



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 Margaretting 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
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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	12					
Restricted income funds				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

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

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 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
	Unrestricted general funds	Unrestricted designated funds	Restricted income funds	Total 2023 £	Total 2022
5 Expenditure on raising funds:					
Incurred 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	<u>64187</u>

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 2023	490
Additions	0
Depreciation allowed in year	-175
Carried forward 31 December 2023	<u>315</u>

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
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.
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 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	0	24	1112

2023	2022
£	£
1,794	1961
900	600
- 1,258	-767
Total	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 2023	310
Receipts	0
Expenditure	-220
Balance c/fwd 31 December 2023	90

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



Report to the trustees

Charity Name

North Avenue Youth Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**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 2023.

**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:

Date:

13th April 2024

Name:

Roger Louth

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

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (retired)

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