

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1197085

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-13

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

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Activities

Objects: TO HELP BOYS AND GIRLS (AGED 8-25) THROUGH THEIR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES SO TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, AND THAT THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED

Activities: North Avenue Youth Centre is a youth centre in Chelmsford currently operating out of the United Reformed Church, North Avenue, Chelmsford. The centre, mainly but not exclusively, draws young people from the Melbourne estate and surrounding areas. It provides a full range of youth activities and programmes to enable the young people to reach their full potential as individuals.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£92,889	£116,885	-	-
2024-12-31	£100,365	£103,148	-	-
2023-12-31	£90,547	£92,683	-	-
2022-12-31	£59,633	£69,254	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rebecca Mabey	Chair	2021-12-13
Jane Elizabeth Humphreys		2021-12-13
Martin Denis Solder		2021-12-13
Matthew Willmott		2025-09-01
Peter Richard Bardwell		2021-12-13
Professor Graham Handscomb		2022-09-24
YVONNE SPENCE		2021-12-13
Yvonne Marie Fitzgibbon		2025-07-02

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
INCOME FROM:						
Donations, grants and legacies	2	26065	0	61069	87134	96354
Charitable activities	3	5227	0	0	5227	3573
Investments	4	527	0	0	527	438
Total		31819	0	61069	92889	100365
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds	5	7165	0	0	7165	6596
Charitable activities	6,7	96249	90	13380	109720	96552
Total		103414	90	13380	116885	103148
Net income/(expenditure)		-71595	-90	47689	-23996	-2783
Transfers between funds		46932		-46932	0	0
Net movement in funds		-24663	-90	757	-23996	-2783
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2025		42426	90	10286	52803	55586
Total funds carried forward 31 December		17762	0	11044	28806	52803

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	8	789	0	0	789	141
Total fixed assets		789	0	0	789	141
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	9	951	0	0	951	9232
Cash at bank and in hand	10	16071	0	11044	27116	43713
Total current assets		17023	0	11044	28067	52945
Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	50	0	0	50	285
Net current assets/(liabilities)		16973	0	11044	28017	52660
Total assets less current liabilities		17762	0	11044	28806	52801
Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds	12			11044	11044	1436
Unrestricted funds		17762	0		17762	54150
Total funds		17762	0	11044	28806	55586

APPROVED by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Rebecca Mabey
Chairman

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2025

1a. FORMATION OF CHARITY

North Avenue Youth Centre was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registration number 1197085 on 13 December 2021.

1b. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2019 - FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission, and the Charities Act 2016. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted, and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied consistently.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be established with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the general recognition criteria are met, and any applicable performance conditions are met.

Grant money unspent at the end of the period is considered to be a liability if repayment is probable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and liabilities

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Tangible fixed assets

The premises used by NAYC are owned by the United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust with whom NAYC has an agreement for use of the premises until 2046 in the first instance.

Tangible assets with a purchase value over £100, other than those purchased wholly by a specific grant, are depreciated over a period of 5 or more years.

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
2 Donations, grants and legacies:					
Donations and gifts	665	-	-	665	387
Grants	25,400		61,069	86,469	95,967
Total	26,065	-	61,069	87,134	96,354
3 Charitable activities:					
entrance money	1,703	-	-	1,703	2,059
YC activity receipts	3,525	-	-	3,525	1,514
Total	5,227	-	-	5,227	3,573
4 Income from investments:					
Interest income	527	-	-	527	438
Total	527	-	-	527	438

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
5 Expenditure on raising funds:					
Incurred seeking grants	7,148	-	-	7,148	6,596
Costs of fund-raising	17			17	-
Total	7,165	-	-	7,165	6,596

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024
6 Expenditure on charitable activities					
Staff costs:					
Salaries	62,491		11,107	73,598	61,517
Training	109			109	40
Travel etc expenses	1,418			1,418	434
Recruitment				-	76
Youth Centre activities	19,629	90	2,273	21,992	22,274
Building costs:					
Rent	12			12	12
Charity administration:					
Insurance	1,117			1,117	1,033
Communications	1,462			1,462	1,260
Payroll services	307			307	327
Sundry costs	454			454	406
Support costs:					
Independent examiner's fee	-			-	-
Contribution to North Avenue Christian Centre	9,000			9,000	9,000
Depreciation	250			250	174
Total	96,249	90	13,380	109,720	96,552

7 Staff and Trustee Costs

Salaries and wages	79005
Social security costs	7119 fully reimbursed by NI allowance
Pension costs	1400
Total staff costs	87524

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

NAYC has arranged with the NEST pension scheme for eligible employees to be enrolled

The charity trustees were neither paid nor received any other benefits from employment with NAYC in the year

neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity

The trustees are the key management personnel of the charity

The average monthly head count was 6 employees

8 Tangible assets

Equipment since 2017, value at 1 January 2025	141
Additions	898
Depreciation allowed in year	-250
Carried forward 31 December 2025	789

9 Analysis of debtors

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	2025 £	2024 £
EYT Grant due				0	8400
Insurance in advance	951			951	832
Total	951	0	0	951	9,232

10 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	2025 £	2024 £
Co-operative Bank current account	6057			6057	3,152

Co-operative Bank savings account	9921	0	11043
Floats and cash awaiting banking	94		
	16,072	0	11,043

	20965	40,438
	94	125
Total	27,116	43,714

11 Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
Payroll	50		
Total	50	-	-

2025 £	2024 £
50	285
50	285

12 Funds and grants

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes grants and awards that are Restricted in terms of their use and time availability
 In 2019 Chelmsford City Council made a grant of £18250 for a community defibrillator, improved lighting and equipment.
 In 2025 Essex County Council topped up the defibrillator grant to cover replacement parts
 In 2021 Active Essex through EBGC awarded £2500 for use with families to cope after the winter of Covid-19
 In 2024 the PFCC provided £16,000 of grant funding to establish the Schools project
 In 2025 a restricted income grant of £19,900 was received from Essex Community Foundation, for core costs

