

# Swindon Youth for Christ **ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity Number: 274402

## ORGANISATION DETAILS

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

*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 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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

Chris Vaughan  
Accountants  
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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  
Accountants  
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20 November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	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
<b>Total</b>		<u>71,707</u>	<u>72,823</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds		575	5,188
 <b>Charitable activities</b>			
Gospel Propagation		<u>73,850</u>	<u>86,619</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>74,425</u>	<u>91,807</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(2,718)	(18,984)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		27,873	46,857
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>25,155</u></u>	<u><u>27,873</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		25,155	27,873
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		25,155	27,873
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7		
Unrestricted funds		<u>25,155</u>	<u>27,873</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	58,550
Other trading activities	9,171
Investment income	143
Other income	4,959
<b>Total</b>	<u>72,823</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	5,188
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Gospel Propagation	86,619
<b>Total</b>	<u>91,807</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(18,984)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	46,857

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

Unrestricted funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>
<b>27,873</b>

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

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

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

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

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

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

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	72,823	(91,807)	(18,984)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>72,823</b>	<b>(91,807)</b>	<b>(18,984)</b>

## 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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
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>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>46,857</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>	<u>25,155</u>

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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>144,530</u>	<u>(166,232)</u>	<u>(21,702)</u>

## 8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	56,365	58,550
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	10,585	9,171
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	400	143
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	4,357	3,489
Commissioned schools work	-	1,470
	<hr/> 4,357	<hr/> 4,959
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>71,707</b>	<b>72,823</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Fundraising costs	575	5,188
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
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
	<hr/> 66,669	<hr/> 78,596
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Insurance	1,280	-
Office costs	4,204	4,193
Professional fees	565	354
	<hr/> 6,049	<hr/> 4,547
<b>Finance</b>		
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 £
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Information technology</b>		
Information technology	948	3,359
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Trustees' expenses	56	-
Total resources expended	74,425	91,807
<b>Net income</b>	(2,718)	(18,984)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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

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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**

St Johns Church  
Whitbourne Avenue  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 2LG

### **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

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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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
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
<b>Total</b>		<u>71,707</u>	<u>72,823</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds		575	5,188
 <b>Charitable activities</b>			
Gospel Propagation		<u>73,850</u>	<u>86,619</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>74,425</u>	<u>91,807</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(2,718)	(18,984)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		27,873	46,857
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>25,155</u></u>	<u><u>27,873</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

31 March 2024

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

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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

	31.3.24	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 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	58,550
Other trading activities	9,171
Investment income	143
Other income	4,959
<b>Total</b>	<u>72,823</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	5,188
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Gospel Propagation	86,619
<b>Total</b>	<u>91,807</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(18,984)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	46,857

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

Unrestricted funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>
<b>27,873</b>

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

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

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

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

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

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General fund	36,488	(18,984)	17,504
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	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>72,823</b>	<b>(91,807)</b>	<b>(18,984)</b>

**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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