

SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales · Charity number 274402

Details

Other names	THAMESDOWN YOUTH FOR CHRIST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1978-01-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN APPENDIX 1 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN SWINDON AND ITS ENVIRONS B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY MEANS OF PROCLAIMING CHRISTIAN MESSAGES OF AN EVANGELICAL AND TEACHING NATURE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING) IN SWINDON AND ITS ENVIRONS C) TO DEMONSTRATE PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE CHRISTIAN VALUES INCLUDING DIGNITY EMPOWERMENT AND PARTNERSHIP TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SWINDON AND ITS ENVIRONS D) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SUPPORT AND MENTORING IN SCHOOLS COLLEGES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS. THROUGH LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS STREET BASED YOUTH WORK AND OTHER YOUTH PROVISION TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND THAT THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED E) TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS THEREBY DEMONSTRATING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROMOTING OVERSEAS SERVICE EDUCATION PRACTICAL ACTION AND WORKING WITH THOSE AFFECTED EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH RELEVANT RELIEF AGENCIES

Activities: SYFC predominately work in schools taking lessons, assemblies, mentoring, lunch clubs and after school clubs. We cover a variety of issues -self esteem/self worth, respect, relationships, etc. We run social action projects across the area and also a couple of monthly events where young people can explore the Christian faith.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SWINDON
- Swindon
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£76,878	£60,171	-	-
2024-03-31	£71,707	£74,725	-	-
2023-03-31	£72,823	£91,807	-	-
2022-03-31	£77,069	£76,371	-	-
2021-03-31	£116,326	£96,490	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Robinson	Chair	2021-02-18
DAVID AHERN		2015-09-16
ELIZABETH MARTIN		2017-09-14
Gavin Mapstone		2014-03-01
Olugbenga Sonoiki		2023-10-02
Rev James Dean Reeves		2026-01-21
Ruth Barrett		2021-10-01

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2024-25

Year End 31st March 2025

Charity Number: 274402

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Council of Reference The Council was suspended in 2017-18
Church leaders are now being included as trustees
and the Director, Chair and Trustees regularly
interact with church leaders within the borough.

Executive Committee: Chair - Steve Robinson (Appointed 18th February 2021)

(Trustees) Treasurer - Gavin Mapstone (Appointed 1st March 2014)

Elizabeth Martin (Appointed 14th September 2017)
David Ahern (16th September 2015, Reappointed February 2019)

Ruth Barrett (Appointed 1st October 2021)
Olugbenga Sonoiki (Appointed 2nd October 2023)

Part-Time Staff: Naomi Ackland – Interim Centre Director
Chris Priddy – Finance Officer
Kirsten Davidson – Fund Raiser

Independent Examiners: Keith Tredget & Keith Saunders

Bankers: Lloyds, CAF Bank

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OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION:

*From the **Constitution of SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST**
Adopted 15th October 2007*

- To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of young people, in accordance with the statement of faith, throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the Christian faith mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- To demonstrate, promote and encourage Christian values, including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all young people throughout Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments. Through lunchtime and after school clubs, street-based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved;
- To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Whatever our individual focus might be for 2025 and beyond, there is a very real sense in which our goals as an organisation don't change from year to year. The main thing – preaching the gospel, caring for others, building the Kingdom – remains the **only** thing.

The full extent of God's Kingdom can only be realized when we take intentional steps to commit to God's agenda and to adopt Christ's character. These complementary activities reflect God's call to us in Jesus' words found in Matthew 6: 33

But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

SYFC's priorities might remain the same, but the way we express our faith and the emphasis we put on specific areas and activities to express those goals reflect the evolving context within which we find ourselves. SYFC is rightly flexible in its approach – yet resolute in its foundation – being open to God's leading and light on our feet, continuing to react effectively to changing conditions and expectations in our missional activity.

The year in focus

The impact of COVID on young people has been recognised through national initiatives designed to address mental health and other related issues.

Local schools have welcomed SYFC's willingness to share in this much needed work: this has been a significant focus through the year, working with small groups and individuals. Naomi, our Centre Director, has very ably led this work through the Healthy Minds Project alongside one-to-one work in local schools.

SYFC is not content to remain "as is". Swindon is a growing town with a high percentage of young people, many of whom have no contact with any church. Parts of the town are recognized as having significant additional needs (areas classified by the Government as being "deprived"). SYFC is committed to working across the town, recognizing the particular approaches which work best in very diverse communities: we have built strong partnerships with schools in those areas identified as having the greatest needs.

With need comes opportunity and the person-centered approach across our work builds bridges in some of the most challenging of circumstances. Allowing – and listening to – young people telling their story brings real affirmation and leads to positive outcomes.

We continue to enjoy excellent relationships with local churches and other community groups. We are thankful, as ever, for the continued (and often

sacrificial) support we receive from so many people alongside the regular gifts from local churches. Without that support, SYFC would not have been able to offer its 75 years of service to the young people of Swindon.

As ever, we have to continue to give careful consideration to the kind of work we would like to undertake given our own financial constraints. We recognize the pressure on finances for churches and individuals alike and it is important that we remain good stewards as reflects our commitment to use God's resources wisely. We do not hold large balances in reserve but seek, with God's help and using the talents of our gifted team of staff and volunteers, to share the Good News of Jesus with the young people of Swindon.

Our people

Naomi Ackland took over the role of Centre Director in 2024. During the year Naomi has led the office team and the schools' work with great enthusiasm and real vision. She has thoughtfully reflected on SYFC's work and shared her vision of how SYFC may develop and grow to continue to support the needs of young people across the town.

It has been a settled year for the Trustees who have met on 6 occasions, including our AGM. We aim to meet at least twice a year in person – which builds a greater sense of fellowship – alongside our other meetings via the online TEAMS platform. We continue to look for others to join our board, to bring a wider perspective on the community and work with young people.

As ever my fellow trustees who have given sacrificially of their time, talents and prayer to support the work of the organisation: I thank you all, on behalf of SYFC, not just for your continuing work but also for your partnership and support for Naomi and the Team. We attend different fellowships but together bring a unity of purpose in serving Christ and seeking to make Him known.

Looking to the future

We have built an exciting new partnership with YFC Wiltshire – sharing a full-time schools' worker – and are talking with an active local church with a view to sharing another part time role. This reflects the vision Naomi has shared with us and which the Trustees have wholeheartedly embraced.

This year will bring its challenges: we will have to pray, work and discern very hard to ensure that we keep in step with God through them. At the same time, there will undoubtedly be opportunities to express our faith and be the transforming community God wants us to be. We know we can rely on a God who promises "I have" and "I will." His is the gifting and provision, His is the will and the Vision. Let us take this opportunity– and continue to embrace every means – of sharing and being Good News in this community and beyond.

In the service of Christ

Peace and blessings

The Revd. Steve Robinson
Chair of Trustees, Swindon Youth for Christ

1. REPORT ON ACTIVITY

This financial year has been a period of impactful delivery for our charity, as we have remained committed to supporting the mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of young people in Swindon. Through a wide range of projects, partnerships, and community engagement initiatives, we have reached and positively influenced the lives of many local young people.

Old Town Partnership Fundraising for SYFC

One of the highlights of the year has been our partnership with the Old Town Partnership, who generously dedicated a full year of fundraising efforts to support Swindon Youth for Christ (SYFC). Their focus was on enabling us to purchase equipment for a silent disco, which will be used as a tool for youth engagement in schools, churches, and community settings. This creative initiative aims to break down barriers, build community, and create safe spaces for young people to connect and have fun in a positive environment.

Healthy Minds Project in Secondary Schools

Our Healthy Minds project was delivered in two secondary schools in Swindon, focusing on Year 8 students. The programme consisted of small-group sessions designed to help young people better understand anxiety, develop coping strategies, and build resilience. Feedback from schools and students highlighted the value of these sessions in helping pupils feel more confident and equipped to manage emotional challenges.

One-to-One Support at Nova Hreod Academy

Alongside our group work, we continued to provide vital one-to-one sessions with students at Nova Hreod Academy. These confidential sessions offer tailored emotional and practical support, often for those facing more complex or ongoing issues. This strand of our work remains a crucial part of our early intervention and wellbeing strategy.



Youth Alpha and Weston-super-Mare Day Trip

In January, we launched a Youth Alpha course with 15 young people, exploring questions of life, faith, and meaning in a supportive and open

environment. A highlight of this programme was a day trip to Weston-super-Mare, giving participants a chance to deepen relationships, reflect, and enjoy a fun shared experience outside their usual setting.

Community Engagement and Fundraising Support

In February, we were invited to speak at Holy Rood Church, who generously chose to support our Healthy Minds project through their own fundraising activities. Their encouragement and partnership have helped us sustain this essential work and extend our reach to more young people in need.

Weekly Youth Club with South Swindon Parish Council

We have also supported the South Swindon Parish Council in the delivery of a weekly youth club for young people aged 10 to 16 years. This initiative provides a consistent, safe, and engaging space where young people can build friendships, take part in structured activities, and access informal support from youth workers.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to the next financial year, we are grateful for the continued support of our partners, funders, schools, and churches. Together, we remain committed to seeing young people thrive in every aspect of life.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, resources, and care to help us make a difference.

Every blessing



Naomi Ackland

Interim Director for Swindon Youth for Christ

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Swindon Youth for Christ is a charitable organisation established in 1950. The charity is organised and governed under its constitution dated 15th October 2007 which sets out the objects and powers of the charity. Members (partners) support the aims of the organisation and are invited to the Annual General Meeting. Members elect the Trustees, these individuals making up the Executive Committee who direct the overall strategy and policies of SYFC and oversee the day-to-day activity in conjunction with the Centre Director.

3. RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the work are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body and seek to identify potential new trustees through the work they are doing.

4. INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential new trustees meet with the Chair of Trustees. An overview of the charity's work and the rights and responsibilities of being a trustee are provided at this meeting. The potential trustee is then invited to attend three Trustees' meetings as an observer. After this the existing trustees formally vote on the suitability of each candidate as a trustee and once accepted can thereafter function on the committee as co-opted members. At the first Annual General Meeting following this, the members of the charity vote on whether to accept the co-opted as full trustees.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees regularly oversee and review the major risks to which the charity is exposed. At the end of the year in question the trustees have assessed the charity's main risk as failure to fully deliver its objectives. This arises due to the challenging financial circumstances facing the charity that limit the amount that can be spent on youth ministry. We are only able to help a fraction of the young people in Swindon that would benefit from mentoring, activities and the knowledge that someone cares for them.

All other risks are reviewed regularly, and policies and procedures put in place to mitigate the risk to the charity. In addition to the above all prospective employees and volunteers undertake a Disclosure Barring Service check as per our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding Policies.

6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The trustees met together regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction of SYFC and the activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees call special meetings if required. The day-to-day management of SYFC is the responsibility of the Director, who ensures that the team continue to develop skills and working practices in line with 'best practice'. This is monitored through regular supervision meetings and annual appraisals which are carried out for staff at every level in the organisation. Swindon Youth for Christ consists of a vast array of people who are involved in many contrasting ways. We are almost completely dependent on our many partners and partner churches for funding and prayer support. Many volunteers and associates work with our dedicated staff to organise some fantastic youth events, and to maintain a high level of input into many of the local secondary schools. Others work tirelessly in administration and resourcing the team.

We are very thankful to everyone who has contributed time, prayers and money to the work of SYFC over the past year; in doing so you have enabled many thousands of young people to become more aware of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the power it can have in their lives.

7. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY

As a registered charity, and in line with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, the staff and trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ acknowledge that:

- Our work does have an identifiable benefit to those we work with.
- These benefits are related to our aims.
- These benefits are clear.
- These benefits are not the cause of any detriment or harm.
- The aims are appropriate to the beneficiaries and vice-versa.
- The opportunity to benefit from our work is not unreasonably restricted to geographical restrictions, or by the ability to pay any fees charged.
- People in poverty are not excluded from benefiting from our work.

8. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined in this document in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The Trustees intend to continue focussing on developing additional sources of

funding and maintaining the charity's links with its partners and major grant donors, ensuring that the charity's standard of service is maintained and improved to meet its beneficiaries and its donor's requirements.

9. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity operates a simple business model with income from donations and grants used to fund a small team focussed on youth ministry and the administration of the organisation.

Trustees review forecasts for the current and future financial year bi-monthly. This providing sufficient lead-time to implement any decisions required to adjust its cost base in line with income predictions. In line with charity commission guidance, Trustees aim to maintain reserves deemed sufficient to cover three months' running costs plus any costs required to close the charity.

The charity ended the financial year with total funds of £41,862 (2023-24 £25,154). Sufficient to meet its reserves policy (see section 11).

During the year the charity reported a surplus of £16,708 (2023-24, loss of £2,718). Predominantly due to vacancies within its structure not being recruited.

Total expenditure was £60,171 (2023-24, £74,425). The majority of this was used to pay our staff who deliver our charitable activities. Total staffing costs were £38,826 (2023-24 £53,010). The reduction in cost from the prior-year arising due to time taken to appoint an interim Centre Director and not-backfilling the Office Manager post that was promoted to that role. No youth-workers were employed during the year.

