

# MARLBOROUGH AREA YOUTH FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1199626

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-07-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE IN LIFE YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 10 TO 18 (OR 25 WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS) IN MARLBOROUGH 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) PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

**Activities:** The Forum offers support, activities, events and fund raising opportunities for young people, aged 10 to 18 (or 25 with special educational needs), in the Marlborough Community Area to have fun and build their skills, capacities and capabilities to better enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-01	£26,079	£26,920	-	-
2024-09-01	£22,698	£13,267	-	-
2023-09-01	£20,145	£10,787	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Caroline Susan Thomas</b>	Chair	2022-06-20
Ann Marr		2025-11-13
Lisa Ann Farrell		2022-06-20
Mervyn John Hall		2022-06-20
Nicola Jane Rebbeck		2023-10-09

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	02	09	2024		01	09	2025

**Section A Reference and administration details**

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Nowell House	
Kingsbury Street	
Marlborough	
Postcode	SN8 1HZ

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Caroline Thomas	Chair		
2	Mervyn Hall			
3	Lisa Farrell			
4	Nicola Rebbeck			
5	Ann Marr		Wef 13/11/25	
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution, adopted 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a resolution at a meeting of the charity's current trustees.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

While typically regarded as an affluent area, many young people in and around Marlborough face challenges such as lack of support for positive activities, poor mental health, and the lingering impact of Covid lock downs. Social skills have suffered and anecdotal evidence suggests they continue to worsen, and a level of anti-social behaviour is evident with added risks from county line gangs, from neighbouring towns including Swindon and Devizes, now present.

The Forum was established as a CIO to raise funds and employ a youth worker to help develop the existing youth club which was struggling to be sustainable.

Now in our third year, the Forum has enabled the Marlborough Youth Club to run on a sustainable basis by securing grants and donations, from a wide number of sources including the Lottery, Wiltshire Community Fund, Wiltshire Council, Marlborough College, local supermarkets and generous individual and group benefactors.

Notwithstanding a number of recruitment attempts one of the Trustees continues to act as our Youth Worker for 10-15 hours a week and has attracted a group of 9-10 volunteers.

The Forum supports all volunteers to apply for enhanced DBS checks in line with statutory requirements, and they are asked to sign a Code of Conduct and receive Safeguarding Training via the NSPCC and the Youth Worker (for the local context). The Forum has kept its other policies up to date, including Complaints, Data Protection/GDPR (with an associated Privacy Notice), Whistleblowing, Equal Opportunities and Risk Management, using a planner to ensure these are reviewed to an agreed schedule.

The youth club continues to open 2 nights a week offering a hot meal on both evenings along with a range of activities. As in 2024, we also ran two half-day activity sessions (in May and August holidays) with skateboarding and scootering tuition, a climbing wall and various indoor and outdoor sports. Hot dogs and burgers were also made available. The events

attracted over 150 local youngsters and gave us good publicity.

We received significant local support financially for events and activities with grants from local supermarkets and charities (in addition to those applied for from Wiltshire Council and the Wiltshire Community Foundation). Our income for 24/25 took us over £25,000.

We are able to continue make no charge for any of the Youth Clubs activities or food to avoid any risk of discrimination against more vulnerable youngsters in the community.

The clubs popularity grew over the year particularly amongst youngsters who typically shy away from the more formally structured sports clubs, cadets, scouts etc. Regular attendees have increased from c45-50 a night in 23/24 to 70 -100.

Two of the original trustees continue in their roles as local town councillors with the number of Trustees increasing to five in total. The Forum is working with the town council to develop youth services on a broader basis (through the Youth Council) and an application has been made to reduce out rent to a fixed sum each year to reflect the work we do for the wider community.

The key risks faced by the Forum are

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Securing sufficient grant funding for our key costs (youth worker, hot food, rent, insurance/fees and third-party enrichment activities)	Continued submission of grant requests, including from the National Lottery and Wiltshire Community Foundation
Attracting and retaining volunteers to support the delivery of engaging activities and offer a personal, trusted relationship for the many youngsters seeking support and guidance	Advertising through Fb page and personal contacts. Offering training that supports volunteers (e.g. Food Hygiene and First Aid)
Operationalising Safeguarding policies into day-to-day activities, particularly with new volunteers and as our numbers grow	Regular review of the risks using Youth Worker and Trustees experience. Maintenance of a Safeguarding Action Plan (in support of the policy). Trustee and volunteer training

Risks are considered at every Trustee meeting and volunteers are encouraged to raise any concerns.