Movement on Restricted funds during the year:

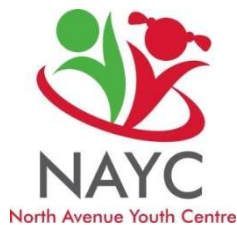
	Jack Petchey	Schools project	Defibrillator	Winter Covid
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2025	0	9572	24	690
Receipts	900	12874	364	
Expenditure	-897	-12119	-364	
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2025	3	0	10327	24

2025 £	2024 £
10,286	1436
14,138	16900
- 13,380	-8049
Total	11,043

Funding from other bodies which is not for core running costs is Designated for specific purposes. These are currently the purchase of equipment. This fund was added to a grant of £3000 from Bauer Radio for equipment
 Movements on Designated Funds:

	Equipment
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2025	90
Receipts	0
Expenditure	-90
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2025	0

2025 £	2024 £
90	90
-	0
- 90	0
Total	0



North Avenue Youth Centre

Reg Charity No.1197085

Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Address: North Avenue, Chelmsford CM1 2AL

Trustees: Trevor Andrews // to 2 July 2025
Peter Bardwell (Chair to 2 July 2025)
Lucy Belcher //
Lisa Cracknell resigned 12 March 2025
Yvonne Fitzgibbon // from 19 June 2025
Nicola Grieves // to 2 July 2025
Graham Handscomb //
Jane Humphreys (Treasurer)//
Rebecca Mabey (Chair from 18 September 2025)
Martin Solder#
Yvonne Spence
Matthew Willmott // from 18 September 2025

// Nominated by the United Reformed Church

Appointed by Essex Youth Trust

Other trustees are elected/re-elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Custodian Trustees: The United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust are the custodian trustees of the premises

Bankers: Cooperative Bank Plc
Miller Street
Manchester M60 0AL

Independent Examiner: Roger Louth FCCA

Governing document: Constitution agreed 07.07.2021

Objectives and activities

The aims and objectives of the North Avenue Youth Centre (NAYC) are to help boys and girls (age 8 to 18, or 25 with additional needs) through their leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and

spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and as members of society, and that their conditions of life may be improved.

In order to achieve this, a full-time Centre Manager, part-time youth workers, and a combined administrator and fundraiser have been appointed. The grants awarded to NAYC allow it to run a varied programme of out-of-school activities for young people from the local area, which is one of great social deprivation. NAYC has the use of purpose-built facilities which include a sports hall and an outside all-weather play space.

In their role of guiding and monitoring the planning and delivery of these activities, the NAYC Trustees (known as the Management Committee) have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

This year saw NAYC continue its valuable work with the young people of the area. This was carried out in several different ways.

During school term times, centre-based activities ran on three evenings a week. Seniors remained the largest group and the upper age limit was increased this year in response to requests from the young people, so the age range became for those school year 7 to age 17. Their Friday evening cooking sessions remained popular with young people keen to assist with the planning and preparation of the food each week. Due to the consistent funding for this session, we were able to run these sessions through most of the school holidays as well.

Juniors (age 8 to school year 6) met on Wednesdays. The group increased in attendance numbers throughout the year and reached full capacity on a few occasions. The group remained to have a high proportion of members with additional needs. Activities focussed on social skills, communication and kindness, promoted through group games and challenges, sports, crafts and discussion.

Monday Olders sessions continued to increase in numbers and in response to requests from the young people the age range was lowered to age 14 to 18. It remained a quieter session for activities exploring how to set boundaries and build respect.

The detached sessions ran twice a week in the local neighbourhood. Conversations across the year have centred around mental health, friendships, healthy relationships and the danger surrounding the use of E-scooters. Later in the year conversations also included school transitions and college. During the spring a number of the sessions were run for young people to make small potted plants for Mother's day,

creating the opportunity to make gifts for mothers and talk about families and important relationships.

Surveys show that parents trust and appreciate the work done by team at NAYC.

Holiday sessions ran to the extent that funding was secured. During February half-term we ran very popular theatre workshops around stage combat and special FX make up skills. During the Easter break, we held our annual family Easter Egg hunt with over 100 eggs being given to children and young people. In the summer we took a group for five days to the EBGC camp in the Lake District. Other activities included a sleepover at the Centre, pottery painting, ice-skating, a trip to an escape room, a family fun day including magic shows and games, team challenges, and trainings sessions.

In October we held our annual Halloween parties, for which we received excellent feedback from young people and families.

Active Essex funded and supported our annual Christmas family day for young people and families. We further expanded the experience to 63 people focused on regular members and their siblings and parents who valued this opportunity to go to the pantomime – something which otherwise was unaffordable.

In the spring term we began working with St John Payne School offering 1:1 mentoring for 15 young people. During the autumn term we also began offering 1:1 mentoring at The Boswells School with a second member of staff in place.

At the end of 2025 staffing was stable with a full-time Centre Manager, a full-time Senior Youth Worker, three part-time Youth Support Workers a part-time Fundraiser / Office Administrator and a part-time Youth Mentor for the Schools project. We also highly value the 4 community volunteers and 5 young leaders.

The United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust continued to discuss the transfer of ownership of the premises at North Avenue Christian Centre used by NAYC with The River Church (the other primary user of the premises). In early 2025 they made a proposal to replace the current hiring agreement with NAYC with a lease on similar terms. The Trustees accepted this in principle but will review the details to ensure that NAYC can continue to operate effectively from the premises which were built to provide the home for activities.

Financial Review

NAYC continues to rely primarily on grant funding to operate. In 2025 we were grateful to Essex Youth Trust for their funding towards our core costs of £16,800. We secured a further £69,669 in grants, over £8000

less than in 2024, reflecting the increasingly difficult environment for securing grant funding, particularly for core costs. Different elements of our activities, and contributions to core costs, were funded by a range of bodies. Our thanks go to Essex Community Foundation (specifically, the Four Acre Core Cost Fund, Thriving Third Sector Fund and the Roger and Jean Heath Charitable Fund), Chelmsford City Council, Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit, Active Essex, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Bauer Radio, John Lewis Partnership, and Fowler Smith and Jones Trust. We were pleased once again that our young people were able to enjoy awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation with three awards spent. The Schools Project operated thanks to £12,874 from the Police and Crime Commissioner with funding of £3803 approved for the period to March 2026. Essex County Council provided £364 for replacement parts for the defibrillator located on the Hall. Our members generated over £5200 from activities.

