

APOLLO YOUTH CLUB
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Apollo Youth Club

Charity registration number: 290271

Charity's address

The principal address of the charity is:

Apollo Youth Club

MAPP Community Centre, 22 Mount Pleasant,

Reading, Berkshire, RG1 2TD

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are as follows:

Jackie Daniel

Hazel Daniel

Joe Williams

Donna Claudia Strough

Aaron Grandison

Sharon Titus

David Archibald

Phyllis White

Structure, Governance and Management

Apollo Youth Club was formed in 1972 and is registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission.

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Organizational Structure

It is governed by a committed and dedicated group of individuals who make up the Trustees. The Trustees deals with all matters connected with financing, staffing and the internal administration of Apollo.

Objectives and Activities

The main objectives of the Charity are to advance the education of the public resident in Reading and neighbourhood thereof in the art, history, and culture of people of African and Caribbean origin.

To advance the education of young people in the area of benefit especially but not exclusively through leisure-time activities, to develop their physical and mental capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Achievements and Performance

Apollo conducts a number of activities in pursuance of our charitable aims. We consider these activities provide benefit to our current users and the wider community.

This year Apollo celebrates its 50th Anniversary. An enormous thank you to all, from the original founders to those involved today. It is a significant achievement. This is a time of reflection from where we started to where we are now. When we started in the 1970s there were wars of liberation on the African continent. There was a raising of consciousness about the need to get active, to make our voices heard, to stand up and be counted. We at Apollo disseminated news that we felt was important for the community to know. We started the Saturday School, Homework Club, Cultural week, a history project for schools, Black History Calendar, and various other activities.

To mark this occasion the committee organised a gathering to celebrate, to reminisce, and to look to the future. Thank you to those who started this, to those who continue the work and the supporters who make it possible for us to continue.

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We continue to provide term time and holiday club for children, although we are still recovering from the impact of Covid, attendance at the clubs is increasing.

One of our priorities has been to fund raise for a new minibus as our current one is too costly to fix. Fundraising is particularly difficult currently, but we continue to explore fundraising activities including applying for grants.

The Charity website which is not fit for purpose is finally being rebuilt. A local company has offered to do this at no cost. The work has started. This is good news as going forward, parents, and or carers, can use the website for bookings. We are exploring the possibility of the site being used for bookings for fundraising events and hires.

We are working in partnership with a new charity being set up to support / mentor young people. This is an exciting development as we have contacts and experience of this work.

The new charity will help Apollo to develop their social media presence, which is not strong, as it should be, help with funding applications, and assist each other. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to assist us with our social media work, please contact us.

The building needs urgent refurbishment. As we said last year, the local authority continues to face financial challenges as do we. We are exploring other options including volunteers to paint and paint being donated by companies. We have started to contact organizations who could help with volunteers and materials.

The regular activities supported by the club such as salsa classes, the Friday Art Group continue. It is good to see usage of the centre returning to pre COVID levels.

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These are challenging times for our community, and the wider community locally and nationally. Having begun the recovery from COVID, one of the challenges now is an economic one which will/is affecting individuals as well as small organizations such as Apollo.

Apollo can be contacted if you require help and or support. If we cannot help, we will try to put you in touch with someone who can.

Mental health and wellbeing are so important in these challenging times. If you know of someone who may need support, reach out to them.

Future Plans

To continue to raise funds to help the project to continue and grow.

Last year we talked about starting a project for young people out of school. This has not progressed as we would have liked. We will refocus on getting this project started.

We are exploring working in partnership with more local groups to provide additional activities or services for the community.

We will continue to work towards fund raising, through events such as cultural markets. We will also work with local Black businesses to encourage staff to volunteer their specialist skills and knowledge, to help with fundraising, to sponsor specific projects and give regular donations while raising their profile among the community.

We are considering starting cultural markets once a month as a way of raising funds and supporting Black businesses.

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Financial Review

Results for the Year

Notwithstanding the challenges, we faced, it has been an encouraging year with fee income rising to £53, 532 (2020/21: £21,760, Covid impacted) in what is still a difficult environment to operate in, and the country recovering from the impact of Covid. An operating surplus of £5,130 is a pleasing outcome, and a tribute to the outstanding effort by all involved. Thank you.

Restricted Funds

The Trustees have decided it would be prudent to maintain a reserve of £15,000 as a staff contingency fund. £4,000 received from the Berkshire Community Fund grant was transferred to the unrestricted fund, and £1,000 of the £2,000 received from Early Charity grant, was used to purchase computer equipment.

We are extremely humbled and grateful to these two organisations for awarding these grants.

Investment Policy

There are no investments held. Any surplus monies at the end of the financial year are held in bank accounts to cover future deficits or other funding needs.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Public Benefit Statement

Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to meet the required public benefit test through its objectives and activities.

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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel', written over the printed name Jackie Daniel.

Jackie Daniel

Chairperson

Date: 28 November 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
APOLLO YOUTH CLUB

No (if any)
290271

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2021

To

Period end date
31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fees	53,532		-	53,532	21,760
Donations			-	-	180
Fund raising activities	4,135		-	4,135	4,045
Sundry			-	-	10
Bank interest	4		-	4	-
Grants			-	-	6,000
Furlough	3,538		-	3,538	21,081
			-	-	-
Sub total	61,209	-	-	61,209	53,076
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,209	-	-	61,209	53,076
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	31,004		-	31,004	32,131
Shared costs	8,290		-	8,290	8,070
Mini bus related costs	5,814		-	5,814	302
Food costs	1,070		-	1,070	881
Insurance	1,976		-	1,976	2,198
Other expenses	6,874	1,000	-	7,874	3,063
Training	51		-	51	253
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	55,079	1,000	-	56,079	46,898
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Minibus	-			-	
				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,079	1,000	-	56,079	46,898
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,130	- 1,000	-	5,130	6,178
A5 Transfers between funds	4,000	- 4,000		-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,659	21,000		47,659	41,481
Cash funds this year end	36,789	16,000	-	52,789	47,659

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	36,764	16,000	#
	Petty cash	25	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	36,789	16,000	-

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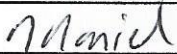
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Donated office furniture	Unrestricted	-	
	Donated computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Minibus	Unrestricted	-	
	Lenovo tablet	Unrestricted	-	
	Laptop	Unrestricted	-	

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Shared costs	Unrestricted	3,164	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jackie Daniel	28/11/2022

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees of Apollo Youth Club (Charity no. 290271) On the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

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

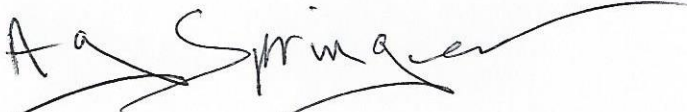
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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: 28 November 2022



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