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

The object of the CIO is to advance in life young people, aged 10 to 18 (or 25 with special educational needs) in Marlborough 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) providing 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 undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when planning the Forum's activities.

Main activities undertaken over 2024/25 include

- ongoing support of our Youth Worker, benefiting from her personal passion and ability to attract volunteers
- Maintaining two youth club evenings a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, with the provision of hot food and activities including pool, table tennis, badminton, indoor football and basketball supported, where funding allowed, third parties to offer structured activities
- Continuing to run half day sessions during school holidays to engage the wider community with support from the Marlborough Sports Forum
- Continuing to offer our services at no charge to our youngsters
- Liaison with local town council to promote youth work across the town
- Review of key policies including Safeguarding (annually) and others at least bi-annually.

Providing a safe place to go on a regular basis with engaging activities on offer is really important for young people to help build their confidence and social skills.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are grateful for the many hours trustees and volunteers have spent listening and encouraging our young members. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Thanks also to our previous and new grant funders (National Lottery, Wiltshire Community Foundation, Wiltshire Council, Tesco, Waitrose and Charlie's Charity) and donors, including Marlborough College students, Marlborough Cricket Club and anonymous donors through the CAF.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2024/25 was the Forum's third full year of operation and the focus moved to maintaining our offer to local youngsters and extending our reach to encourage members, operating two evenings a week, often with more structured activities delivered by third parties, running half day holiday events, working with local sports clubs and cooking 'real hot food' for hungry youngsters.

- Funds received from grant applications and donations exceeding £25,000 for the first time
- Reviewed all key policies including Approach to Risk Management and Safeguarding
- Volunteer recruitment to help us develop a strong, committed cadre of regular volunteers
- Use of third parties (with the extra funding received) to provide more structured activities
- Support for our trustee Youth Worker who carries the burden of our day-to-day activities.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash in bank at the financial year end (1/9/25) was £18,184, comprising

- £13,236 unrestricted funds and
- £4,948 restricted funds (i.e. the balance of grants received).
- Notwithstanding income of £26,078, in year expenses exceeded income by £842.

While the CIO is in a good financial position, the main financial risk remains insufficient fund raising via grants and donations. Therefore, if necessary, we will trim 'discretionary activities' to ensure that we maintain

- sufficient reserves for 6 months of the financial year's budgeted core costs (rent, youth worker, food, fees and insurance).

For 25/26 that requires £10,850.

This is deemed sufficient to continue operations while sourcing additional funds as our liabilities are restricted to any termination requirements for the Youth Worker.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal

Our primary source of funds in 2024/25 was grants from Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Community Foundation and local supermarkets/charities. We also received generous donations from Marlborough College students.

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

The grant funds supported payment of our youth worker, third party activities, sports and activity equipment and provision of food; all key components of our offer to young people to meet the objects of the charity.

Our other major cost is rent payments for the Marlborough Community and Youth Centre on which we are in negotiation.

## Section F Other optional information

### Future Plans

2025/26 will see a continued emphasis on keeping the YC operating twice a week with structured activities to provide a safe, social space for youngsters with trusted adults they can talk to and get a hot meal.

We hope to secure a second National Lottery grant for our core costs (50% a year over 2 years), a third grant from Wiltshire Community Foundation to support our free hot meal offer and provide third party supported activities. Another application will be made to Wiltshire Council's Marlborough Area Board to support the ongoing costs for the Youth Worker and Rent. We would also like to run a fund raising event using a free evening hire of the Town Hall provided by the Mayor.

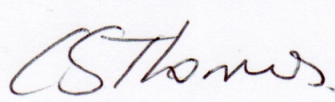
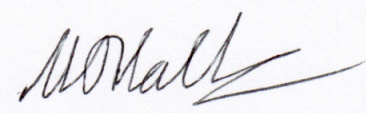
We also hope to secure a discount on the rent we pay to the town council, potentially saving over £4,000 pa.

We will continue to work with the town council and the Sports Forum to help create a broad community engagement model bringing together multiple youth organisations. This is being supported by the Youth Council committee established last year and managed by the town council.

