

SOUTHWATER YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1197216

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-20

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:OPERATING WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN ETHOS TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8 TO 19 WHO ARE RESIDENT IN SOUTHWATER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THROUGH:(A) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;(B) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

Activities: Operating within the Christian ethos SYP is a professional, embedded, open access youth project in Southwater & surrounding area providing & signposting young people to a range of affordable & accessible educational, social, community & leisure based activities & opportunities to help their physical, mental, emotional & spiritual development as individuals & as contributing members of society.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£96,418	£58,884	-	-
2024-08-31	£63,329	£55,581	-	-
2023-08-31	£44,160	£51,279	-	-
2022-08-31	£54,247	£48,743	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev KATHRYN JONES BA MA PGCE	Chair	2022-01-24
Caroline Louise Penelope Paul		2023-03-29
Dr FIONA JAYNE LOWTHER		2022-01-24
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Jennifer Nagy		2022-08-31
Michael Alan Neale BSc		2022-01-24
Neil David Worth		2023-03-29
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Accounts



Southwater Youth Project Trustees' Annual Report:

For the period:

From 1st September 2024 **Period start date**
To 31st August 2025 **Period end date**

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project (SYP)

Charity registration number: 1197216

Objectives and Activities:

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document: SORP Para 1.17

Southwater Youth Project operates within the Christian ethos to advance in life and help young people aged 8 to 19 who are resident in Southwater and the surrounding area through:

- (a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

In summary, SYP exists to help them be the best that they can be!

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts: SORP Para 1.17 & 1.19

Southwater Youth Project engages in open access youth activities to further general charitable purposes for the public benefit and for the benefit of children/young people in Southwater and the surrounding area. These activities include the provision of local community youth services, activities, clubs and events, mentoring, mental health support and advocacy, advice and information to children/young people within the Southwater community and surrounding schools. SYP has been in existence as an informal community youth work project and partnership since 2006 and became a registered charity 20th December 2021.

The key public benefits offered by SYP:

1. The provision of professional, open access, embedded community youth work in the local community of Southwater and surrounding areas, offering young people a broad range of affordable and accessible educational, social, community and leisure based activities & opportunities, enriching their lives, helping their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development both as individuals and as contributing members of society, and where necessary signposting them to other relevant services.
2. The provision of various forms of social welfare support and interventions to children, young people, and their families, local schools and communities bringing public benefit in helping relieve a range of needs, promote moral welfare, increase individual well-being and social cohesion, build connections with others, and helping to create community and a wider sense of belonging.
3. The provision of opportunities to engage in and/or find out about Christian worship, spiritual education and learning activities in conjunction with local churches (e.g. through events such as Messy Church), and occasionally at local schools (e.g. through RS lessons/assemblies/key festivals) to

enable children, young people and their families to benefit from and to understand the Christian faith in ways that make sense to them.

4. The provision of local voluntary opportunities for volunteers from across the local community as well as from the local churches, who in addition to gaining personal benefit from supporting young people are also making a key contribution to their community's needs.

Our main activities and achievements in relation to these purposes and the 4 areas of public benefit listed are as follows:

1) Providing a professional, open access, embedded, community youth project: we do this by continuing to secure and provide the necessary funding to employ a full time professional Youth Worker. This funding is essential in enabling us to deliver and sustain a popular and successful locally embedded youth project which helps move young people beyond their limitations, or perceived limitations, to be the best that they can be. Our full time, paid professional youth worker and the volunteer team work with, as well as for, the young people, helping to create a culture of fun, of learning, and of respect, enriching the young people's life experiences, and bringing short, medium and long-term attitudinal and behavioural changes which are of benefit to them and to wider society. We continue to make good use of local resources and links with various organisations, engaging with local schools, and other local community groups.

Young people volunteered to represent SYP as Young Ambassadors, assisting at various community events including Southwater Fireworks, the Village Act of Remembrance, Castlewood School Blackberry Fair, Southwater Village Christmas Festival, and the Southwater Academies PTFA Christmas Festival, and running our Go Karts at Southwater Junior Academy Summer Fun Day.

Scheduled mental health and well-being one to ones have continued as needed, as well as informal well-being conversations which take place within various activities including the Bronze and Silver level Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, as well as life skills sessions e.g. cooking, art and craft clubs, a gardening project, fitness sessions, and other youth friendly activities, sports, events and trips.

2) Offering social welfare and pastoral support to help alleviate local need, giving material, physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental support to children, young people and their families remains a significant aspect of our provision. Our local experience coheres with the national picture, in that children and young people's mental health and sense of well-being continues to be a cause for concern. Southwater has the largest youth demographic in the Horsham District and while most of the cohort is content and engaged well with life, every child still matters - we continue to see significant numbers of our young people evidencing a lack of purpose, poor social skills and/or mental well-being including suicide ideation, or disinterest in school or career or future life options. Children and young people's mental health and wellbeing are linked to a wide range of contexts and concerns, and can present as a history of self-harm, and/or suicidal ideation, or previous suicide attempts plus clear suicide plans. Other common issues faced by young people include questions about identity, gender and sexuality; family issues such as separated or divorced parents, a history of domestic abuse, and experiences of loss and bereavement; peer pressure, use of social media, bullying, school attendance, etc. These life experiences regularly feature in conversations with young people, and we consider our project's support to be part of a vital community response and resource to our young people.

The cost of living has continued to rise and while Southwater is a relatively affluent context, there are real pockets of deprivation with more families struggling to afford basic essentials including school uniform, food, meaning that finding money for school trips or extended children, youth and family activities cannot be assumed. Community provision via local volunteering has been a key part of SYP's DNA over 18 years and

continues to be the bedrock of our project. Our provision of low cost youth work, free community events, and reduced cost or occasional free activities, brings great benefit to families, children and young people, builds social cohesion, and provides the widest possible access to enrichment activities which promote well-being and community engagement.

3) Providing opportunities to learn about faith, and understand and value the contribution of religious faith to community and culture within the Christian ethos continues: faith conversations, whether about Christianity, other world faiths, or general spirituality, occur on an ad hoc basis, triggered by events in the news or questions about meaning and values raised by the young people themselves. Young volunteers assisted again with the village Remembrance Service, and SYP's contribution to the Village Christmas community festival; informal faith conversations and activities can arise in these contexts, as well as in the school assemblies or RE lessons which we are invited to do. Within all this, and in all our activities, young people of all faiths or none are equally welcomed, valued, respected and included.

4) Providing opportunities to volunteer is a core part of our community ethos, and we continued to build and increase our volunteer base throughout the year. All those who volunteer for SYP including Trustees are given induction support, and each receives a copy of the current Volunteers Handbook and relevant core policies including our Safeguarding Policy (reviewed annually). All Trustees and volunteers are required to undergo the necessary DBS processes, and trained in safeguarding to the appropriate level.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

Commission on public benefit: SORP Para 1.18

SYP Trustees confirm that the CIO does not exist in order to benefit ourselves, either personally and/or corporately, and that in working to fulfil our Objects and provide public benefit, we have had due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information:

Policy on grant making SORP Para 1.38

None

Contribution made by volunteers SORP Para 1.38

We estimate our volunteers give 75% input of the overall time, energy, experience and talents needed to meet SYP's aims and objectives, offering specific, one-off or ongoing logistical or governance support, or admin support, or through supporting and helping supervise young people at SYP activities/events etc.

No volunteers are paid for their contributions, save for out of pocket expenses e.g. petrol.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. SORP Para 1.20

SYP is far more than an occasional club. As a local, community, embedded youth work SYP enables positive relationships to grow, building bridges into young people's lives where other agencies, groups and schools can struggle to engage. Working with our local connections, networks and organisations, our young people enjoy creative, innovative youth work, and personal engagement with a professional youth worker who oversees, trains and helps the volunteers in the running of our various clubs and activities. Our work is widely appreciated both in Southwater and the wider Horsham District – we believe our main achievement is that all of this makes a real difference to our young people, helping them be the best they can be!

We deliver:

Schools work: via Southwater primary schools & Horsham secondary schools, including assemblies/RE & other lessons/student residential; one to one engagement/mentoring; secondary transition/support; crisis and/or ongoing mental health support; liaison with home schooled children and special interest groups where needed.

Community youth work: after school clubs/activities including art, crafts, cooking, gardening, woodwork, gym and other sports sessions; DofE; online support; ongoing mentoring; mental health support; suicide ideation and crisis intervention; engaging with young people at risk of or engaging with ASB, and other detached work; assisting with youth employability; holiday clubs/trips.

Community & church engagement: involvement with local events many of which are in the autumn term; advising other community youth projects, attending funding bodies' & Trustee Board meetings, supporting local funding churches with seasonal activities for those families interested in exploring the Christian faith.

Holiday and half term activities: these continued to be very popular, particularly in the spring and summer. E.g. Easter holiday activities included a trip to the inflatable trampoline park, Jump In, in Guildford; a campfire/night under the stars; and helping to run the Easter Kids Club in partnership with Connect Community Church, retelling the Easter story including the creation of an Edible Easter Garden! We had a very relaxed summer offering some sports sessions, making good use of the new youth centre with informal drop in sessions, offering a safe open space for young people to meet up and engage in various activities, including the new garden project, painting Kindness Rocks, snack making (and eating!). The slightly less hectic summer schedule also enabled tidying and re-ordering of the centre, and essential admin. All these holiday activities help us engage with youngsters and their friends in a very different way, building up greater trust and confidence, and helping some of them to overcome any fear of doing new things.

Partnerships: linking to local/area youth projects/schemes/advisors; attending Social Service Case Conferences; supporting young people in the criminal justice system liaising with TAC, Police, the courts; developing contacts with secular and church youth agencies, and the local Parish and District Councils.

Numbers accessing SYP clubs and activities fluctuated throughout 2024 – 2025, and not simply as a result of the usual, anticipated seasonal fluctuations. As reported last year it had been difficult to maintain continuity of provision due to changes to our accommodation required by the Parish Council which meant we had to vacate the former space given to us by the Parish Council. We were also negotiating increased grant provision with the Parish Council while seeking to secure future premises through them. Nonetheless many informal, often very significant, interactions continued during outreach sessions/detached work contexts, schools work, community activities, and the ever popular trips “out” in the holidays/half terms. One to One/pastoral support in the community and schools continued, offering significant and essential support. We are pleased therefore that we maintained much of the provision and ethos of the project, despite not having our own physical base, remaining in contact with our young people throughout a difficult time.

In relation to these pressing accommodation needs as reported on last year, by August 2024 we still did not know what the Council would decide nor whether we would achieve our short to medium term objective to secure youth purposed premises. We are therefore pleased to report that in September 2024, at the start of this reporting period, we were offered a designated area in the Ghyll (formerly the village leisure centre), a move supported by both the Parish Council and the Ghyll Trustees. Once the legal and grant agreements were signed, essential refurbishment commenced, and we moved into the new centre in November 2024. This gave us much needed dedicated space in a central location familiar to the community, with valuable outside space and direct access to community sports facilities for the first time.