Other spend on charitable activities included £3,744 leasing of office space and £3,797 spent on youth programmes (including our annual residential for which donations are received from churches).

£6,655 was spent on raising funds. This included £4,640 spent on purchasing Resource Bank equipment. The majority of this related to a silent disco which we were able to purchase through donations. This will be rented to churches and charities within Swindon to support their youthwork provision. £1,200 was spent on professional fundraising advice which will be used to inform grant applications planned to be submitted during the coming and future years.

Total income was £76,878 (2023-24 £71,707). The charity continues to benefit from diversified income streams which provide a measure of financial resilience. Donations from churches and individuals were £68,529 which included gift aid of £8,278 (2023-24 £56,365 – which included gift aid of £5,885). The increase in donations due to several large one-off receipts that had not been made in the previous year, these included a donation from the Old Town Partnership to purchase the silent disco, a one-off receipt following the winding-up of a church and a large donation from a trust.

Event income of £2,496 relates to donations received from churches to support our residential.

Income from Miscellaneous Trading reduced significantly from the prior-year as no major-fundraising activity was undertaken during the year.

We remain tremendously grateful for the support provided by local churches and individuals without which we would struggle to operate and acknowledge their generosity at a time when many face their own financial challenges.

10. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our main source of funding for general charitable purposes is receipt of donations from individuals and churches. We also receive grants for specific projects, and this money is held in restricted funds.

Our thanks go to: all those churches and individuals who donated to support our work this year without which Swindon Youth for Christ wouldn't exist.

11. INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity has no long-term investments. All our money including any reserves is kept in current bank accounts, which includes a higher interest charity deposit account.

12. RESERVES POLICY

The charity has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be equal to or greater than three months running costs plus any costs required to close the charity.

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Swindon Youth for Christ ('the charity') for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Details

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Address 4 Pythouse Close, Swindon,
: SN3 6EQ

Name: Keith Saunders

Address 1 Kenilworth Lawns, Swindon,
: SN3 1LF

Signatures: <i>Keith Tredget</i> <i>Keith Saunders</i>
Date: 5th November 2025

Receipts & Payments Statement¹

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts					
Donations & Legacies					
Donations	1	60,252	0	60,252	50,480
Gift Aid Tax Refund	1	8,278	0	8,278	5,885
Grants		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities					
Event Income		2,496	0	2,496	0
Investments					
Bank Interest		812	0	812	0
Investment Income		0	0	0	400
Trading Activities					
Miscellaneous Trading		560	0	560	10,585
Resource Bank		1,714	0	1,714	0
Sales		0	0	0	0
Other					
Commissioned School Work		0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0
Other Income		2,767	0	2,767	4,357
Sale of Fixed Assets		0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0
Total receipts		76,878	0	76,878	71,707
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Motor Expenses	2	30	0	30	836
Operating Leases		3,744	0	3,744	3,744
Pensions		0	0	0	0
Schools Work		129	0	129	63
Social Security		0	0	0	0
Staffing	3	38,825	0	38,825	53,011
Sundries	2	388	0	388	927
Support Events		0	0	0	35
Team Building		0	0	0	717
Volunteer Expenses	4	42	0	42	1,158
Youth Programmes		3,797	0	3,797	6,234
Raising Funds					
Fundraising Costs		1,200	0	1,200	575
Miscellaneous Trading Costs		815	0	815	0
Resource Bank		4,640	0	4,640	0
Governance Costs					
Governance Costs		0	0	0	0
Support					

¹ On 1st April 2024 the charity migrated its accounting system into Expense Plus. This has resulted in some small changes to the charities chart of accounts and restatement of some prior-year figures. Where this has occurred, a note has been provided.

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Bank Charges		186	0	186	128
Information Technology		892	0	892	948
Insurance		1,616	0	1,616	1,280
Office Costs		3,240	0	3,240	4,204
Professional Fees		627	0	627	565
Other					
Fixed Asset Purchases		0	0	0	0
Loans Repaid		0	0	0	0
Money Invested		0	0	0	0
Total payments		60,171	0	60,171	74,425
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)		16,708	0	16,708	-2,718
Fund Transfers In		0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers Out		0	0	0	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds		16,708	0	16,708	-2,718
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward		25,155	0	25,155	27,873
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward		41,862	0	41,862	25,155
Represented By					
General (Unrestricted)		41,862	0	41,862	25,155

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
General (Unrestricted)	41,862	0	41,862	25,155

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid	Gift Aid up to 31/3/2025. Claim submitted 3/4/2025	1,557	0	1,557	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other	2024/25 Invoices awaiting payment at year end	383	0	383	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed	Nil	0	0	0	0

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HMRC Payments Owed	PAYE Owing	767	0	767	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other	Business Card transaction pending at year end	155	0	155	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Notes to the Accounts

1. Donations and Gift Aid Tax Refund were reported as a single amount of £56,365 within the 2023/24 accounts. We are now reporting these elements separately. The amount recognised in each year is dependent on the timing of claims.
2. Staff travel expenses are now consolidated within sundries. This has seen a reduction of £97 in the 2023/24 figure for motor expenses from £933 to £836 and a corresponding increase to the 2023/24 figure for sundries from £830 to £927.
3. Salary costs are now consolidated under the heading of staffing. In 2023/24 these were reported as wages (£48,237), social security (£976); and employer pension contributions (£3,798).
4. Costs incurred by volunteers and trustees are now consolidated under the heading of volunteer expenses. In 2023/24 these were reported as trustee expenses (£56) and volunteer expenses (£1,102).

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession has determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these

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accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
General (Unrestricted)	25,155	76,878	60,171	0	41,862
Total	25,155	76,878	60,171	0	41,862
Unrestricted Total	25,155	76,878	60,171	0	41,862
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	25,155	76,878	60,171	0	41,862

Transactions with Related Parties

There were no reportable transactions with related parties under the Charities SORP (FRS102) during the accounting period.

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Executive Committee: (Trustees)	David Ahern (Reappointed February 2019) Ruth Barrett (Appointed 21 June 2021) David Howell (resigned as Trustee 31 st March 2023) Elizabeth Martin (Appointed 19 th July 2017) Steve Robinson (Appointed 5 th Jan 2021; Chair from Feb 2021) Gavin Mapstone (Appointed 21 st February 2024; Treasurer)
Full-Time Staff:	Post of Centre Director - vacant
Part-Time Staff:	Chris Davison – Finance Officer Naomi Ackland – Office Co-ordinator
Interns:	Kirsty Damiral
Independent Auditor:	Chris Vaughan
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Adopted 15th October 2007*

- To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of young people, in accordance with the statement of faith, throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the Christian faith mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- To demonstrate, promote and encourage Christian values, including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all young people throughout Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments. Through lunchtime and after school clubs, street-based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved;
- To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C S Lewis (author of the “Narnia” books) composed these words soon after he had come to a living faith in Christ. Once, as a high-flying academic at Oxford University, he had rejected the claims of Jesus as preposterous: now he was ready to recognise that his new found faith meant that the whole of existence had to be seen in a different light.

Faith by its very nature, cannot be static. It demands ongoing reflection - to see where we are and ask what God wants of us. Faith also requires constant and consistent application to realise the full spiritual benefits from our relationship with God. This partnership - to build His God’s Kingdom - is reflected in our partnership with others in the local community and beyond.

It is this God centred relationship which is the beating heart of SYFC’s activities and which drives our daily work to realise God’s Vision for our work amongst children and young people in Swindon.

The wider picture

SYFC is the longest established centre in the United Kingdom under the Youth for Christ “banner.” For over 70 years SYFC has engaged with young people across the town. During that time there have been many changes of approach but one constant – the desire, expressed through our work and example, to reach young people with the Good News of Jesus.

Although SYFC operates as an independent organisation, we enjoy close links with Youth for Christ at national level who support our ministry. We have also begun to build on closer links, including shared resourcing, with other local centres in Wiltshire and Gloucester.

Engaging in God’s Mission

In my last annual report, I noted the ongoing impact of the COVID epidemic on church life. It is fair to say the churches have yet to recover something of their former vibrancy following lockdown, with many churches being challenged both by falling numbers and pressure on finances.

We continue to explore new and relevant ways of expressing God's love to the young people in our town. It is a developing and growing area with many young families and children. The impact of COVID on young people has been recognised through national initiatives and we have been able to consider how we might support existing work and curate new work to provide a framework for young people as they look to the future.

This meant that we had to give careful consideration to the kind of work we would undertake given their own financial constraints. There remain many opportunities to work with children and young people and I am pleased to report that having focused on mental

health issues an individual mentoring, that we have been able to support many people in both a one-to-one setting and through joint events.

We continue to run events for youth workers and for Christian young people across all of Swindon churches. We have also run fundraisers and a residential weekend away for young people, where many were encouraged and supported in their faith journeys.

With the pressure on local churches, we have been able to come alongside existing work by providing additional help and advice where needed. We continue to develop partnerships with local groups and churches and Kirsten from the SYFC team has continued to reach out to churches and others to update them about our work and to seek funding for new initiatives.

Centre Director

During the year, SYFC has faced significant challenges, not least in the area of local leadership. Dave Clarke our long serving and much loved Centre Director stood down in 2023 to care for his very ill daughter. Space does not permit me to list all that Dave has done in the service of Christ through his work at SYFC –and it is right I record our thanks to him for his commitment, vision and insight, all of which have been so valuable to Trustees and which underpin his personal ministry.

There are so many young people who have been touched through Dave's work and example. Dave maintained a hands-on approach to the work of the centre as well as seeking God's will for the strategic growth of SYFC's work in the town. Many ministers have been challenged and supported by Dave and through his willingness to engage with churches across the theological spectrum.

Dave's departure led to a period of reflection within the Trustee body who met on a monthly basis through the latter months of 2023. It was decided to seek a replacement with a specific brief to build on the work that Dave had begun. The post was advertised both locally and through national contacts including YFC National.

Two candidates were interviewed after the financial year end but neither was appointed and we have invited Naomi Acland to take on the role of temporary Centre Director from summer 2024 pending further reflections on the way forward.

Staff and Trustee Matters

We were unable to fully realise our plans to recruit a team of interns from the local area. Kirsty Damiral joined the team as our only intern in 2023/24, balancing her work with SYFC alongside a placement in two local churches. It is pleasing to note that on completion of her work with us, Kirsty intends to move into full time Christian work

Jen Hodgson left us at Christmas 2023 on the expiration of her contract. Jen worked hard to publicise our work and to organise the various activities that SYFC run across the churches of the town. Jen leaves us with our very best wishes as she explores her ministry for the future.

Chris Davison our Finance Officer retired at the end of the Financial year (March 2023). Chris has served SYFC so faithfully for many years, bringing wise counsel and practical advice. to the work we do. We were able to express our thanks and best wishes to Chris at a special social event held at St John's Church in the Parks.

Chris Priddy, a former Director, of SYFC has stepped into Chris' role.

During the year James Parrish, Matt Winbow and Jamie McNutt stood down as trustees. In in their very different ways, they brought a wealth of wisdom and spiritual oversight to the work of the trustee board. They will be difficult to replace but we are continuing to look for new trustees who will bring fresh insights and direction to our work.

Supporting our work

SYFC receives no funding from the national appeals. All our financial support is raised through the local office and we are thankful for everyone who has contributed in such a generous way to enable our work to continue throughout this year. We are especially thankful to those people who have given sacrificially at a time of significant financial pressure where there are many competing demands from worthy causes. We value your support in practical ways but are also so grateful for your encouragement, your prayers and your continued commitment to see the organisation flourish.

Taking the next steps

Once again, I'd like to express my thanks to my fellow trustees who have given sacrificially of their time, talents and prayer to support the work of the organisation. They have all offered their gifts freely, supporting staff and helping with administrative tasks when required. It is indeed a privilege to serve with you all.

As we look to the future, we can look forward with confidence as we believe that God has called us to work with him and with local churches the better to better the lives of the young people in this town. We have a message of hope that even in the darkest of days shines through and which continues to offer the reality of a new relationship with God whatever our immediate circumstances might be.

All of us on the trustee board can testify to the transformation that faith in God can bring. We are committed to doing what we can to ensure that all can hear in a relevant and clear way that they are precious to God and that with him their life can have meaning and direction. We trust add hope that with the plans we are looking to put into place for the next year will continue to realise the vision of SYFC that has been built on the solid foundations are they lifetimes ministry in the town.



In the service of Christ

Peace and blessings

The Revd Steve Robinson

Chair of Trustees, Swindon Youth for Christ

1. REPORT ON ACTIVITY

As we reflect on the past year, it's impossible not to feel a sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we've undertaken together. We were fortunate to welcome Intern Kirsty Damiral into our fold this school year. With her vibrant spirit and dedication, Kirsty became an integral part of our mission, working closely with two wonderful churches: Pattern Church and St Mary's Church Purton. Throughout the week, she organised youth clubs that buzzed with energy, and on Sundays, she connected with young people during both morning and evening services, nurturing their faith and friendships.

One of our standout initiatives this year was the three Synergy 'The Event' gatherings. These town-wide themed events became a beacon of hope and joy for young people, drawing them together to worship, play games, forge lasting friendships, and engage with talks designed for their age group. The enthusiasm surrounding these events was palpable as participants from various churches came together, creating a sense of community that smaller congregations often struggle to provide. The smiles and energy at these events truly illustrated the need for such gatherings.