Overall expenditure in 2025 of £116,885 was £23,996 more than total income. The total assets of the charity therefore fell to £28,806.

The reserves policy of NAYC is to hold sufficient cash to cover six to nine months' expenditure. At the end of 2025, unrestricted cash held totalled £16,071, equivalent to less than two months' planned expenditure for 2026. The trustees are reviewing how to reverse this decline.

Looking forward

In January 2026 we were notified by ECVYS that we had been awarded Violence and Vulnerability Community Grant funding of £20,000 for the Schools Project and £15,000 for other activities for the year from April 2026 to March 2027. We are also confident that our long-term funders will continue to support us. We have applications to other funders for over £40,000 awaiting decisions.

Recognising the challenging funding situation for small charities like NAYC, we will

- Prioritise operating the current level of centre-based sessions during school terms, to provide a safe space and opportunity for young people to gather away from the risks and challenges of local gangs
- operate the Schools Project within the level of VVU funding plus any contribution from the school(s) involved
- provide off-site activities, and activities during the school holidays only to the extent that they are fully funded
- build a strong team of staff and volunteers who are trained and inspired to encourage the young people in enjoying the activities.

Declaration

This report and the accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 12th February 2026

Signed:

Position:



Report to the trustees

North Avenue Youth Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1197085

Set out on pages

5 pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

R Louth

Date:

27th March 2026

Name:

Roger Louth

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

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (retired)

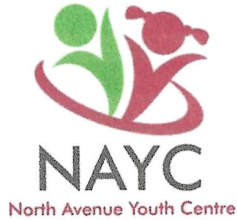
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During school term times, centre-based activities ran on three evenings a week. Seniors (Year7 to age 15) remained the largest group. Their Friday evening cooking sessions grew in popularity as young people shared recipes from different heritages, and were often oversubscribed. At the request of the young people we were able to run these sessions on a number of holiday weeks.

Juniors (age 8 to Year6) met on Wednesdays. The group had a high proportion of members with additional needs. Activities focussed on social skills, communication and kindness, promoted through group games and challenges, sports, crafts and discussion.

Monday Olders (age 15 to 18) sessions increased in numbers. It remained a quieter session for activities exploring how to set boundaries and build respect.

The detached sessions (street-based youth work) ran twice a week in the neighbourhood. As some of the original contacts have dispersed into adult lives, a younger group have engaged with our staff on issues such as vaping and health, grooming and drugs. As a result of the sensitive and careful engagement over two or more years, some of these young people with challenging backgrounds started to attend the Friday cooking sessions and the Monday Olders sessions.

Surveys show that parents trust and appreciate the work done by team at NAYC. Their word of mouth is particularly important in encouraging the Juniors to attend.

Holiday sessions ran to the extent that funding was secured. At Easter over 80 eggs were shared. In the summer we took a group for five days to the EBGC camp in the Lake District. We also took some juniors and young leaders for two nights to Skreens Park. Other activities included a

sleepover at the Centre, an inflatables day for families, team challenges, and trainings sessions.

In October 90 young people attended the Halloween events, and 15 joined a bowling event.

The young people and families enjoyed another Christmas family day funded by Active Essex. We expanded the experience to 45 people focused on regular members and their siblings and parents who valued this opportunity to go to the pantomime and share a meal – something which otherwise was unaffordable.

NAYC also took part in several EBGC activities, including the adventure weekend on Mersea Island, and a drama group who performed at His Majesty's Theatre London as part of the Jack Petchey Foundation event 'Celebrate: a Life, a Vision, a Legacy'. One young person experienced a life-changing trip to Nepal.

Hylands School was unable to take forward the agreed project for young people who are struggling with school attendance. The person recruited by NAYC to deliver this work instead prepared a suite of materials suitable for providing activities to support such children. Over two half-terms in late 2024 and early 2025 these were deployed in The Boswells School with the school reporting improved attendance and engagement within lessons.

At the end of 2024 staffing was stable with a full time Centre manager, a part time senior detached worker, two youth support workers and fundraiser office administrator, plus one person dedicated to the Schools project. We also highly value the 4 community volunteers and 12 young leaders.

The United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust continued to discuss the transfer of ownership of the premises at North Avenue Christian Centre used by NAYC with The River Church (the other primary user of the premises). In early 2025 they made a proposal to replace the current hiring agreement with NAYC with a lease on similar terms. The Trustees accepted this in principle, but will review the details to ensure that NAYC can continue to operate effectively from the premises which were built to provide the home for activities.

Financial Review

NAYC continues to rely primarily on grant funding to operate. In 2024 we were grateful to Essex Youth Trust for increasing their funding towards our core costs to £16,800. We secured a further £78,267 in grants, of which £16,000 from the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner supported the new Schools Project. Our thanks go to Essex Community Foundation (specifically, the Acorn Fund, the Dulverton Trust Fund, the Four Acre

Core Cost Fund, the High Sheriffs' Fund, the FW Charitable Fund, and the Margaretting Fund), Chelmsford City Council, Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Active Essex, the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner, and the Roger and Jean Heath Charitable Fund. We were pleased once again that our young people were able to enjoy awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation with three awards spent. Our members generated over £3500 from activities.

Overall expenditure in 2024 of £103,148 was £2,783 more than total income. The total assets of the charity therefore fell to £52,802.

The reserves policy of NAYC is to hold sufficient cash to cover six to nine months' expenditure. At the end of 2024, unrestricted cash held totalled £33,311, equivalent to around three months' planned expenditure of £118,000 for 2025.