This new, exciting phase for SYP kicked off by combining SYP's 18th Birthday with a memorable Grand Opening Celebration in November, attended by over 90 invited guests consisting of local dignitaries, councillors and politicians, existing funders and potential funders, local organisations, key individual supporters, and SYP volunteers. We were also joined by some original members from the very first SYP groups in 2006 – all now in their late 20's, early 30's! There was amazing support from a team of young SYP volunteers, and we were overwhelmed by the contributions given from local food businesses who along with Connect Southwater Community Church supplied a feast of goodies for the buffet, and some proper fizz from an SYP supporter – it was wonderful to see so much love, appreciation and community support on the night. Both of the two prospective funders invited to the event subsequently made generous donations!

Regular groups at the new youth centre November 2024 – August 2025 included:

Tuesday Duke of Edinburgh Bronze/Silver (fortnightly)

Wednesday Senior Youth Hang Out

Thursday After School Club

Friday Art Club

Friday Junior Youth Club

Achievements – two case studies/testimonies (NB: identifying details abbreviated/omitted)

These two pieces of qualitative evidence illustrate well the ongoing benefit SYP brings:

A: now 17 years old, but known to us since she was 11 and starting secondary school. Shy, quiet and struggling with low level anxiety, COVID lockdowns impacted her mental health very quickly. Both parents are key workers and A spent long periods home alone. Her mum asked for help, and SYP's youth worker offered A a listening ear via weekly phone calls, and, once allowed, meet ups at the park, then inside various venues around the village. As trust developed A shared about her self-harm, and attempting suicide, relationship breakups, the death of a grandparent, and esteem issues. Ongoing one-to-one support plus some small group work enabled A to look at various ways to handle her concerns, plus her relationships with friends, family and peers, and issues of self-esteem and identity. During this past year she battled through her GCSE's and the associated increased levels of anxiety. Weekly one to ones enabled her to offload, talk through her feelings, and just laugh and talk. Her Mum remarked *"I don't know what you do, but A is a changed person after she sees you!"*

In Aug/Sept 2024 we came alongside A as she dealt with exam results and transition to college. It was wonderful to see how the fears and anxiety that at one time would have taken over her life had been worked through, and she eased into this significant life transition within weeks. In November 2024 she could see her own progress, asking to meet fortnightly and then monthly. Her last one to one session was in February. A signed out of our support having been helped to mature, become far more confident, attending college every day, feeling secure in her identity.

B: 16 year old B started attending Wednesday night Youth Hang Out this year, after his TA at school brought him along. Initially shy, B didn't want to talk to anyone. Then within weeks of attending he wouldn't keep quiet, and so some of the other youth found him very annoying, invading their conversations and personal space. Struggling with boundaries, B found it hard to make positive friendships. The "friends" he did have would get him into trouble simply because he would do anything they said just so he had friends. At Youth Hang Out we helped him be more considerate of people's space and boundaries, and also to consider his own, encouraging him to believe in himself. The other young people also had to learn to be more tolerant of him, and started to see B in a different way, as friends, beginning to encourage him and include him in

conversations, games and activities. Over time *B* has started to feel more confident with who he is, describing the Youth Hang Out as his *“safe space, where I am not judged, and am liked for being Me”*.

B is now volunteering at SYP; he felt confident to sing in front of the others at Christmas, and even sent off an audition tape to Britain’s Got Talent. SYP has given *B* positive friendship groups, a safe space to explore his likes and dislikes, and encouraged him to be himself. The TA who had brought *B* to SYP messaged this: *“the school pastoral lead came to find me to say how fantastic B has been doing, thanks to you mainly, for your support in youth club, giving him the right space to be himself, mature and develop”*.

It is a real achievement, and amazing, whenever we see the difference it makes to a young person just to have SYP - a safe space to meet with friends, make new friends, try out new things, grow in who they are, placing their trust in the youth worker and volunteers as they encourage them to be the best they can be.

A key governance achievement this year came in terms of securing further ongoing grant provision from Southwater Parish Council, especially given that some councillors had initially questioned the level of community support for the Council’s annual grant. Having asked the Council to consider an increase in the 3 year funding agreement in recognition of increased core costs, and with the funding agreement from the Parish Council ending in April 2025, the Trustees are pleased to report that following considerable discussions and negotiations with the Council, and with clear evidenced support arising from a community audit conducted by the Council, this unsettled period concluded with a renewed 3 year agreement and the increased grant funding we had sought. We also secured the release of previously ring-fenced furlough monies relating to the Covid lockdown period, with which we aim to employ temporary sessional workers at peak provision such as Friday evenings and in the holidays. The Parish Council also committed to matched funding to enable the provision of a p/t assistant youth worker, to be released to SYP as and when we are able to find the additional funding. This is a great example of a local Parish Council actively making a significant, generous investment to such an important part of their community.

SYP is widely respected within the community and across the Horsham District for delivering much needed, and highly valued local youth work provision, and so it was good to see the clearly considerable and ongoing community support for SYP being acknowledged this year by both the Parish and also the District Council. This local community support is evidenced in the volunteers’ time and energy commitment, and also in local fundraising, with a £5000 anonymous donation from a local resident for core costs, and another raising £2500 for activities and equipment costs by helping people with their external Christmas lights. SYP’s Fundraising Group were also pleased to have received a second £10,000 core cost community grant funding from HDC this year. The Trustees recognise however that because of the electoral realities within local councils, and the changing perceptions and priorities of individual councillors, the support of the Parish and District Councils cannot simply be taken for granted. With changes coming on stream from local government restructuring, our local District Council will cease to exist, and funding streams if regionalised may become more difficult and even more competitive to achieve. While we will continue to seek core cost financial support from both the Parish and District Council we have therefore continued to increase our efforts in securing other funding streams via our Fundraising Group. Amongst our larger successful funding bids this year we received £10,000 from the Masons, £5000 from their national fund, and £5000 in match funding from the Sussex Masons.

A further governance achievement in addition to the work done by the Trustee Funding Group is the implementation by the Trustee Board of a rolling programme of current policy reviews/updates, and the inclusion of other new policies as deemed beneficial, relevant or required.

Additional information (optional): You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set SORP Para 1.41

Primary objectives

The current overall and long term primary objectives for SYP are clearly being achieved as reported in this document, and are ongoing, namely to:

1. Promote the self-worth, self-care, mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being of young people within the Southwater community, in their village schools and secondary schools, working in partnership with other relevant agencies where appropriate.
2. Care for young people by building relationships, mentoring, pastoring, in person counselling, in schools and within families, in activities, clubs and in detached work, in liaising with social services, police and other agencies, and in working closely with other secular/church youth, children & family workers, to help our young people to be the best they can be.
3. Having securing new, youth purposed premises at the Ghyll means that our third objective is to now make appropriate use of our new, self-contained premises by delivering a fully rounded programme of youth work, by ensuring that this work is publicised, and that our presence is promoted within the community as well as to our funders.
4. To ensure the project has the required charity governance, policies, safeguarding, HR, financial oversight and funding.

Short to medium term objectives

The above objectives have continued to be achieved in the immediate short to medium term by:

1. Securing funding to provide a professional youth worker to lead and develop a programme of fun, well organised and engaging youth activities for Southwater's young people across a range of ages: The Trustees were able to ensure that sufficient income from fundraising, donations and subs enabled us to continue to meet this commitment in 2024 – 2025.
2. Working with the youth worker, funding partners, and other youth providers to ensure that the programme delivers age appropriate activities and events for children and young people without any prejudice to infirmity or disablement, gender or sexual orientation, financial hardship, religious beliefs, social and economic circumstances, and within appropriate safeguarding processes: The Parish Council notice to leave Beeson House meant that there was a necessary reduction in the provision SYP was able to offer from the spring of 2024, as much of the equipment was having to be packed away and storage sourced. Once in the new youth centre at the Ghyll, with the building work completed, we were able to relaunch a full club provision. We were pleased therefore that by the spring of 2025 we were able to achieve this objective in full again, having fully reintroduced our usual termly programme, with engagement numbers growing. Current clubs running on 4 nights per week include the Youth Hang Out, After School Club, Art Club, Friday Night Youth Club, as well as fortnightly Bronze & Silver DoE groups. The space and range of facilities at the Ghyll has enhanced our provision, and the youth club is becoming a safe place where young people feel welcome just to drop in.
3. Recruiting a sessional worker/s to assist with existing sessions, especially those such as Friday evening where it is difficult to recruit volunteers, as well as to enable new sessions, and fundraise for core costs for a future p/t assistant or trainee youth worker: Thanks to the release of ring-fenced furlough monies, by the summer of 2025 we were in the early stages of advertising for sessional workers to assist with certain of our weekly sessions and provide paid cover. This is a key focus moving forward, as finding sessional worker/s would enable us to offer

cover, increase numbers attending on Fridays, deliver a summer programme that is less dependent on volunteers, and potentially enable additional work on another night. This might also help find someone who might have potential to be an additional p/t staff member utilising the further grant agreed by the Parish Council, subject to success in our next objective. At the end of the reporting year the Fundraising group met to plan their objectives for 2025 – 2026, and this will be an ongoing priority when looking for core cost funding.

4. Continuing to exercise due diligence in overseeing our governance and finance, writing and updating all required and relevant policies and procedures via a manageable rolling programme, and supporting our fundraising sub-group in ensuring they have access to the necessary information required by grant making and funding bodies:

Trustee meetings are held 3 to 4 times per year, with a formal agenda and minutes

- Safeguarding is always the first item discussed on each agenda
- A quarter year financial update and Funding Group report is given at each meeting
- Accounts are audited annually and approved by the full Board of Trustees
- Termly Engagement Reports, written by the youth worker in consultation with the Chair are provided to all Trustees and key funding bodies
- The Chair produces a written or verbal report to each Trustee meeting
- A Volunteer Handbook is reviewed by Trustees annually
- An Agreed Policy Review working document ensures all policies are regularly reviewed, and/or revised; the following policies were adopted or reviewed/revised this year:

Abuse of Trust – adopted April 2025 (new policy)

Behaviour Policy inc. Bullying/Harassment – adopted January 2022; 1st revision April 2025

Complaints Policy & Procedure – adopted October 2024; 1st revision April 2025

Drugs, Alcohol, Substance Misuse Policy – adopted May 2023; 1st revision October 2024

Financial Management Policy – adopted April 2025 (new policy)

Health & Safety Policy – adopted January 2022; 1st revision April 2025

Lone Worker Policy – adopted January 2022; 2nd revision April 2025

Reserves Policy – adopted September 2023; 1st revision April 2025

Safeguarding Policy – adopted January 2022, 2023, 1st revision October 2024

Volunteer Recruitment Policy & Procedures – adopted January 2022; 1st revision April 2025

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set Para 1.41

Fundraising and grant income available for core costs was 65% over the minimum requirement, and 74% more than the preceding year. The surplus generated meant that Reserves were not required to be drawn on.

Investment performance against objectives Para 1.41

None of the charity's financial assets were invested during the financial year.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period Para 1.21

Income for unrestricted funds was 53% higher than in 2023-24, and expenditure was 5% higher, resulting in a surplus for the year of £37,659. As a consequence, the accumulated balance increased from £34,970 at the previous year end to £72,504 as at 31st August 2025.