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Caroline Thomas	M J HALL
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TRUSTEE

Date ██████████ 2026  
17<sup>th</sup> MAY



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 02/09/2024	To	Period end date 01/09/2025
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	22,720	-	22,720	14,520
Donations	3,359	-	-	3,359	8,178
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>22,720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,079</b>	<b>22,698</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,359</b>	<b>22,720</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,079</b>	<b>22,698</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Youth Worker	2,932	7,103	-	10,035	6,180
Travel/Expenses	166	-	-	166	185
Youth Club food	-	4,212	-	4,212	1,693
Equipment	501	1,375	-	1,876	178
Activities	-	4,220	-	4,220	2,510
Subscriptions/Fees/Ins	496	100	-	596	495
Youth Center Hire	1,402	3,729	-	5,132	1,386
Advertising	-	286	-	286	228
Miscellaneous	398	-	-	398	413
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,895</b>	<b>21,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,920</b>	<b>13,268</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,895</b>	<b>21,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,920</b>	<b>13,268</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,536</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 842</b>	<b>9,430</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>- 2,086</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>13,686</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,025</b>	<b>9,430</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,236</b>	<b>4,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,184</b>	<b>19,025</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		13,236	4,948	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,236</b>	<b>4,948</b>	<b>-</b>

**B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


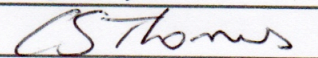
**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M J HALL	17 MAY 26
	C S THOMAS	17/5/26

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Marlborough Area Youth Forum**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Marlborough Area Youth Forum (the charity) for the year ended 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

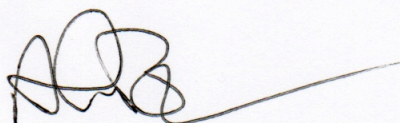
### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed:



Alexander Blair

12 Kelham Gardens

Marlborough

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	Day 02	Month 09	Year 2023	To	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2024

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Caroline Thomas	Chair		
2	Mervyn Hall			
3	Lisa Farrell			
4	Nicola Rebbeck			
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#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution, adopted 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a resolution at a meeting of the charity's current trustees.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

While typically regarded as an affluent area, many young people in and around Marlborough face challenges such as lack of support for positive activities, poor mental health, and ongoing disruption to education from Covid. Social skills have suffered, and a higher level of anti-social behaviour is evident with risks from county line gangs, from neighbouring towns including Swindon and Devizes, emerging.

The Forum was established as a CIO to raise funds and employ a youth worker to help develop the existing youth club which was struggling to be sustainable.

Now in our second year, the Forum has enabled the Marlborough Youth Club to run on a sustainable basis by securing grants and donations, including Lottery funding, after an initial grant (in 2022/23) from Wiltshire Council.

In September 2023, our Youth Worker stepped down and we ran with two Trustees and volunteers while seeking to recruit a replacement. This proved not to be possible and in early 2024, one of the Trustees took on the role for 10-15 hours a week.

With the benefit of additional funding, our Trustee Youth Worker has successfully attracted more volunteers. The Forum supports all volunteers to apply for enhanced DBS checks in line with statutory requirements, they have, and are asked to sign, a Code of Conduct and receive Safeguarding Training. The Forum has other policies including Complaints, Serious Allegations, Data Protection/GDPR (with an associated Privacy Notice), Whistleblowing, Equal Opportunities and Risk Management.

In addition, the youth club is now open 2 nights a week offering a hot meal on both evenings along with a range of activities. In August 2024 we

also ran a half-day session with skateboarding and scootering tuition, a climbing wall, a DJ and various indoor and outdoor sports. Hot dogs and burgers were also made available.

We make no charge for any of the Youth Clubs activities or food to avoid any risk of discrimination against more vulnerable youngsters in the community.

The clubs popularity grew over the year particularly amongst youngsters who typically shy away from the more formally structured sports clubs, cadets, scouts etc. Regular attendees have increased from c25 to 45-50 a night.

Three trustees are also local town councillors and the fourth was an original volunteer. The Forum is working with the town council to develop youth services on a broader basis, and the council has recruited an apprentice Youth Worker to start in October 2024.