Looking forward

- NAYC aim to continue to hold the current level of sessions and to increase the variety of activities taking place during holidays, all of which are intended to provide a safe space and opportunity for young people to gather away from the risks and challenges of local gangs
- We aim to develop the Schools Project on a sustainable basis
- We aim to strengthen the team, both staff and volunteers, and ensure they have appropriate opportunities for training and development.

Declaration

This report and the accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 24th April 2025

Signed: 

Position: Chair

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Charity Number 1197085

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Investments	4	438	0	0	438	0
Total		32314	0	68050	100365	90546
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds	5	6596	0	0	6596	6404
Charitable activities	6,7	88503	0	8049	96552	86279
Total		95099	0	8049	103148	92683
Net income/(expenditure)		-62784	0	60001	-2783	-2137
Transfers between funds		51150		-51150	0	0
Net movement in funds		-11634	0	8851	-2783	-2137
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2024		54060	90	1436	55586	57723
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Tangible assets	8	141	0	0	141	315
Total fixed assets		141	0	0	141	315
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	9	9232	0	0	9232	783
Cash at bank and in hand	10	33311	90	10312	43713	55108
Total current assets		42543	90	10312	52946	55891
Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	259	0	26	285	620
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Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds	12			10287	10287	1436
Unrestricted funds		42425	90		42515	54150
Total funds		42425	90	10287	52802	55586

APPROVED by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Pete Bardwell
Chairman

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2024

1a. FORMATION OF CHARITY

North Avenue Youth Centre was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registration number 1197085 on 13 December 2021.

1b. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2015 - FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission, and the Charities Act 2016. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted, and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied consistently.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be established with sufficient reliability.

Grants are recognised when the general recognition criteria are met, and any applicable performance conditions are met.

Grant money unspent at the end of the period is considered to be a liability if repayment is probable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and liabilities

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Tangible fixed assets

The premises used by NAYC are owned by the United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust with whom NAYC has an agreement for use of the premises until 2046 in the first instance.

Tangible assets with a purchase value over £100, other than those purchased wholly by a specific grant, are depreciated over a period of 5 or more years.

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
2 Donations, grants and legacies:					
Donations and gifts	387	-	-	387	519
Grants	27,917	-	68,050	95,967	85,991
Total	28,304	-	68,050	96,354	86,510
3 Charitable activities:					
entrance money	2,059	-	-	2,059	1,859
YC activity receipts	1,514	-	-	1,514	2,178
Total	3,573	-	-	3,573	4,036
4 Income from investments:					
Interest income	438	-	-	438	0
Total	438	-	-	438	0
5 Expenditure on raising funds:					
Incurring seeking grants	6,596	-	-	6,596	6,404
Total	6,596	-	-	6,596	6,404
6 Expenditure on charitable activities					
Staff costs:					
Salaries	61,517	-	-	61,517	53,877
Training	40	-	-	40	215
Travel etc expenses	434	-	-	434	40
Recruitment	76	-	-	76	-
Youth Centre activities	14,225	-	8,049	22,274	20,007
Building costs:					
Rent	12	-	-	12	12
Charity administration:					
Insurance	1,033	-	-	1,033	964
Communications	1,260	-	-	1,260	1,131
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll services	327	-	-	327	314
Sundry costs	406	-	-	406	545
Support costs:					
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to North Avenue Christian Centre	9,000	-	-	9,000	9,000
Depreciation	174	-	-	174	175
Total	88,503	-	8,049	96,552	86,279

7 Staff and Trustee Costs

Salaries and wages	73320	
Social security costs	4357	fully reimbursed by NI allowance
Pension costs	1220	
Total staff costs	78897	

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

NAYC has arranged with the NEST pension scheme for eligible employees to be enrolled

The charity trustees were neither paid nor received any other benefits from employment with NAYC in the year neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity

The trustees are the key management personnel of the charity

The average monthly head count was 6 employees

8 Tangible assets

Equipment since 2017, value at 1 January 2024	315
Additions	0
Depreciation allowed in year	-174
Carried forward 31 December 2024	141

9 Analysis of debtors

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
EYT Grant due	8400		
Insurance in advance	832		
Total	9,232	0	0

	2024 £	2023 £
	8,400	0
	832	784
Total	9,232	784

10 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
Co-operative Bank current account	3152		
Co-operative Bank savings account	30036	90	10312
Floats	125		
Total	33,312	90	10,312

	2024 £	2023 £
	3152	55,036
	40438	-
	125	72
Total	43,714	55,108

11 Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
Pay costs for December	259		26
Payment for Christmas outing			
Total	259	-	26

	2024 £	2023 £
	285	234
	-	386
Total	285	620

12 Funds and grants

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes grants and awards that are Restricted in terms of their use and time availability
 In 2019 Chelmsford City Council made a grant of £18250 for a community defibrillator, improved lighting and equipment.
 In 2020 Essex County Council topped up the defibrillator grant to cover a shortfall in installation costs
 In 2021 Active Essex through EBGC awarded £2500 for use with families to cope after the winter of Covid-19
 In 2024 the PFCC provided £16,000 of grant funding to establish the Schools project
 In 2024 a restricted income grant of £15,000 was received from Essex Community Foundation, for core costs

Movement on Restricted funds during the year:

	Jack Petchey	Schools project	Defibrillator	Winter Covid
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2024	300		24	1112
Receipts	900	16000		
Expenditure	-1200	-6428		-421
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>9572</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>690</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
	1,436	1794
	16,900	900
	- 8,049	-1258
Total	10,286	1,436

Funding from other bodies which is not for core running costs is Designated for specific purposes. These are currently the purchase of equipment.