Employment costs represented 77% of the Charity's total expenditure for the year and it is vital that core costs funding is secured in future years to keep the Project financially sustainable.

Restricted funds are not a significant feature of SYP's activities, but a small deficit for the year (£125) was generated.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held Para 1.22

The charity's policy for holding reserves is that an amount equating to 6 months' budgeted expenditure should be held. This is intended to ensure that in the event of either unforeseen operational costs, or a significant reduction in income or the charity being wound up, there are sufficient funds available to meet financial commitments, particularly regarding payments that would be due to employees in those circumstances. Reserves are freely available to be spent for any purpose consistent with the Project's charitable purposes, and at any time. The policy is reviewed annually.

Amount of reserves held Para 1.22

£28,768

Reasons for holding zero reserves Para 1.22

Not applicable

Details of fund materially in deficit Para 1.24

No fund was materially in deficit either during the year or at the year-end.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern Para 1.23

There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management**Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)** SORP Para 1.25

CIO Foundation Constitution

How is the charity constituted? SORP Para 1.25

CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees SORP Para 1.25

In selecting and appointing new Trustees, Section 10 "Appointment of charity trustees" and sub clauses (1) and (2) of our constitution have been followed in the appointment of new trustees in addition to the first charity trustees. Before being appointed at a duly constituted Trustee meeting, new Trustees are each invited to submit a brief personal statement outlining any relevant experience and interests that they bring to their role.

Additional information (optional):

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees SORP Para 1.51

In accordance with Section 11 of our constitution, "Information for new charity trustees", a copy of the current version of the constitution, the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report, and statement of accounts are provided to all new Trustees. All Trustees are required to have a DBS, avail themselves of training in Safeguarding for Trustees, and are given a copy of the current Safeguarding policy and Volunteer & Policies Handbook. Additionally all Trustees receive an invitation to meet the Lead Youth Worker and see the Project in action.

The charity's organisational structure & wider network with which the charity works SORP Para 1.51

Governance, HR, and safeguarding, and the oversight of our aims, object, purposes and finances, are undertaken by our Trustees in line with our constitution and Charity law requirements. Membership of the CIO is as detailed in Section 16, and consists of Trustees only for the time being. Trustee responsibilities, decisions, delegated powers, meeting requirements, procedures and record keeping are as detailed in the constitution Sections 4 – 7; 9 - 15, 17, 20 - 28. In relations to Sections 26 – 28 there have been no new rules or byelaws created, no disputes, and there have been no amendments to the constitution.

Relationship with any related parties SORP Para 1.51
Stewardship continue to oversee payroll and associated services.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project

Registered charity number: 1197216

Charity's principal address: c/o 32 Sloughbrook Close Horsham West Sussex RH12 5JD

Names and offices of the charity trustees in office during the year 2024 to 2025 (reappointed annually):

Trustee name	Office	Current appointment	Appointing body
Reverend Kathryn Jones	Chair	4 years until January 2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Iain Jones		4 years until January 2029	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Michael Neale		4 years until January 2029	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Ilanit Slowly		2 years until January 2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Fiona Lowther	Treasurer	2 years until January 2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Sylvia Leach		3 year until January 2027	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Neil Worth		3 year until January 2027	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Caroline Paul		3 year until January 2027	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Jennifer Nagy	Secretary	3 years until January 2026	SYP Trustee Board

Corporate trustees: names of the directors at the date the report was approved: None/not applicable

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity: None/not applicable

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others None/not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure: None/not applicable

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s):



Full name(s): Kathryn Jones

Position: Co-Chair (with Jenny Nagy from Oct 2025)

Date: 2 June 2026

Iain Jones

Trustee

2 June 2026

Southwater Youth Project CIO

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Registered Charity - Registration number 1197216

Co-Chairs of Trustees

Rev Kath Jones and Jenny Nagy

Trustees

Michael Neale	Caroline Paul
Ilanit Slowly	Sylvia Leach
Iain Jones	Neil Worth
Fiona Lowther	

Approved by the Trustees on

2nd June 2026

Chair:

Kath Jones

Trustee:

Iain Jones

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Grants		80,815		80,815	49,728
a3	Fundraising		4,738		4,738	3,156
a4	Clubs Subscriptions and Tuck Shop Sales		9,657		9,657	9,105
a5	DofE Funding and fees			1,208	1,208	1,220
a6	Other income					120
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		95,210	1,208	96,418 (a7)	63,329

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Salaries and benefits		44,209		44,209	40,193
b3	Activities and Resources		9,582		9,582	10,728
b4	Tuck Shop Stock and snacks		2,868		2,868	2,963
b5	Wellbeing and Mentoring Services					19
b6	DofE			1,333	1,333	649
b7	Other payments		892		892	1,029
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		57,551	1,333	58,884 (b9)	55,581

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	37,659	(125)	37,534	7,748
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		34,970		34,970 (c6)	27,222
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	72,629	(125)	72,504	34,970
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(125)	125		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	72,504		72,504 (c8)	34,970 (c6)

SECTION D				
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)				
			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Collections/Gifts - received for external organisations			
d3	Collections/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

SECTION E

Summary of the Charity accounts for the period ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any purpose.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
Charity accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	96,418 (a7)	58,884 (b9)	37,534	(c7)	34,970 (c6)	72,504 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHARITY	96,418	58,884	37,534		34,970 (x)	72,504 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHARITY - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 AUGUST 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	1,572	1,995
f2 Bank Current Account	33,398	70,509
f3		
f4		
f5		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Charity accounts	34,970 (c6)	72,504 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHARITY	34,970 (x)	72,504 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31-Aug-24	At 31-Aug-25
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g4 Other Liabilities		

DECLARATION

Accountant

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Charity and that they include all funds under the control of the Trustees.

Signature of Accountant	<input type="text" value="Iain Jones"/>	Date	<input type="text" value="29.5.26"/>
Name	<input type="text" value="IAIN JONES"/>		
Address	<input type="text" value="32 Sloughbrook Close
Horsham
West Sussex RH12 5JD"/>		

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Southwater Youth Project on the Charity Accounts for the period ended 31 August 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- i) examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- iii) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~):

- i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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- ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

Name

TONY M. CANVIN

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

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SOUTHWATER YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1197216

Accounts



Southwater Youth Project Trustees' Annual Report:

For the period:

From 1st September 2023 **Period start date**
To 31st August 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project (SYP)

Charity registration number: 1197216

Objectives and Activities:

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document: SORP Para 1.17

Southwater Youth Project operates within the Christian ethos to advance in life and help young people aged 8 to 19 who are resident in Southwater and the surrounding area through:

- (a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

In summary, SYP exists to help them be the best that they can be!

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts: SORP Para 1.17 & 1.19

Southwater Youth Project engages in open access youth activities to further general charitable purposes for the public benefit and for the benefit of children/young people in Southwater and the surrounding area. These activities include the provision of local community youth services, activities, clubs and events, mentoring, mental health support and advocacy, advice and information to children/young people within the Southwater community and surrounding schools. SYP has been in existence as an informal community youth work project and partnership since 2006 and became a registered charity 20th December 2021.

The key public benefits offered by SYP:

1. The provision of professional, open access, embedded community youth work to provide and signpost young people in the local community of Southwater and surrounding areas to a broad range of affordable and accessible educational, social, community and leisure based activities & opportunities, helping them develop and mature physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually as individuals and as contributing members of society.
2. The provision of various forms of social welfare support and interventions to children, young people, and their families, local schools and communities is of public benefit in helping relieve a range of needs, promote moral welfare, increase individual well-being and social cohesion, and build connections with others, all of which help create community and a wider sense of belonging.
3. The provision of opportunities to engage in and/or find out about Christian worship, spiritual education and learning activities in conjunction with local churches (e.g. through events such as Messy Church), and occasionally at local schools (e.g. through RS lessons/assemblies) to enable

children, young people and their families to benefit from growing faith in Christ and by being helped to understand the Christian faith in ways that make sense to them.

4. The provision of local voluntary opportunities for volunteers from across the local community as well as from the local churches, who in addition to gaining personal benefit from supporting young people are also making a contribution to their community's needs.

Our main activities and achievements in relation to these purposes and the 4 areas of public benefit listed are as follows:

1) Providing a professional, open access, embedded, community youth project: we do this by continuing to secure and provide the necessary funding to employ a full time professional Youth Worker. This funding is essential in enabling us to deliver and sustain a popular and successful locally embedded youth project which helps move young people beyond their limitations, or perceived limitations, to be the best that they can be. Our full time, paid professional youth worker and the volunteer team work with as well as for the young people, helping to create a culture of fun, of learning, and of respect, and bringing short, medium and long-term attitudinal and behavioural changes which are of benefit to them and to wider society. We continue to make good use of local resources and links with various organisations, engaging with local schools, and other local community groups. Scheduled mental health and well-being one to ones have continued, and informal well-being type conversations take place within various activities including the Bronze level Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, life skills sessions e.g. cooking, in art and craft clubs, and other youth friendly activities, sports, events and trips.

2) Offering social welfare and pastoral support to help alleviate local need, giving material, physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental support to children, young people and their families remains a significant aspect of our provision. Children and young people's mental health and sense of well-being was already in steep decline before 2020, and was severely impacted by covid on many levels. Southwater has the largest youth demographic in the Horsham District and while most of this cohort is content and engaged well with life, we continue to see significant numbers of our young people evidencing a lack of purpose, poor social skills and/or mental well-being including suicide ideation, or disinterest in school or career or future life conversations. Children and young people's mental health and wellbeing are linked to a wide range of contexts and concerns, and can present as a history of self-harm, suicidal ideation, or previous suicide attempts plus a plan, questions about identity, gender and sexuality, family issues such as separated parents, a history of domestic abuse, and experiences of loss and bereavement. These key life themes regularly feature in one to one and other conversations with young people, and we consider our support to be part of a vital community response and resource to our young people.

The cost of living has continued to rise and while Southwater is a relatively affluent context, there are real pockets of deprivation and more families struggle to afford basic essentials including school uniform, food, which means finding money for school trips or extended activities cannot be assumed.

Establishing the cohesive community provision and local volunteering which have been a key part of SYP's DNA for coming up to 18 years this autumn has continued. Our provision of free community events, such as the Family Fun Fest in July brings great benefit to families, children and young people, builds social cohesion and provides free access to activities that promote well-being and community engagement.

3) Providing opportunities to learn about faith has grown as the patterns of village community life have re-established. Young people again helped in the village Remembrance Service, and faith conversations, whether about Christianity, other world faiths, or general spirituality occur on an ad hoc basis, often

triggered by events in the news or questions about meaning and values raised by the young people themselves. Young volunteers assisted again with SYP's contribution to the Village Christmas community festival, and informal faith conversations and activities also arise there, as well as in school assemblies or RE lessons e.g. Easter and Christmas assemblies, and in helping deliver National Curriculum lessons on the meaning of Christmas for Christians, and the definition of Church.

