Local Children's Partnership IYC Legacy Fund
- MBN Arts
- Nisa Store Ashley (MADL)
- VEC Acorn Trust

- NFDC councillors
- New Forest LCP
- The Lions Club
- Mission for Christmas Appeal
- Tesco New Milton
- Morrisons New Milton
- New Milton Methodist Church

And for their support:

- Nicki Benoit-Means, for her continued help with school uniforms and many other practical donations
- Members of the community who have donated equipment, clothing, or items from our Amazon Wishlist

None of this would be possible without our incredible team of youth workers, who work tirelessly to support the young people who use our services. The Trustees are deeply grateful for their commitment—thank you.

We would particularly like to Laura, our Youth Work Manager who is a tireless advocate for young people in New Milton, bringing exceptional skill and dedication to her role. She is an inspiring leader and role model for the team, and the work you've heard about this evening simply wouldn't be possible without her.

Helen Wallis-Dowling

June 2025