In February, we embarked on a transformative weekend residential, welcoming forty-seven young people, including thirty-three who had never previously engaged in church. This retreat was much more than just a getaway; it served as a sacred space for these young people to explore the gospel, deepen their faith, and foster a personal connection with God. Through a mix of engaging activities and heartfelt discussions, we witnessed remarkable spiritual growth, creating memories and bonds that will last a lifetime.

However, this year was not without its bittersweet moments. We bid farewell to our adored Centre Director, Dave Clarke, in October. His leadership and passion were irreplaceable, and his departure left a void in our hearts. In January, we also said goodbye to Jen Hodgson and Chris Davison, who enriched our team in countless ways. Their contributions will forever be cherished, and their absence will be felt deeply.

In a move that underscores our commitment to the well-being of young people, we proudly launched the Healthy Minds Project in January. This initiative embraces a holistic, three-tiered approach to support mental health in schools. Our work began at Nova Hreod, where we introduced a thirty-minute one-on-one listening service for students navigating the challenges of adolescent life. Each week, we have been able to connect with ten young individuals, providing them with a safe space to share their struggles. The positive impact on their school attendance has been encouraging, highlighting the importance of mental health support in fostering a thriving educational environment.

Looking back on this year, we are filled with hope and determination. Together, we have created a nurturing community that uplifts our young people, helping them to grow in faith, friendship, and resilience. The journey continues, and we are excited for what lies ahead.

Every blessing



Naomi Ackland

Interim Director for Swindon Youth for Christ

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Swindon Youth for Christ is a charitable organisation established in 1950. The charity is organised and governed under its constitution dated 15th October 2007 which sets out the objects and powers of the charity. Members (partners) support the aims of the organisation and are invited to the Annual General Meeting. Members elect the Trustees, these individuals making up the Executive Committee who direct the overall strategy and policies of SYFC and oversee the day-to-day activity in conjunction with the Centre Director.

3. RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the work are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body and seek to identify potential new trustees through the work they are doing.

4. INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential new trustees meet with the Chair of Trustees. An overview of the charity's work and the rights and responsibilities of being a trustee are provided at this meeting. The potential trustee is then invited to attend three Trustees' meetings as an observer. After this the existing trustees formally vote on the suitability of each candidate as a trustee and once accepted can thereafter function on the committee as co-opted members. At the first Annual General Meeting following this, the members of the charity vote on whether to accept the co-opted as full trustees.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees regularly oversee and review the major risks to which the charity is exposed. At the end of the year in question the trustees have assessed the charity's main risk as the implications of government sanctions on the general public and organisations in the light of the Covid-19 global pandemic. The key risks are re-assessed monthly.

The next most significant risk is a reduction in funding from all sources and a strategic plan has been put into place to deal with this issue. All other risks are reviewed regularly, and policies and procedures put in place to mitigate the risk to the charity. In addition to the above all prospective employees and volunteers undertake a Disclosure Barring Service check as per our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding Policies.

6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The trustees met together regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction of SYFC and the activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees call special meetings if required. The day-to-day management of SYFC is the responsibility of the Director, who ensures that the team continue to develop skills and working practices in line with 'best practice'. This is monitored through regular supervision meetings and annual appraisals which are carried out for staff at every level in the organisation.

The organisation will be considering the appointment of a Council of Reference of local church leaders from whom the Director and Trustees will seek advice on vision and strategy and any exceptional day to day matters.

Swindon Youth for Christ consists of a vast array of people who are involved in many contrasting ways. We are almost completely dependent on our many partners and partner churches for funding and prayer support. Many volunteers and associates work with our dedicated staff to organise some fantastic youth events, and to maintain a high level of input into many of the local secondary schools. Others work tirelessly in administration and resourcing the team.

We are very thankful to everyone who has contributed time, prayers and money to the work of SYFC over the past year; in doing so you have enabled many thousands of young people to become more aware of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the power it can have in their lives.

7. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY

As a registered charity, and in line with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, the staff and trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ acknowledge that:

- Our work does have an identifiable benefit to those we work with.
- These benefits are related to our aims.
- These benefits are clear.
- These benefits are not the cause of any detriment or harm.
- The aims are appropriate to the beneficiaries and vice-versa.
- The opportunity to benefit from our work is not unreasonably restricted to geographical restrictions, or by the ability to pay any fees charged.
- People in poverty are not excluded from benefiting from our work.

8. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity operates a simple business model with income from donations and grants used to fund a small team focussed on youth ministry and the administration of the organisation.

We remain tremendously grateful for the support provided by local churches and individuals without which we would struggle to operate and acknowledge their generosity at a time when they face their own financial challenges.

Trustees review forecasts for the current and future financial year bi-monthly. This providing sufficient lead-time to implement any decisions required to adjust its cost base in line with income predictions. In line with charity commission guidance, Trustees aim to maintain

reserves deemed sufficient to cover three months' running costs plus any costs required to close the charity.

The charity ended the financial year with total funds of £25,155 (2022-23 £27,873). Sufficient to meet its reserves policy.

During the year the charity reported a small loss of £2,717 (2021-22, loss of £18,984). This was better than the budget (which was based on a £9k loss) and arose due to a combination of vacancies and non-pay costs being lower than budgeted.

Total expenditure was £74,425 (2022-23, £91,807). The majority of this was used to pay wages, social security payments and staff expenses (including pension contributions) supporting charitable activities. Total salary costs were £53,011 (2022-23 £61,242). The reduction in cost arising due to the resignation of the Centre Director during the year. Repair and replacement costs for the SYFC van and IT were also lower than for the previous year.

Total income was £71,707 (2022-23 £72,823). The charity continues to benefit from a diversified income stream being sustained by donations from churches and individuals which provided £56,365 (2022-23 £58,550). It aims to supplement this through grant applications though it has been challenging to access this funding post-Covid and there was no grant income in 2023-24 (2022-23 nil).

We are grateful to every supporter and church who gave regularly or via a one-off gift towards the ministry in the past year and are always amazed by the faithful provision for our work.

9. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our main source of funding for general charitable purposes is receipt of donations from individuals and churches. We also receive grants for specific projects and this money is held in restricted funds.

Our thanks go to: all those churches and individuals who donated to support our work this year without which Swindon Youth for Christ wouldn't exist.

10. INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity has no long-term investments. All our money including any reserves is kept in current bank accounts, which includes a higher interest charity deposit account.

11. RESERVES POLICY

The charity has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be equal to or greater than three months running costs plus any costs required to close the charity.

12. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined in this document in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The Trustees intend to continue

focussing on developing additional sources of funding and maintaining the charity's links with its partners and major grant donors, ensuring that the charity's standard of service is maintained and improved to meet its beneficiaries and its donor's requirements.

13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These are contained in the document *Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024*.

THIS DOCUMENT was approved by the Trustees at the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th November 2024.

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Swindon Youth for Christ

Chris Vaughan
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

274402

Principal address

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Trustees

Independent Examiner

Chris Vaughan
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Swindon Youth for Christ

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Swindon Youth for Christ (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Christopher Vaughan

Chris Vaughan
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20 November 2024

Swindon Youth for Christ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		56,365	58,550
Other trading activities	2	10,585	9,171
Investment income	3	400	143
Other income		4,357	4,959
Total		<u>71,707</u>	<u>72,823</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		575	5,188
 Charitable activities			
Gospel Propagation		<u>73,850</u>	<u>86,619</u>
Total		<u>74,425</u>	<u>91,807</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,718)	(18,984)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		27,873	46,857
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>25,155</u></u>	<u><u>27,873</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Swindon Youth for Christ

Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		25,155	27,873
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		25,155	27,873
NET ASSETS		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		25,155	27,873
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	10,585	9,171

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	400	143
	<u>400</u>	<u>143</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	56	-
	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Church work	2	2
Administration	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	58,550
Other trading activities	9,171
Investment income	143
Other income	4,959
Total	<u>72,823</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	5,188
Charitable activities	
Gospel Propagation	86,619
Total	<u>91,807</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(18,984)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	46,857

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	27,873

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,873	(2,718)	25,155
TOTAL FUNDS	27,873	(2,718)	25,155

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,707	(74,425)	(2,718)
TOTAL FUNDS	71,707	(74,425)	(2,718)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,488	(18,984)	17,504
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	46,857	(18,984)	27,873
TOTAL FUNDS	46,857	(18,984)	27,873

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,823	(91,807)	(18,984)
TOTAL FUNDS	72,823	(91,807)	(18,984)

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,488	(21,702)	14,786
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	<u>46,857</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>	<u>25,155</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,857</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>	<u>25,155</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	144,530	(166,232)	(21,702)
	<u>144,530</u>	<u>(166,232)</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>144,530</u>	<u>(166,232)</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

As the income of the charity does not exceed £250,000, and any such transactions are immaterial, it is not required to disclose related party transactions.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	56,365	58,550
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	10,585	9,171
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	400	143
Other income		
Other income	4,357	3,489
Commissioned schools work	-	1,470
	4,357	4,959
Total incoming resources	71,707	72,823
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising costs	575	5,188
Charitable activities		
Wages	48,237	54,104
Social security	976	2,400
Pensions	3,798	4,738
Other operating leases	3,744	3,744
Sundries	830	1,707
Volunteer expenses	1,102	1,432
Support events	35	157
Schools work	63	864
Youth programmes	6,234	6,033
Motor expenses	933	3,031
Team building	717	386
	66,669	78,596
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	1,280	-
Office costs	4,204	4,193
Professional fees	565	354
	6,049	4,547
Finance		
Bank charges	128	117

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Finance		
Information technology		
Information technology	948	3,359
Governance costs		
Trustees' expenses	56	-
Total resources expended	74,425	91,807
Net income	(2,718)	(18,984)

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

274402

Principal address

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Trustees

Independent Examiner

Chris Vaughan
Accountants
195 Ermin Street
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Swindon Youth for Christ

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Swindon Youth for Christ (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Christopher Vaughan

Chris Vaughan
Accountants
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20 November 2024

Swindon Youth for Christ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		56,365	58,550
Other trading activities	2	10,585	9,171
Investment income	3	400	143
Other income		4,357	4,959
Total		<u>71,707</u>	<u>72,823</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		575	5,188
 Charitable activities			
Gospel Propagation		<u>73,850</u>	<u>86,619</u>
Total		<u>74,425</u>	<u>91,807</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,718)	(18,984)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		27,873	46,857
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>25,155</u></u>	<u><u>27,873</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Swindon Youth for Christ

Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		25,155	27,873
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		25,155	27,873
NET ASSETS		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	10,585	9,171

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	400	143
	<u>400</u>	<u>143</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	56	-
	<u>56</u>	<u>-</u>

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Church work	2	2
Administration	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	58,550
Other trading activities	9,171
Investment income	143
Other income	4,959
Total	<u>72,823</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	5,188
Charitable activities	
Gospel Propagation	86,619
Total	<u>91,807</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(18,984)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	46,857

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	27,873

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,873	(2,718)	25,155
TOTAL FUNDS	27,873	(2,718)	25,155

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,707	(74,425)	(2,718)
TOTAL FUNDS	71,707	(74,425)	(2,718)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,488	(18,984)	17,504
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	46,857	(18,984)	27,873
TOTAL FUNDS	46,857	(18,984)	27,873

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,823	(91,807)	(18,984)
TOTAL FUNDS	72,823	(91,807)	(18,984)

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,488	(21,702)	14,786
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	<u>46,857</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>	<u>25,155</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,857</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>	<u>25,155</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	144,530	(166,232)	(21,702)
	<u>144,530</u>	<u>(166,232)</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>144,530</u>	<u>(166,232)</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

As the income of the charity does not exceed £250,000, and any such transactions are immaterial, it is not required to disclose related party transactions.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	56,365	58,550
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	10,585	9,171
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	400	143
Other income		
Other income	4,357	3,489
Commissioned schools work	-	1,470
	4,357	4,959
Total incoming resources	71,707	72,823
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising costs	575	5,188
Charitable activities		
Wages	48,237	54,104
Social security	976	2,400
Pensions	3,798	4,738
Other operating leases	3,744	3,744
Sundries	830	1,707
Volunteer expenses	1,102	1,432
Support events	35	157
Schools work	63	864
Youth programmes	6,234	6,033
Motor expenses	933	3,031
Team building	717	386
	66,669	78,596
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	1,280	-
Office costs	4,204	4,193
Professional fees	565	354
	6,049	4,547
Finance		
Bank charges	128	117

Swindon Youth for Christ

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Finance		
Information technology		
Information technology	948	3,359
Governance costs		
Trustees' expenses	56	-
Total resources expended	74,425	91,807
Net income	(2,718)	(18,984)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 274402

Accounts

Swindon Youth for Christ **ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

Year End 31st March 2023

Charity Number: 274402

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Council of Reference The Council was suspended in 2017-18
Church leaders are now being included as trustees and the
Director, Chair and Trustees regularly interact with the church
leaders who meet as Good News 4 Swindon

**Executive Committee:
(Trustees)** David Ahern (Reappointed February 2019)
Ruth Barrett (Appointed 21 June 2021)
David Howell (resigned as Trustee 31st March 2023)
Elizabeth Martin (Appointed 19th July 2017)
Jamie McNutt (Appointed 28th July 2022)
James Parish (Appointed 20th April 2020)
Steve Robinson (Appointed 5th Jan 2021; Chair from Feb 2021)
Matthew Winbow (Appointed 19th May 2020)

Gavin Mapstone – Treasurer (Retired as Trustee Jan 2021)

Full-Time Staff: Dave Clarke – Director

Part-Time Staff: Chris Davison – Finance Officer
Naomi Ackland – Office Co-ordinator
Kirsten Davidson – Fundraiser
Jen Hodgson – Events & Residentials Co-ordinator

Interns: Josh Bennett – YFC Intern
Tori Lord – YFC Intern

Independent Auditor: Chris Vaughan

Bankers: Lloyds, CAF Bank & Co-operative

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OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION:

*From the **Constitution of SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST**
Adopted 15th October 2007*

- To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of young people, in accordance with the statement of faith, throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the Christian faith mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- To demonstrate, promote and encourage Christian values, including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all young people throughout Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments. Through lunchtime and after school clubs, street-based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved;
- To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Each new year brings challenges to face and to overcome but also its opportunities to grow into.

