



Old Town Youth Club

AN INDEPENDENT CLUB

AFFILIATED TO:
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
SPORTED
CROYDON VOLUNTARY ACTION
REGISTERED WITH CROYDON COUNCIL

CHARLES MAJOR CENTRE

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD

1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Hon. Chairman: Alan Homes
Hon. Vice Chairman: Andrew Patten
Hon. Treasurer: Helen Jones

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ray Edwards, Paul Songer, Veronica Anglin
Dave Lawrence, Karen Barnes, Stan Fowler,
Trina Harris(resigned 4 July 2022)
Mark Swann(resigned 12 July 2022)

ADVISOR TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tony Harris

BANKERS:

Lloyds Bank, North End, Croydon

HON. SOLICITOR:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

David Weeden, FCA, Hamilton Eddy and Co.

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES:

National Association of Clubs for Young People

PART TIME YOUTH and COMMUNITY WORKER

Tony Harris

PART TIME STEWARD:

Tracy Shirley

Profile of Trustees/Management Committee Members during 2022/23

Chairman:	Alan Homes (84)	Joined <i>MIC</i> 1974 Neighbour of Tony Harris at Addiscombe Chairman to 1997, re-elected 30.1.2001
V Chairman	Andrew Patten (52)	Joined Club 1983 Joined <i>MIC</i> 30 September 2020 Elected Vice Chairman 25 November 2021
Treasurer:	Helen Jones (55)	Joined Club 1981 Ex Members Committee Joined <i>MIC</i> 10 January 2005 Elected Treasurer 10 April 2019
Members:	Stan Fowler (71)	Joined Club 1965, Chairman Members Comm. 1970, Qual. <i>PIT</i> Youth Worker, Joined <i>MIC</i> 1978 Chairman 1997 to 30.1.2001
	Ray Edwards (60)	Joined Club 1978 Joined <i>MIC</i> March 1996
	Trina Harris (53)	Joined <i>MIC</i> 12 March 2007 Local Resident Resigned 4 July 2022
	Dave Lawrence (67)	Joined Club 1971 Member of <i>MIC</i> 1997 to 2006 Re-Joined <i>MIC</i> 25 February 2015
	Paul Songer (64)	Joined <i>MIC</i> 27 January 2016 Qual. Youth Worker Long association with club as a member of SCYP Staff
	Karen Barnes (55)	Joined <i>MIC</i> 25 May 2016 Local Resident
	Veronica Anglin (58)	Joined Club 1977 Joined <i>MIC</i> 20 October 2021
	Ronny Leow	Joined Club 1969 Joined <i>MIC</i> 17 October 2022
	Mark Swann (40)	Joined <i>MIC</i> 25 November 2021 Resigned 12 July 2022
Advisor	Tony Harris (84)	Full Time Youth and Community Worker Old Town Youth Club July 1964 to March 1998 Joined <i>MIC</i> 23 April 1998 to 25 February 2004 Part Time Voluntary Youth and Community Worker April 1998 to date
Steward	Tracy Shirley (55)	Joined Club 1981 Appointed Steward September 2008 to date

CHAIRMANS REPORT

As Vice Chairman and a Trustee of Old Town Youth Club I have been asked by The Chairman Mr Alan Homes to submit his report for 2022-2023.

The Club Croydon

Old Town continues to be used by various local Organisations as can be seen from the Youth Workers Report.

Unfortunately, due to the knock on effect of covid and the continued change in social activities the building is not as utilised as it should be resulting in us still running at a deficit. Hopefully the coming year will see an increase in the usage and enabling us to run a balanced budget.

Hareswith Pond

Our Outdoor Activity Centre and Nature Study Centre is still closed due to the Ash Die Back disease affecting a significant number of trees on the site. Over the last year, after surveying the site and identifying the most dangerous trees, I am happy to say that after a huge effort from a number of volunteer, current and ex club members, supporters and beneficiaries that we are nearly at the point when the site can be re-opened for young people to benefit from the unique wildness of it compared to their urban lives. This has, and is, a huge task which initially looked impossible for us as a small organisation.

Woodland Trust Lost Woodland Project

We contacted the Woodland Trust in June 2022 for advice about the Ash Die Back issue. Unfortunately they could only advise us about it but not help us with any assistance. They could help us under the Lost Ancient Woodlands Project to remove the invasive species of rhododendrum and cherry laurel, covering 2 areas of the site, and replant native species of trees fully funded from their Lottery Grant for this purpose. They confirmed that 50% of the site was classified as Ancient Woodland, the land south of the stream, hopefully confirming the site's future and security for many years. The Restoration Project will start next year and the Management Plan, drawn up by Woodland Trust for us, we will be looking to implement once the Ash have been made safe.

