

# Swindon Youth for Christ

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2021-22**

Year Beginning: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
Year End 31<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020)  
Matthew Winbow (Appointed 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020)  
Steve Robinson (Appointed 5<sup>th</sup> 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 attractional 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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  
Accountants  
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Swindon Youth for Christ

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**

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### **Principal address**

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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

**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  
Accountants  
195 Ermin Street  
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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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>		<u>77,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,069</u>	<u>116,326</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Gospel Propagation		76,371	-	76,371	96,490
<b>NET INCOME</b>		698	-	698	19,836
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		46,159	-	46,159	26,323
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<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 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		46,857	-	46,857	46,159
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7				
Unrestricted funds				<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
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
<b>Total</b>	<u>112,268</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>116,326</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Gospel Propagation	84,998	11,492	96,490
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	27,270	(7,434)	19,836
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	(7,434)	7,434	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,836</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	26,323	-	26,323
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	35,790	698	36,488
Reserve	10,369	-	10,369
	<u>46,159</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>46,857</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	77,069	(76,371)	698
	<u>77,069</u>	<u>(76,371)</u>	<u>698</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
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>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
BIOS	-	(7,434)	7,434	-
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	112,268	(84,998)	27,270
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
BIOS	4,058	(11,492)	(7,434)
	<u>116,326</u>	<u>(96,490)</u>	<u>19,836</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>116,326</u>	<u>(96,490)</u>	<u>19,836</u>

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**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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	15,954	27,968	(7,434)	36,488
Reserve	10,369	-	-	10,369
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>27,968</u>	<u>(7,434)</u>	<u>46,857</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,323</u>	<u>20,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	189,337	(161,369)	27,968
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
BIOS	4,058	(11,492)	(7,434)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,395</u>	<u>(172,861)</u>	<u>20,534</u>

**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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>				
<b>Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	65,086	-	65,086	83,001
Grants	1,000	-	1,000	7,000
	<hr/> 66,086	<hr/> -	<hr/> 66,086	<hr/> 90,001
<b>Other trading activities</b>				
Fundraising events	361	-	361	4,574
<b>Investment income</b>				
Deposit account interest	16	-	16	20
<b>Other income</b>				
Other income	7,460	-	7,460	20,531
Commissioned schools work	3,146	-	3,146	1,200
	<hr/> 10,606	<hr/> -	<hr/> 10,606	<hr/> 21,731
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/> 77,069	<hr/> -	<hr/> 77,069	<hr/> 116,326
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
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
	<hr/> 68,719	<hr/> -	<hr/> 68,719	<hr/> 89,247
<b>Support costs</b>				
<b>Management</b>				
Insurance	2,360	-	2,360	1,049
Office costs	3,564	-	3,564	3,254
Professional fees	360	-	360	360
	<hr/> 6,284	<hr/> -	<hr/> 6,284	<hr/> 4,663
<b>Finance</b>				
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 £
<b>Finance</b>				
<b>Information technology</b>				
Information technology	1,225	-	1,225	2,511
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total resources expended	76,371	-	76,371	96,490
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net income</b>	698	-	698	19,836
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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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195 Ermin Street  
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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**

St Johns Church  
Whitbourne Avenue  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 2LG

### **Trustees**

### **Independent Examiner**

Chris Vaughan  
Accountants  
195 Ermin Street  
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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

**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  
Accountants  
195 Ermin Street  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 4NA

25 November 2022



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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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
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
<b>Total</b>		<u>77,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,069</u>	<u>116,326</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Gospel Propagation		76,371	-	76,371	96,490
<b>NET INCOME</b>		698	-	698	19,836
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		46,159	-	46,159	26,323
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>46,857</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>46,857</u></u>	<u><u>46,159</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		46,857	-	46,857	46,159
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>46,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>46,159</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7				
Unrestricted funds				46,857	46,159
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
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
<b>Total</b>	<u>112,268</u>	<u>4,058</u>	<u>116,326</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Gospel Propagation	84,998	11,492	96,490
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	27,270	(7,434)	19,836
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	(7,434)	7,434	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,836</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	26,323	-	26,323
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>46,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,159</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

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**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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