Alongside the usual plans that come with each year, we have had to continue to consider how Swindon Youth for Christ ("SYFC") responds to the unique circumstances in which we find ourselves following the Covid pandemic. There is greater freedom after almost two years of restrictions and I believe that God has invited us to be courageous and not to be fearful, to think big and not to be discouraged by setbacks or hardship, to live by faith not by sight.

Life never stands still and during the year SYFC has continued to respond to the varying needs of the young people in Swindon. We have tried new things and expanded our team to support our strategic objectives which were set in 2020, which we continue to believe to be relevant and appropriate to the needs we encounter.

The wider picture

SYFC is the longest running centre in the United Kingdom under the Youth For Christ "banner." For over 70 years SYFC has engaged with young people across the town. During that time there have been many changes of approach but one constant – the desire, expressed through our work and example, to reach young people with the Good News of Jesus.

Although SYFC operates as an independent organisation, we enjoy close links with Youth For Christ at national level who support our ministry. In July 2022, YFC National announced a period of reflection and discussion following concerns over their financial viability as donations have declined significantly since 2020.

In August 2022, YFC announced a reorganisation with some staff being made redundant. Support for local centres continues but the major impact on SYFC has been the changes to the interns programme. We were fortunate in having interns in place for the coming year but the provision of support for future years is now much more restricted and SYFC are looking to provide a local programme which will fill the gap.

Engaging in God's Mission

Locally, COVID has impacted the life and witness of many local churches. A number of churches no longer have leaders for their youth work and activities have also ceased. This reflects the financial impact of the past two years together with pressure on voluntary resources within the local church post Covid. SYFC has considered ways in which we might extend our support for churches and schools, given the very real and identified needs.

Strategically we have been looking at enabling churches and other groups to minister to young people but have now made an intentional decision to deliver support directly to young people. Our HUB events, designed to support those working with young people, have been successful in building relationships. Our Synergy events have proved popular with young people from across the churches who have been encouraged to meet together for worship, teaching and social events. We have also designed a programme to support young people with mental health issues and hope to roll this out within the next year.

Although there is no formal Churches Together grouping now functioning in Swindon, SYFC have attended meetings of the Good News for Swindon network and have participated in their activities as restrictions allowed.

Supporting our work

SYFC receives no funding from the national appeals. All our financial support is raised through the local office and we are thankful for everyone who has contributed in such a generous way to enable our work to continue through this year. We are especially thankful to those people who have given sacrificially at a time of significant financial pressure where there are many competing demands from worthy causes. We value your support in practical ways but are also so grateful for your encouragement, your prayers and your continued commitment to see the organisation flourish.

Jen has joined our office team to work alongside Dave the centre director and to take responsibility for organising activities like hub, synergy, and weekends away. Once again, the team - Naomi, Kirsten, Jen and Chris - have worked closely together under Dave's capable leadership as we have explored new avenues and continued to develop our existing work.

Once again Dave Clarke has brought inspiring and enthusiastic leadership to the work of the centre. Dave has juggled his work responsibilities alongside the demands of challenging family circumstances and ill health. Dave is a respected figure amongst the church community and has been tireless in promoting the organisation two local churches and other groups.

As ever the Trustees have given their time and shared their wisdom with the office team. In periods of Dave's enforced absence, the Trustees have stepped up and provided support for the wider team. The trustees have a wide range of experience and with many of them being based in Swindon have a strong appreciation of the needs the organisation seeks to address.

Gavin Mapstone has responsibility for the oversight of SYFC's finances. Gavin liaises with Chris to ensure that budgets are set and expenditure and income monitored. I'd like to express my thanks to Gavin as he has carried this role throughout a period of challenging financial circumstances for the charity. His contribution to our work is vital and we have all the financial information to hand to make informed decisions about our activities. This aspect of work is often hidden or overlooked but it is important to record our thanks for Gavin's work.

During the year our immediate past chair, David Howell indicated that he now wished to step down from Trusteeship after a number of years as Chair and many years of supporting the centre, including some years employment as Centre Director. We will miss David both for his wisdom and for his experience which have been invaluable in getting the centre to where it is today. We trust and pray that David will have a long and fruitful "redeployment" in God's work following his move to Slough.

Jamie McNutt has joined us as a trustee. We welcome Jamie who with his recent experience as an intern will bring a more hands on perspective to our meetings.

We continue to reflect upon the makeup of our Trustee group and are actively looking for others to join us.

Taking the next steps

God reminds us that he is always on our side. He also shows us the way forward and enables us to take the path he has prepared. This is not only personal but a call on an organisational level to “live like we mean it”. This means being committed to developing a Christ like attitude which is centred on discipleship and which has its expression through sharing the good news with the young people of Swindon.

This is the real challenge for us but being so open to God so prepared to listen so ready to follow that we do not miss his blessings or the opportunities to make him known day by day. We have a gospel to proclaim, a mission field to reach and young people's lives to transform. With God's help and with God's guidance, along with your support, we look forward to what God will do over the coming year.

In the service of Christ

Peace and blessings



Steve Robinson

The Revd Steve Robinson

Chair of Trustees, Swindon Youth for Christ

1. REPORT ON ACTIVITY

Achievements and performance 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

It is difficult if not impossible to measure the success or otherwise of SYFC, in terms of numbers alone. Our mission and vision requires us to share the good news of Jesus Christ and arguably any circumstance where SYFC is involved in the lives of young people meets this goal.

With the increasing flexibility offered by the removal of COVID based restrictions SYFC's activities have expanded during the year. A range of activities have been delivered and new initiatives are planned for the future. The organisation has continued to follow its strategic decision to offer support and enable activity for work with young people in local churches.

Alongside this, the HUB meetings have continued: this is an informal gathering on a regular basis to designed to support all those who work with young people in our churches. Informal gatherings for young people (SYNERGY) have been held throughout the year. These include opportunities to meet, worship, learn and enjoy activities together.

To develop our activity on larger scale events SYFC have employed an events and residential coordinator. Jen Hodgson has worked alongside the Centre Director to design and deliver these programmes.

Events 2022 to 2023

Residential gatherings

11th-13th March 2022

24th - 26th March 2023

HUB (Youth Workers)

20th June 2022

19th September 2022

17th October 2022

21st November 2022

12th December 2022

20th February 2023

20th March 2023

SYNERGY (Young people's gatherings)

2nd July 2022 Synergy Event

3rd February 2023 Synergy Serve

10th March 2023 Synergy The Event

Other

2nd June 2022 Fundraiser

2nd July 2022 Resource Fare

3rd December 2022 Christmas Wrap Up

Fundraising Activity

SYFC now employ a dedicated fundraiser Kirsten Davidson. Kirsten has contacted a range of organisations detailing our activities across Swindon with the aim of obtaining supportive funding. Kirsten is also in contact with all of the churches across Swindon and we're pleased to report that support from this source is holding up well

Organisational Activity

Our social media presence is being maintained through email communication; weekly prayer blogs, activities, resources and spiritual content. Whilst we received some good feedback, this is largely unquantifiable data of how many people engaged with it.

The HUB: Youth and children's workers gatherings had been encouraging attendance with youth and children's workers attending regularly for mutual support, prayer and resource sharing. This proved very helpful to those who attended as it gave opportunity to empower churches in reaching their young people.

In March 2021, the Trustees agreed that Swindon Youth for Christ would review its working pattern. An operations framework that was more scalable in line with resources was envisaged – this was developed with the help of the churches in Swindon and continued through the current financial year with a review planned for mid-2023.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Swindon Youth for Christ is a charitable organisation established in 1950. The charity is organised and governed under its constitution dated 15th October 2007 which sets out the objects and powers of the charity. Members (partners) support the aims of the organisation and are invited to the Annual General Meeting. Members elect the Trustees, these individuals making up the Executive Committee who direct the overall strategy and policies of SYFC and oversee the day-to-day activity in conjunction with the Centre Director.

3. RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the work are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body and seek to identify potential new trustees through the work they are doing.

4. INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential new trustees meet with the Chair of Trustees. An overview of the charity's work and the rights and responsibilities of being a trustee are provided at this meeting. The potential trustee is then invited to attend three Trustees' meetings as an observer. After this the existing trustees formally vote on the suitability of each candidate as a trustee and once accepted can thereafter function on the committee as co-opted members. At the first Annual General Meeting following this, the members of the charity vote on whether to accept the co-opted as full trustees.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees regularly oversee and review the major risks to which the charity is exposed. At the end of the year in question the trustees have assessed the charity's main risk as the implications of government sanctions on the general public and organisations in the light of the Covid-19 global pandemic. The key risks are re-assessed monthly.

The next most significant risk is a reduction in funding from all sources and a strategic plan has been put into place to deal with this issue. All other risks are reviewed regularly, and policies and procedures put in place to mitigate the risk to the charity. In addition to the above all prospective employees and volunteers undertake a Disclosure Barring Service check as per our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding Policies.

6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The trustees met together regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction of SYFC and the activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees call special meetings if required. The day-to-day management of SYFC is the responsibility of the Director, who ensures that the team continue to develop skills and working practices in line with 'best practice'. This is monitored through regular supervision meetings and annual appraisals which are carried out for staff at every level in the organisation.

The organisation will be considering the appointment of a Council of Reference of local church leaders from whom the Director and Trustees will seek advice on vision and strategy and any exceptional day to day matters.

Swindon Youth for Christ consists of a vast array of people who are involved in many contrasting ways. We are almost completely dependent on our many partners and partner churches for funding and prayer support. Many volunteers and associates work with our dedicated staff to organise some fantastic youth events, and to maintain a high level of input into many of the local secondary schools. Others work tirelessly in administration and resourcing the team.

We are very thankful to everyone who has contributed time, prayers and money to the work of SYFC over the past year; in doing so you have enabled many thousands of young people to become more aware of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the power it can have in their lives.

7. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY

As a registered charity, and in line with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, the staff and trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ acknowledge that:

- Our work does have an identifiable benefit to those we work with.
- These benefits are related to our aims.
- These benefits are clear.
- These benefits are not the cause of any detriment or harm.
- The aims are appropriate to the beneficiaries and vice-versa.
- The opportunity to benefit from our work is not unreasonably restricted to geographical restrictions, or by the ability to pay any fees charged.
- People in poverty are not excluded from benefiting from our work.

8. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity operates a simple business model with income from donations and grants used to fund a small team focussed on youth ministry and the administration costs of the organisation. Trustees review forecasts for the current and future financial year bi-monthly. This providing sufficient lead-time to implement any decisions required to adjust its cost base in line with income predictions.

In recent years it has become increasingly difficult to obtain grant income, especially if you're a faith-based charity and no grant income was received in 2022-23. At the same time donations from churches have reduced since pre-pandemic levels. We remain tremendously grateful for the support provided by local churches without which we would struggle to operate and acknowledge their generosity at a time when they face their own financial challenges.

The charity ended the financial year with total funds of £27,873 (2021 - 2022 £46,159).

In line with charity commission guidance, Trustees aim to maintain reserves of at least £30,000: this is deemed sufficient to cover three months' running costs plus any costs required to close the charity. Whilst the year-end balance was slightly below this; the charity is owed £5,000 Gift

Aid from HMRC in respect of donations made during 2022-23 and had this been received the reserves policy would have been met.

During the year the charity reported a loss of £18,984, compared to a small gain of £698 in 2021-22. This was in line with budgeted expectations, Trustees choosing to reduce reserves in order to sustain activity supporting churches and youth work.

Total expenditure was £91,807 (2021-22 £76,371). All of this was used to pay wages, social security payments and staff expenses (including pension contributions) supporting charitable activities. £5,188 was spent on fund-raising, enabling volunteers to raise money through a sky-dive and abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower. These events both delivered a surplus and helped promote the charity within the local area.

Total income was £72,823 (2021-22 £77,069). The charity continues to benefit from a diversified income stream being sustained by donations from churches and individuals. It aims to supplement this through grant applications, though as noted earlier this is increasingly difficult. During the year, support from churches was £16,922; an increase from the £15,156 received in 2021-22. The increase due to a one-off donation from Churches Together. The continued generosity of individuals saw donations of £43,380 (2021-22 £41,287) and fund-raising income of £9,171.