4) Providing opportunities to volunteer is a core part of our community ethos, and we continued to build and increase our volunteer base throughout the year. All those who volunteer for SYP including Trustees are given induction support, and each receives a copy of the current Volunteers Handbook and core policies including our Safeguarding Policy, which is reviewed annually. All Trustees and volunteers are required to undergo the necessary DBS processes, and trained in safeguarding to the appropriate level.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

Commission on public benefit: SORP Para 1.18

SYP Trustees confirm that the CIO does not exist in order to benefit ourselves, either personally and/or corporately, and that in working to fulfil our Objects and provide public benefit, we have had due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information:

Policy on grant making SORP Para 1.38

None

Contribution made by volunteers SORP Para 1.38

We estimate our volunteers give 80% input of the overall time, energy, experience and talents needed to meet SYP's aims and objectives, whether through offering specific, one-off or ongoing logistical or governance support, or admin support including website creation/maintenance, or through supporting and helping supervise young people at SYP activities/events etc. No volunteers are paid for their contributions, save for out of pocket expenses e.g. petrol.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

SORP Para 1.20

SYP is much more than the occasional club. It is an embedded youth work which enables relationships to grow, building bridges into young people's lives where other agencies, groups and schools can struggle to engage. SYP builds upon local connections, networks and organisations in engaging with children & young people through what is a widely respected professional community youth project. Our creative, innovative, personal one to one engagement running alongside our various clubs and activities is widely appreciated, and our main achievement is that all of this makes a real difference to our young people!

We deliver:

Schools work: via Southwater primary schools & Horsham secondary schools, including assemblies/RE & other lessons/student residential; one to one engagement/mentoring; year 5 residential & year 6 secondary transition/ support; crisis &/or ongoing mental health support; liaison with home schooled children & special interest groups where needed.

Community youth work: after school clubs/activities; DofE; online support; ongoing mentoring, mental health support, suicide ideation & crisis intervention; engaging with young people at risk of or engaging with ASB, & other detached work; assisting with youth employability; holiday clubs/trips.

Community & church engagement: involvement with local events: e.g. community events such as the Village Christmas/Family Fun Fest; advising other community youth projects, & attending funding bodies' & Trustee Board meetings including local churches as required e.g. running an occasional Sunday morning Kids Breakfast Club for those families interested in exploring the Christian faith and related themes.

Partnerships: linking to local/area youth projects/schemes/advisors; attending Social Service Case Conferences; supporting young people in the criminal justice system liaising with TAC, Police, the courts; developing contacts with other secular & church youth support agencies.

As reported last year, in regaining access to the Youth Centre in Beeson House via a Licence to Occupy in January 2023, we hoped that we would be giving back to young people "their" space, a place that once again felt like their own. Having a specific place to work really makes a clear difference to our ability to achieve some of our aims. But the many informal (and often very significant) interactions continued during outreach sessions/detached work contexts, schools work, and the ever popular trips "out" in the holidays/half terms. One to One/pastoral support in the community and schools continued, offering significant and essential support to children and young people in our community. Some of the main issues covered this year include anxiety around attending school, bereavement, depression, divorce, issues around alcohol both personally and those in the family.

Key highlights drawn from our termly clubs programmes between September 2023 and August 2024 give an indication of the range of SYP's provision, performance and achievements, but it should be noted that from Easter onwards, numbers/groups in the youth club space were impacted by restrictions beyond our control and outlined later in the report.

Regular groups included:

TTT – Tuesday Tea and Talk: an intentionally small group for school years 6 – 8 providing the opportunity to build confidence and resilience, learn a new skill (cooking) and talk to trusted adults in a safe space. It was great to hear feedback from 2 young people who had attended TTT sessions from the start: *"We won't be here in 2024, as we feel good about ourselves and want to come along to Wednesday youth hangout - we have gained a lot from coming to this group and we want to thank you, but its time now to let others build some confidence..."*

Wednesday Youth Hang Out: drop in session for school years 8 and upwards. A safe space where young people meet up with friends, play on computers/game consoles, try out various creative activities as well as being offered a listening ear to those who need a trusted adult to talk to. It was this group who were instrumental in the design and planning of Santa's grotto at the 2023 Village Christmas event. SYP supported these young people during mock exams, and a range of pastoral/personal issues, such as offering support when one of the group's father was taken seriously ill.

Thursday After School Club: for school years 3 – 6, a safe space for children to relax with friends old and new, learn new skills, have fun, and make friends - a loud, exciting, energetic group. Some Young Leaders supported this session, running the tuck shop and getting alongside the younger children.

Art Club: Friday afterschool for school years 3 – 6, a safe space for children to get creative, try out different forms/styles of art, watercolour, clay, mosaics and more.

Junior Youth Club: this popular club happens on Fridays in a much bigger space at The Ghyll. In September the age range of the session was reduced to those in school years 5 – 7, still a wide range with many varying

needs but more manageable for staff and volunteers without the older teens. Attendance often reaches capacity with 45 young people attending. Horsham Sports helped run sports (mainly football) each week. We introduced everyone coming together at the end of the session, with a team game, or discussion, and hearing ideas from the young people. One idea, to do a Christmas meal, was a great success, funded entirely by an individual donation, with all attending having a great time - a perfect way to end the autumn term.

Duke of Edinburgh Award: SYP continued to offer the Bronze DofE Award; in October numbers increased and there are now 2 Bronze Award groups with 20 young people taking part; both these groups will hopefully complete their award in the summer of 2024.

SYP truly is a local, embedded community charity. The children, young people, volunteers, and trustees of SYP were actively involved in many community events this year, e.g. Southwater Fireworks, the Village Act of Remembrance, Castlewood Blackberry Fair, Southwater Village Christmas Festival, Southwater Academies PTFA Christmas Festival, and working with many local groups to put on the summer Family Fun Fest. We are proud of the support given by our community volunteers, young leaders, and local people, e.g. SYP is a beneficiary of funding raised by Southwater residents via the Co Op, and the local Christmas Street Lights competition, and the many runners who took part in this year's annual Village Santa Run which gave all donations to SYP. We also received a Community Award from HDC's Community Lottery, as well as a Strategic Grant from HDC. Helping young people take ownership of aspects of the Project and join in planning and delivering community events has continued to be a regular achievement of great benefit to them, their families, and the community, and both our "SYP Ambassadors", and others using our services, parents as well as young people, are clear about what SYP is achieving for them:

Some testimonies from young people taken from our graffiti wall:

What does youth club mean to you?

"Spending times with friends" - "space to destress and have some fun with mates"

"Safe space to chill" - "less stressful than other clubs" - "amazing!"

"A safe space for me & my friends to express who we are freely but also to discover who we are too"

"I like the Xbox & computer as I don't have these at home" - "I love hanging out with my friends!"

One mum made the following comment after her 17 yr. old daughter with social anxiety and other issues had been attending one to one support sessions with SYP's Lead Youth Worker: *"I don't know what you do, but she is a changed person after she sees you!"* Another young person, presenting with personal boundary and social behaviour issues, and not particularly liked by his peers, has matured over his time with SYP, teaching others how to include those who are different – he has made friends, and describes youth hangout as his *"safe space, where I am not judged, just liked for being me"*.

Numbers accessing SYP clubs and activities had continued to grow throughout 2023 but by the autumn term, the start of this reporting period, it was not easy to maintain this due to water ingress to the ceiling in the youth centre in Beeson House. In addition, the Parish Council required access to other ancillary rooms previously used by SYP e.g. the lead youth worker's former office and two large storage rooms, so along with the roof leak this made the space available in the upstairs youth centre very constricted. The Council decided to relocate its own offices upstairs which would necessitate SYP moving out, and so began the slow process of clearing out the youth centre ready for the proposed move downstairs into the space being vacated by the Council, but which was to be reconfigured as a smaller space than the current youth centre. At the same time some councillors questioned the level of community support for their annual grant to SYP, our Trustees having asked the Council to consider an increase in the 3 year funding agreement to recognise increased core costs. The funding agreement is to April 2025 but the long lead in to the Council's financial decision

making processes plus the considerable debates and discussions throughout 2024 heavily impacted our sense of stability as the Council debated whether to increase or possibly even cease funding. Much of 2024 was unsettled as a result. However, this prompted Trustees to set up a fundraising sub-group to increase efforts to secure additional funding, and, at the same time, another potential space had begun to be mooted for a youth centre, one which we and SPC considered to be much better, if this is could be agreed/approved.

Throughout the spring/summer of 2024 the Council ran a second working group to research SYP funding, premises, and provision, a process into which SYP Trustees were given little input, which was disappointing and frustrating, as well as demoralising for staff, volunteers, trustees and the young people themselves. Thankfully SYP is widely respected within the community and Horsham District for delivering much needed, and highly valued local youth work provision. The Trustees were pleased to see that Southwater Parish Council's public consultation on their grant funding for SYP backed this up. 92% of those responding said that SPC should continue to support and fund SYP for the next 5 years, with 84% agreeing that they would support a small increase to their council tax (the precept) in order to ensure SYP's sustainability. There is clearly considerable ongoing community support for SYP, which the Council have acknowledged. However the Trustees concluded that despite the clear benefit provided to the community by SYP, and despite the Council's previous working party's positive conclusions about SYP in 2022, it has to be recognised that because of the nature of local councils and the frequently changing perceptions and priorities of individual councillors, the Parish Council's support cannot be taken for granted. Hence we continue focused our efforts on securing other funding streams.

By August 2024 we did not yet know what the latest SPC working group would recommend regarding funding nor what the Council would decide as a result. We were hopeful that more appropriate premises could be found, with the possibility of relocation from Beeson House to the Ghyll, formerly the village leisure centre, and to be agreed subject to the size and suitability of the space being proposed, the provision of ongoing funding, and the achieving of full support for this move from SYP Trustees, Southwater Parish Council, and the Ghyll Trustees.

In part, as a response to this contextual reality regarding the need for local funding and local premises, SYP Trustees aim to ensure that our community and partnership work is more widely publicised moving forward, and both the nature and necessity for it is understood by councillors, old and new, as well as the community that they, and SYP, seek to serve.

Additional information (optional): You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set SORP Para 1.41

Primary objectives

The current overall and long term objectives for SYP are to:

- Promote the self-worth, self-care, mental, emotional, spiritual & physical well-being of young people within the Southwater community, in their village schools & secondary schools, working in partnership with other relevant agencies where appropriate
- Care for young people by building relationships, mentoring, pastoring, & counselling young people face to face, in schools & within families, in activities, clubs and in detached work, liaising with social services, police & other agencies, and working closely with other secular/church youth, children & family workers, to help our young people to be the best they can be

The Trustees' objectives have continued to be achieved in the immediate short to medium term by securing funding to provide a professional youth worker to lead and develop a programme of fun, well organised & engaging youth activities for Southwater's young people across a range of ages. This involves:

- Working with the youth worker, funding partners, and other youth providers to ensure that the programme delivers age appropriate activities & events for children & young people without any prejudice to infirmity or disablement, gender or sexual orientation, financial hardship, religious beliefs, social & economic circumstances, and within appropriate safeguarding processes
- Continuing to exercise due diligence in overseeing our governance and finance, writing and updating all required and relevant policies and procedures, and supporting our fundraising sub- committee in ensuring they have access to all the necessary information required by grant making and funding bodies

Other objectives

To find appropriate permanent self-contained premises in Southwater to give long term stability and the ability to deliver a fully rounded programme of embedded, indoor youth work in one venue:

- While SYP returned to Beeson House (January 2023) as detailed earlier, this proved only to be temporary. Due to roof damage, space restrictions, and lack of storage, as well as having to pack for the proposed move downstairs, use of the youth centre tapered off after Easter. We continued to use other local venues where necessary, plus outdoor spaces, weather permitting, and by the end of this reporting period we were exploring a move to the Ghyll, a better alternative than the previously agreed relocation within Beeson House. Trustees continued to push for this move as the best option for achieving the above objective.