The key risks faced by the Forum are

Risk	Mitigation
Securing sufficient grant funding for our key costs (Insurance, youth worker, hot food, rent and third-party enrichment activities)	Successful submission of grant requests, including from the National Lottery and Wiltshire Community Foundation
Attracting and retaining volunteers to support the delivery of engaging activities and offer a personal, trusted relationship for the many youngsters seeking support and guidance	Advertising through Fb page and personal contacts. Offering training that supports volunteers (e.g. First Aid)
Operationalising Safeguarding policies into day-to-day activities, particularly with new volunteers and as our numbers grow	Youth Worker and Trustees experience. Creation of a Safeguarding Action Plan and a Safeguarding Leaflet. Trustee and volunteer training

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is to advance in life young people, aged 10 to 18 (or 25 with special educational needs) in Marlborough 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) providing 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**

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity

undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Commission's public benefit guidance when planning the Forum's activities.

Main activities undertaken over 2023/24 include

- introduction of our new Youth Worker, benefiting from her personal passion and ability to attract volunteers
- Move to open two evenings a week, Wednesdays and Fridays, with the provision of hot food and activities including pool, table tennis, badminton, indoor football and basketball.
- Introduction of school holiday half day sessions to engage the wider community
- Continuing to offer our services at no charge to our youngsters
- Liaison with local town council to promote the introduction of an apprentice youth worker whom we can work in partnership with to extend the youth offer across the town
- Review of key policies including Safeguarding

Providing a safe place to go on a regular basis with engaging activities on offer is really important for young people to help build their confidence and social skills.

#### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are grateful for the many hours trustees and volunteers have spent listening and encouraging our young members. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much. Thanks also to our grant funders (National Lottery and Wiltshire Community Foundation) and donations, including Marlborough College students.

## Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2023/24 was the Forum's second full year of operation so the focus moved to improving our offer to local youngsters, opening on an extra evening, introducing half day holiday events, working with local sports clubs and cooking 'real hot food' for hungry youngsters.

- Funds received from Grant applications submitted to National Lottery and Wiltshire Community Foundation
- Reviewed all key policies including Approach to Risk Management and Safeguarding
- Volunteer recruitment continued
- A trustee took on the Youth Worker role after a gap of several months; reflecting the difficulties recruiting for

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

such roles.

- Ran a summer holidays half day event with Skateboarding/Scooting tuition, Climbing Wall, DJ and various indoor and outdoor sports, supported by local sports clubs.
- Secured local town council agreement to fund an apprentice youth worker from October 2024

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at the financial year end (1/9/24) was £13,686 in unrestricted funds and £5,339 in restricted funds (i.e. the balance of £14,520 in grants received in the year). While the CIO is in a good financial position, the main financial risk remains insufficient fund raising via grants and donations.

Limited reserves are required as liabilities are restricted to any termination requirements for the Youth Worker. All other expenses are only incurred if funds are available.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our primary source of funds in 2023/24 was grants from the National Lottery and Wiltshire Community Foundation. We also received generous donations from Marlborough College students and benefited from residual funds passed over from the Youth Club's prior supporting organisation (the Marlborough Community Youth Project).

The grant funds supported payment of our youth worker, third party activities, cooking, sports and activity equipment and provision of food; all key components of our offer to young people to meet the objects of the charity.

Our other major cost is rent payments for the Marlborough Community and Youth Centre.

## Section F

## Other optional information

Future Plans

2024/25 will see a continued emphasis on keeping the YC operating twice a week with structured activities to provide a safe, social space for youngsters with trusted adults they can talk to and get a hot meal.

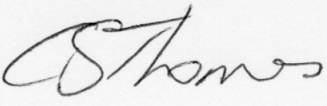
We hope to secure a second grant from Wiltshire Community Foundation to support our free hot meal offer and provide third party supported activities, in order to run three half day sessions during the school holidays (February, May and August). Another application will be made to Wiltshire Council's Marlborough Area Board to support the ongoing costs for the Youth Worker and Rent.

We will work with the town council's new apprentice Youth Worker to help create a broad community engagement model bringing together multiple youth organisations as well as the Forum. This will be supported by the establishment of a Youth Forum committee managed by the town council.