We are grateful to every supporter and church who gave regularly or via a one-off gift towards the ministry in the past year and are always amazed by the faithful provision for our work.

9. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our main source of funding for general charitable purposes is receipt of donations from individuals and churches. We also receive grants for specific projects and this money is held in restricted funds.

Our thanks go to: all those churches and individuals who donated to support our work this year without which Swindon Youth for Christ wouldn't exist.

10. INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity has no long-term investments. All our money including any reserves is kept in current bank accounts, which includes a higher interest charity deposit account.

11. RESERVES POLICY

The charity has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be equal to or greater than three months running costs plus any costs required to close the charity.

12. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined in this document in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The Trustees intend to continue focussing on developing additional sources of funding and maintaining the charity's links with its partners and major grant donors, ensuring that the charity's standard of service is maintained and improved to meet its beneficiaries and its donor's requirements.

13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These are contained in the document *Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023*.

THIS DOCUMENT was approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Swindon Youth for Christ

Chris Vaughan
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

274402

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Trustees

Independent Examiner

Chris Vaughan
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Steve Robinson

Chair of

Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Swindon Youth for Christ (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Christopher Vaughan
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
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4 October 2023

Swindon Youth for Christ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		58,550	66,086
Other trading activities	2	9,171	361
Investment income	3	143	16
Other income		4,959	10,606
Total		<u>72,823</u>	<u>77,069</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		5,188	-
 Charitable activities			
Gospel Propagation		<u>86,619</u>	<u>76,371</u>
Total		<u>91,807</u>	<u>76,371</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(18,984)	698
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		46,857	46,159
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>27,873</u></u>	<u><u>46,857</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Swindon Youth for Christ

Balance Sheet

31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		27,873	46,857
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>27,873</u>	<u>46,857</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		27,873	46,857
NET ASSETS		<u>27,873</u>	<u>46,857</u>
FUNDS	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>27,873</u>	<u>46,857</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>27,873</u>	<u>46,857</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	9,171	361

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	143	16
	<u>143</u>	<u>16</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Church work	2	2
Administration	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	66,086	-	66,086
Other trading activities	361	-	361
Investment income	16	-	16
Other income	10,606	-	10,606
Total	<u>77,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,069</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Gospel Propagation	76,371	-	76,371
NET INCOME	698	-	698
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	46,159	-	46,159
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,488	(18,984)	17,504
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	<u>46,857</u>	<u>(18,984)</u>	<u>27,873</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,857</u>	<u>(18,984)</u>	<u>27,873</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,823	(91,807)	(18,984)
	<u>72,823</u>	<u>(91,807)</u>	<u>(18,984)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>72,823</u>	<u>(91,807)</u>	<u>(18,984)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,790	698	36,488
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	<u>46,159</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>46,857</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,159</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>46,857</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,069	(76,371)	698
	<u>77,069</u>	<u>(76,371)</u>	<u>698</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,069</u>	<u>(76,371)</u>	<u>698</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,159</u>	<u>(18,286)</u>	<u>27,873</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	149,892	(168,178)	(18,286)
	<u>149,892</u>	<u>(168,178)</u>	<u>(18,286)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>149,892</u>	<u>(168,178)</u>	<u>(18,286)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	58,550	65,086
Grants	-	1,000
	58,550	66,086
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	9,171	361
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	143	16
Other income		
Other income	3,489	7,460
Commissioned schools work	1,470	3,146
	4,959	10,606
Total incoming resources	72,823	77,069
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising costs	5,188	-
Charitable activities		
Wages	54,104	49,502
Social security	2,400	7,130
Pensions	6,445	838
Other operating leases	3,744	3,744
Volunteer expenses	1,432	2,342
Support events	157	28
Schools work	864	1,000
Youth programmes	6,033	2,379
Motor expenses	3,031	1,296
Team building	386	460
	78,596	68,719
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	-	2,360
Office costs	4,193	3,564
Professional fees	354	360
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Swindon Youth for Christ

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
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Finance		
Bank charges	117	143
Information technology		
Information technology	3,359	1,225
Total resources expended	91,807	76,371
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Swindon Youth for Christ

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There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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England & Wales - Charity number 274402

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT

2021-22

Year Beginning: 1st April 2021

Year End 31st March 2022

Charity Number: 274402

ORGANISATION DETAILS1

Council of Reference The Council was suspended in 2017-18
Church leaders are now being included as trustees
and the Director, Chair and trustees regularly
interact with the church leaders who meet as Good
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Executive Committee: David Howell – *Chair (resigned as Chair Feb 2021)* (Appointed Mar 2017)

(Trustees) Elizabeth Martin - (Sept 2017)
David Ahern – (Vice Chair Mar 2016)
James Parish (Appointed 20th April 2020)
Matthew Winbow (Appointed 19th May 2020)
Steve Robinson (Appointed 5th Jan 2021; Chair from
Feb 2021)
Gavin Mapstone – *Treasurer* 2014)

Full-Time Staff: Dave Clarke – Director
Sarah Allen – Secondary Schools worker

Part-Time Staff: Chris Davison – Finance Officer
Naomi Ackland – Office Co-ordinator

Interns: Jamie McNutt – Started Sept 2021
Joshua Bennett – Started Sept 2021

Independent Auditor: Chris Vaughan

Bankers: Lloyds, CAF Bank & Co-operative

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OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION:

*From the **Constitution of SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST**
Adopted 15th October 2007*

- To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of young people, in accordance with the statement of faith, throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the Christian faith mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- To demonstrate, promote and encourage Christian values, including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all young people throughout Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments. Through lunchtime and after school clubs, street based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved;

- To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Introduction to the Annual Review 2021 - 2022

Back in March 2020, none of us could have foreseen that over 2 years later we would still be living under the shadow of Covid 19.

What's happened has been unique to our experience; many have found it both hard to cope and to respond to changing circumstances where we have little personal control over what's happening. No part of life has remained unaffected and none of us has been exempt from the immediate impact of this pandemic.

We have had to adapt at short notice to directives and matters beyond our control. We have missed the joys and encouragements that come from seeing one another face to face. Even catching up on news has not been easy when we have been encouraged to stay at home to protect the vulnerable. At the same time, we have been very conscious that whilst needs have grown, we have responded where we have been in a position to help.

Engaging in God's Mission

SYFC exists to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to young people in Swindon and the surrounding area. Although the centre has established for many years – one of the longest continually running in the UK – we cannot rest on the past but look to the future through the lens of the present. The Trustees continue to focus on facilitating the Mission of God, addressing contemporary needs by embracing relevant methods which enable young people to encounter and respond to Christ.

In 2020 the Trustees committed to a strategic plan which refocused the Centre's work away from immediate delivery of services and towards supporting local churches in local mission. This plan is reviewed at each Trustees Meeting and has been developed as needs dictate: recent recruitment to the staff team supports the dynamic nature of our work, as we look to develop this amongst young people across the churches of Swindon.

We work in a growing town that is both culturally and socially diverse: this growth is likely to continue over the next 5 years adding over 10% to the town's population (many of them young families), as housing expands on the Eastern fringe.

Many local churches are struggling to respond to this and other immediate needs as congregations age and resources shrink – a process already evident before the restrictions of the last 2 years. SYFC have pursued innovative ways to plug this gap by developing stronger church partnerships. An example of this is the placement of interns in local churches where they have had a significant

impact on church life. This is covered further in the Centre Director's Report below.

Supporting SYFC's work

I'd like to express my thanks to everyone who has contributed to and/or supported the work of SYFC throughout the year. We have worked, laughed, wept, celebrated, lamented, explored and responded together. Yes, it has been a year of change, surprises, sadness and joy but God's people have stepped up as He has called. God has not been silent nor has He been absent throughout the circumstances dictated by COVID19: SYFC has sought to follow God's leading and to partner in His work.

Identifying a need for specific support and to release the Centre Director for more outward looking work, Kirsten Davison joined SYFC to work as a Fundraiser/Bid Writer. Kirsten joins a strong and dedicated team very ably led by Dave Clarke, Centre Director.

Special thanks are due to Dave who has led the Team with enthusiasm, grace and sensitivity. Despite significant illness within his immediate family, Dave has remained focussed on SYFC's work and has begun to look at exciting new ways of engaging with churches and young people. We owe Dave a huge debt as he carries much of SYFC's work through the day-to-day activities.

We have been grateful to those who have served as Trustees – David Howell, James Parish, Matthew Winbow, David Ahern & Liz Martin. Ruth Barrett joined us during the year and we are already thankful for her wisdom and grace as she joined a team with a wide range of gifts, talents and Christian experience across a range of denominations.

Taking the next steps

Joshua 1 verse 9, encourages us to face life head on:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged...

Crossing any river requires an element of faith. Whether that crossing is by bridge or ferry or, in the case of the nation of Israel the possibility of getting more than your feet wet - we have to trust that it's the right step to take. We also have to commit to moving on when staying put could be the most comfortable option, given the uncertainty of what's across the river.

God alone knows what the future holds. To take on all God offers is to step out in faith into the future of each day, as well as each year. Embracing God's best demands more of us than simply putting our toes in the water – His is an invitation to cross over, even if it looks too deep. In trusting God for this next step, we will not be overwhelmed but will be immersed into the ministry God is calling us to. Our impact is greatest when it reflects the gifts and talents of us all, expressed as we worked together to see God's Kingdom come in Swindon.

Thank you for all you've done – please continue to support the work of SYFC in these uncertain times as we reach out with the gospel of grace and love to needy young people across our town.

In the service of Christ

Peace and blessings

The Revd. Steve Robinson

Chair of Trustees, Swindon Youth for Christ

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

1. Report on Activity

Strategy update:

As a result of Covid-19 in 2020-21, there was a realisation that whilst the organisation was doing some productive work, there were some significant risk factors. These two of these areas whittled down to sustainability of finances, and the ability to adapt when culture changes at speed. Covid-19 both highlighted this weakness, but also allowed the chance for change.

The new strategy needed to be scalable regardless of finances and be flexible with cultural change. In consultation with the trustees and the team, I have worked tirelessly in birthing a new strategy that still holds true to the organisations mission and beliefs. This new strategy moved from existing as a service provider, to becoming a service enabler.

As an organisation we have adopted a 3-phase model that allows the organisation to stay in touch with culture, and regularly evaluates the work to make sure it continues to be relevant:

- Phase 1: Research and Consultation
- Phase 2: Initiation
- Phase 3: Stabilisation and Growth.

In the current economic climate, with the resources the organisation has, it was decided that Swindon Youth for Christ needed to hone the work it was doing, and adapt its work to equip and empower under 18's workers so they can be more effective in their face to face work.

In April'21 the organisation started Phase 1 of the new strategy, surveying 25 individual churches regarding their under 18's provision. Over the following few months, I met with all of these stakeholders to gather further understanding from the survey.

From analysing the information gathered, 2 main trending needs became apparent amongst the workers. The needs:

1. For a gathering that not only supported one another, but a network that gathers for culturally relevant training also.
2. Bigger youth gatherings like specific events and residential.

Off the back of these areas, we responded by creating:

- **The HUB: A Youth and Children's Workers gathering.** This takes place once a month in a sequential bimonthly pattern.

In the morning: This is for the sharing of opportunities and offers a prayerful support.

In the evening: This is for the training of workers and their teams.

The HUB has been hugely popular with both employed and volunteer workers, gathering up to 40 individuals at any one time.

SYNERGY The Event. Started in Dec '21, this is a takes place 3 times a year and is intentional about gathering young people from different churches for a worship and teaching events. This event has grown in popularity, engaging with 12 different churches and 75 young people.

The plan is that as youth groups engage and hearts continue to align, that other similar passions evolve and further events can be birthed under the Synergy banner.

- **Collaborative Youth Residential.** Many churches in Swindon have the ability for a Sunday morning discipleship, however they feel ill equipped to be able to provide a residential. When they can, workers time is spent on running the program and they rarely have time to spend time relationally with their young people. Therefore, in May '21 we facilitated a collaborative youth work residential. This gathered 36 young people from 6 different churches in Gaines Manor, Worcestershire. The success was such that all 6 churches have committed to attending again for 2022. As an organisation we will look to increase engagement and resources for this work.

Now that these 2 areas have been established, as an organisation we will be looking to invest people resources so that these areas continue to be established and grows. This will then allow us as an organisation to return to phase 1 of our model, understanding what the workers greatest needs are next and how we can help.

Secondary Schools.

With the impact of Covid – 19 and the government guidelines, the Secondary schools worker was put upon the job retention furlough scheme as she was unable to meet face-to-face with the young people within a school context. On returning, the worker had a short spell before going on maternity leave. It was during this time that the organisation has undergone it's strategy and the organisation will review this role when the worker is due to return.

Schools work has continued under a very limited capacity due to schools being cautious to external agencies return post Covid-19. We have however undertaken some work that includes sports lessons, extra-curricular sports work, and enrichment lessons.