To secure ongoing funding, recognising the challenge this represents:

- A long term, and an original founding partner, Horsham & Slinfold URC, having given advance notification, decided in March 2024 that sadly, it could no longer continue to support SYP.
- SYP's main funder, Southwater Parish Council, had concluded their first Youth Support Review in 2022, with the decision that SYP would be the best provider for local needs, committing to ongoing core cost funding both for salary and for premises to 2025. However, 2023 – 2024 saw some councillors seeking renewed scrutiny, as detailed earlier, and as of August 2024 there was still no agreed commitment either for ongoing funding or for increased funding. The Trustees continue to push for increased local council funding covering at least a 3 year period, as before, plus the release of ring-fenced furlough monies to enable us to employ temporary sessional workers at peak provision such as Friday evenings.
- While the Trustees continue to be grateful for the ongoing funding from Connect Southwater Community Church, the Parish Council is a major local funder and the uncertainty concerning their grant funding made the work of the SYP Grant Funding sub-committee even more essential. It was testimony to the esteem with which the Project is held locally that we were successful in April this year in securing a £10,000 strategic grant from Horsham District Council. Nonetheless, without committed core cost funding from the local community whom we serve, whether by Council allocated grants sourced from the Parish Precept, or donations from local individuals, businesses and organisations etc. we recognise we would not be able to continue in our current format.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set Para 1.41

Fundraising and grant income available for core costs was 19% over the minimum requirement, and 40% more than the preceding year. The surplus generated meant that Reserves were not required to be drawn on.

Investment performance against objectives Para 1.41

None of the charity's financial assets were invested during the financial year.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period Para 1.21

Income for unrestricted funds was 43% higher than in 2022-23, and expenditure was 8% higher, resulting in a surplus for the year of £7,177. As a consequence, the accumulated balance increased from £27,222 at the previous year end to £34,399 as at 31st August 2024.

Employment costs represented 72% of the Charity's total expenditure for the year and it is vital that core costs funding is secured in future years to keep the Project financially sustainable.

Restricted funds are not a significant feature of SYP's activities, but a small surplus for the year (£571) was generated.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held Para 1.22

The charity's policy for holding reserves is that an amount equating to 6 months' budgeted expenditure should be held. This is intended to ensure that in the event of either unforeseen operational costs, or a significant reduction in income or the charity being wound up, there are sufficient funds available to meet financial commitments, particularly regarding payments that would be due to employees in those circumstances. Reserves are freely available to be spent for any purpose consistent with the Project's charitable purposes, and at any time. The policy is reviewed annually.

Amount of reserves held Para 1.22

£22,276

Reasons for holding zero reserves Para 1.22

Not applicable

Details of fund materially in deficit Para 1.24

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Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern Para 1.23

There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) SORP Para 1.25

CIO Foundation Constitution

How is the charity constituted? SORP Para 1.25

CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees SORP Para 1.25

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Additional information (optional):

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The charity's organisational structure & wider network with which the charity works SORP Para 1.51

Governance, HR, and safeguarding, and the oversight of our aims, object, purposes and finances, are undertaken by our Trustees in line with our constitution and Charity law requirements. Membership of the CIO is as detailed in Section 16, and consists of Trustees only for the time being. Trustee responsibilities, decisions, delegated powers, meeting requirements, procedures and record keeping are as detailed in the constitution Sections 4 – 7; 9 - 15, 17, 20 - 28. In relations to Sections 26 – 28 there have been no new rules or byelaws created, no disputes, and there have been no amendments to the constitution.

Relationship with any related parties SORP Para 1.51

Stewardship continue to oversee payroll and associated services.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project

Registered charity number: 1197216

Charity's principal address: c/o 32 Sloughbrook Close Horsham West Sussex RH12 5JD

Names of the charity trustees in office during the year 2023 to 2024 (reappointed annually):

Trustee name	Office	Current appointment	Appointing body
Reverend Kathryn Jones	Chair	4 years until 24.01.2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Iain Jones		3 years until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Michael Neale		3 years until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Ilanit Slowly		2 years until 24.01.2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Fiona Lowther	Treasurer	2 years until 24.01.2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Sylvia Leach		1 year until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Neil Worth		1 year until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Caroline Paul		1 year until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Jennifer Nagy	Secretary	3 years until 31.08.2025	SYP Trustee Board

Corporate trustees: names of the directors at the date the report was approved: None/not applicable

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity: None/not applicable

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others None/not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure: None/not applicable

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s):



Full name(s): Kathryn Jones

Iain Jones

Position: Chair

Trustee

Date: 12 June 2025

12 June 2025

Southwater Youth Project CIO

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Registered Charity - Registration number 1197216

Chair of Trustees

Rev Kath Jones

Trustees

Michael Neale	Caroline Paul
Ilanit Slowly	Sylvia Leach
Iain Jones	Jenny Nagy
Fiona Lowther	Neil Worth

Approved by the Trustees on

12th June 2025

Chair:

Kathryn Jones

Trustee:

Iain Jones

SUMMARY OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

SECTION E

Summary of the Charity accounts for the period ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any purpose.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Charity accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	63,329 (a7)	55,581 (b9)	7,748	(c7)	27,222 (c6)	34,970 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHARITY	63,329	55,581	7,748		27,222 (x)	34,970 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHARITY - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 AUGUST 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	5	1,572
f2 Bank Current Account	27,217	33,398
f3		
f4		
f5		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Charity accounts	27,222 (c6)	34,970 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHARITY	27,222 (x)	34,970 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31-Aug-23	At 31-Aug-24
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g4 Other Liabilities		

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Grants		49,728		49,728	36,240
a3	Fundraising		3,156		3,156	1,499
a4	Clubs Subscriptions and Tuck Shop Sales		9,105		9,105	5,821
a5	DofE Funding and fees			1,220	1,220	600
a6	Other income		120		120	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		62,109	1,220	63,329 (a7)	44,160

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Salaries and benefits		40,193		40,193	39,162
b3	Activities and Resources		10,728		10,728	7,831
b4	Tuck Shop Stock and snacks		2,963		2,963	2,935
b5	Wellbeing and Mentoring Services		19		19	525
b6	DofE			649	649	439
b7	Other payments		1,029		1,029	387
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		54,932	649	55,581 (b9)	51,279

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	7,177	571	7,748	(7,119)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		27,222		27,222 (c6)	34,341
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	34,399	571	34,970	27,222
c4	Transfers and adjustments		571	(571)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	34,970		34,970 (c8)	27,222 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Collections/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Collections/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

DECLARATIONS

Accountant

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Charity and that they include all funds under the control of the Trustees

Signature of Accountant

I. Jones

Date

23.5.25

Name

IAN JONES

Address

*32 Sloughbrook Close
Horsham RH12 5JD*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Southwater Youth Project

This Report is on the Charity Accounts for the period ended 31 August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate

* Please circle as appropriate

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

Date

SOUTHWATER YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1197216

Accounts



Southwater Youth Project Trustees' Annual Report:

For the period:

From 1st September 2022 **Period start date**

To 31st August 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project (SYP)

Charity registration number: 1197216

Objectives and Activities:

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document: SORP Para 1.17

Southwater Youth Project operates within the Christian ethos to advance in life and help young people aged 8 to 19 who are resident in Southwater and the surrounding area through:

- (a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

In summary, we want to help them be the best that they can be!

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts: SORP Para 1.17 & 1.19

Southwater Youth Project engages in open access youth activities to further general charitable purposes for the public benefit and for the benefit of children/young people in Southwater and the surrounding area. These activities include the provision of local community youth services, activities, clubs and events, mentoring, mental health support and advocacy, advice and information to children/young people within the Southwater community and surrounding schools. SYP has been in existence as an informal community youth work project and partnership since 2006 and became a registered charity 20th December 2021.

The key public benefits offered by SYP:

1. The provision of professional, open access, embedded community youth work to provide and signpost young people in the local community of Southwater and surrounding areas to a broad range of affordable and accessible educational, social, community and leisure based activities & opportunities, helping them develop and mature physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually as individuals and as contributing members of society.
2. The provision of various forms of social welfare support and interventions to children, young people, and their families, local schools and communities is of public benefit in helping relieve a range of needs, promote moral welfare, increase individual well-being and social cohesion, and build connections with others, all of which help create community and a wider sense of belonging.
3. The provision of opportunities to engage in and/or find out about Christian worship, spiritual education and learning activities in conjunction with local churches (e.g. through events such as Messy Church), and occasionally at local schools (e.g. through RS lessons/assemblies) to enable

children, young people and their families to benefit from growing faith in Christ and by being helped to understand the Christian faith in ways that make sense to them.

4. The provision of local voluntary opportunities for volunteers from across the local community as well as from the local churches, who in addition to gaining personal benefit from supporting young people are also making a contribution to their community's needs.

Our main activities and achievements in relation to these purposes and 4 areas of public benefit listed are as follows:

1) Providing a professional, open access, embedded, community youth project: we do this by continuing to secure and provide the necessary funding to employ a full time professional Youth Worker. This funding is essential in enabling us to deliver and sustain a popular and successful youth project which helps move young people beyond their limitations, or perceived limitations, to be the best that they can be. Our youth worker and the volunteer team work with as well as for the young people, helping to create a culture of fun, of learning, and of respect, and also bringing short, medium and long-term attitudinal and behavioural changes which are of benefit to them and to wider society.

We continue to make good use of local resources and links with various organisations, with the Project now re-engaging with local schools, and other community groups. We continue to offer scheduled mental health and well-being one to ones, and informal well-being type conversations take place within various activities including the Duke of Edinburgh award, life skills sessions including cooking, art and craft clubs, and other youth friendly sport activities, events and trips.