Movements on Designated Funds:

	Equipment
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2024	90
Receipts	0
Expenditure	0
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2024	<u>90</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
	90	310
	-	0
	-	-220
Total	90	90



Report to the trustees

Charity Name
North Avenue Youth Centre

On accounts for the year ended

31 st December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1197085
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Set out on pages

5 pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

22nd April 2025

Name:

Roger Louth

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

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (retired)

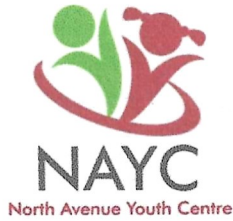
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NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1197085

Accounts



North Avenue Youth Centre

Reg Charity No.1125028

Reg Charity No.1197085

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

Address: North Avenue, Chelmsford CM1 2AL

Trustees: Trevor Andrews //
Peter Bardwell (Chair from September 2022) //
Janet Cassels (Secretary)
Graham Handscomb // from 24 September 2022
Jane Humphreys (Treasurer)* //
Rebecca Mabey
Martin Solder#
Yvonne Spence

* Appointed by the United Reformed Church for charity 1125028

// Nominated by the United Reformed Church for charity 1197085

Appointed by Essex Youth Trust for both charities

Other trustees are elected/re-elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM); those co-opted between AGMs stand for election at the next AGM

Custodian Trustees: The United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust are the custodian trustees of the premises

Bankers: Cooperative Bank Plc
Miller Street
Manchester M60 0AL

Independent Examiner: Roger Louth FCCA

Governing document: Constitution agreed 07.07.2021 for 1197085

Change in charity structure

The charity 1125028 was removed from the register of charities in December 2023

Objectives and activities

The aims and objectives of the North Avenue Youth Centre (NAYC) remain unchanged by the move from an unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated organisation. They are to help boys and girls (age 8-25) through their leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and as members of society, and that their conditions of life may be improved.

In order to achieve this, a full-time Centre Manager, part-time youth workers, a combined administrator and fundraiser have been appointed. The grants awarded to NAYC allow it to run a varied programme of out-of-school activities for young people from the local area, which is one of great social deprivation. NAYC has the use of purpose-built facilities which include a sports hall and an outside all-weather play space.

In their role of guiding and monitoring the planning and delivery of these activities, the NAYC Trustees (known as the Management Committee) have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

This year has seen NAYC continue its valuable work with the young people of the area. This is carried out in several different ways.

The detached sessions run twice a week in the neighbourhood. It is felt that consistent long term involvement with young people has increased its successes. New young people become regulars and engage much more quickly. Staff are seeing much more success in intercepting what could be considered harmful associations.

Sessions continue to run with good numbers. Seniors (Yr7-15) remain the largest group. Their sessions focus on sports, managing conflict, setting boundaries, teamwork and the very successful Friday evening cooking sessions.

Juniors sessions (8-end of Yr6) can be quite challenging with some disruptive behaviour. This has been tackled by offering sessions with strong play work using imaginative and free play as well as more structured teamwork. It is felt this is beginning to have a positive effect.

Monday Olders sessions have increased in numbers. It remains a quieter session when the bullying project is being worked on. It is positive to see this group sitting round the table offering each other a space to be heard.

Parental surveys show that parents trust and appreciate the work done by team at NAYC.

In the summer a variety of activities (funded by Active Essex Foundation and Essex Local Council Associations) took place. These included splash park visit, 5 day residential visit to Wales pottery painting go karting, camp out at Skreens Park.

The first Halloween event was held. 2 parties were run. One for Juniors and families and a later one for Seniors. Across the evening 94 people attended and good reports were received.

The young people and families enjoyed another Christmas family day. This is funded by Active Essex. This outing includes attending a panto in Southend, a visit to a Christmas market, a buffet and some party games.

NAYC also took part in several EBGC activities including a residential weekend in Wales

There is a planned project with Hylands School for young people who are struggling with school attendance. The aim is to provide activities to support these children with the objective of those children returning to full time education in school

At the end of 2023 staffing is at the highest level yet achieved. It consists of a full time Centre manager and a part time senior detached worker, 3 youth support workers and fund-raiser office administrator. We also highly value the 3 community volunteers and 3 young leaders. This high level means that NAYC can be open for more activities and support both in the centre and detached. It is expected that 2 new people will be appointed to deliver the Hylands project

Since September 2023 trustees have holding about the proposed transfer of ownership of premises to The River Church. This church is one of the site users Trustees are working on ensuring this transfer goes ahead to the benefit of all making sure that all aspects of NAYC are able to continue to carry out their valuable work. Discussions continue.

Financial Review

NAYC continues to rely primarily on grant funding to operate. In 2023 we were again grateful to Essex Youth Trust for funding of £16,000 towards our core costs. We secured an additional £69,091 in grants, a significant increase on 2022. Our thanks go to Essex Community Foundation (specifically the Roger and Jean Heath Charitable Fund, the Alastair and Patricia Stewart Charitable Fund, the Bartella Charitable Fund, the FW Charitable Fund, and the Margareting Fund), Essex County Council, Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Essex Boys and Girls Clubs, Active Essex, the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner, the Essex Association, the People's Postcode Lottery Trust, and DHL. Our members generated over £4000 from activities. Total unrestricted income for the year at £89,647

was £30,614 more than in 2022. Unrestricted expenditure of £91,425 was £22,938 more than in 2022.

Restricted funds: We were pleased once again that our young people were able to enjoy awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation with three awards spent. £324 was used to keep the community defibrillator operational.

Overall expenditure in 2023 of £92,683 was £2,136 more than total income. The total assets of the charity therefore fell to £55,587.

The reserves policy of NAYC is to hold sufficient cash to cover six to nine months' expenditure. At the end of 2023, unrestricted cash held totalled £53,582, equivalent to around five months' planned expenditure of £129,362 (including the Hylands School project agreed in January 2024) for 2024.

Looking forward

- NAYC aim to continue to hold the current level of sessions and to increase the variety of activities taking place during holidays all of which are intended to provide a safe space and opportunity for young people to gather away from the risks and challenges of local gangs
- Following signature in January 2024 of the agreement with Hylands School, carry out and assess the initial 6 week session of Hylands project which it is hoped will encourage and enable reluctant pupils back into full school life.
- Develop further training and development for staff.

Declaration

This report and the accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 18th April 2024

Signed: 

Position: Chair NAYC. 18/4/24.

