

PLYMOUTH YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales · Charity number 1195442

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-08-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A)TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN APPENDIX 1 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;(B)THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY MEANS OF PROCLAIMING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELISTIC AND TEACHING NATURE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;(C)TO DEMONSTRATE, PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE CHRISTIAN VALUES, INCLUDING DIGNITY, EMPOWERMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;(D)THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SUPPORT AND MENTORING IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, THROUGH LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, STREET BASED YOUTH WORK AND OTHER YOUTH PROVISION TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES, THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED;(E)TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS THEREBY DEMONSTRATING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROMOTING OVERSEAS SERVICE, EDUCATION, PRACTICAL ACTION AND WORKING WITH THOSE AFFECTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH RELEVANT RELIEF AGENCIES.

Activities: Volunteers from local churches working together to run youth work activities that provide opportunities for young people to explore the Christian faith and thrive in all areas of life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Plymouth City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£16,072	£8,632	-	-
2024-04-05	£6,002	£1,843	-	-
2023-04-05	£1,279	£648	-	-
2022-04-05	£2,069	£299	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Chris Routledge	Chair	2021-07-26
David Noble		2021-07-26
Rebekah Merriman		2021-07-26
Simon Applebee		2021-07-26
Steven Bell		2024-08-14

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Trustees' Annual Report 2024/25

Period start date			Period end date		
6 th	April	2024	5 th	April	2025
From			To		

Section A Reference and administration details

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The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the charity in the light of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities during the past year continue to be for the public benefit, relating as they do to benefit the community in the City of Plymouth and beyond.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The vision of Plymouth Youth for Christ is to invite every young person in the city of Plymouth to explore the Christian faith and enable them to thrive in all areas of life.

2024-25 was a year of growth for the charity. The launch of several new partnerships and projects meant that the team were able to support more young people and to provide them opportunities to explore the Christian faith.

Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers had over 840 interactions with young people during this period through events, clubs and sessions.

Financial, volunteer and prayer support also grew as the team visited several local church services to share the vision of the charity and to invite support from the congregations.

During this year the trustees appointed an employed Centre Director and Church Partnership Youth Worker.

Work in secondary schools

Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers and staff continued to serve on the chaplaincy team at a local Anglican secondary school. In collaboration with other local church youth leaders they ran a lunchtime club 'Faith Fridays'. During the club the team facilitated a discussion about life issues and the Christian faith.

Staff also helped to facilitate pastoral conversations with young people struggling with bereavement and anxiety.

Work in Barne Barton

Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers continued to run 'Barne Barton Rock Solid' a youth club for young people in school years 5-8.

Work in St Budeaux

Through a partnership with St Budeaux Baptist Church the Centre Director supported monthly youth club sessions at the church as well as being part of planning and developing the group.

Work in Estover

In Sept 2024 the charity launched 'Estover Rock Solid' in partnership with Forde Valley Mission Community. The youth club is for young people in school years 5-8.

Partnership with Hope Baptist

In September 2024 a Service Level Agreement was used to initiate a formal partnership with Hope Baptist Church in which Plymouth Youth for Christ seconded a Church Partnership Youth Worker on a part-time basis to help develop the existing youth work at the church.

During this period the Church Partnership Youth Worker helped to strengthen the existing youth club as well as launch two brand new groups to help support young people and enable them to explore the Christian faith.

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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The trustees will regularly review the performance of investments and ensure that all interest payments due are received.

As of 5th April 2025, our account balance is £13,906 of which just £252 is restricted funds. Ongoing monthly expenditure (risk) including payroll expenses is approximately £1000, therefore £13,654 acts as an unrestricted reserve covering 6 months expenditure (£6000) while also supporting the ongoing growth of Plymouth Youth For Christ.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Regular financial support has continued to grow with nearly 4x the amount of income in April 2025 compared with April 2024. Regular monthly donations continue to be our principal source of funding, topped up with increased Gift Aid Claims, allowing PYFC to grow sustainably with a long term vision.