These schools now include:

- Swindon Academy
- Nova Hreod Academy
- The Deanery School
- Maranatha Christian School

BIOS sports ministry: With the impact of Covid – 19 and the government guidelines, the BIOS Sports worker was put upon the job retention furlough scheme as he was unable to meet face-to-face with the young people. In March '21, the worker resigned due to personal circumstances and has not been replaced. Under the new strategy, as an organisation the decision has been made to use these funds to reinvest into the new areas of growth.

Collaborative Youth Work:

As an organisation we have made the decision to only taken on face-to-face youth work that is in collaboration with a local youth provision. Therefore, these sessions simply would not take place without Swindon Youth for Christ, and we are enabling youth work to take place in the most needed of places. These sessions include:

- Pembroke Gardens, Moredon with: Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church, Shine Pinehurst.
- DC Church Wroughton Sunday kids club: DC Church Wroughton.

- DC Church Youth Club: DC Church Central.
- Monday Night Football: The Stowe.
- Friday Football: Shine Pinehurst.
- Emerge Sunday & Friday: JD Church.
- Enrichment sessions: The Stowe, Pattern Church, Wroughton and Wichelstowe Parish Church.
- Chosen Youth worship band: Holy Rood Catholic Church.

The Resource Bank:

As an organisation we have created a pilot project called the Resource Bank. Our aim is that this bank of centralised resources can be high quality physical resources, that under 18's provisions can access and thus enable the youth/children's club to create attractational environments. This pilot project has been in response to numerous youth clubs stating that they have limited resources to run a program and therefore struggle to provide attractions activities. Swindon Youth for Christ have bought a set of sumo suits to see the appetite prior to launching a full project.

It is important to note that due to the strategic changes in the past 12 months, our reputation has grown very positively. We have many more youth and children's work provisions now choosing to collaborate and partner than have previously done so.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Swindon Youth for Christ is a charitable organisation established in 1950. The charity is organised and governed under its constitution dated 15th October 2007 which sets out the objects and powers of the charity. Members (partners) support the aims of the organisation and are invited to the Annual General Meeting. Members elect the trustees, these individuals make up the Executive Committee.

3. RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The charity trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the work are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body and seek to identify potential new trustees through the work they are doing.

4. INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential new trustees meet with the Chair of Trustees. An overview of the charity's work and the rights and responsibilities of being a trustee are provided at this meeting. The potential trustee is then invited to attend three Trustees' meetings as an observer. After this the existing trustees formally vote on the suitability of each candidate as a trustee and once accepted can thereafter function on the committee as co-opted members. At the first Annual General Meeting following this, the members of the charity vote on whether to accept the co-opted as full trustees.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees regularly oversee and review the major risks to which the charity is exposed. At the end of the year in question the trustees have assessed the charity's main risk as the implications of government sanctions on the general public and organisations in the light of the Covid-19 global pandemic. The key risks are re-assessed monthly.

The next most significant risk is a reduction in funding from all sources and a strategic plan has been put into place to deal with this issue. All other risks are reviewed regularly, and policies and procedures put in place to mitigate the risk to the charity. In addition to the above all prospective employees and volunteers undertake a Disclosure Barring Service check as per our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding Policies.

6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The trustees met together regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction of SYFC and the activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees call special meetings if required. The day-to-day management of SYFC is the responsibility of the Director, who ensures that the team continue to develop skills and working practices in line with 'best practice'. This is monitored through regular supervision meetings and annual appraisals which are carried

out for staff at every level in the organisation. The organisation will be considering the appointment of a Council of Reference of local church leaders from whom the Director and Trustees will seek advice on vision and strategy and any exceptional day to day matters.

Swindon Youth for Christ consists of a vast array of people who are involved in many contrasting ways. We are almost completely dependent on our many partners and partner churches for funding and prayer support. Many volunteers and associates work with our dedicated staff to organise some fantastic youth events, and to maintain a high level of input into many of the local secondary schools. Others work tirelessly in administration and resourcing the team.

We are very thankful to everyone who has contributed time, prayers and money to the work of SYFC over the past year; in doing so you have enabled many thousands of young people to become more aware of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the power it can have in their lives.

7. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY

As a registered charity, and in line with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, the staff and trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ acknowledge that:

- Our work does have an identifiable benefit to those we work with.
- These benefits are related to our aims.
- These benefits are clear.
- These benefits are not the cause of any detriment or harm.
- The aims are appropriate to the beneficiaries and vice-versa.
- The opportunity to benefit from our work is not unreasonably restricted to geographical restrictions, or by the ability to pay any fees charged.
- People in poverty are not excluded from benefiting from our work.

8. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity operates a simple business model with income from donations and grants used to fund a small team focussed on youth ministry and the administration costs of the organisation. Trustees review forecasts for the

current and future financial year bi-monthly. This providing sufficient lead-time to implement any decisions required to adjust its cost base in line with income predictions.

At the end of the 2021-22 financial year the charity reported a small surplus of £698. The surplus was much less than that of £19,836 reported in 2020 – 2021. Income in 2020-21 benefiting from Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) income of £19,100 and the charity claiming gift-aid for donations made in 2018-19 (£6,430) and 2019-20 (£5,838).

As of 31st March 2022 total reserves were £46,857 (2020 - 2021 £46,159). Whilst this places the charity in a strong financial position its regular income does not enable it to support staff beyond the Director and office support meaning additional income must be found if it is to support additional staff in the longer-term.

In line with charity commission guidance, Trustees aim to maintain reserves of at least £30,000: this is deemed sufficient to cover three months' running costs plus any costs required to close the charity. Unrestricted funds held at the end of the financial year were above this minimum level and the Trustees expect this position to be maintained with adequate controls in place.

Total expenditure was £76,371 (2020-21 £96,490). £56,631 of this was used to pay wages, social security payments and pension contributions. supporting charitable activities. Other expenditure included rent, office costs and support for youth programmes.

Total income was £77,069 (2020-21 £116,326). The charity continues to benefit from a diversified income stream being sustained by donations from churches and individuals which is supplemented through grant applications. During the year, support from churches and individuals totalled £56,443, consistent with the previous year. Other significant income included gift-aid of £6,553 and £7,205 one-off income from CJRS.

We are grateful to every supporter and church who gave regularly or via a one-off gift towards the ministry in the past year and are always amazed by the faithful provision for our work.

9. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our main source of funding for general charitable purposes is receipt of donations from individuals and churches. We also receive grants for specific projects and this money is held in restricted funds.

Our thanks go to: all those churches and individuals who donated to support our work this year without which Swindon Youth for Christ wouldn't exist.

10. INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity has no long-term investments. All our money including any reserves is kept in current bank accounts, which includes a higher interest charity deposit account.

11. RESERVES POLICY

The charity has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be equal to or greater than three months running costs plus any costs required to close the charity. This target level was achieved by the charity at 31st March 2022.

12. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined in this document in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The Trustees intend to continue focussing on developing additional sources of funding and maintaining the charity's links with its partners and major grant donors, ensuring that the charity's standard of service is maintained and improved to meet its beneficiaries and its donor's requirements.

13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These are contained in the document *Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022*

THIS DOCUMENT was approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 1st December 2022

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Swindon Youth for Christ

Chris Vaughan
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

274402

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Trustees

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Swindon Youth for Christ (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Christopher Vaughan
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
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25 November 2022

Swindon Youth for Christ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		66,086	-	66,086	90,001
Other trading activities	2	361	-	361	4,574
Investment income	3	16	-	16	20
Other income		10,606	-	10,606	21,731
Total		<u>77,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,069</u>	<u>116,326</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Gospel Propagation		76,371	-	76,371	96,490
NET INCOME		698	-	698	19,836
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		46,159	-	46,159	26,323
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Swindon Youth for Christ

Balance Sheet

31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		46,857	-	46,857	46,159
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				46,857	46,159
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fundraising events	361	4,574
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	16	20
	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Church work	2	3
Administration	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	90,001	-	90,001
Other trading activities	4,574	-	4,574
Investment income	20	-	20
Other income	17,673	4,058	21,731
Total	<u>112,268</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>116,326</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Gospel Propagation	84,998	11,492	96,490
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	27,270	(7,434)	19,836
Transfers between funds	(7,434)	7,434	-
Net movement in funds	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,836</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	26,323	-	26,323
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,790	698	36,488
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	<u>46,159</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>46,857</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,159</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>46,857</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,069	(76,371)	698
	<u>77,069</u>	<u>(76,371)</u>	<u>698</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,069</u>	<u>(76,371)</u>	<u>698</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	15,954	27,270	(7,434)	35,790
Reserve	10,369	-	-	10,369
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>27,270</u>	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>46,159</u>
Restricted funds				
BIOS	-	(7,434)	7,434	-
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,323</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,268	(84,998)	27,270
Restricted funds			
BIOS	4,058	(11,492)	(7,434)
	<u>116,326</u>	<u>(96,490)</u>	<u>19,836</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>116,326</u>	<u>(96,490)</u>	<u>19,836</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	15,954	27,968	(7,434)	36,488
Reserve	10,369	-	-	10,369
	26,323	27,968	(7,434)	46,857
Restricted funds				
BIOS	-	(7,434)	7,434	-
TOTAL FUNDS	26,323	20,534	-	46,857

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	189,337	(161,369)	27,968
Restricted funds			
BIOS	4,058	(11,492)	(7,434)
TOTAL FUNDS	193,395	(172,861)	20,534

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	65,086	-	65,086	83,001
Grants	1,000	-	1,000	7,000
	66,086	-	66,086	90,001
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	361	-	361	4,574
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	16	-	16	20
Other income				
Other income	7,460	-	7,460	20,531
Commissioned schools work	3,146	-	3,146	1,200
	10,606	-	10,606	21,731
Total incoming resources	77,069	-	77,069	116,326
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Wages	49,502	-	49,502	69,189
Social security	7,130	-	7,130	12,788
Staff expenses	838	-	838	1,111
Other operating leases	3,744	-	3,744	3,744
Volunteer expenses	2,342	-	2,342	501
Support events	28	-	28	75
Schools work	1,000	-	1,000	170
Youth programmes	2,379	-	2,379	609
Motor expenses	1,296	-	1,296	917
Team building	460	-	460	143
	68,719	-	68,719	89,247
Support costs				
Management				
Insurance	2,360	-	2,360	1,049
Office costs	3,564	-	3,564	3,254
Professional fees	360	-	360	360
	6,284	-	6,284	4,663
Finance				
Bank charges	143	-	143	69

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
Finance				
Information technology				
Information technology	1,225	-	1,225	2,511
Total resources expended	76,371	-	76,371	96,490
Net income	698	-	698	19,836

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Swindon Youth for Christ

Chris Vaughan
Accountants
195 Ermin Street
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Wiltshire
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

274402

Principal address

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Whitbourne Avenue
Swindon
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SN3 2LG

Trustees

Independent Examiner

Chris Vaughan
Accountants
195 Ermin Street
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SN3 4NA

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Swindon Youth for Christ (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Christopher Vaughan
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Chris Vaughan
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25 November 2022

Swindon Youth for Christ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		66,086	-	66,086	90,001
Other trading activities	2	361	-	361	4,574
Investment income	3	16	-	16	20
Other income		10,606	-	10,606	21,731
Total		<u>77,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,069</u>	<u>116,326</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Gospel Propagation		76,371	-	76,371	96,490
NET INCOME		698	-	698	19,836
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		46,159	-	46,159	26,323
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Swindon Youth for Christ

Balance Sheet

31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		46,857	-	46,857	46,159
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				46,857	46,159
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fundraising events	361	4,574
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	16	20
	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Church work	2	3
Administration	1	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	90,001	-	90,001
Other trading activities	4,574	-	4,574
Investment income	20	-	20
Other income	17,673	4,058	21,731
Total	<u>112,268</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>116,326</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Gospel Propagation	84,998	11,492	96,490
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	27,270	(7,434)	19,836
Transfers between funds	(7,434)	7,434	-
Net movement in funds	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,836</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	26,323	-	26,323
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	35,790	698	36,488
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	<u>46,159</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>46,857</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,159</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>46,857</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,069	(76,371)	698
	<u>77,069</u>	<u>(76,371)</u>	<u>698</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,069</u>	<u>(76,371)</u>	<u>698</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	15,954	27,270	(7,434)	35,790
Reserve	10,369	-	-	10,369
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>27,270</u>	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>46,159</u>
Restricted funds				
BIOS	-	(7,434)	7,434	-
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,323</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
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Restricted funds			
BIOS	4,058	(11,492)	(7,434)
	<u>116,326</u>	<u>(96,490)</u>	<u>19,836</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>116,326</u>	<u>(96,490)</u>	<u>19,836</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
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Reserve	10,369	-	-	10,369
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>27,968</u>	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>46,857</u>
Restricted funds				
BIOS	-	(7,434)	7,434	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>7,434</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,323</u>	<u>20,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>

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Support events	28	-	28	75
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Motor expenses	1,296	-	1,296	917
Team building	460	-	460	143
	68,719	-	68,719	89,247
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Management				
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SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST

England & Wales - Charity number 274402

Accounts

Swindon Youth for Christ

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-21

Year End 31st March 2021

Charity Number: 274402

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Council of Reference The Council was suspended in 2017-18
Church leaders are now being included as trustees
and the Director, Chair and trustees regularly
interact with the church leaders who meet as Good
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Executive Committee: David Howell – Chair (resigned as Chair Feb 2021)
(Trustees) Elizabeth Martin
David Ahern
James Parish (Appointed 20th April 2020)
Matthew Winbow (Appointed 19th May 2020)
Kath Smith (appointed April 2019 – resigned

August 2020)

Feb 2021)

2021)

Steve Robinson (Appointed 5th Jan 2021; Chair from

Gavin Mapstone – Treasurer (Retired as Trustee Jan

Full-Time Staff:

Dave Clarke – Director
Sarah Allen – Secondary Schools worker

Part-Time Staff:

Chris Davison – Finance Officer
Ben Crathorne – Schools and Youth Worker
(resigned Feb. 2021)
Naomi Ackland – Office Co-ordinator

Interns:

Sam Crathorne - (2nd year from Sep19 – resigned
Jan. 2021)
Emrah Topca - (YFC from Sep19 – resigned Jun20)
Hannah Walls - (YFC Intern from Sep20 – resigned
Mar21)
Rob Friend - (SYFC Intern from Sep 20)

Independent Auditor: Chris Vaughan

Bankers:

Lloyds, CAF Bank & Co-operative

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OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION:

*From the **Constitution of SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST**
Adopted 15th October 2007*

- To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of young people, in accordance with the statement of faith, throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the Christian faith mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Swindon and its environs;
- To demonstrate, promote and encourage Christian values, including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all young people throughout Swindon and its environs;
- The advancement of the education of children and young people through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments. Through lunchtime and after school clubs, street based

youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved;

- To relieve poverty and sickness thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Unprecedented. Unique. One of a kind. Once in a lifetime.