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE
Charity Number 1197085

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022
	1					
INCOME FROM:						
Donations, grants and legacies	2	75310	0	11200	86510	56704
Charitable activities	3	4036	0	0	4036	2924
Investments	4	0	0	0	0	5
Total		79347	0	11200	90547	59633
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds	5	6404	0	0	6404	3383
Charitable activities	6,7	84801	220	1258	86279	65871
Total		91205	220	1258	92683	69254
Net income/(expenditure)		-11858	-220	9942	-2136	-9621
Transfers between funds		10300		-10300	0	0
Net movement in funds		-1558	-220	-358	-2136	-9621
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2023		55619	310	1794	57723	67343
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2023		54060	90	1436	55586	57723

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	8	315	0	0	315	490
Total fixed assets		315	0	0	315	490
Current assets						
Debtors and prepayments	9	783	0	0	783	1069
Cash at bank and in hand	10	53582	90	1436	55108	56686
Total current assets		54365	90	1436	55891	57755
Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	620	0	0	620	523
Net current assets/(liabilities)		53745	90	1436	55271	57232
Total assets less current liabilities		54060	90	1436	55586	57722
Funds of the Charity						
Restricted income funds	12			1436	1436	1794
Unrestricted funds		54060	90		54150	55929
Total funds		54060	90	1436	55586	57723

APPROVED by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Pete Bardwell
Chairman

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

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NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2023 £	Total 2022
2 Donations, grants and legacies:					
Donations and gifts	519	-	-	519	2583
Grants	74,791	-	11,200	85991	54121
Total	75,310	-	11,200	86,510	56,704
3 Charitable activities:					
entrance money	1,859	-	-	1859	1425
YC activity receipts	2,178	-	-	2178	1409
Payments for services	-	-	-	0	90
Total	4,036	-	-	4036	2924
4 Income from investments:					
Interest income	-	-	-	0	5
Total	-	-	-	0	5
5 Expenditure on raising funds:					
Incurring seeking grants	6,404	-	-	6,404	3,383
Total	6,404	-	-	6,404	3,383
6 Expenditure on charitable activities					
Staff costs:					
Salaries	53,877	-	-	53,877	44,698
Training	215	-	-	215	240
Travel etc expenses	40	-	-	40	31
Recruitment	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Centre activities	18,529	220	1,258	20,007	10,068
Building costs:					
Rent	12	-	-	12	12
Charity administration:					
Insurance	964	-	-	964	876
Communications	1,131	-	-	1,131	709
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll services	314	-	-	314	245
Sundry costs	545	-	-	545	567
Support costs:					
Independent examiner's fee	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to North Avenue Christian Centre	9,000	-	-	9,000	8,250
Depreciation	175	-	-	175	175
Total	84,801	220	1,258	86,279	65,871

7 Staff and Trustee Costs

Salaries and wages	59222
Social security costs	3907 fully reimbursed by NI allowance
Pension costs	1058
Total staff costs	64187

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

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The trustees are the key management personnel of the charity

The average monthly head count was 4 employees

8 Tangible assets

Equipment since 2017, value at 1 January 2023	490
Additions	0
Depreciation allowed in year	-175
Carried forward 31 December 2023	315

9 Analysis of debtors

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	2023 £	2022 £
Refunds due				0	340
Insurance in advance	784			784	730
Total	784	0	0	784	1,070

10 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	2023 £	2022 £
Co-operative Bank current account	53510	90	1436	55036	56,615
Floats	72			72	71
Total	53,582	90	1,436	55,108	56,686

11 Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	2023 £	2022 £
Pay costs for December	234			234	223

Payment for Christmas outing
Repayment of grant

	386		
Total	620	-	-

	386	
	-	300
Total	620	523

12 Funds and grants

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes grants and awards that are Restricted in terms of their use and time availability
In 2019 Chelmsford City Council made a grant of £18250 for a community defibrillator, improved lighting and equipment.
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In 2021 Active Essex through EBGC awarded £2500 for use with families to cope after the winter of Covid-19
In 2023 a restricted income grant of £10,300 was received from Essex Community Foundation, for core costs

Movement on Restricted funds during the year:

	Jack Petchey	Defibrillator	Winter Covid
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2023	334	348	1112
Receipts	900	0	
Expenditure	-934	-324	
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2023	300	24	1112

	2023 £	2022 £
	1,794	1961
	900	600
	- 1,258	-767
Total	1,436	1,794

Funding from other bodies which is not for core running costs is Designated for specific purposes. These are currently the purchase of equipment.

Movements on Designated Funds:

	Equipment
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2023	310
Receipts	0
Expenditure	-220
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2023	90

	2023 £	2022 £
	310	310
	-	0
	- 220	0
Total	90	310



Report to the trustees

Charity Name
North Avenue Youth Centre

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2023
Charity no (if any) 1197085

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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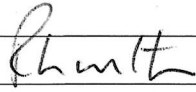
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 13th April 2024

Name: Roger Louth

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (retired)

Address: 18 St Vincents Road, Chelmsford, CM2 9PS

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1197085

Accounts



North Avenue Youth Centre

Reg Charity No.1125028

Reg Charity No.1197085

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

Address: North Avenue, Chelmsford CM1 2AL

Trustees: Rev Kenneth Thom (Chair)* to 22 June 2022
Trevor Andrews //
Peter Bardwell (Chair from September 2022) //
Janet Cassels (Secretary)
Graham Handscomb // from 24 September 2022
Gabrielle Horton to 22 June 2022
Jane Humphreys (Treasurer)* //
Jung Youn (also known as Maria) Lee* to 22 June 2022
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Bankers: Cooperative Bank Plc
Miller Street
Manchester M60 0AL

Independent Examiner: Roger Louth FCCA

Governing document: Constitution agreed 07.09.2000 for 1125028
Constitution agreed 07.07.2021 for 1197085

Change in charity structure

At the 2021 Annual General Meeting a new constitution was agreed for North Avenue Youth Centre as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This charity was recognised by the Charity Commission and registered on 13 December 2021 with number 1197085.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 22 June 2022 it was resolved by the trustees and members of North Avenue Youth Centre Registered Charity Number 1125028 that all activities of the charity since 1 January 2022 be deemed to have been undertaken by North Avenue Youth Centre Registered Charity Number 1197085. The trustees of charity number 1125028 are not absolved from responsibilities for that charity.