2) Offering social welfare support to help alleviate local need, giving material, physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental support to children, young people and their families is a significant aspect of our provision. Children and young people's mental health and sense of well-being was already in steep decline before 2020, and was severely impacted by covid on many levels, hence we continue to see this in significant numbers of our young people, as evidenced by their lack of purpose, and poor social, or mental well-being including suicide ideation, or a disinterest in school or career or future life conversations for example. Southwater has over 11,000 residents with the largest youth demographic in the Horsham District, a District which has seen a rise in youth suicide. The Association of Directors of Childrens Service (ADCS) ANNUAL CONFERENCE in June 2022 noted that "*within a 5 month period spanning May - September 2021, 6 young people in West Sussex appear to have died by suicide*".¹ ("*appeared*" as inquests had not all taken place at that point). Key insights emerged, which indicated that children and young people's mental health and wellbeing are linked to 6 key themes: a history of self-harm, a history of suicidal ideation, a history of previous suicide attempts plus a plan, gender identity and sexuality, separated parents, a history of domestic abuse, and experiences of loss and bereavement. A suicide cluster was identified in Horsham District in accordance with public health guidance. SYP can confirm that these key themes regularly feature in one to one and other conversations with young people, and we consider our support to be part of a vital community response and resource to our young people, many of whom were impacted considerably by these recent events.

¹ https://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/AC22_WorkshopA.pdf

The cost of living has risen post pandemic and we are aware of many more families struggling to afford basic essentials including school uniform, food, and money for school trips or extended activities.

Re-establishing the cohesive community provision and local volunteering that have been a key part of SYP's DNA for 17 years has continued to be a challenge post lockdown, but we are building on the progress made last year at the Jubilee Jamboree. Our active participation in, and the provision of free community events, such as the King's Coronation Community Event in May and the Community Fun Day in July brought great benefit to families, children and young people, helping rebuild social cohesion and providing free access to activities that promote well-being and community engagement.

3) Providing opportunities to learn about faith is improving as the patterns of community life are re-established. Young people helped to take part in the village Remembrance Service, and faith conversations, whether about Christianity or other world faiths, occur on an ad hoc basis, often triggered by events in the news or questions about meaning and values raised by the young people. Young volunteers assisted again with SYP's contribution to the village Christmas community festival, and informal faith conversations and activities also arise here.

4) Providing opportunities to volunteer was impacted last year by people being reluctant to volunteer post covid, hence we continued to seek to rebuild and increase our volunteer base in this period. All those who volunteer for SYP including Trustees are given induction support, and each receives a copy of the current Volunteers Handbook and core policies including our Safeguarding Policy, which is reviewed annually. All Trustees and volunteers are required to undergo the necessary DBS processes, and trained in safeguarding to the appropriate level.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

Commission on public benefit: SORP Para 1.18

SYP Trustees confirm that the CIO does not exist in order to benefit ourselves, either personally and/or corporately, and that in working to fulfil our Objects and provide public benefit, we have had due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional information:

Policy on grant making SORP Para 1.38

None

Contribution made by volunteers SORP Para 1.38

We estimate our volunteers give 80% input of the overall time, energy, experience and talents needed to meet SYP's aims and objectives, whether through offering specific, one-off or ongoing logistical or governance support, or admin support including website creation/maintenance, or through supporting and helping supervise young people at SYP activities/events etc. No volunteers are paid for their contributions, save for out of pocket expenses e.g. petrol.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

SORP Para 1.20

SYP is much more than the occasional club. It is an embedded youth work which enables relationships to grow, building bridges into young people's lives where other agencies, groups and schools can struggle to engage. SYP builds upon local connections, networks and organisations in engaging with children & young people through what is a widely respected professional community youth project. Our creative, innovative, personal one to one engagement running alongside our various clubs and activities is widely appreciated, and our main achievement is that all of this makes a real difference to our young people. We deliver:

Schools work: via Southwater primary schools & Horsham secondary schools, including assemblies/RE & other lessons/student residential; one to one engagement/mentoring; year 5 residential & year 6 secondary transition/ support; crisis &/or ongoing mental health support; liaison with home schooled children & special interest groups where needed

Community youth work: a wide range of after school clubs/activities; DofE; online support; ongoing mentoring, mental health support, suicide ideation & crisis intervention; engaging with young people at risk of or engaging with ASB, & other detached work; assisting with youth employability; holiday clubs/trips

Community & church engagement: involvement with local events: e.g. community events such as the Village Christmas/Kings' Coronation Community Event/Community Fun Day; advising other community youth projects, & attending funding bodies' & Trustee Board meetings including local churches as required

Partnerships: linking to local/area youth projects/schemes/advisors; attending Social Service Case Conferences; supporting young people in the criminal justice system liaising with TAC, Police, the courts; developing contacts with other secular & church youth support agencies.

Following Southwater Parish Council Working Party's recommendation that SYP continue as the local youth work provider, further negotiations throughout 2022 resulted in SYP regaining access to the Youth Centre in Beeson House via a Licence to Occupy, in January 2023. Our presence there gives young people a space that feels like their own. Our growing provision in this period both in the Youth Centre, across a range of other local venues, and within the schools, continued to break through social isolation, encouraging young people to get together and engage with lots of great activities. Offering practical help, confidential mental health support, pastoral care, counselling and mentoring continues to help young people be the best they can be, affirming our Christian ethos and our community focused values. Having a specific place to work makes a clear difference to our ability to achieve some of our aims. For example, being back in the Youth Centre helped us to fulfil the National Lottery Community Fund award awarded to us in August 2022 for the provision of a confidential One to One Mental Health Programme from September 2022 to July 2023.

Horsham District continues to face the realities of a hugely serious ongoing youth mental health crisis and SYP's services are seen as a vital part of our community's response. Urgent emergency mental health intervention has continued to be vital at times, but one great achievement of our embedded approach is that young people's needs are understood much earlier, which helps them feel there are solutions to their concerns and someone to turn to before things escalate. Issues raised in mentoring and One to One sessions have included: self-harm; suicidal ideation; physical & sexual abuse including rape; parental cancer diagnoses; anxiety & anger management; self-confidence; self-worth; grief; gender identity; exam worries; stress moving to secondary school; school attendance/refusal; faith questions; bullying; boyfriend

/girlfriend/general friendship issues; body image; anti-social behaviour/fear of anti-social behaviour; drug/alcohol & solvent abuse. We have also supported a young person in court following a sexual assault, given support with college applications/part time job applications, and offer ongoing encouragement to 1st Year university students.

We aim to provide good volunteering opportunities, and so we were delighted that the difference our volunteers' work is making to our young people and our community was recognised by Horsham District Council when in the summer of 2023 SYP's Chair achieved the honour of being given HDC Volunteer Chair of the Year Award, alongside one of our young people who received the Young Volunteer of the Year Award. Feedback from our volunteers is helpful in recruiting new ones:

"I volunteer because I believe that every little helps and makes a difference, young people are our future and we need to help them become their best, being part of a community, I want to give back; each experience shapes us, and this one definitely has taken me out of my comfort zone".

"I volunteer because I believe in community and giving back and contributing to society. I actually like and see the potential in young people and love to see them grow in confidence and self-esteem by belonging to a group. I believe in the value of youth work and the benefits to society of engaging and encouraging young people to be part of their community, it's also important to me - I have a rewarding experience and I'm part of a team."

Key highlights drawn from our termly programmes between September 2022 and August 2023 give an indication of the range of SYP's provision, performance and achievements:

- Break or lunchtime weekly support engaging with 2 local secondary schools
- Weekly support to yrs. 5 – 6 pupils in a local primary school
- After school group @ a secondary school - mental health/general support yrs. 7-11 (to Easter 2023)
- After school community one to ones (1:1s) - mentoring sessions (Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Fri after school) for young people from the Southwater community in the Youth Centre, in addition to others referred by the schools happening during the school day in different schools

Throughout 2022 - 2023 our 1:1 mentoring and support sessions were reviewed and adapted as necessary in consultation with schools, young people and their families. Additionally, we ran regular groups such as:

- SYP DoE Bronze – weekly plus expeditions/camps/training sessions
- "Safe Space" – Southwater SEN group – 5 children with varying special needs
- Tea and Talk
- Kids Art & Craft Club (yrs. 3-6)
- Junior Youth Club
- Senior Youth Hang Out

Numbers accessing clubs and activities have grown throughout the period which is a great encouragement and a real achievement as we emerged from lockdown realities. In the Easter holidays 2023 we engaged face to face (clubs/events/activities) with almost 100 youngsters, and over each half of the summer term we engaged face to face with 400 youngsters, and these numbers continue to grow. Additionally there were many informal (and often very significant) interactions during the outreach sessions/detached work contexts, and the popular trips "out".

Helping young people take ownership of aspects of the project is a regularly achievement of great benefit to them, their families, and the community. Having young people step up as young volunteers has been a great achievement, building their self-esteem and confidence as “SYP Ambassadors”.

The young people are clear about what SYP is achieving for them - at the King’s Coronation event one SYP ambassador said, *‘we had a ball, I didn’t have to go round with my parents, we kept dry-ish (!) in the sweet stall, we got to talk to lots of people, and I was with my friends.’*

Here are just a few further testimonies:

“I like the chilled atmosphere at youth club, it helps me relax and keep calm when I want to blow up!”

J aged 12

“Youth club has helped me to socialise, especially after lockdown, I didn’t want to come out as I was afraid but youth club and you have helped me be less fearful”. M aged 11

“This is the only thing I do outside of school, I feel safe and welcomed here.” Anon

“Thanks for listening, I never thought about stuff like that before, it has really helped me to see a way through all the rubbish stuff, you’ve made me feel worth something”. A aged 15

And, from parents –

“All my son wants to do is come to youth club and everything else you do, I’m so happy he is happy, thank you for all that you do!”

“You deserve a break, thanks for keeping ‘M’ entertained this summer with the trips and youth club sessions he’s loved every minute”

“Thanks very much for organising such fun trips, ‘K’ rated it 10 out of 10 and said she would do it all again tomorrow, (please can you?!) 😊”

“R had a great summer, thanks still excited and talking about it tonight”.

Additional information (optional): You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set SORP Para 1.41

Primary objectives

The current overall and long term objectives for SYP are to:

- Promote the self-worth, self-care, mental, emotional, spiritual & physical well-being of young people within the Southwater community, in their village schools & secondary schools, working in partnership with other relevant agencies where appropriate
- Care for young people by building relationships, mentoring, pastoring, & counselling young people face to face, in schools & within families, in activities, clubs and in detached work, liaising with social services, police & other agencies, and working closely with other secular/church youth, children & family workers, to help our young people to be the best they can be

The trustees’ objectives have been achieved in the immediate short to medium term by:

- Providing a paid, professional youth worker led programme of fun, well organised & engaging youth club themes and activities for Southwater’s young people across a range of ages
- Working with the youth worker, funding partners, and other youth providers to ensure that the programme delivers age appropriate activities & events for children & young people without any prejudice to infirmity or disablement, gender or sexual orientation, financial hardship, religious beliefs, social & economic circumstances, and within appropriate safeguarding processes
- Continuing to exercise due diligence in overseeing our governance and finance, writing and updating all required and relevant policies and procedures

Other objectives

To find appropriate permanent premises in Southwater to deliver a fully rounded programme of embedded, indoor youth work in one venue:

- This objective was achieved in January as detailed earlier. We continue to use other local venues where necessary, and outdoor spaces, weather permitting.
- We continue to be open to possibilities of relocation within the village, subject to suitability/ongoing funding

To secure ongoing funding:

- The main funder, Southwater Parish Council, concluded their Youth Support Working Group enquiry with the agreement that SYP is the best provider for their needs, and committed to ongoing core cost funding both for salary and for premises to 2025
- Grants: a new Trustee subcommittee has been set up to progress fundraising applications, with the support from the grants officer at the District Council

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set Para 1.41

Fundraising and grant income available for core costs was 6% below the minimum requirement, and 28% less than the preceding year, in which 2 substantial one-off grants were received. Reserves were therefore used to make up the shortfall.