These aren't the sort of words that you or I normally use on an everyday basis: they are the kind of thing we reserve for the exceptional not the run of the mill. Over the last year they – and others like them – have been in near daily use in an attempt to describe (if not to come to terms with), the circumstances generated by the Covid19 pandemic.

Throughout 71 years of consecutive service in SYFC has continued to do God's work as circumstances, conditions and culture have changed dramatically. The Charity's ability to continually review and develop its work has been stretched to the limit over the last year as we have had to contend with lockdowns, restrictions on working face to face in schools and churches alongside the changes demanded in sharing God's love with the young people across the town.

We have not been able to meet as Trustees face to face but, with Charity Commission approval we have gathered throughout the year on a monthly basis to transact the business and direct the operations of the charity. We are grateful for the office staff who ensured that our meetings can take place in a virtual environment using the "Zoom" software and for broader guidance provided by the National Office of SYFC. Minutes are recorded and actions followed through as usual.

None of us expected, nor could anyone have predicted, that we would be facing such extreme conditions for such a long time. Everyone has been affected and we have yet to realise the full consequences of the pandemic on the social and economic life of our nation and our local community.

The impact on our spiritual life has been no less severe as we have had to respond quickly to circumstances, needs and directives. This has usually meant change at very short notice. The whole SYFC Team responded magnificently throughout, working hard in trying circumstances to ensure that young people and churches are supported and that the work of the gospel continues. With schools restricting our access we made the decision to furlough some staff as our activities have been severely curtailed.

From a financial perspective, SYFC closed the year in a healthier position than in March 2020. Reserves have increased and underlying income remains steady. A combination of reduced staffing and support from the Government's furlough scheme has contributed to this but we are continually thankful for our

supporters – both individuals and churches – who have continued to stand with us in this time of special need.

Your help has gone above and beyond – quite apart from meeting our financial needs, SYFC has been supported in prayer, encouraged by conversations and warmed by hands on involvement of so many beyond the immediate team. Your partnership is sacrificial and is a wonderful expression of the gospel at work in Swindon and beyond. It clearly reflects SYFC's vision to *"work in partnership to take the Good News relevantly to every young person in Swindon"*.

It has been encouraging to see a strong team developing and working in partnership with the local churches, to make the good news real to this generation of young people. We give thanks for the team that your gifts and prayers and volunteering have made possible:

Dave Clarke – Centre Director

Naomi Ackland - Office Coordinator and fund-raiser

Sarah Rhodes – Secondary Schools Worker

Ben Crathorne - Sports worker

Special thanks are due to Dave Clarke (Centre Director) who has led the Team with enthusiasm, grace and sensitivity. Despite significant illness within his immediate family, Dave has remained focussed on SYFC's work and has begun to look at exciting new ways of engaging with churches and young people. We owe Dave a huge debt as he has carried much of SYFC's work in lockdown, picking up the threads both through and beyond his furlough period.

We have been grateful to those who have served as Trustees. **James Parish, Matthew Winbow and Steve Robinson** joined us during the year whilst **Kath Smith** has resigned after taking up a new post away from Swindon. I'd like to express my thanks to **Kath** for her hard work and support and to wish her every success for the future.

We are grateful to the tireless efforts of **Gavin Mapstone**, our treasurer and our Finance Officer, **Chris Davison** who have all continued to serve us and oversee our finances; thanks also to **David Ahern** who has supported our Fund-Raising, and to **Liz Martin** who brings much wisdom from her work with the Bible Society.

At this point I'd like to express my – and our – thanks to the **Revd David Howell** who retired from the Chair this year following his move to Slough. David has served SYFC for many years having been Centre Director from 1980 to 1996 and a Trustee for many years. David's connection with SYFC has not ended – he has agreed to remain as a Trustee, continuing to support SYFC's work and sharing his vast experience of Youth Work and deep Christian wisdom with us.

We all owe David a huge debt for steering the Charity through many turbulent as well as happy times. David's counsel and considered direction has contributed much towards the charity being on the sound footing it is today. We pray that God will bless him in his new home and in his continued service for Christ.

What of the future? Some of the implications arising from the COVID epidemic are clear but much remains uncertain as infections continue at a very high level with access to schools and larger groups of people remaining subject to restrictions.

In early 2021 SYFC began an extended period of consultation. This sought the views of local churches, looking to identify areas of potential need and providing an opportunity to look for ways of working more closely with other stakeholders and partners. This has been followed by the rolling out of a new strategy which focuses on supporting churches rather than delivering activities reflecting the new circumstances we find ourselves in.

This strategy is sufficiently flexible to adapt to changing circumstances and we look forward to reporting on the impact of this at our next AGM. It is exciting to report that new support groups for local youth workers have already been set up (The HUB) and cross church youth events will soon be restarting (Synergy: The event and Synergy: Sports).

SYFC has been central to the lives of many young people in Swindon for a generation. But this work is not a history lesson – it is a vibrant, relevant, up to date and exciting engagement with young people in today's world.

This work will not and would not happen unless God's hand was in it and God's people across the churches and beyond were committed to it. Your contribution in time, money, effort, wisdom and prayer, to this vitally important work is so valued and we thank God for you and what your involvement means to us – but

more so in what it means in bringing young people to the gospel and enabling them to grow in faith as they follow Jesus.

It has not been an easy year but we are continually conscious of God's presence and guidance. We have experienced pain and disappointment, but we have also encountered hope. Christian hope never disappoints as God never fails to impact our lives. This bible verse sums up our response to circumstances:

I can do everything through him who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13)

We can overcome today because that is where God is. He's helping us, supporting us, showing us and leading us. When our resources are depleted or exhausted, He's still going – and helps us to do so too as we step not into an unknown future but walk hand in hand with a known, caring, ever present Heavenly Father.

Thank you for all you've done – please continue to support the work of SYFC in these uncertain times as we reach out with the gospel of grace and love to needy young people across our town.

In the service of Christ

[Steve Robinson](#)

Revd Steve Robinson, Chair of Trustees

1. Report on Activity

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

Pretext: The COVID 19 Pandemic has had a big impact on the work of the organisation, as the need to keep both staff and young people safe has meant that the work has needed to reimagine itself as the virus emerged and government restrictions developed.

23/3/20: 1st Lockdown starts.

1/6/20: Phased re-opening of society.

14/8/20: Lockdown restrictions eased.

5/11/20: 2nd Lockdown starts.

2/12/20: 2nd Lockdown finishes.

21/12/20: Tier 4 restrictions in place.

8/3/21: Students return to schooling with restrictions.

Throughout the year, the pandemic has played a major role in whether we have been able to conduct in-person youth work; with the organisation taking its guidance from the National Youth Agencies' coloured tier system.

Secondary Schools have reacted differently in their approach to non-teaching staff within the school, with less tolerance as the pandemic developed. This is due to the ever-changing policies and guidelines handed down from the government at the time. All schools stopped physical school assemblies, playground activities, enrichment and PE lessons, and Christian unions at various times. The only physical in-person youth work within school to have taken place were a few lessons, and essential well-being mentoring.

The following is how pandemic has affected schools work.

These schools now include:

- The Dorcan Academy: *no work being undertaken*
- Swindon Academy: some in-person mentoring
- Lawn Manor Academy: *no work being undertaken*
- Lydiard Park Academy: *no work being undertaken*
- Nova Hreod Academy: some in-person mentoring
- Abbey Park Academy: *no work being undertaken*
- Great Western Academy: *no work being undertaken*
- The Deanery School: *no work being undertaken*

- Maranatha: Enrichment lesson in outdoor space only

Throughout the early stages of the pandemic, we made use of the time by digitalising in-person enrichment lessons (Lush, The P Word) and started to offer these to schools. We also started to create new material around a 3-tier mentoring service (Healthy Minds project) with the Dorcan Academy keen to pilot the work.

By the time the 2nd lockdown, all schools refused access to visitors, and the schools worker role was placed on the governments job retention furlough scheme as there was no work for them to do.

The school's worker then largely stayed on the furlough scheme until they went on maternity leave in March 2021.

BIOS Sports : Whilst the COVID 19 pandemic largely closed activity for school's work, due to BIOS Sports project being outside, there was some work that was still able to be undertaken.

The largest challenge of the work was waiting for the translation of government guidelines through the National Youth Agency; and therefore, how it affected our sports sessions.

The BIOS Sports worker adapted sports sessions that did not include physical contact; equipment was not shared; and when equipment was used then it was cleaned appropriately.

This led to collaborative work with Shine Pinehurst Church who were deemed as an essential youth mentoring service in the outdoors.

For vast amounts of the pandemic, the BIOS worker was placed on furlough whilst the virus developed, until appropriate amounts of work were able to be resumed.

Eventually in March 2021 the worker resigned, moving out of the organisation in search of the stability of an employed role.

Organisational Activity: Whilst in person youth work was limited, we took the approach to enhance our social media presence and email communication; with weekly prayer blogs, activities, resources and spiritual content going out most days. Whilst we received some good feedback, this is largely unquantifiable data of how many people engaged with it.

The HUB: Youth and children's workers gatherings had been encouraging attendance with youth and children's workers attending virtually, every other month for mutual support, prayer and resource sharing. This proved very helpful to those who attended as it gave opportunity to empower churches in reaching their young people.

In March 2021, in relation to its strategic approach to work, it was agreed that Swindon Youth for Christ start to review it's working pattern and a potential emphasis change in order to have a framework that was more scalable in line with its resources, and consultation started to emerge with churches in Swindon.

Statistics from activity

Altogether, in 2020/21 Swindon Youth for Christ has delivered:

- School work sessions:
 - Lessons: 1, totalling 8 young people
 - Mentoring: 20, totalling 20 young people.
- BIOS Sports Project sessions – 11, totalling 110 young people
- The HUB sessions: 7 sessions, totalling 40 attendees.

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Swindon Youth for Christ is a charitable organisation established in 1950. The charity is organised and governed under its constitution dated 15th October 2007 which sets out the objects and powers of the charity. Members (partners) support the aims of the organisation and are invited to the Annual General Meeting. Members elect the Trustees, these individuals making up the Executive Committee who direct the overall strategy and policies of SYFC and oversee the day to day activity in conjunction with the Centre Director.

3. RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the work are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body and seek to identify potential new trustees through the work they are doing.

4. INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Potential new trustees meet with the Chair of Trustees. An overview of the charity's work and the rights and responsibilities of being a trustee are provided at this meeting. The potential trustee is then invited to attend three

Trustees' meetings as an observer. After this the existing trustees formally vote on the suitability of each candidate as a trustee and once accepted can thereafter function on the committee as co-opted members. At the first Annual General Meeting following this, the members of the charity vote on whether to accept the co-opted as full trustees.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees regularly oversee and review the major risks to which the charity is exposed. At the end of the year in question the trustees have assessed the charity's main risk as the implications of government sanctions on the general public and organisations in the light of the Covid-19 global pandemic. The key risks are re-assessed monthly.

The next most significant risk is a reduction in funding from all sources and a strategic plan has been put into place to deal with this issue. All other risks are reviewed regularly, and policies and procedures put in place to mitigate the risk to the charity. In addition to the above all prospective employees and volunteers undertake a Disclosure Barring Service check as per our Safer Recruitment Safeguarding Policies.

6. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The trustees met together regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction of SYFC and the activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees call special meetings if required. The day-to-day management of SYFC is the responsibility of the Director, who ensures that the team continue to develop skills and working practices in line with 'best practice'. This is monitored through regular supervision meetings and annual appraisals which are carried out for staff at every level in the organisation. The organisation will be considering the appointment of a Council of Reference of local church leaders from whom the Director and Trustees will seek advice on vision and strategy and any exceptional day to day matters.