Objectives and activities

The aims and objectives of the North Avenue Youth Centre (NAYC) remain unchanged by the move from an unincorporated charity to a charitable incorporated organisation. They are to help boys and girls (age 8-25) through their leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and as members of society, and that their conditions of life may be improved.

In order to achieve this, a full-time Centre Manager, part-time youth workers, a combined administrator and fundraiser have been appointed. The grants awarded to NAYC allow it to run a varied programme of out-of-school activities for young people from the local area, which is one of great social deprivation. NAYC has the use of purpose-built facilities which include a sports hall and an outside all-weather play space.

In their role of guiding and monitoring the planning and delivery of these activities, the NAYC Trustees (known as the Management Committee) have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Since January 2022 the Centre has been fully open for business.

The detached work in the community has been run with limited delivery due to staffing issues. However a new senior worker has been appointed and is working hard to get to know the young people and the different areas covered.

The young people met on these detached visits said that they felt they were viewed negatively due to the behaviour of some. After some discussions, it was decided that they should create a large work of wall

art. This was carried out over an extended period and is bright, colourful with many positive comments painted on it.

NAYC won a community award from Morrisons – the “Moments of Hope Award”- recognising outstanding contributions to the community.

Despite numbers being limited due to staffing, 97 young people attended summer events. These included a five day residence in Wales with EBGC, a day out to Adventure Island, and a junior Sports Day and sleepover led and managed by the young leaders. Also held were a baking and craft session with products being sold afterwards to raise funds for a Go-Karting session, rock climbing, and Seniors BBQ and sleepover.

Following receipt of funding, NAYC has started to deliver a programme of offsite week-end trips every other Saturday for six months.

Just before Christmas, the young people and their families were able to attend the Winter Family Day, funded by Active Essex. This had some very positive feed back from parents and young people.

The Club runs sessions for Juniors (age 8 to end of Year 6) Seniors (Year 7 to age 15) and Olders (age 15 to 18) and some 18+. At all of these sessions as well as physical activities and crafts, young people are encouraged to discuss items such as fairness, power, conflict and resolution, communication and compromise. The Youth Centre Manager also reports the increase in young people with mental health and safeguarding issues. She works with the relevant organisations for these issues. The Friday senior session now focuses on planning, preparing and clearing away a simple meal – important life skills in a community where it is often a struggle to provide a nutritious hot meal. YCM feels that they are beginning to relate these discussions to other areas of their day-to-day life.

A new initiative was launched by one of the volunteers in August. A weekly coffee afternoon is held to provide time for parents and carers to meet, and to share experiences with staff. This group also organised a bingo evening which raised nearly £300.

At the end of 2022 there was a fulltime Centre Manager, one part time senior lead worker, two youth support workers and three volunteers. There is also an Administrator and Fund Raiser working 20 hours per week. It is hoped to employ another senior worker and a youth support worker in the near future.

Financial Review

NAYC continues to rely primarily on grant funding to operate. In 2022 we were again grateful to Essex Youth Trust for funding of £16,000 towards our core costs. We secured an additional £37,521 in grants. Our thanks go to Essex Community Foundation, Chelmsford City Council, Essex

County Council, Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services, and Essex Boys and Girls Clubs/ Active Essex. We also received a number of donations including from Chelmsford Round Table, and European Metal Recovery. Total unrestricted income for the year at £59,033 was £7646 less than in 2021. Unrestricted expenditure of £68,487 was £14,425 more than in 2021.

Restricted funds: Spending of £251 in respect of specific young people concluded the funding received in 2018 and 2019. We were pleased once again that our young people were able to enjoy awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation with two awards spent and a third award planned to be used in early 2023.

This was the first year since 2019 when NAYC was able to run a wide range of activities which is reflected in the expenditure. However, the change of personnel in the fundraising position limited our ability to seek funds at the same time as running activities. As a result, overall expenditure in 2022 of £69,254 was £9,620 more than total income. The total assets of the charity therefore fell to £57,723.

We were required to open a new bank account with the Co-operative Bank for the new registered charity. We closed the interest-bearing account in February with the intention of opening a new one attracting a better rate which would link with the new current account. However the protracted process of opening the new account, and the repeated need to change account signatories, delayed the process of opening a new interest-bearing account beyond the year end.

All assets of the old charity have been transferred to the new charity.

The reserves policy of NAYC is to hold sufficient cash to cover six to nine months' expenditure. At the end of 2022, unrestricted cash held totalled £54,282, equivalent to around 6 months' planned expenditure of £102,832 for 2023.

Looking forward

Our primary aim is to maintain at least three sessions at the centre each week during school terms, plus detached sessions. We will also plan specific activities to take place in school holidays, and still hope to implement the online platform. It is hoped to be able to offer:

- Daytime provision for young people not in school full time
 - Taking part in the 5:50:5 Challenge run by EBGC for those aged 16+
 - Mental health sessions.

The Trustees consider that NAYC remains a going concern and applications for grant funding based on current and planned activities will continue to allow NAYC to carry out its valuable work.