Looking forward to next year, as a self funded organisation we still have a mountain to climb but with the positives of this last year and the plans for the future we need to focus on building up the use of Old Town, maintenance/modernisation issues of both sites

As Vice chairman I would like to thank the Trustees and the Management Committee for their ongoing support and work to ensure that this organisation continues to thrive and regain the busy programme we had before the pandemic.

I have a special thank you to Trina Harris who completed 15 years as a Trustee as reported in the Youth Report and all the Benefactors and friends who continue to contribute their time and resources to support this organisation. Your support and contributions are invaluable.

Andrew Patten
Vice Chairman

TREASURERS REPORT

The Accounts for the financial year April 2022 - March 2023 showed a deficit of (£849.96), with a closing bank balance of £63,953.37. The reason for this deficit, was due to many organizations slow recovery from Covid 19 and the reduction in lettings, also our Hareswith Pond Nature Study and Outdoor Pursuits Centre being closed due to ash die back.

General Fund - shows that there is a £963.60 credit; against the credit of £20,055.23 of the previous year. This reduction was partly due to Covid 19 having a knock-on effect with organization's/ lettings, etc. slowly coming back in and building up again, so although we had some lettings in it didn't cover the running costs.

With the use of the premises only gradually building up, the opportunity was taken to carry out maintenance when not required, to service the premises. Our big thanks to our volunteer Tony Backshall, an old member from the seventies, who comes in almost every week to assist Tracy with things that need to be done. Ace Van Hire, based a few hundred yards from the club, continued to hire the carpark when not needed and this has been a good regular source of income.

Storrington Fund - Showed a deficit of (£1811.56), being down from the previous year's surplus of £4288.46. This being the result of Hareswith lettings being cancelled and closed due to dangerous Ash die back deceased trees, making the site unsafe to let, and the cost of tree surgery to remove the most dangerous trees. We now have many voluntary working parties down at the site, to get some of the over 100 trees cut down, to get the site safe for young people to use again. Our thanks to Marshall Surfacing for the free loan of Traffic Control Equipment. We give many thanks to the various parties who donated tools, materials, time and labour, these persons and companies being highlighted in both the Chairman's and Leaders reports.

We are thankful to both Croydon and Horsham Councils for some Rate Relief resulting in some Business Rates being paid for the Croydon Old Town premises and very little for the Hareswith premises.

We would also like to thank Tom Simmonds, owner of Allsave, who has provided the servicing and replacement of fire extinguishers at both Croydon and Storrington for the many years free of charge.

We really do appreciate and thank David Weeden of Hamilton Eddy and Co for their continued support in providing Payroll services and Independent Examination of the Accounts and this Report

Helen Jones
Hon. Treasurer

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY REPORT

Firstly I would like personally to thank Trina Harris who joined the Trustees when her children were coming to the club in 2007 and has served the club in many ways until retiring through ill health in July 2022. During that time her and her family have been involved in various ways not only as a Trustee but on one occasion stepping in to run the Holiday Scheme when no SCYP Qualified Staff were available!

COVID 19 continued to effect the club programme but gradually the premises began to be used again by the Community and the various Organisations. We continued working with user groups as we did last year and they were able to use the premises, when permitted by restrictions.

STORRINGTON Following the Covid restrictions we found ourselves restricted by ash die back again this year. Ash die back is when the ash trees die back from the tips of their branches and the branches drop off, particularly in the wind when they knock against each other. This is of course very dangerous and we were advised to close the site after a survey showed that over 100 ash trees were on the site and one van in the car park had a branch fall on it. Working Parties of volunteers, led by Norvin, who also supplied Allseasons Hire Shop equipment free of charge, Kirsty, Philip, Paul and family, Dave, Mark, Andrew, Will (Tree Surgeon of Fox Forestry), Tony and Val have carried out many weekends and 50+ trees have been felled during long working days at the weekends. Our thanks to all who come and will be coming for a good time yet before we can reopen the site.

Our thanks to Ruth and Allsave Fire Extinguishers for providing free equipment and servicing.

In the Chairman's Report the good news is that the Woodland Trust have become involved and we look forward to their report on the Ancient Woodland Status that we now know it has and the Grant Application we have made to remove the invasive Species of Laurel and Rodedendrum to be replaced with native species of tree.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER AGENCIES

BALL GAMES AREA was used by users when on the premises.

PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS Coningsby and Moving On resumed their regular sessions.

BABY BALLET classes on Friday mornings has been successful and have extended their session.