Swindon Youth for Christ consists of a vast array of people who are involved in many contrasting ways. We are almost completely dependent on our many partners and partner churches for funding and prayer support. Many volunteers and associates work with our dedicated staff to organise some fantastic youth events, and to maintain a high level of input into many of the local secondary schools. Others work tirelessly in administration and resourcing the team.

We are very thankful to everyone who has contributed time, prayers and money to the work of SYFC over the past year; in doing so you have enabled many thousands of young people to become more aware of the Good News of Jesus Christ and the power it can have in their lives.

7. STATEMENT OF BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY

As a registered charity, and in line with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, the staff and trustees of Swindon Youth for Christ acknowledge that:

- Our work does have an identifiable benefit to those we work with.
- These benefits are related to our aims.
- These benefits are clear.
- These benefits are not the cause of any detriment or harm.
- The aims are appropriate to the beneficiaries and vice-versa.
- The opportunity to benefit from our work is not unreasonably restricted to geographical restrictions, or by the ability to pay any fees charged.
- People in poverty are not excluded from benefiting from our work.

8. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity operates a simple business model with income from donations and grants used to fund a small team focussed on youth ministry and the administration costs of the organisation. Trustees review forecasts for the current and future financial year bi-monthly. This providing sufficient lead-time to implement any decisions required to adjust its cost base in line with income predictions.

The charity ended the financial year in a strong financial position with total funds of £46,159 (2019 - 2020 £26,323).

In line with charity commission guidance, Trustees aim to maintain reserves of at least £30,000: this is deemed sufficient to cover three months' running

costs plus any costs required to close the charity. Unrestricted funds held at the end of the financial year were above this minimum level and the Trustees expect this position to be maintained with adequate controls in place.

During the year the charity reported a surplus of £19, 836 as against a loss of £22,581 in 2019 – 2020. This reflects a reduction in staff plus the impact of the Government's furlough scheme and a one off claim on Gift Aid relating to 2018/2019.

Total expenditure was £96,490 (2019-20 £107,027). All of this was used to pay wages, social security payments and staff expenses (including pension contributions) supporting charitable activities. No money was spent on fund-raising.

Total income was £116,326 (2019-20 £84, 446). The charity continues to benefit from a diversified income stream being sustained by donations from churches and individuals which is supplemented through grant applications. During the year, support from churches remained consistent with 2019 – 20 and £4574 came from fundraising events. The main reasons for the increase in income during the year reflected a £12,000 Gift Aid claim (held over from 2019/20) together with income from the Government's Furlough Scheme.

We are grateful to every supporter and church who gave regularly or via a one-off gift towards the ministry in the past year and are always amazed by the faithful provision for our work.

9. PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

Our main source of funding for general charitable purposes is receipt of donations from individuals and churches. We also receive grants for specific projects and this money is held in restricted funds.

Our thanks go to: all those churches and individuals who donated to support our work this year without which Swindon Youth for Christ wouldn't exist.

10. INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity has no long-term investments. All our money including any reserves is kept in current bank accounts, which includes a higher interest charity deposit account.

11. RESERVES POLICY

The charity has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be equal to or greater than three months running costs plus any costs required to close the charity. This target level was achieved by the charity as at 31st March 2021.

12.PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined in this document in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The Trustees intend to continue focussing on developing additional sources of funding and maintaining the charity's links with its partners and major grant donors, ensuring that the charity's standard of service is maintained and improved to meet its beneficiaries and its donor's requirements.

13.FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These are contained in the document *Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021*

THIS DOCUMENT was approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 22nd November 2021

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Swindon Youth for Christ

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

274402

Principal address

St Johns Church
Whitbourne Avenue
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN3 2LG

Trustees

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Swindon Youth for Christ

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

			31.3.21	31.3.20
		Unrestricted		
		funds	Restricted	
	Notes	£	funds	
		£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		90,001	-	90,001
Other trading activities	2	4,574	-	4,574
Investment income	3	20	-	20
Other income		<u>17,673</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>21,731</u>
Total		112,268	4,058	116,326

EXPENDITURE ON

Raising funds		-	-	-
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Charitable activities

Gospel Propagation

84,998

11,492

96,490

101,705

Total

84,998

11,492

96,490

107,027

NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

27,270

(7,434)

19,836

(22,581)

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Transfers between funds	8	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>7,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		19,836	-	19,836	(22,581)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward					
26,323					
-					
26,323					
48,904					

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	
46,159	
-	
46,159	
26,323	

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Swindon Youth for Christ

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		46,159	-	46,159	27,704
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year					
7					
-					
-					
-					
(1,381)					
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
46,159					
-					
46,159					
26,323					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
46,159					
-					
46,159					
26,323					

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NET ASSETS

46,159

-

46,159

26,323

FUNDS

8

Unrestricted funds

46,159

26,323

TOTAL FUNDS

46,159

26,323

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Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>4,574</u>	<u>12,333</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>20</u>	<u>201</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Church work	3	3
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	60,187	10,733	70,920
Other trading activities	7,400	4,933	12,333
Investment income	192	9	201
Other income	<u>992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>992</u>
Total	68,771	15,675	84,446
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	5,322	-	5,322

Charitable activities

Gospel Propagation
85,764
15,941
101,705

Total			
91,086			
15,941			
107,027			
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
(22,315)			
(266)			
(22,581)			
Transfers between funds	<u>8,021</u>	<u>(8,021)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(14,294)	(8,287)	(22,581)

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
funds	funds	funds
£	£	£

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward

40,617

8,287

48,904

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

26,323

-

26,323

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other creditors	-	<u>1,381</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31.3.21
		in funds	funds	£
		£	£	
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	15,954	27,270	(7,434)	35,790
Reserve	<u>10,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,369</u>
	26,323	27,270	(7,434)	46,159
Restricted funds				

BIOS

-

(7,434)
7,434
-

TOTAL FUNDS

26,323
19,836
-
46,159

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,268	(84,998)	27,270
Restricted funds			

BIOS
4,058
(11,492)
(7,434)

TOTAL FUNDS

116,326
(96,490)
19,836

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,248	(22,315)	8,021	15,954
Reserve	<u>10,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,369</u>
	40,617	(22,315)	8,021	26,323
Restricted funds				

BIOS
1,201
(715)
(486)
-

In-School
7,086
449
(7,535)
-

8,287 (266) (8,021) -

TOTAL FUNDS

48,904
(22,581)
-
26,323

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,771	(91,086)	(22,315)

Restricted funds

BIOS
14,861
(15,576)
(715)

In-School
814
(365)
449

15,675 (15,941) (266)

TOTAL FUNDS

84,446
(107,027)
(22,581)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

Net Transfers

	At 1.4.19 £	movement in funds £	between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,248	4,955	587	35,790
Reserve	<u>10,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,369</u>
	40,617	4,955	587	46,159
Restricted funds				

BIOS
 1,201
 (8,149)
 6,948
 -

In-School
 7,086
 449
 (7,535)
 -

8,287 (7,700) (587) -

TOTAL FUNDS
 48,904
 (2,745)
 -
 46,159

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	181,039	(176,084)	4,955

Restricted funds

BIOS			
18,919			
(27,068)			
(8,149)			
In-School			
814			
(365)			
449			
	19,733	(27,433)	(7,700)

TOTAL FUNDS
200,772
(203,517)
(2,745)

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Swindon Youth for Christ

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	83,001	-	83,001	62,992
Grants	<u>7,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,928</u>
	90,001	-	90,001	70,920
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	4,574	-	4,574	12,333
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	20	-	20	201
Other income				
Other income				
16,473				
4,058				
20,531				
992				
Commissioned schools work				
1,200				
-				
1,200				
-				
	17,673	4,058	21,731	992

Total incoming resources

112,268
4,058
116,326
84,446

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EXPENDITURE

Raising donations and legacies

Fundraising costs	-	-	-	5,322
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Charitable activities

Wages	59,736	9,453	69,189	72,020
Social security	11,777	1,011	12,788	6,910
Staff expenses	932	179	1,111	2,700
Other operating leases	3,744	-	3,744	3,745
Sundries	-	-	-	314
Volunteer expenses	501	-	501	1,512
Support events	75	-	75	50
Schools work	170	-	170	381
Youth programmes	600	9	609	4,524
Motor expenses	77	840	917	2,134
Team building	<u>143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>564</u>
	77,755	11,492	89,247	94,854

Support costs

Management

Insurance	1,049	-	1,049	1,066
Office costs	3,254	-	3,254	4,455
Professional fees	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>
	4,663	-	4,663	5,521

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Swindon Youth for Christ

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
Management				
Finance				
Bank charges	69	-	69	60
Information technology				
Information technology	<u>2,511</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,511</u>	<u>1,270</u>
Total resources expended	<u>84,998</u>	<u>11,492</u>	<u>96,490</u>	<u>107,027</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>27,270</u>	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>(22,581)</u>

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Trustee

Swindon Youth for Christ

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

			31.3.21	31.3.20
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EXPENDITURE ON

Raising funds		-	-	-	5,322
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101,705

Total
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CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year					
7					
-					
-					
-					
(1,381)					
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
46,159					
-					
46,159					
26,323					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
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All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>4,574</u>	<u>12,333</u>

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>20</u>	<u>201</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Church work	3	3
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	60,187	10,733	70,920
Other trading activities	7,400	4,933	12,333
Investment income	192	9	201
Other income	<u>992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>992</u>
Total	68,771	15,675	84,446
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	5,322	-	5,322

Charitable activities

Gospel Propagation
85,764
15,941
101,705

Total			
91,086			
15,941			
107,027			
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
(22,315)			
(266)			
(22,581)			
Transfers between funds	<u>8,021</u>	<u>(8,021)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(14,294)	(8,287)	(22,581)

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
funds	funds	funds
£	£	£

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward

40,617

8,287

48,904

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

26,323

-

26,323

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other creditors	-	<u>1,381</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31.3.21
		in funds	funds	£
		£	£	
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	15,954	27,270	(7,434)	35,790
Reserve	<u>10,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,369</u>
	26,323	27,270	(7,434)	46,159
Restricted funds				

BIOS

-

(7,434)
7,434
-

TOTAL FUNDS

26,323
19,836
-
46,159

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,268	(84,998)	27,270
Restricted funds			

BIOS
4,058
(11,492)
(7,434)

TOTAL FUNDS

116,326
(96,490)
19,836

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,248	(22,315)	8,021	15,954
Reserve	<u>10,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,369</u>
	40,617	(22,315)	8,021	26,323
Restricted funds				

BIOS
1,201
(715)
(486)
-

In-School
7,086
449
(7,535)
-

8,287 (266) (8,021) -

TOTAL FUNDS

48,904
(22,581)
-
26,323

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,771	(91,086)	(22,315)

Restricted funds

BIOS
14,861
(15,576)
(715)

In-School
814
(365)
449

15,675 (15,941) (266)

TOTAL FUNDS

84,446
(107,027)
(22,581)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

Net Transfers

	At 1.4.19 £	movement in funds £	between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,248	4,955	587	35,790
Reserve	<u>10,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,369</u>
	40,617	4,955	587	46,159
Restricted funds				

BIOS
 1,201
 (8,149)
 6,948
 -

In-School
 7,086
 449
 (7,535)
 -

8,287 (7,700) (587) -

TOTAL FUNDS
 48,904
 (2,745)
 -
 46,159

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	181,039	(176,084)	4,955

Restricted funds

BIOS			
18,919			
(27,068)			
(8,149)			
In-School			
814			
(365)			
449			
	19,733	(27,433)	(7,700)

TOTAL FUNDS
200,772
(203,517)
(2,745)

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	83,001	-	83,001	62,992
Grants	<u>7,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,928</u>
	90,001	-	90,001	70,920
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	4,574	-	4,574	12,333
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	20	-	20	201
Other income				
Other income				
16,473				
4,058				
20,531				
992				
Commissioned schools work				
1,200				
-				
1,200				
-				
	17,673	4,058	21,731	992

Total incoming resources

112,268
4,058
116,326
84,446

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EXPENDITURE

Raising donations and legacies

Fundraising costs	-	-	-	5,322
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Charitable activities

Wages	59,736	9,453	69,189	72,020
Social security	11,777	1,011	12,788	6,910
Staff expenses	932	179	1,111	2,700
Other operating leases	3,744	-	3,744	3,745
Sundries	-	-	-	314
Volunteer expenses	501	-	501	1,512
Support events	75	-	75	50
Schools work	170	-	170	381
Youth programmes	600	9	609	4,524
Motor expenses	77	840	917	2,134
Team building	<u>143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>564</u>
	77,755	11,492	89,247	94,854

Support costs

Management

Insurance	1,049	-	1,049	1,066
Office costs	3,254	-	3,254	4,455
Professional fees	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>
	4,663	-	4,663	5,521

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
Management				
Finance				
Bank charges	69	-	69	60
Information technology				
Information technology	<u>2,511</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,511</u>	<u>1,270</u>
Total resources expended	<u>84,998</u>	<u>11,492</u>	<u>96,490</u>	<u>107,027</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>27,270</u>	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>(22,581)</u>

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