This increased support is primarily a result of the employed fundraiser role continuing into the 2024/25 financial year. The restricted funds set aside for the Time Limited Fundraiser were exhausted in August 2024, but due to increased regular income, along with a Church Partnership we employed a part time Youth Worker for 2.5 days per week, increasing to 3 days in February 2025

Payroll expenses are now our largest outgoings although ministry expenses continue to grow as paid staff increase capacity for more projects across the city.

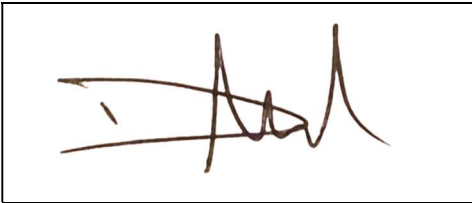
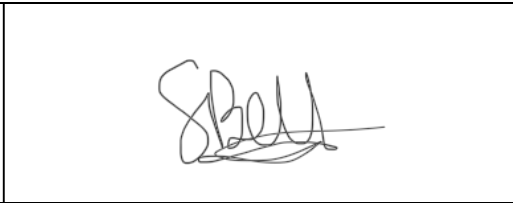
Administration expenses remain low

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Noble	Steven Bell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair of Trustees
Date	3 / 2 / 26	

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	14,424	870	15,294	4,416
Gift Aid	778	0	778	0
Grants	0	0	0	1,330
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	0	0	0	0
Investments				
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Sales	0	0	0	0
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	256
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	15,202	870	16,072	6,002
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	1,002	610	1,611	967
Admin	408	0	408	333
Advertising	57	0	57	187
Bank Charges	37	12	49	0
Event Costs	0	0	0	0
Gifts Given	0	0	0	0
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Premises	0	0	0	0
Staff Costs	4,958	1,548	6,506	357
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	6,462	2,170	8,632	1,844
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	8,740	-1,300	7,440	4,158
Fund Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	8,740	-1,300	7,440	4,158
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	4,914	1,552	6,466	2,308
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	13,655	252	13,906	6,466
Represented By				
General (Unrestricted)	13,655	0	13,655	4,914
Barne Barton Project (Restricted)	0	0	0	316
Albert Cassanova Ballard Trust Grant (Restricted)	0	252	252	800
G.Cooper Legacy Donation (Restricted)	0	0	0	436

Asset & Liability Statement

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Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name **David Noble**

Signature 

Date **4 / 2 / 2026**

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In 2023-24 the trustees and team continued to prioritise setting the groundwork for ongoing youth and schools work by implementing policies and procedures and raising awareness/support for the charity. In order to build financial support, grow volunteer numbers and increase prayer support the team visited several local church services to share the vision of the charity and to invite support from the congregations.

During this year the trustees also recruited a fundraiser on a zero hours contract to help build regular financial donations to the charity.

The vision of Plymouth Youth for Christ is to invite every young person in the city of Plymouth to explore the Christian faith and enable them to thrive in all areas of life.

Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers had over 750 interactions with young people during this period through events, clubs and sessions.

Work in secondary schools

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Volunteers also helped to facilitate pastoral conversations with young people struggling with bereavement and anxiety as well as helping to run a Kintsugi Hope mental health course in the school.

Secondary school transition work

Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers had the opportunity again to work in a local primary school. The team ran several classroom sessions with 60 year six children which utilised some practical 'Emotional Logic' tools and frameworks (<https://www.emotionallogiccentre.org.uk/>).

The sessions helped the young people to become more aware of their emotions and equipped them with some practical tools to help them thrive in times of setback or disappointment. The aim of these sessions are to help prepare and equip young people to better manage the transition between primary and secondary school.

Work in Barne Barton

Outreach and detached work on the Barne Barton estate in partnership with a local community organisation continued. The team set up a weekly drop in youth café which helped to create a safe place for young people to go to after school. In Sept 2023 the team of volunteers developed this work to launch 'Barne Barton Rock Solid' a more structured youth club aimed at young people in school years 5-8.