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Caroline Thomas	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	24 March 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Marlborough Area Youth Forum

No (if any)  
1199626

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### Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	02/09/2023		01/09/2024

#### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	14,520	-	14,520	17,736
Donations	8,178	-	-	8,178	2,645
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>8,178</b>	<b>14,520</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,698</b>	<b>20,381</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>8,178</b>	<b>14,520</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,698</b>	<b>20,381</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Youth Worker	558	5,622	-	6,180	7,647
Travel/Expenses	185	-	-	185	-
Youth Club food	27	1,666	-	1,693	244
Equipment	178	-	-	178	-
Activities	845	1,665	-	2,510	36
Subscriptions/Fees/Ins	495	-	-	495	217
Youth Center Hire	1,386	-	-	1,386	-
Advertising	-	228	-	228	43
Miscellaneous	413	-	-	413	2,600
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,087</b>	<b>9,181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,268</b>	<b>10,787</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,087</b>	<b>9,181</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,268</b>	<b>10,787</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,430</b>	<b>9,594</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,594	-	-	9,594	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,686</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,025</b>	<b>9,594</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	7,623	11,403	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7,623</b>	<b>11,403</b>	<b>-</b>

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C. THOMAS	18/3/25

**MARLBOROUGH AREA YOUTH FORUM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1199626

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
<b>From</b>	12	07	2022	<b>To</b>	01	09	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Marlborough Area Youth Forum

**Other names charity is known by** MAYF, The Forum

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1199626

**Charity's principal address**

Nowell House	
Kingsbury Street	
Marlborough	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>SN8 1HZ</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Caroline Thomas	Chair		
2	Mervyn Hall			
3	Lisa Farrell			
4	Nicola Rebbeck		From October 2023	
5				
6				
7				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution, adopted 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2022
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by a resolution at a meeting of the charity's current trustees.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures</li> </ul>	<p>While typically regarded as an affluent area, many young people in and around Marlborough face challenges such as lack of support for positive activities, poor mental health, and ongoing disruption to education from Covid. Social skills have suffered, and a higher level of anti-social behaviour is evident with risks from county line gangs, from neighbouring Swindon, emerging.</p> <p>Marlborough Youth Club, run by volunteers under the auspices of the Marlborough Community and Youth Project (MC&amp;YP), went a long way to meet these needs but to be sustainable Marlborough needed a Youth Worker and the Forum was established as a vehicle through which a YW could be employed to run the YC and to manage the grants and fund raising that will be required to support the YW costs and YC activities.</p> <p>Initial funding was received from Wiltshire Council's Marlborough Area Board and the Forum has worked with the MC&amp;YP to take on the running of the youth club (for 12</p>
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to manage them.

- 18-year olds, -25 for those with SEND) and also reach out to support youth work in other parishes in the Marlborough Community Area. Once a Youth Worker was recruited the focus was to find additional volunteers, embed key policies, particularly Safeguarding, including DBS checks in line with statutory requirements, and reach out to other organisations to offer a programme of activities for our youngsters, who typically shy away from the more formally structured sports clubs, cadets, scouts etc. The trustees seek the views of youth club members, its youth worker and volunteers in deciding the activities to be run.

All three initial trustees are also local town councillors and are working with the town council to develop youth services on a broader basis. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

The Forum has also supported the Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group with the collection of donations and provision of Food Vouchers at Christmas. We are pleased to receive support from a number of organisations, including the council's Area Board, Youth Action Wiltshire and Marlborough Town Council.

The key risks faced by the Forum are

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Securing sufficient grant funding for our key costs (Youth Worker, evening meal, Community & Youth Centre hire and enrichment activities)	Subscription to a grants data base Submission of two grant requests from National Lottery and Wiltshire Community Foundation submitted
Attracting volunteers to support the delivery of engaging activities and offer a personal, trusted relationship for the many youngsters seeking support and guidance	Advertising through Fb page and flyers in all local community spaces, pubs and coffee shops
Operationalising Safeguarding policies into day to day activities with new volunteers	YC and Trustees experience Creation of a Safeguarding Action Plan. Trustees and volunteer training

## **Section C Objectives and activities**

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing**

The object of the CIO is to advance in life young people, aged 10 to 18 (or 25 with special educational needs) in Marlborough and the surrounding area through:  
 (a) the provision of recreational and leisure time activities

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

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

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when planning the Forum's activities.

Main activities undertaken over 2022/23 include

- recruitment of our first Youth Worker and establishment of the key outcomes and actions we were seeking
- re-establishment of the Marlborough Youth Club running regularly on a Friday evening with the provision of hot food and activities including pool, table tennis, badminton, indoor football and basketball. No charge is made for attendees
- recruitment of new volunteers. This was and remains a difficult process but the position has improved in 2023/24 with 2 further volunteers and the return of the two leading lights in the original MC&YP
- reaching out to third parties to bring some new activities including street dance and fencing.