CHILDRENS BIRTHDAY PARTIES bookings were taking place again after being closed for Covid

CROYDON DROP IN CONSELLING SERVICE continued their bi-monthly staff training courses.

TABLE TENNIS COACHING continues on Saturday Mornings

START IT RIGHT ran Holiday Play Schemes in Summer and October. It was good to see so many young people using the premises again.

Last but not least may I thank all those individuals and companies that have provided support when it was needed most during another difficult year.

Tony Harris- Youth and Community Worker



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CLUB HOUSE - APPROX. 3750 SQ. FT. 2-STOREY, PURPOSE BUILT FREEHOLD - OWNED BY CLUB

GROUND FLOOR

Coffee Bar/ Games Area:	38 ft. x 15 ft. includes chairs, coffee tables, table games and catering equipment. Table Tennis Table, Pool Table, Air Hockey and Table Football.	
Meetings/Activity Room:	20 ft. x 15 ft. - contains chairs and tables	
Outdoor Pursuits Room/ Workshop	20 ft. x 15 ft. Storage for Camping and Canoeing Equipment. paddle, spray cover, bouyancy aid, wet suit, helmet and waterproof containers, tent, sleeping bag, bivy bag, karrimat, water-proof anorak and trousers, Mess tents, kitchen equipment. Art and Craft Equipment. Cleaning materials and equipment. Maintenance tools.	
Office:	11 ft. x 8 ft.	
Boiler Room Gents' Toilet	Foyer and Staircase Ladies Toilet	Disabled Toilet

FIRST FLOOR

Hall:	55 ft. x 28 ft. 5 Table Tennis Tables. Badminton Court, Unihoc pitch.
Stage:	Storage: 100 Chairs, 80 ft. Trestle Tables and Benches. Bouncy Castle.

EXTERNAL

Floodlit Games Area	80 ft. x 40 ft. with storage bunker.
Car Park:	80 ft. x 40 ft. Canoe Trailer.

HARESWITH POND NATURE STUDY AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE - STORRINGTON FREEHOLD - OWNED BY THE CLUB

8.5 acres of mixed woodland with 2 acres of lake and stream. Members built accommodation for 12 persons, 30 ft. x 20 ft. with two bunk bedrooms, kitchen/common room, toilets and hot shower. Brick built, elm board clad with Marley Tile Roof. Mains electricity and water. 30ft x 7ft Storage shed.

Chairman Alan Homes - Treasurer Helen Jones - Youth and Community Worker Tony Harris
Registered Charity Number 286889

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE AT OLD TOWN YOUTH CLUB

ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE EVERY DAY

Football	Ball Games Area
Basketball	Ball Games Area
Pool	Games Room
Table Tennis	Games Room
Air Hockey	Games Room
Table Football	Small Games Room
Badminton	Hall

ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE SOME DAYS

Chess/Draughts	Games Room
Four in a Row	Games Room
Giant Jenga	Games Room
Unihock	Hall
Bouncy Castle	Hall
Football Coaching	Hall
Birthday Parties	Hall
Polling Station	Ground Floor
Training Courses	

ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED

Rounders	Field
Tug of War Rope	Field
Football	Field
Short Tennis	Field or Ball Games Area
Volleyball	Ball Games Area
Skittles	Hall
Table Skittles	Games Room
Art and Crafts	Stocks of various materials and equipment
24 Canoes	of various designs/disciplines with all necessary equipment
Canoe/Box Trailer	to carry 14 Canoes and Equipment
Camping Equipment	
Mess Tents and Camp Catering Equipment	
Tables, Benches and Chairs	
Tripod Screen	
Various Country/Forestry Conservation Tools	
Various Building Maintenance Tools	

OLD TOWN YOUTH CLUB **STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

Date from Apr-22
Date to Mar-23

Apr-21
Mar-22

BANK & CASH BALANCES

Cash at Bank (General A/C)	63,852.85	64,700.81
Cash at Bank (Business A/C)	0.52	0.52
Cash in Hand	100.00	100.00

Closing Balance	£ 63,953.37	£ 64,801.33
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RECEIPTS

General Funds

Club Hire	25,254.70	23,090.00
Croydon Council - Covid Grants	-	17,167.00
HMRC CJRS Grants	-	5,920.23
Donations/Grants	-	231.00
Party Deposits Received	500.00	-
Sundry Income	950.41	949.00

Members Fund

Coffee Bar	-	-
Sundry Income	-	-

Minibus

Minibus Hire	-	-
Donations/Grants	-	-
Sundry Income	-	-

Storrington

Storrington Hire	180.00	4,550.00
Donations/Grants	-	20.00
Hire Deposits	400.00	165.00
Sundry Income	117.67	400.00
	27,402.78	52,492.23