Developing work in St Budeaux

In March 2024 the team ran an easter event for young people in collaboration with two local churches. This was the catalyst for a new partnership with a local Baptist church involving helping to support their families worker to develop the church's youth work provision.

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As of 5th April 2024, our account balance is £6400 of which £1550 is restricted funds. There is no significant monthly expenditure that needs to be covered by a set reserve at this moment and so £4850 acts as an unrestricted reserve while Plymouth Youth For Christ continues to grow.

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Due to increased awareness of PYFC and increased ministry, our regular supporters continue to increase with a 700% increase in donations throughout 2023/24. Regular monthly donations is now our principal source of funding making PYFC sustainable for long term growth of the charity, while still receiving one off donations and grant funding to support some of our larger event costs.

Expenditure has continued to have minimal admin costs, but increased youthwork has increased our ministry costs by a further 30%. Youth work and ministry expenses continue to be our largest outgoings.

In February 2024 we employed a fundraiser with salary payments being made from a restricted fund put aside for this purpose in November 2022. Part of this fund has been utilised and salary payments will continue into 2024/25 with the remaining £430 restricted fund.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G


Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

David Noble	Chris Routledge
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer	Chair
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Date

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Plymouth Youth For Christ Financial Report - 2023/24
(6 April 2023 - 5 April 2024)

Income

£ 1,210.00	One off donations from financial supporters
£ 3,205.96	Regular donations from financial supporters
£ 1,330.50	Grant Funding
£ 169.90	Funds raised by fundraising events
£ 85.86	Refunded Expenditure

£ 6,002.22 Total Income 2023/24

Expenses

£ 158.20	Public Liability Insurance
£ 966.71	Ministry Costs
£ 175.28	Administration Expenses
£ 51.75	Hospitality Expenses
£ 186.76	Promotional Materials
£ 305.09	Payroll / Salary Expenses

£ 1,843.79 Total Expenses 2023/24

Balance at 5 Apr 2023 £ 2,307.63
Balance at 5 Apr 2024 £ 6,466.06

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The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the charity in the light of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities during the past year continue to be for the public benefit, relating as they do to benefit the community in the City of Plymouth and beyond.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In 2022-23 the trustees and team continued to prioritise setting the groundwork for ongoing youth and schools work by implementing policies and procedures and raising awareness/support for the charity. In order to build financial support, grow volunteer numbers and increase prayer support the team visited several local church services to share the vision of the charity and to invite support from the congregations.

The vision of Plymouth Youth for Christ is to invite every young person in the city of Plymouth to explore the Christian faith and enable them to thrive in all areas of life.

Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers had over 400 interactions with young people during this period through events, clubs and sessions.

In September 2022 the following goals were agreed for the 2022-23 academic year:

- Volunteers regularly connecting with young people
- Build team of volunteers.
- Appoint a charity secretary.
- Strengthen and embed the board of trustees.
- Grow city wide support.

Silent Disco event (Spring 2022 & 2023)

During this year Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers were involved in planning and delivering two silent disco events for young people ages 11-18. Youth leaders from different churches and organisations in Plymouth collaborated to run the events which involved food, fun and a message helping the young people to explore questions of life and the Christian faith.

Secondary school transition work

Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers had the opportunity to work in a local Plymouth primary school during the summer term (2021-22) and the spring term (2022-23). The team ran 4 classroom sessions with 60 year six children at the school which utilised some practical 'Emotional Logic' tools and frameworks (<https://www.emotionallogiccentre.org.uk/>).

The sessions helped the young people to become more aware of their emotions and equipped them with some practical tools to help them thrive in times of setback or disappointment. The aim of these sessions are to help prepare and equip young people to better manage the transition between primary and secondary school.

Work in secondary schools

In November 2022 two Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers joined the newly formed chaplaincy team at a local Anglican secondary school. In collaboration with youth leaders from three other local churches they set up the lunchtime club 'Faith Fridays'. During the club the team facilitate a discussion about life issues and the Christian faith.