A safe place to go on a regular basis with new activities on offer is really important for young people to help build their confidence and social skills.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are grateful for the many hours trustees and volunteers have spent listening and encouraging our members and working with the club's youth worker. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2022/23 was the Forum's first year of operation so the focus was on establishing ourselves as a Trustee body with all relevant governance policies, the recruitment of a Youth Worker and weekly operation of the Youth Club

offering structured activities.

- 2022
  - o Development of key policies including Approach to Risk Management and Safeguarding
  - o recruitment activity
  - o Trustee meetings
  - o Establishing a bank account and expense protocols
- 2023
  - o Our first Youth Worker was recruited in March 2023 under a contract which specified the key outcomes sought.
  - o re-established the Marlborough Youth Club running regularly on a Friday evening, 4.30 to 6.30, with the provision of hot food and activities including pool, table tennis, badminton, indoor football and basketball. No charge is made for attendees and between 20 - 40 youngsters attend for a period of time each week.
  - o recruitment of new volunteers. This was and remains a difficult process but the position has improved in 2023/24 with 2 further volunteers and the return of the two leading lights in the original MC&YP
  - o started reaching out to third parties to bring some new activities including street dance and fencing.
  - o Grant applications submitted to Marlborough Town Council, National Lottery and Wiltshire Community Foundation
  - o Trustee sign off of policies
    - ✓ Complaints
    - ✓ Data Protection, GDPR, File Retention
    - ✓ Equal Opportunities
    - ✓ Member Code of Conduct
    - ✓ Privacy Notice
    - ✓ Volunteers
    - ✓ Whistleblowing
    - ✓ Staff Code of Conduct
  - o First Aid Training for YW and 2 volunteers
  - o Work with Town Clerk to create a proposal for the town council to recruit an apprentice Youth Worker NB budget allocated for an October 2024 start date.

**Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves**

Cash at bank at 31/08/23 was £9,594.36 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is insufficient fund raising via grants and donations.

Limited reserves are required as liabilities are restricted to any termination requirements for the Youth Worker. All other expenses are only incurred if funds are available.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

Not applicable

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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

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

Our primary source of funds in 2022/23 was a grant from Wiltshire Council’s Marlborough Area Board (MAB) of £17,500.

(The Area Board offers grants totalling £17,500 every year but a range of other organisations in the community area can apply for these)

The MAB grant supported the recruitment and costs of a Youth Worker who started in March 2023 and re-established the YC on a regular Friday evening.

We have also been supported by the MC&YP which covered the cost of hiring the Community and Youth Centre for the Youth Club

Other costs have included hot food, snacks and drinks during YC hours, DBS fees and subscriptions.

**Section F Other optional information**

Future Plans

The coming year will see a continued emphasis on keeping the YC operating each week, possibly to be supplemented with an early evening drop-in option for older members, with more structured activities to build and deepen the confidence and capability of our young people.

Success with two grant applications will support the ongoing costs for the Youth Worker, a healthy eating offer, third party costs for activities, day trips and additional equipment.

We will work with the town council to recruit an apprentice Youth Worker in their next financial year (starting April 2024). The intent is to create a broad youth community support model engaging across multiple agencies and the Forum. This will be supported by the establishment of a Local Youth Forum committee operating under Wiltshire Council’s MAB - a network of organisations working with young people in the Marlborough Community Area.

**Section G Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Caroline Thomas	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>		



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Luton Borough Area Youth Forum

No (if any)  
1199626

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 7/12/2022	To	Period end date 9/1/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	17,500	236	-	17,736	-
Donnations	2,645	-	-	2,645	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>20,145</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,381</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>20,145</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,381</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Youth Worker	7,647	-	-	7,647	-
Youth Club Food	244	-	-	244	-
Third Party Activities	36	-	-	36	-
Subscriptions/Fees	217	-	-	217	-
Food Vouchers	2,600	-	-	2,600	-
Advertising	43	-	-	43	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,787</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,787</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,594</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,594</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	9,358	236	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Gifted Lap Top	Unrestricted	-	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Caroline Thomas	
	Mervyn Hall	