Investment performance against objectives Para 1.41

None of the charity's financial assets were invested during the financial year.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period Para 1.21

Income for unrestricted funds was 19% lower than in 2021-22, and expenditure was 4% higher, resulting in a deficit for the year of £7,280. As a consequence, the accumulated balance reduced from £34,341 at the previous year end to £27,222 as at 31st August 2023.

Employment costs represented 77% of the Charity's total expenditure for the year and it is vital that core costs funding is secured in future years to keep the Project financially sustainable.

Restricted funds are not a significant feature of SYP's activities, but a small surplus for the year (£160) was generated.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held Para 1.22

The charity's policy for holding reserves is that an amount equating to 6 months' budgeted expenditure should be held. This is intended to ensure that in the event of either unforeseen operational costs, or a significant reduction in income or the charity being wound up, there are sufficient funds available to meet financial commitments, particularly regarding payments that would be due to employees in those circumstances. Reserves are freely available to be spent for any purpose consistent with the Project's charitable purposes, and at any time. The policy is reviewed annually.

Amount of reserves held Para 1.22

£25,126

Reasons for holding zero reserves Para 1.22

Not applicable

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Relationship with any related parties SORP Para 1.51

Stewardship continue to oversee payroll and associated services.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project

Registered charity number: 1197216

Charity’s principal address: c/o 32 Sloughbrook Close Horsham West Sussex RH12 5JD

Names of the charity trustees in office during the year 2022 to 2023 (reappointed annually):

Trustee name	Office	Current appointment	Appointing body
Reverend Kathryn Jones	Chair	4 years until 24.01.2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Iain Jones		3 years until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Michael Neale		3 years until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Ilanit Slowly		2 years until 24.01.2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Fiona Lowther	Treasurer	2 years until 24.01.2026	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Sylvia Leach		1 year until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Neil Worth		1 year until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Caroline Paul		1 year until 24.01.2025	SYP Trustee Board
Mrs Jennifer Nagy	Secretary	3 years until 31.08.2025	SYP Trustee Board

Corporate trustees: names of the directors at the date the report was approved: None/not applicable

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity: None/not applicable

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others None/not applicable

Additional information (optional):

Exemptions from disclosure: None/not applicable

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s): 



Full name(s): Kathryn Jones

Iain Jones

Position: Chair

Trustee

Date: 24th June 2024

24th June 2024

Southwater Youth Project CIO

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Registered Charity - Registration number 1197216

Chair of Trustees

Rev Kath Jones

Trustees

Michael Neale	Caroline Paul
Ilanit Slowly	Sylvia Leach
Iain Jones	Jenny Nagy
Fiona Lowther	Neil Worth

Approved by the Trustees on 24th June 2024

Chair: *Kathya Jones*
Trustee: *Iain Jones*

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Grants		36,240		36,240	50,536
a3	Fundraising		1,499		1,499	1,681
a4	Job Retention Scheme receipts retained in SYP					543
a5	DofE Funding and fees			600	600	240
a6	Clubs Subscriptions and Tuck Shop Sales		5,821		5,821	1,247
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		43,560	600	44,160	54,247

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Salaries and benefits		39,162		39,162	39,513
b3	Activities and Resources		7,831		7,831	5,197
b4	Tuck Shop Stock and snacks		2,935		2,935	1,478
b5	Wellbeing and Mentoring Services		525		525	368
b6	DofE			439	439	1,534
b7	Other payments		387		387	653
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		50,840	439	51,279	48,743

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(7,280)	161	(7,119)	5,504
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		34,341		34,341	28,837
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	27,061	161	27,222	34,341
c4	Transfers and adjustments		161	(161)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	27,222		27,222	34,341

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Collections/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Collections/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

SUMMARY OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

SECTION E

Summary of the Charity accounts for the period ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any purpose.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Charity accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	44,160 (a7)	51,279 (b9)	(7,119)	(c7)	34,341 (c6)	27,222 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHARITY	44,160	51,279	(7,119)		34,341 (x)	27,222 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHARITY - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 AUGUST 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	319	5
f2 Bank Current Account	34,022	27,217
f3		
f4		
f5		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Charity accounts	34,341 (c6)	27,222 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHARITY	34,341 (x)	27,222 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31-Aug-22	At 31-Aug-23
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g4 Other Liabilities		

SOUTHWATER YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1197216

Accounts



Southwater Youth Project Trustees' Annual Report:

For the period:

From 1st September 2021 **Period start date**
To 31st August 2022 **Period end date**

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project (SYP)

Charity registration number: 1197216

Objectives and Activities:

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document: SORP Para 1.17

Southwater Youth Project operates within the Christian ethos to advance in life and help young people aged 8 to 19 who are resident in Southwater and the surrounding area through:

- (a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts: SORP Para 1.17 & 1.19

Southwater Youth Project engages in open access youth activities to further general charitable purposes for the public benefit and for the benefit of children/young people in Southwater and the surrounding area. These activities include the provision of local community youth services, activities, clubs and events, and advocacy, advice and information to children/young people within the Southwater community and surrounding schools.

Southwater Youth Project has been in existence as an informal community youth work project and partnership since 2006 and became a registered charity 20th December 2021.

The key public benefits offered by SYP:

1. The provision of professional, open access, embedded community youth work to provide and signpost young people in the local community of Southwater and surrounding areas to a broad range of affordable and accessible educational, social, community and leisure based activities & opportunities, helping them develop and mature physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually as individuals and as contributing members of society.
2. The provision of various forms of social welfare support and interventions to children, young people, and their families, local schools and communities is of public benefit in helping relieve a range of needs, promote moral welfare, increase individual well-being and social cohesion, and build connections with others, all of which help create community and a wider sense of belonging.

3. The provision of opportunities to engage in Christian worship, education and spiritual learning activities in conjunction with local churches to enable children, young people and their families to benefit from faith in Christ and understanding the Christian faith in ways that make sense to them.
4. The provision of local voluntary opportunities for volunteers from the local community as well as the local churches, who in addition to gaining personal benefit from supporting young people are also making a contribution to the community's needs.

Our main activities and achievements in relation to these purposes and areas of public benefit listed are as follows:

1) In relation to providing a professional, open access, embedded, community youth project we continue to secure and provide the necessary funding to employ a full time professional Youth Worker. This provision is essential, and enables us to build, develop, deliver and sustain a youth project which creates conversations, activities and experiences designed to help move young people beyond their limitations, or perceived limitations, creating with them a culture of enjoyment, learning, and respect, and bringing long-term change which is of benefit to them and to wider society.

We negotiated the difficult pandemic period very well, and have emerged determined to continue to make good use of local resources, with the Project beginning to reengage with other local community groups and people with the relevant expertise to enable us to offer mental health and well-being one to ones, various sporting activities, the Duke of Edinburgh award, life skills sessions, art and craft activities, DJ'ing, and other youth friendly events, activities and trips.

2) The provision of social welfare support to help alleviate local need, giving material, physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental support to children, young people and their families is a significant aspect of our work. During the covid lockdowns of 2020 and into 2021 we offered limited one to one support to young people, in person, both online and outdoors when allowed, until restrictions lessened. We were also able to deliver food parcels, Christmas and Easter related treats, and various at home craft and creative resources to young people and their families. Children and young people's mental health and sense of well-being was already in steep decline before 2020, and has been severely impacted by covid on many levels. 2021 – 2022 has been a challenging year in terms of re-establishing the cohesive community provision and local volunteering that have been a key part of SYP's DNA for 16 years but clear progress is being made.

3) The provision of opportunities to learn about faith or engage in Christian worship were impacted by covid, and also by the closure of summer worship festivals which some of the young people from SYP had regularly attended. Faith related materials were made available to young people and their families during lockdown, and where relevant, young people are reminded of the meaning of various Christian festivals as well as being given opportunities to ask questions about Christian values and ethos throughout the year. Young volunteers also continue to assist with the Village Christmas community festival which restarted in 2021, and informal faith conversations and activities can also arise within this. Several one to one sessions took place with young people who were enquiring specifically about issues of faith.

4) The provision of volunteering opportunities was impacted by covid, when initially face to face youth work and clubs ceased. Although restrictions eased throughout 2021 – 2022 people were reluctant to volunteer, and some volunteers did not want to return, thus we have had to begin to rebuild our volunteer base. In this period, we also lacked access to the youth centre, and have had to utilise other halls within

the village while access was renegotiated with the landlord. The former Youth Management Partnership Board consisted of voluntary trustees, some of whom had overseen the setting up of the original project and its subsequent management/provision. Upon becoming a CIO in December 2021, the Board was dissolved by unanimous agreement, and a new Board of Trustees was set up to manage the CIO moving forward. All those volunteering for SYP including Trustees receive a copy of the Volunteers Handbook and core policies which are reviewed at least annually. All Trustees and volunteers are required to go through the necessary DBS processes, and trained in safeguarding to the appropriate level. Quarterly engagement updates are sent to key funders, and the information provided is also utilised in any fundraising applications. The Trustees are pleased to see that levels of voluntary engagement with SYP are increasing.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

Commission on public benefit: SORP Para 1.18

SYP Trustees confirm that we have not set up the CIO in order to benefit ourselves, either personally and/or corporately, and we have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit wherever relevant.

Additional information:

Policy on grant making SORP Para 1.38

None at this stage

Contribution made by volunteers SORP Para 1.38

We estimate an 80% input of time and energy from volunteers towards SYP's aims and objectives, whether through volunteers offering specific or ongoing logistical or governance support, or admin support including website creation/maintenance, or through supporting and helping supervise young people at SYP activities/events. No volunteers are paid for their contributions, save for out of pocket expenses e.g. petrol.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

SORP Para 1.20

Our Lead Youth Worker was furloughed at the start of lockdown, in 2020, returning on a gradually increasing basis from when youth workers were declared to be essential workers, and limited face to face youth work was beginning to be able to take place. It was therefore a major achievement to offer a gradually increasing level of youth work in 2021, and to keep the project going in this context into 2022 without our usual base being made available to us has been a challenge well met. Nonetheless our continued presence and renewed, growing provision in 2022 across a new range of venues and within the schools has made such a difference in enabling young people to feel less isolated, offering vital support in what has been a very difficult season. Continuing to find ways to be able to offer mental health support, spiritual and pastoral care, and counselling throughout the pandemic and onwards has been of great benefit to all concerned and affirms our caring, Christian, ethos and community focused values. We were therefore delighted that the difference our work is making to our young people was recognised by two large grant providers in the summer of 2022, with two substantial grants awarded to SYP from the National Lottery and the Sussex Community Foundation.