Declaration

This report and the accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 14th April 2023

Signed: *P. Bardwell.*

Position: Chair

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE
Charity Number 1197085

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021	Former charity 2021 £
	1	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:							
Donations, grants and legacies	2	56104	0	600	56704	0	67946
Charitable activities	3	2924	0	0	2924	0	1727
Investments	4	5	0	0	5	0	6
Total		59033	0	600	59633	0	69679
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Raising funds	5	3383	0	0	3383	0	2837
Charitable activities	6.7	65104	0	767	65871	0	54950
Total		68487	0	767	69254	0	57786
Net income/(expenditure)		-9453	0	-167	-9620	0	11893
Transfers between funds				0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		-9453	0	-167	-9620	0	11893
Transfer of funds from charity number 1125028		65073	310	1961	67343	0	55450
Total funds carried forward		55619	310	1794	57723	0	67343

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted general funds £	Unrestricted designated funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £	Former charity 2021 £
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	8	490	0	0	490	0	315
Total fixed assets		490	0	0	490	0	315
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	9	1069	0	0	1069	0	8703
Cash at bank and in hand	10	54282	310	2094	56686	0	58542
Total current assets		55352	310	2094	57755	0	67245
Liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	223	0	300	523	0	216
Net current assets/(liabilities)		55129	310	1794	57232	0	67029
Total assets less current liabilities		55619	310	1794	57722	0	67344
Funds of the Charity							
Restricted income funds	12			1794	1794	0	1961
Unrestricted funds		55619	310		55929	0	65382
Total funds		55619	310	1794	57723	0	67343

APPROVED by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Pete Bardwell
Chairman

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 December 2022

1a. FORMATION OF CHARITY

North Avenue Youth Centre was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registration number 1197085 on 13 December 2021. At the AGM held on 22 June 2022 it was resolved by the trustees and members of North Avenue Youth Centre Registered Charity Number 1125028 that all activities of the charity since 1 January 2022 be deemed to have been undertaken by North Avenue Youth Centre Registered Charity Number 1197085

1b. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2015 - FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission, and the Charities Act 2011. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted, and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied consistently.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be established with sufficient reliability

Grants are recognised when the general recognition criteria are met, and any applicable performance conditions are met

Grant money unspent at the end of the period is considered to be a liability if repayment is probable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report

Expenditure and liabilities

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Tangible fixed assets

The premises used by NAYC are owned by the United Reformed Church (Eastern Province) Trust with whom NAYC has an agreement for use of the premises until 2046 in the first instance.

Tangible assets with a purchase value over £100, other than those purchased wholly by a specific grant, are depreciated over a period of 5 or more years.

NORTH AVENUE YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2022 £	Total 2021
2: Donations, grants and legacies:					
Donations and gifts	2,583	-	-	2,583	29
Grants	53,521		600	54,121	62,440
Government grants for Covid-19				0	5,477
Total	56,104	-	600	56,704	67,946
3: Charitable activities:					
entrance money	1,425	-	-	1,425	492
YC activity receipts	1,409	-	-	1,409	621
Payments for services	90			90	615
Total	2,924	-	-	2,834	1,727

4: Income from investments:					
Interest income	5	-	-	5	6
Total	5	-	-	5	6

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2022 £	Total 2021
5: Expenditure on raising funds:					
Incurred seeking grants	3,383	-	-	3,383	2,837
Total	3,383	-	-	3,383	2,837

6: Expenditure on charitable activities					
Staff costs:					
Salaries	44,698		-	44,698	35,571
Training	240			240	15
Travel etc expenses	31			31	10
Recruitment	-			-	200
Youth Centre activities	9,301	-	767	10,068	7,549
Building costs:					
Rent	12			12	12
Charity administration:					
Insurance	876			876	838
Communications	709			709	839
Subscriptions	-			-	-
Payroll services	245			245	601
Sundry costs	567			567	1,052
Support costs:					
Independent examiner's fee	-			-	-
Contribution to North Avenue Christian Centre	8,250			8,250	8,000
Depreciation	175			175	263
Total	65,104	-	767	65,871	54,950

7: Staff and Trustee Costs

Salaries and wages	47367
Social security costs	2883 fully reimbursed by NI allowance
Pension costs	693
Total staff costs	50943

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000

NAYC has arranged with the NEST pension scheme for eligible employees to be enrolled

The charity trustees were neither paid nor received any other benefits from employment with NAYC in the year neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity

The trustees are the key management personnel of the charity

The average monthly head count was 4 employees

8: Tangible assets

Equipment since 2017, value at 1 January 2022	315
Additions	350
Depreciation allowed in year	-175
Carried forward 31 December 2022	490

9: Analysis of debtors

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
Grant payments due			
Interest due			

2022 £	2021 £
0	8000
0	1

Refunds due	340		
Insurance in advance	730		
	1,070	0	0

	340	44
	730	657
Total	1,070	8,703

10: Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
COIF deposit account			
Co-operative Bank current account	54211	310	2094
Floats	71		
	54,282	310	2,094

	2022 £	2021 £
		36727
	56615	21,710
	71	105
Total	56,686	58,542

11: Analysis of Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds
Pay costs for December	223		
Recruitment checks			
Repayment of grant			300
Total	223	-	300

	2022 £	2021 £
	223	136
		80
	300	
Total	523	216

12: Funds and grants

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes grants and awards that are Restricted in terms of their use and time availability
 In 2018 the ECF Chrysalis Fund awarded £900 to enable a young person to have specialist training
 In 2019 further funding was granted by the Chrysalis Fund and the Essex and Southend Sports Charitable Fund
 In 2019 Chelmsford City Council made a grant of £18250 for a community defibrillator, improved lighting and equipment.
 In 2020 Essex County Council topped up the defibrillator grant to cover a shortfall in installation costs
 In 2021 Active Essex through EBGC awarded £2500 for use with families to cope after the winter of Covid-19
 Movement on Restricted grants during the year:

	Jack Petchey	ECF Chrysalis	Defibrillator	Winter Covid
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2022	250	251	348	1112
Receipts	600	0	0	
Expenditure	-516	-251	0	
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2022	334	0	348	1112

	2022 £	2021 £
	1,961	2685
	600	3000
	- 767	-3724
Total	1,794	1,961

Funding from other bodies which is not for core running costs is Designated for specific purposes. These are currently the purchase of equipment.

Movements on Designated Funds:

	Equipment
Balance b/fwd 1 January 2022	310
Receipts	0
Expenditure	0
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2022	310

	2022 £	2021 £
	310	310
	-	0
	-	0
Total	310	310



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
North Avenue Youth Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any) 1197085

Set out on pages

5 pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust'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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed:

Date:

2nd May 2023

Name:

Roger Louth

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

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (retired)

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