



# TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT

For Year Ended 31.07.2023



**THIRSK YOUTH CLUB**

Registered charity 1195274

**Trustee Annual Report**  
**For year ended 31.07.2023**

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TYC (Thirsk Youth Club): Charity registration number: 1195274

## **Reference and Administrative details**

### Charity Name

TYC (Thirsk Youth Club)

### Registered Charity Number

1195274

### Principal Address

C/o:  
Finkle Cottage  
Little Thirkleby  
Thirsk  
North Yorkshire  
YO7 2AZ

### Trustees

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	
Jill Gillanders	Chair	
Deborah Peach	Secretary	
Kirsty Leonard	Treasurer	
Lucy Brookes	Volunteer Coordinator	
Daniel Leonard	Technology Lead	Appointed 12.01.2023
Jo Walker	Safeguarding Lead	Appointed 12.01.2023
Carol Jordan	Safeguarding Lead	Resigned 14.11.2022

## **Objectives and Activities**

The main purpose of TYC is to provide a safe space for young people aged 10 – 17 to socialise, engage in learning activities and have positive experiences. By doing so TYC hopes to empower its young people to realise their potential and participate in society as responsible citizens who are valued within their community.

To achieve its objectives and purpose TYC complete the following activities:

- Holds three weekly youth club sessions for three age groups: Primary school ages; School Yrs 7-8; and School Yrs 9+.
- Trustees and volunteers are involved with activities and talks from other agencies aimed at encouraging discussions on topics such as behaviour and healthy eating.
- Facilitate trips and outings for its young people to encourage team building, leadership qualities and trust.

TYC presently relies almost completely on volunteers. There are 14 registered volunteers. ALL volunteers are required to complete the Safer Recruitment process. Each session requires at least one volunteer to be a qualified First Aider and some volunteers have undertaken this training.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## **Chair's Report**

TYC has had a good year!

We have continued to grow as a club and the demand for our services resulted in us starting a new third group in March 2023 for ages 10-11. At the same time, we were able to take on a paid sessional youth-work assistant, to help us especially with volunteer shortages for sessions on Saturday afternoons/evenings. The costs of the extra session and a youth work assistant has been met by a generous grant from North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commission.

We continue to provide a safe space for young people to gather with their friends and make new ones. We provide them with the opportunity to learn new skills in either the kitchen or in crafts. During the year behaviour has become much less challenging and it's interesting that local police attribute the reduction in anti-social behaviour in Thirsk to TYC. Calmer sessions this year have allowed us to introduce workshops run by outside agencies: (Sexual Health by YorSexual Health; Rapping, Drug Awareness, *How much Sugar?! by NYY youth workers*).

Volunteers recognise the need for training for themselves and continue to attend courses and online webinars. North Yorkshire Safeguarding Week was particularly helpful, offering training sessions in a variety of topics very relevant to TYC.

We held our first fundraising event at the Sowerby Flatts Festival in July 2022, and this was a good opportunity to raise awareness of the club and attract more members and volunteers.

We have had several excellent trips which have increased the sense of collaborative teamwork and sense of belonging. We participated in both Easter and Summer NorthYorkshireTogether FEAST Holiday Activities programme (which funds activities that include a hot lunch for those on free school meals) and had a great day mountain biking at Sutton Bank bike trail, with a hot potato lunch and an 'adventure' walk and picnic afterwards. Great opportunity for young people to experience the National Park on their doorstep and be inspired by the amazing panoramic views.

We're grateful for the use of Thirsk Community Minibus for all our trips, which have included Go-karting at Stockton, Flamingo Land, and Ninja Warriors, Leeds.

## **Summary**

This past year has shown the continued need for a youth club in Thirsk. TYC now has 60-70 committed young people (aged 10-16) who attend regularly, and we need more sessions and more space to expand our services. We are increasingly aware of the complexities of life for many young people today and are looking at ways in which we can offer appropriate, accessible support and develop TYC to provide this.

During 2023 we have developed our partnering with other organisations, learning from them and improving our network of support for young people.

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We are passionate about exploring all opportunities that affirm, encourage and equip young people to make healthy, positive choices; fulfil their potential; feel valued and contribute positively to their community,

Finally, on behalf of the trustees I would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, donors and supporters. Your commitment and support have been invaluable. Thank you.

Jill Gillanders  
Chair of Trustees

## **Achievements and Performance**

During 2023 we have continued to grow as a club, the demand for our services has resulted in us providing an additional session each week for year 5 & 6 aged young people.

We continue to provide a safe space for our young people to gather with their friends and make new ones. We provide them with the opportunity to learn new skills in either the kitchen or in crafts.

By engaging with young people in this way and developing a sense of trust, we can have meaningful conversations with them on issues that are brought to the table – either at their instigation or ours. These may be to do with behaviour, language, substance abuse, diet, aspirations, hopes and fears.

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We have identified and affirmed individuals who have displayed skills and are excited to see how these develop. We have also seen very significant positive changes in some, who help during sessions and are potential leaders and trustees.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### Governing Document

CIO Foundation

### Charity Constitution

CIO

### Trustee Selection Methods

#### *First Trustees*

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

#### *Subsequent Trustees*

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

#### *Nominated Trustees*

Up to 3 from Churches Together Thirsk. Thirsk Parishes; Salvation Army; Thirsk area Methodist Church; All Saints RC Church; Family Life Church Thirsk; Thirsk Quaker Meeting, ("the appointing body") may appoint ONE charity trustee.

#### *Appointment*

Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body.

Each appointment must be for a term of three years.

The appointment will be effective from the later of the date of the vacancy; and the date on which the charity trustees or their secretary or clerk are informed of the appointment.

The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body.

A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty under clause 9(1) as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.



## Financial Review

### Statement of comprehensive Income

Year ended 31.07.2023

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
Donations & Grants	1	24,537	12,105
Venue Hire		(4,940)	(2,507)
Training Costs		(108)	(100)
Insurance		(442)	(506)
Trips		(1,043)	(612)
Expenses to run sessions		(1,833)	(358)
Youth Worker Assistant		(1,579)	-
Other expenditure		(353)	(245)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<b>14,239</b>	<b>7,777</b>

### Statement of Financial Position

	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in bank and in hand	14,238	7,777
<b>Capital &amp; Reserves</b>		
Profit & Loss Reserve	14,238	7,777

These financial statements were approved by the trustees at the annual general meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### *Going Concern Statement*

The trustees have reviewed the reserves and TYC's current obligations and have a reasonable expectation that TYC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence in the foreseeable future.

## Notes To the Accounts

### 1: Donations & Grants

Income Receipt	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Fund	2023	2022
Bellway Homes		300		300
Broadacres	975		480	495
Fundraising: Duck Race	125		125	
Fundraising: Sowerby Festival		112	112	
Gift Aid		405	405	
Humpty Dumpty Day Care		500		500
Individuals *		147	37	110
Individuals **		1,557	790	767
Mowbray Deanery		250		250
North Yorkshire Police Fund	19,500		19,500	
NYCC	2,260		1,260	1,000
St Wilfried's		200		200
Tesco Groundwork	500		500	
Thirsk Council	2,990			2,990
Thirsk Infant School	5,000			5,000
Charity				
Thirsk Rotary Club	128		128	
Thirsk School & Sixth Form College		493		493
UK Youth		1,200	1,200	
<b>Total</b>			<b>24,537</b>	<b>12,105</b>

\* Donations from individuals not exceeding £100 per person

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jill Gillanders', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Full name(s) Jill Margaret Gillanders

Position Chair of Trustees

Date 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023