Work in Barne Barton

In spring 2023 Youth for Christ volunteers ran outreach/detached work on the Barne Barton estate in partnership with a local church & community organisation. The team set up a weekly drop in youth café which helped to create a safe place for young people to go to after school.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees will aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to meet PYFC expenditure over a 3 to 6 month period. These reserves will be held in a deposit account with an ethical bank, earning the highest rate of interest possible.

If there is a significant reserve it will be held in low risk and ethical investment funds to provide reserves for future developments and the highest return possible by way of interest or growth in value of the funds.

The trustees will regularly review the performance of investments and ensure that all interest payments due are received.

As of 5th April 2023, our account balance is £2400 of which £750 is restricted funds. There is no significant monthly expenditure that needs to be covered by a set reserve at this moment and so £1650 acts as an unrestricted reserve while Plymouth Youth For Christ continues to grow.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional Information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our regular supporters increased by 50% throughout 2022/23 but our principal source of funding remains one off donations, including a £500 gift from one of our principal supporters.

In November 2022 the trustees agreed to move 43% of the total income to date (£750) into a restricted fund in response to a disclosure about the manner of the donors intent. This fund has been set aside to employ a fundraiser on a time limited capacity to grow regular income.

Expenditure has continued to have minimal admin costs, but increased youthwork has tripled our ministry costs. Youth work and ministry expenses are now our largest outgoings.

Section F

Other optional information


The Annual Return and Accounts & TAR for 2021/22 is listed as being late. This was due to a combination of misunderstanding the first-year reporting requirements and a bereavement within the team that restricted the trustees from being able to complete the reports on time.

This has been a learning opportunity for the Trustees in the infancy of Plymouth Youth For Christ and actions have been taken to ensure future reporting is done on time.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Rebekah Merriman	
Full name(s)	REBEKAH MERRIMAN	DAVID NOBLE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	safe guarding lead	TREASURER
Date	29/1/24	

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) CS

Full name(s) CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH ROUTLEDGE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIR.

Date 29/01/24

Plymouth Youth For Christ Financial Report - 2022/23
(6 April 2022 - 5 April 2023)

Income

£ 784.18 One off donations from financial supporters
£ 445.00 Regular donations from financial supporters
£ 49.44 Funds raised by fundraising events

£ 1,278.62 Total Income 2022/23

Expenses

£ 153.20 Public Liability Insurance
£ 472.33 Ministry Costs
£ 22.81 Administration Expenses

£ 648.34 Total Expenses 2022/23

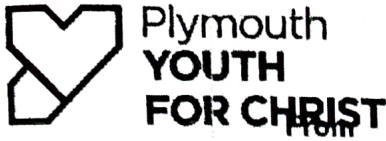
Balance at 5 Apr 2022 £ 1,769.89
Balance at 5 Apr 2023 £ 2,400.17

PLYMOUTH YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 1195442

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report 2021/22



Period start date
9th August 2021
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Period end date
5th April 2022

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chris Routledge	Chair of Trustees		
2	David Noble	Treasurer		
3	Simon Applebee			
4	Rebekah Merriman			
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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Constitution

How the charity is constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods

Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN APPENDIX 1 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;

(B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH MAINLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY MEANS OF PROCLAIMING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELISTIC AND TEACHING NATURE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;

(C) TO DEMONSTRATE, PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE CHRISTIAN VALUES, INCLUDING DIGNITY, EMPOWERMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT PLYMOUTH AND ITS ENVIRONS;

(D) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SUPPORT AND MENTORING IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, THROUGH LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, STREET BASED YOUTH WORK AND OTHER YOUTH PROVISION TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES, THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED;

(E) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS THEREBY DEMONSTRATING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROMOTING OVERSEAS SERVICE, EDUCATION, PRACTICAL ACTION AND WORKING WITH THOSE AFFECTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH RELEVANT RELIEF AGENCIES.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

Plymouth Youth for Christ raises awareness of religious beliefs and practices through providing young people with opportunities to explore the Christian faith through youth clubs, groups, events, meetings and opportunities to participate in worship.