PAYMENTS

General Funds

Salaries, NIC and Pensions	18,981.33	20,297.01
General Insurance	1,800.49	3,243.98
Utilities	1,567.30	1,904.12
Cleaning	298.42	115.74
Maintenance	328.00	279.00
Stationery	143.83	144.60
Telephone/Internet/Post	464.15	303.25
Sundry Expenses	2,157.99	1,014.30

Members Fund

Coffee Bar	-	-
Activities	-	-
Sundry Expenses	-	-

Minibus

Diesel	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Service/Repairs	-	-
Road Tax/MOT	-	-
Sundry Expenses	-	-

Storrington

Repairs	-	110.96
Utilities	335.21	376.39
Sundry Expenses	2,174.02	359.19
	28,250.74	28,148.54

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(847.96)	24,343.69
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BANK & CASH BALANCES AT START OF YEAR	64,801.33	40,457.64
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BANK & CASH BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	£ 63,953.37	£ 64,801.33
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OLD TOWN YOUTH CLUB **GENERAL FUND** **RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Date from	Apr-22	April-21
Date to	Mar-23	March-22

RECEIPTS

Club Hire	£ 25,254.70	£ 23,090.00
Croydon Council - Covid grants	£ -	£ 17,167.00
HMRC CJRS grants	£ -	£ 5,920.23
Donations/Grants	£ -	£ 231.00
Party Deposits Received	£ 500.00	
General Income Sundries	£ 950.41	£ 949.00
Total Receipts	<u>£ 26,705.11</u>	<u>£ 47,357.23</u>

Payments

Salaries	£ 18,981.33	£ 20,297.01
General Insurance	£ 1,800.49	£ 3,243.98
Utilities	£ 1,567.30	£ 1,904.12
Cleaning	£ 298.42	£ 115.74
Maintenance	£ 328.00	£ 279.00
Stationery	£ 143.83	£ 144.60
Telephone/Internet/Post	£ 464.15	£ 303.25
General Expenditure Sundries	£ 2,157.99	£ 1,014.30
Total Payments	<u>£ 25,741.51</u>	<u>£ 27,302.00</u>
Net (Payments)	<u>£ 963.60</u>	<u>£ 20,055.23</u>

OLD TOWN YOUTH CLUB **MEMBERS DESIGNATED FUND** **RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Date from	Apr-22	April-21
Date to	Mar-23	March-22

RECEIPTS

Coffee Bar	£ -	£ -
Subs	£ -	£ -
Member Income Sundries	£ -	£ -
Total Receipts	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

Payments

Coffee bar	£ -	£ -
Activities	£ -	£ -
Member Expen Sundries	£ -	£ -
Total Payments	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>
Net (Payments)	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

OLD TOWN YOUTH CLUB
MINIBUS DESIGNATED FUND
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Date from Date to	Apr-22 Mar-23	April-21 March-22
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Minibus Hire	£ -	£ -
Minibus Donations/Grants	£ -	£ -
Minibus Income Sundries	£ -	£ -
Total Receipts	£ -	£ -
<u>Payments</u>		
Diesel	£ -	£ -
Insurance	£ -	£ -
Service	£ -	£ -
Road Tax/MOT	£ -	£ -
Minibus Expen Sundries	£ -	£ -
Total Payments	£ -	£ -
Net (Payments)	£ -	£ -

OLD TOWN YOUTH CLUB **STORRINGTON DESIGNATED FUND** **RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Date from	Apr-22	April-21
Date to	Mar-23	March-22

RECEIPTS

Storrington Hire	£ 180.00	£ 4,550.00
Storrington Donations/Grants	£ -	£ 20.00
Storrington Income Sundries	£ 117.67	£ 400.00
Storrington Hire Reimbursement	£ 400.00	£ 165.00
Total Receipts	<u>£ 697.67</u>	<u>£ 5,135.00</u>

Payments

Storrington Repairs	£ -	£ 110.96
Storrington Activities	£ -	£ -
Storrington Utilities	£ 335.21	£ 376.39
Storrington Expen Sundries	£ 2,174.02	£ 359.19
Total Payments	<u>£ 2,509.23</u>	<u>£ 846.54</u>
Net (Payments)	<u>£(1,811.56)</u>	<u>£ 4,288.46</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

OLD TOWN YOUTH CLUB

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2023

Charity no 286889

Set out on pages

1 to 12

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

Signed:

Date: 21 November 2023

Name:

David Weeden

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

F.C.A.

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Hamilton-Eddy & Co.

Chartered Accountants, 39 Tamworth Road, Croydon, CR0 1XU