

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	02	09	2024	To	01	09	2025

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

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 th July, 2022
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered 12 th 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

Risk	Mitigation
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.

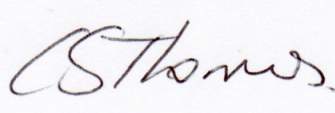
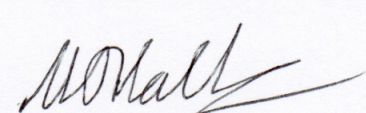
We also hope to secure a discount on the rent we pay to the town council, potentially saving over £4,000 pa.


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

17th MAY



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 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 £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	-	22,720	-	22,720	14,520
Donations	3,359	-	-	3,359	8,178
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,359	22,720	-	26,079	22,698
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,359	22,720	-	26,079	22,698
A3 Payments					
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
Sub total	5,895	21,026	-	26,920	13,268
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,895	21,026	-	26,920	13,268
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,536	1,694	-	- 842	9,430
A5 Transfers between funds	2,086	- 2,086	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,686	5,339	-	19,025	9,430
Cash funds this year end	13,236	4,948	-	18,184	19,025

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 £
B1 Cash funds				
		13,236	4,948	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,236	4,948	-
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)		(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
			OK	1 OK

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

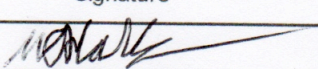
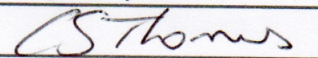
**B4 Assets retained for the
charity's own use**

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	12 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 1st 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.

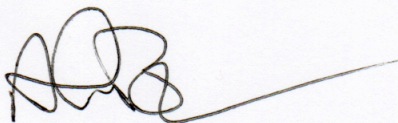
Independent examiner's statement

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: 13th May 2026