The organisation generally advances the religion through providing opportunities for young people to explore the Christian faith. Young

Commission on public benefit)

people attending groups, clubs and meetings will be invited to participate in activities and discussions that explore Christian beliefs and values such as dignity, empowerment and partnership.

Facilitating education about the Christian faith takes place in church buildings, community facilities, schools and through online/social media content.

Young people who already attend groups or clubs are encouraged to invite their friends. Activities are also advertised through local churches and schools. Activities/services may be promoted at community events and venues.

All young people aged between 7 and 25 can attend youth work activities. Most groups are specifically for different age groups, for example a youth club for young people aged 11-14 or a primary school assembly.

The Trustees have reviewed the activities of the charity in the light of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The Trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities during the past year continue to be for the public benefit, relating as they do to benefit the community in the City of Plymouth and beyond.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In it's first year, Plymouth Youth For Christ has prioritised setting the groundwork for ongoing youth and schools work by establishing policies and procedures along with registering with appropriate organisations.

Significant time has also been spent raising awareness of the new charity in order to build ongoing financial support, practical support and

spiritual covering through ongoing prayer support.

Plymouth Youth for Christ was officially commissioned and launched on Saturday 11th September 2021. Representatives from British Youth for Christ supported the event and church leaders, youth ministers and supporters from across the city pledged their support for the new ministry.

A team of four founding trustees were also established prior to successful registration as a charity in summer 2021.

The vision of Plymouth Youth for Christ is to invite every young person in the city of Plymouth to explore the Christian faith and enable them to thrive in all areas of life.

Supporting young people in time of crisis

In November 2021 volunteers from Plymouth Youth for Christ were involved with supporting young people in the wake of a tragedy in the local community. The team worked together with local church leaders and the Plymouth City Council Youth Service to run a drop in evening for young people.

Then during December Plymouth Youth for Christ volunteers ran a series of weekly drop-in sessions with the purpose of engaging with young people and signposting further support if relevant.

Training

During February Paul Bennet from Youth for Christ Gloucestershire facilitated a 'personal fundraising' training day for the board of trustees.

Setting goals

The board of trustees met regularly to establish core policies and procedures, set up a bank account and to discuss strategy. The following goals for 2022-23 were agreed:

- Volunteers are regularly connecting with young people
- The team of volunteers is growing
- The board of trustees should be strengthened and embedded through trustee recruitment, regular meetings, and training.
- Interest and support for the charity is growing across different areas of Plymouth.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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The trustees will regularly review the performance of investments and ensure that all interest payments due are received.

As of 5th April 2022, our account balance is £1770. There is no significant monthly expenditure that needs to be covered by a set reserve at this moment and this full amount acts as an unrestricted reserve while Plymouth Youth For Christ continues to grow.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Principal sources of income during the 2021/22 period include a transfer of funds from Plymouth Vineyard Church who were custodians of our funds prior to charity registration. Also significant fundraising was made by one of our trustees through various sponsored running events throughout September/October 2021

Expenditure has been minimal admin costs with the largest expense covering our Public Liability Insurance Premium.



Section F

Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	CHRISTOPHER PENTLEDGE	DAVID JAMES NOBLE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) CHAIR TRUSTEE / TREASURER

Date 3/3/23

Plymouth Youth For Christ Financial Report - 2021/22
(9 August 2021 - 5 April 2022)

Income

£ 712.07	Funds given to PYFC prior to Charity Registration
£ 900.54	Funds raised by sponsored running events
£ 300.00	Regular donations from financial supporters
£ 156.00	One off donations given at Charity Launch Night

£ 2,068.61 Total Income 2021/22

Expenses

£ 163.21	Public Liability Insurance
£ 103.64	Ministry Costs
£ 31.87	Administration Expenses

£ 298.72 Total Expenses 2021/22

Balance at 5 Apr 2022 £ 1,769.89