



Young Climate Warriors

Annual Report January 2025 – December 2025

Charity Reg No: 1192440

Registered address: Fishers, Shepherds Green, Henley-on-Thames, OXON RG9 4QL

www.youngclimatawarriors.org

Our Charity Objectives according to our Constitution:

(A) to advance the education of children and young people in subjects relating to global environmental change and ways to prevent or reduce the impacts of climate change; and

(B) to promote, for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular but not exclusively, by providing children and young people with information and instruction about global environmental change and encouraging them to find ways to prevent or reduce the impacts of climate change.

Financial Review:

In 2025 YCW's income was £61,622 raised from grant income, fundraising events and donations. Expenditure for 2025 was £62,108 including cash funds brought forward from prior years, this results in YCW holding £21,605 cash funds at year end 2025. YCW holds £15,000 reserves in line with the reserves policy.

Reference and administrative details:

Registered address: Fishers, Shepherds Green, Henley-on-Thames, OXON RG9 4QL

Community Bank account held with Barclays

Independent Examiner: Chris Tyler

Structure, governance and management:

Structure: The Young Climate Warriors charity was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on the 24 March 2020.

Governance: The charity is governed by its Constitution dated 24 March 2020.

Young Climate Warriors Trustees:

Katrina Judge (appointed 24 March 2020)

Nicole Finnan (appointed 29 October 2022)

Tom Wilson (appointed 27 January 2024 – resigned 13 Sept 2025)

Sarah Austin (appointed 24 June 2023)

Mark Fisher (appointed 24 June 2023)

Sam Mead (appointed 24 June 2023)

Sam O'Reilly (appointed 13 Sept 2025)

The Young Climate Warriors charity is managed by a board of trustees who are legally responsible for the charity's overall direction and ensuring it operates within its charitable purposes. They meet at least 4 times a year.

Our Vision:



- To inspire a nationwide team of thousands of ‘young climate warriors’, doing the same challenges, in the same week – a virtual team.
- For every child in the UK to feel empowered to reflect, discuss and choose their own informed path of action in relation to climate change.
- To provide Climate Change related resources to teachers reaching children in all UK Primary Schools.
- For every family in the UK to be practicing carbon-cutting actions and making sustainable living choices.

Our Goals:

- 1) To increase children’s awareness and understanding of climate change – to inspire learning, increase knowledge and understanding, encourage values-led discussion and cultivate cross-curricular thinking.
- 2) To inspire behavioural change by positive messaging and a ‘that’s doable’ mindset. Encourage awareness of the impact on climate change of daily activities, alongside normalising carbon-emissions cutting actions. ‘Little by little, a little becomes a lot’.
- 3) To encourage an appreciation and respect for nature and a shared responsibility for our planet and the values of social justice, inspiring empathy for others.

Our ethos:

- Promoting a ‘stubborn optimistic’ outlook to help counter eco-anxiety.
- Taking positive action today to protect what we love.
- Being involved enables children to feel they can take small actions to help make a difference.
- Joining wider national campaigns can show the power of public action, and that much of society cares about the same things.
- Encouraging school, class and family conversations, and action, about climate change and related topics helps to shape new ‘social norms’.

Our activities:

Young Climate Warriors (YCW) supports schools and communities in advancing climate literacy and inspiring children and young people to choose to take climate action. To date we have built a network of over 600 teachers across the UK and our programmes have reached over 25,000 children. We have four programmes:

Ambassador-led Climate Assemblies: interactive in-person assemblies, shared by our team of Ambassadors based across the UK. Kindling sustainable-living conversations and promoting climate action and providing an opportunity for climate-conscious young people (mainly 18-25yrs) to directly share their concern and passion with younger children: ‘the youth of today, inspiring the youth of tomorrow’. We share our ‘climate explainer’ movie and our ‘sustainable living’ game facilitates discussion about planet-positive choices.

Climate Change Club in a Box: 13 downloadable ready-to-go ‘eco-club’, classroom or small group sessions with detailed teachers notes, and packed with interactive activities. These positive resources put climate change in context, promote curiosity and critical thinking, and widening the lens on global climate issues, encouraging responsible citizenship and building skills in climate oracy. In Autumn ‘25 we launched an ‘eco-emotions’ session (produced in association with Dr Louise Edgington, Climate Minds Coalition Steering Group member).



Weekly Children's Challenges: weekly sustainable-living, carbon-busting challenges to be undertaken at home or in a local park, providing a carbon literacy bridge from school out into the community. Our '3 little actions award' encourages school participation with certificates and badges. Challenges include 'a pattern-hunting adventure in nature', 'bye bye buy', 'a bite-size challenge awaits', 'bathroom water blitz', 'summertime choices: plastics and nurdles' ... 'bee-ing curious'.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Climate Change Skills Programme: as a DofE Award Approved Activity Provider our 3-month programme of 12 weekly challenges, supported by personalised weekly engagement and feedback. Challenges invite wider discussion and debate, accompanied by an opportunity for individual response, creativity and consideration. Wider discussion examples include: the circular economy; the role of environmental footprints, and the use of art-forms as a means of climate communication. This programme enables young people to build their portfolio of 'green skills', invaluable for both future living and future careers, empowering 'the ordinary citizens driving extraordinary change and showing the way to a climate-smarter world' (UN).