A snapshot of the weekly programme being offered in January 2022 gives an indication of how SYP seeks to deliver on our aims in terms of mental health and well-being support:

- Break or lunchtime weekly support @ 3 local secondary schools
- An afternoon weekly support to yrs. 5 – 6 pupils in a local primary school
- After school group @ all-girls secondary school giving mental health and general support to 15 girls yrs. 7 – 11
- After school community one to ones (1:1s) - these 1:1/mentoring sessions (Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Fri after school) supported 10 young people from the Southwater community, in addition to 12 other young people referred by the schools (1:1's took place during the school day in different schools).

Throughout 2022 our 1:1 mentoring and support sessions were reviewed and adapted as necessary in consultation with schools, young people and their families.

In terms of delivering a range of relevant and meaningful activities, clubs and events:

- SYP DoE Bronze – weekly, 15 participating.
- “Safe Space” – weekly Southwater SEN group – 5 children with varying special needs
- After school community outreach/detached sessions, weather dependent
- Kids Craft Club (yrs. 4 – 7) av. 10 children up to maximum of 15
- Junior Youth Club c35-45 young people.

One off/holiday activities offered include bike rides, and bicycle maintenance sessions; attending a local primary school summer residential; liaising with 2 local primary schools, local uniform groups and DofE volunteers re: the Village Service of Remembrance in November 2021; liaising with the Southwater Community Partnership re: the Village Christmas in 2021 with SYP responsible for creating and managing Santa's Grotto, and also assisting with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022.

Ongoing emergency youth interventions and support are provided as needed – sadly this was far too frequent through 2021 and into 2022 when the Horsham District has had a considerable issue with suicide ideation amongst the youth.

A regular objective has been helping young people take ownership of aspects of the project, and seeing young people stepping up as young volunteers in different ways has been a great achievement, building their self-esteem and confidence, and we intent to train some as SYP Ambassadors moving forward. The Trustees have supported the Lead Youth Worker's professional development and ongoing training in safeguarding, mental health first aid, mentoring, community engagement and were thrilled for her when she was a recipient of a Co-Op Community Champion Award, as voted for by local residents.

Appointing a new Board of Trustees to oversee our governance and finance, and our transition to charitable status in December 2021 has been a further significant achievement. Key tasks included the writing of our constitution, updating our Safeguarding policy and procedures, overseeing finance, and preparing termly reports as well as the Annual Report and Annual Return. Additionally as well as overseeing accounts, setting up Gift Aid, and appointing an auditor, the Trustees appointed another charity, Stewardship, to oversee HR and payroll. Becoming a CIO has enabled beneficiaries, partner organisations, funding bodies, volunteers, young people and their families to feel confident in the finance, governance and stewardship of the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set SORP Para 1.41

Primary objectives

The current overall and long term objectives for SYP are to:

- Promote the self-worth, self-care, mental, emotional, spiritual & physical well-being of young people within the Southwater community, in their village schools & secondary schools, working in partnership with other relevant agencies
- Care for young people by building relationships, mentoring, pastoring, & counselling young people face to face, in schools & within families, in activities, clubs and in detached work, liaising with social services, police & other agencies, and working closely with other secular/church youth, children & family workers

In 2021 and into 2022 the context and method of delivery of our provision for young people changed. Once some in-person/face to face provision was permitted it had to be done very differently, for a longer time period than anticipated. Much of the youth work was done online, outdoors or within the school environment. As restrictions eased we were able to use other local halls/buildings for indoor activities while we negotiating a return to the previously used youth centre.

Our objectives have been achieved in the immediate short to medium term by:

- Providing a paid, professional youth worker led programme of fun, well organised & engaging youth club themes and activities for Southwater's young people of a range of ages, including weekly clubs, trips, Duke of Edinburgh award (bronze/silver), and community holiday/play schemes, subject to volunteer availability and the provision of premises and funding as detailed on p4
- Working with the Lead Youth Worker, funding partners and other youth providers to ensure that the programme delivers age appropriate activities & events for children & young people without any prejudice to infirmity or disablement, gender or sexual orientation, financial hardship, religious beliefs, social & economic circumstances
- Working towards the setting up of SYP as a CIO

Other objectives

To become a CIO:

- The application was made in the autumn of 2021; and approved 20.12.2021

To find appropriate permanent premises in Southwater to deliver as fully rounded programme of embedded, indoor youth work in one venue as soon as possible:

- Discussions with the landlord of the previous youth centre premises is ongoing; in the meantime we continue to use a range of other local venues and outdoor spaces, weather permitting.

To secure ongoing funding:

- Large grants totalling £15,000 were awarded by the National Lottery and the Sussex Community Foundation as well as some smaller local funding.
- A Trustee subcommittee is working on ongoing fundraising plans

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set Para 1.41

Fundraising and grant income exceeded the minimum requirement by 50%, thanks primarily to 2 substantial one-off grants.

Investment performance against objectives Para 1.41

None of the charity's financial assets were invested during the financial year.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period Para 1.21

For the Operating Costs Fund (unrestricted), a small surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £993 was generated in 2021-22, resulting in an increase in the accumulated balance from £2,363 at the previous year end to £3,356 as at 31st August 2022. The Employment Costs Fund had net receipts of £4,511 and a year-end balance of £30,985, up from £26,474 as at 31st August 2021 representing 62% of one year's planned expenditure.

The Employment Costs Fund, which represented 83% of the Charity's total expenditure for the year, benefitted from one-off grants totalling £16,746 and similar grant income will be required in future years to keep the Project financially sustainable.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held Para 1.22

The charity's policy for holding reserves is that an amount equating to 6 months' budgeted expenditure should be held. This is intended to ensure that in the event of either unforeseen operational costs, or a significant reduction in income or the charity being wound up, there are sufficient funds available to meet financial commitments, particularly regarding payments that would be due to employees in those circumstances. Reserves are freely available to be spent for any purpose consistent with the Project's charitable purposes, and at any time. The policy is reviewed annually.

Amount of reserves held Para 1.22

£25,667

Reasons for holding zero reserves Para 1.22

Not applicable

Details of fund materially in deficit Para 1.24

No fund was materially in deficit either during the year or at the year-end.

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern Para 1.23

There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) SORP Para 1.25

CIO Foundation Constitution

How is the charity constituted? SORP Para 1.25

CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees SORP Para 1.25

In selecting and appointing new Trustees, Section 10 "Appointment of charity trustees" and sub clauses (1) and (2) of our constitution have been followed in the appointment of new trustees in addition to the first charity trustees.

Before being appointed at a duly constituted Trustee meeting, new Trustees are each invited to submit a brief personal statement outlining any relevant experience and interests that they bring to their role.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees SORP Para 1.51

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Relationship with any related parties SORP Para 1.51

We have appointed Stewardship to oversee payroll and associated services.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: Southwater Youth Project

Registered charity number: 1197216

Charity's principal address: c/o 32 Sloughbrook Close Horsham West Sussex RH12 5JD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity: 2021 to 2022

Reappointed annually

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates	Body entitled to appoint trustee
Reverend Kathryn Jones	Chair	20.12.2021 ongoing to Dec 2025	SYP Trustee Board
Reverend Kristin Ofstad		20.12.2021 resigned Aug 2022	SYP Trustee Board
Mr Iain Jones		20.12.2021 ongoing to Dec 2024	SYP Trustee Board
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Corporate trustees: names of the directors at the date the report was approved: None/not applicable

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity: None/not applicable

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others None/not applicable

Additional information (optional):

Exemptions from disclosure: None/not applicable

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s): 



Full name(s): Kathryn Jones

Iain Jones

Position: Chair

Trustee

Date: 5th June 2023

9th June 2023

Southwater Youth Project CIO

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Registered Charity - Registration number 1197216

Chair of Trustees

Rev Kath Jones

Trustees

Michael Neale	Caroline Paul
Ilanit Slowly	Sylvia Leach
Iain Jones	Jenny Nagy
Fiona Lowther	Neil Worth

Approved by the Trustees on 5th June 2023

Chair:

Kath Jones

Trustee:

Iain Jones

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 August 2022

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Grants		50,536		50,536	38,470
a3	Fundraising		1,681		1,681	2,927
a4	Job Retention Scheme receipts retained in SYP		543		543	11,275
a5	DofE Funding and donations			240	240	
a6	Youth Club Subscriptions and Tuck Shop Sales		1,247		1,247	43
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		54,007	240	54,247	52,715

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Salaries and benefits		39,513		39,513	40,995
b3	Activities and Resources		5,197		5,197	4,221
b4	Tuck Shop Stock		1,478		1,478	
b5	Wellbeing and Mentoring Services		368		368	
b6	DofE			1,534	1,534	1,596
b7	Other payments		653		653	1,375
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		47,209	1,534	48,743	48,187

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	6,798	(1,294)	5,504	4,528
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		28,837		28,837	24,309
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	35,635	(1,294)	34,341	28,837
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(1,294)	1,294		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	34,341		34,341	28,837

SECTION D				
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Collections/Gifts - received for external organisations			
d3	Collections/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID			
	(d1+d2-d3)			

SUMMARY OF CHARITY ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

SECTION E

Summary of the Charity accounts for the period ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any purpose.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Charity accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	54,247 (a7)	48,743 (b9)	5,504	(c7)	28,837 (c6)	34,341 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHARITY	54,247	48,743	5,504		28,837 (x)	34,341 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHARITY - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 AUGUST 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		319
f2 Bank Current Account	2,363	34,022
f3 Dorking and Horsham Methodist Circuit	26,474	
f4		
f5		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Charity accounts	28,837 (c6)	34,341 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	28,837 (x)	34,341 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 31-Aug-21	At 31-Aug-22
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g4 Other Liabilities		

DECLARATIONS

Accountant

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Charity and that they include all funds under the control of the Trustees

Signature of Accountant Date

Name

Address

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Southwater Youth Project

This Report is on the Charity Accounts for the period ended 31 August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):


- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name TONY CAUVIN

Signature 

Relevant Professional qualification or body

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Date 9th JUNE 2023

Southwater Youth Project CIO

Annual Accounts year ending 31st August 2022

Notes

1. Dorking and Horsham Methodist Circuit were the employing organisation of the Youth Worker until 18th March 2022 and therefore held the account used for the Employment Costs fund until April 2022 at which point the outstanding balance was transferred to the newly formed Charity, and employing organisation, Southwater Youth Project CIO.
2. Prior to becoming a registered charity and the Youth Worker's employer, SYP held an account for Youth Work running costs (Co-operative Bank account).
3. Figures for the Employment Costs Fund for the periods 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021 and part year 1st September 2021 to 13th April 2022 are as provided by Dorking and Horsham Circuit.
4. Total funds as at 31.8.21 amounting to £28,837 are made up of £26,474 held by Dorking and Horsham Circuit and £2,363 held by SYP.
5. Total Grants for the year of £50,536 is made up of £7,735 received by Dorking and Horsham Circuit and £42,801 received by Southwater Youth Project ("SYP").
6. Job Retention Scheme receipts are as claimed by Dorking and Horsham Circuit when the employer, and retained in SYP.
7. Salaries, benefits and expenses totalling £39,513 for the year is made up of £23,038 paid via Dorking and Horsham Circuit and £16,475 paid by SYP.

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