



Trustees' Annual Report 2024/25

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

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Plymouth Youth for Christ

Other names charity is known by PYFC

Registered charity number (if any) 1195442

Charity's principal address c/o Christ Church Estover

Leypark Walk

Plymouth

Postcode

PL6 8UE

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 until 14 th Aug 2024	
2	David Noble	Treasurer		
3	Simon Applebee			
4	Rebekah Merriman	Safeguarding Lead		
5	Steven Bell	Chair of Trustees	14 th Aug 2024 - Present	
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Section C Objectives and activities

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 Commission on public benefit)

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 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

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.

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 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)

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.

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

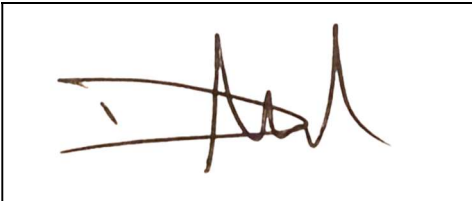
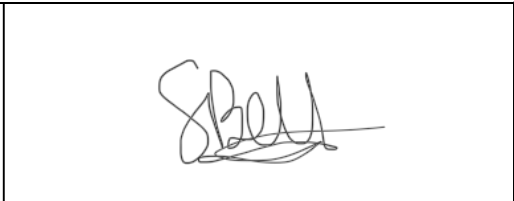
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Other optional information

Section GDeclaration

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

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
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
Cash Assets Total	13,655	252	13,906	6,466

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**