



# SWYP ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

**“To provide young people in the South Whitehaven area with support, guidance, and positive activities, to help them to reach their potential and become valued members of the community”.**

# TRUSTEE REPORT

In 2024–25, South Whitehaven Youth Partnership has continued to build strongly on previous years, with trustees remaining very pleased and proud of the progress and impact of the project across South Whitehaven and beyond. The organisation is now well established, recognised, and valued across the community, with our youth work offer continuing to develop in response to the needs and views of young people.

Our youth clubs at Mirehouse and Woodhouse remain central to our provision and have had a particularly positive year. A key change was the move of Mirehouse Youth Club from Friday evenings to Mondays, to reflect the timetabling of some attractive community sports activity. This resulted in an immediate and sustained increase in attendance, particularly among juniors. At Woodhouse, junior attendance was boosted following direct engagement with Monkway School, leading to the return of previous members and the involvement of many new young people.

Across the year, youth clubs provided a wide range of engaging activities, including games, creative sessions, healthy eating projects, seasonal events, and consultation activities. These sessions have continued to strengthen relationships between staff and young people, improve behaviour and trust, and provide safe, welcoming spaces where young people feel listened to and valued.

Youth consultation, led this year by Toni-Anne Wardle, has directly informed planning and delivery. Young people were also given the opportunity to shape provision through a £5,000 Youth Club Wish List, funded by Cumberland Council's Community Investment Fund, resulting in new equipment, furniture, and resources across both centres.

In terms of outcomes, 92 young people took part in informal workshops, with 54 recorded outcomes, covering topics such as fire safety, recycling, online safety, healthy eating, and sun safety.

In addition, 19 young people completed ASDAN awards through Youth Development Fund (YDF) group projects, with a total of 20 accredited outcomes achieved during the year. These projects included educational visits, teamwork, and decision-making activities that supported confidence and personal development.

School holiday provision remained a major strength. Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes ran at Easter and throughout the summer, offering a mix of sports, crafts, games, trips, and food. Highlights included Hollywood Bowl, Inflatanation, M&D's in Scotland, and a popular "Big Games Week." Senior young people also took part in trips and local outings, with opportunities to influence where activities took place.

The MentoRole programme continued to provide targeted one-to-one and small group support, working with 18 young people during the year. This included transition support for young people moving into Year 10, work with Year 7 students at St Benedict's, and the expansion of one-to-one sessions at West Cumbria Learning Centre. Feedback from schools and young people has been positive, and trustees welcome plans to further develop this work.

Our wider community provision continues to thrive. Tiny Treasures, delivered in partnership with St Peter's Church, remains a well-attended and highly valued baby and toddler group. Soul Sisters, the women's group, has continued successfully, supported by Well Whitehaven funding and food provision from Growing Well, Egremont.

Trustees continue to value the strong partnerships that underpin this work, including Cumberland Council, local schools, community centres, sports clubs, and voluntary sector partners. We are particularly grateful to all organisations and groups who have supported the project during the year.

We would like to thank our funders for their continued trust and investment:

- Copeland Community Fund
- Francis C Scott Charitable Trust
- Sellafield Ltd
- Cumbria Community Foundation
- Cumberland Council (HAF and Community Investment)
- Lottery Reaching Communities (ended November 2024)
- Well Whitehaven (with additional end-of-year funding)

Finally, trustees wish to place on record their sincere thanks to our committed, skilled, and dedicated staff team, whose professionalism and passion continue to make a real difference to the lives of young people and families in our communities.

**Mike Priestley**  
**Chair of Trustees**  
**South Whitehaven Youth Partnership**

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

## OVERVIEW

The 2024-25 year has been one of positive change, increased engagement, and strengthened relationships across all youth and community provisions. Through adapting delivery, responding to consultation, and placing young people's voices at the centre of decision-making, services have continued to grow in both reach and quality.

### Youth Clubs

A significant development during the year was the move of Mirehouse Youth Club from Friday evenings to Mondays. This change has proved highly successful, with an immediate and sustained increase in attendance. Sessions that previously attracted very small numbers now regularly engage over fifteen juniors, with senior attendance also improving and following similar patterns to Woodhouse.

At Woodhouse, junior attendance dropped earlier in the year. In response, staff delivered targeted outreach through an assembly at Monkway School. This led to an immediate increase in numbers, the return of previous members, and the recruitment of many new young people, demonstrating the value of direct engagement with schools.

Across all youth clubs, sessions continued to focus on fun, inclusion, and relationship-building. Games and group activities were used intentionally to improve behaviour and strengthen trust between staff and young people. One notable example was "Beat the Worker", a staff-versus-young-people activity designed to encourage positive interaction. Earlier behaviour challenges, particularly at Woodhouse, steadily improved over the year, resulting in young people being trusted with greater responsibility and equipment.

## **Health, Wellbeing and Creative Engagement**

Healthy eating remained a focus at both Mirehouse and Woodhouse, with young people planning and preparing monthly meals for their peers. These sessions promoted practical life skills and healthier choices, using fresh ingredients to recreate popular takeaway-style meals. Although funding for this element has now ended, there are plans to reintroduce similar activities during school holiday provision. Throughout the year, young people took part in a wide range of creative, physical, and social activities, including dance-based games, arts and crafts, team challenges, and seasonal projects. These activities supported confidence-building, teamwork, and positive peer relationships.