Overview of 2025:

- Jan – March – new joiners to the team: Schools Manager, Fundraising Manager, Outreach Advisor, DofE manager.
- April – Earth Day – Re-launch of 12 'Climate Change Club in a Box' sessions.
- May – YCW filming of 2 Climate Change assemblies, and '3 Little Action' celebration assembly.
- June – YCW resources vetted and available on Sustainability Support for Schools
- June – 1st YCW newsletter – 'a few little snippets'
- Oct – Mental Health Day – 'Eco-emotions' Climate Change Club in a Box session launched (supported by Dr Edgington (Climate Minds Coalition))
- Oct – Celebration Event – 5 years of YCW as a charity
- Oct – Aviva crowdfunder
- Nov – 1st Youth Panel event
- Nov – 2nd Impact Report produced
- Dec – Big Give fundraising campaign

Engaging with schools, families and young people

- Schools – Weekly 'schools pack' email – 151 educators signed up in 2025, of whom 81% were primary schools, building our network to 687 teachers, at end 2025.
- Schools – Climate Change Club in a Box – Requested by 126 teachers in 2025. 3 small group CCC in a Box sessions shared by Ambassadors.
- Schools – Assemblies – 59 assemblies held in 2025, sharing the topic of climate change with over 10,855 children.
- Schools – '3 Little Actions' – 4 schools ran the 2 Little Actions award – in London, Cumbria, Leeds and Eastbourne.
- Children – 432 children's emails received and replied to – telling us 'challenge completed'. 113 certificates awarded to children, including 64 certificates sent as part of 3-challenge award. Over 150 photos sent in by children were shared on our YCW gallery.
- Young people – Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. 70 completed 3 months of challenges.



- Young people – 59 active YCW Ambassadors at year end, 23 of whom have shared assemblies to date.
- Youth Panel – With the aim of both gaining insights from young people into our work and to help them develop skills and feel part of a movement for change. Six young people, from our DoFE cohort, attended our first online meeting in November 2025, we focused on looking at attitudes to nature connectedness. Further sessions will be held in 2026.

‘Getting us out there’

- **YCW weblink/resources shared by complementary organisations:** In 2025 our CCC in a Box resources were added to the Sustainability Support for Education platform. Our resources continue to be shared at Transform our World (Global Action Plan), Global Dimension (Reboot the future), Let’s Go Zero, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Curiosity Connections.
- **Supporting systemic change:** In 2025 we signed the National Emergency Briefing Open Letter calling for a televised emergency briefing.
- **Building ‘partnerships’:** In 2025 we attended the Festival of Education, and The Climate Coalition Annual meeting, the National Climate Education Action Plan meetings (University of Reading) and monthly Let’s Go Zero coalition meetings.
- **Volunteering bureaux:** In 2025 we continued to share our Ambassador recruitment opportunities with over 350 university organisations at over 90 universities. We’re registered on 80 volunteering hubs and advertise on 27 university volunteering platforms.
- **Website and Social media:** Primarily facebook and Instagram with weekly posts, and a growing presence on LinkedIn.



 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Young Climate Warriors		1192440		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01-Jan-25	To	31-Dec-25	
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					
Grant income - Restricted		8,500	-	8,500	19,803
Grant income - Unrestricted	26,000	-	-	26,000	16,500
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	1,042
Donations	23,467	-	-	23,467	968
Interest	245	-	-	245	150
Gift Aid	3,410	-	-	3,410	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,122	8,500	-	61,622	38,463
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,122	8,500	-	61,622	38,463
A3 Payments					
Salaries and HR costs	42,187	10,415	-	52,602	23,321
IT costs	1,351	-	-	1,351	2,263
Volunteer expenses	2,430	-	-	2,430	1,462
Insurance	194	-	-	194	175
Advertising and Promotion	3,956	-	-	3,956	799
Professional Services	995	-	-	995	-
Raising funds	450	-	-	450	-
Other	131	-	-	131	768
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	51,694	10,415	-	62,108	28,788
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	51,694	10,415	-	62,108	28,788
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,428	- 1,915	-	- 487	9,675
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,316	8,776	-	22,092	-
Cash funds this year end	14,744	6,861	-	21,605	9,675



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	Barclays Bank	14,744	6,861	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,744	6,861	-
	(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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
	Barton Rhodes	Barton Rhodes	29-Jan-26	
		Katrina Judge	29-Jan-26	



**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**

Trustee Name
YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 DECEMBER 2025

**Charity no
(if any)** **1192440**

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 December 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").

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:

11/4/2026

Name:

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT TYLER FCA DChA FCIE

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

**FCA – Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales
FCIE – Fellow of Charity Independent Examiners
DChA – Diploma in Charity Accounting**

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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.

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