## **Seasonal Activities**

Halloween was marked across all youth clubs with themed games, fancy dress, and food. Mirehouse seniors played an active role in supporting junior sessions by providing UV face painting, helping to develop leadership skills and peer responsibility. Christmas activities followed, focusing on crafts and baking, although there was no Winter HAF provision due to the timing of the holidays coinciding with service shutdown.

## **Consultation and Youth Voice**

Youth voice continued to shape service delivery. Consultation led by Toni-Anne used group-based methods to gather meaningful feedback from young people. The findings from this work will directly inform the next Youth Work Plan, ensuring that future programmes reflect young people's needs, interests, and priorities.

In addition, young people were invited to develop a "Wish List" of improvements for their youth clubs. Through Cumberland Council's Community Investment Fund, £5,000 was secured to deliver these improvements. This funding allowed for significant enhancements to youth club spaces, including new furniture, games, and equipment, which have helped create more welcoming and youth-friendly environments.

## **School Holiday Provision**

Holiday Activities Fund provision continued during Easter and summer. Programmes combined sports, crafts, games, and trips, providing young people with safe, engaging, and nutritious holiday activities. Summer provision included joint sessions to make use of larger facilities, a “Big Games Week”, and popular visits such as Hollywood Bowl and M&D’s in Scotland.

Senior groups also took part in holiday activities, including age-appropriate Easter sessions and summer trips chosen by the young people themselves. These experiences supported independence, social skills, and positive group dynamics.

## **MentoRole Programme**

The MentoRole programme continued to provide targeted support to young people throughout the year, working with 18 individuals in total. This included transition support for young people moving from Year 9 to Year 10, with sessions concluding by mutual agreement as exam periods approached.

The programme expanded to include transition work with pupils from Monkway and ongoing support at St Benedict’s, as well as the introduction of one-to-one sessions at West Cumbria Learning Centre. Plans are in place to further develop this area of work.

## **Community Groups**

Tiny Treasures, the baby and toddler group delivered in partnership with St Peter’s Church, remained well attended and highly valued by families. Sessions provide a safe, welcoming space for play, social interaction, singing, and shared snack time.

Soul Sisters, the women’s group, continued to grow and develop. Additional Well Whitehaven funding enabled the continuation of monthly meal preparation sessions, alongside fortnightly food box support from Growing Well in Egremont. Improving minute-taking has been identified as a priority for the coming year.

# Outcomes and Accreditation

- 432** Young people aged 7-18 accessed SWYP
- 44** Young people took part in an informal workshop
- 54** Young people achieved a recorded outcome.
- 21** Young people completed a Youth Development Fund
- 19** Young people gained an accredited outcome.
- 1** Young person from UTC completed their work experience with us at SWYP

## Funding and Support

We would like to thank all funders who supported work during 2024–25, including **Copeland Community Fund, Francis C Scott, Sellafield Ltd, National Lottery Reaching Communities, Well Whitehaven, Cumbria Community Foundation, Cumberland Council, and the Police and Crime Commissioner.**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01 April 2024	To	Period end date 31 March 2025
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Copeland Community Fund		53,819		53819	64,157
Francis C Scott Charitable Trust	19,500			19500	18,900
Cumbria Community Foundation - Core	5,828			5828	5,000
Sellafield Ltd - YDF		34,732		34732	23,155
Lottery Reaching Communities	10,000			10000	20,000
Cumbria County Council Summer HAF		13,112		13112	18,157
West Cumbria Community Action Trust				0	227
Well Whitehaven - Health & Wellbeing Project		8,099		8099	16,500
Cumbria Community Foundation - Detached Youth Work		21,053		21053	22,234
Cumbria Community Foundation - High Sheriff Donation		650		650	-
Cumbria County Council Winter HAF				0	4,304
Cumbria County Council Easter HAF				0	4,792
Police & Crime Commissioner - Property Fund		1,160		1160	-
Tubby FC				0	400
Cumbria Community Foundation - Parton Youth Club	5,000			5000	-
Mirehouse Residents Group				0	400
Cumbria County Council - YP Wish list	5,312			5312	
Jacobs				0	100
Cash Donation	161			161	70
Refunds???	432			432	
Fundraising				0	1,214
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>46,233</b>	<b>132,625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,857</b>	<b>199,609</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
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<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staffing - Salaries, pension, payroll and Expenses	39,775	106416		146191	132,350
Staff and Volunteer - Training and DBS Checks	149	0	-	149	681
Youth Work Activities -	8,313	14631		22945	37,116
Refuse	442		-	442	252
Rent/Room Hire	6,250	-		6250	9,750
Insurance	835		-	835	601
Phone, Broadband and Website	1,347		-	1347	731
Music Licence & Subscriptions	787		-	787	1,424
Stationary	350		-	350	1,291
Postage			-	0	-
Accountancy	206		-	206	250
Office Furniture	223		-	223	-
Cleaning Supplies				0	75
Misc, Bank fees, Cleaning & Covid supplies	228		-	228	74
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>58,907</b>	<b>121,048</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>179,955</b>	<b>184,595</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>58,907</b>	<b>121,048</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>179,955</b>	<b>184,595</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 12,674</b>	<b>11,577</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,097</b>	<b>15,015</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	20,942	23,155	-	44,097	29,082
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>34,732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>44,097</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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## **Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of South Whitehaven Youth Partnership**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of South Whitehaven Youth Partnership for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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

As the charity trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 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 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Lamb'.

Examiner's signature

Name:

Sarah E Lamb Bsc FCA

Professional Qualification:

Chartered Accountant

Address:

23 Park Drive, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7RY

Date

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026