

APOLLO YOUTH CLUB
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

Current Trustees

Jackie Daniel, Aaron Grandison, Sharon Titus, Phyllis White, Anderson Connell

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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.

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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.

We have kept After School Club running on days when staff have been off sick or there has been heavy rain which causes a problem because of the roof. The water does not run off as it should. Staff and volunteers have come together to make it work. We have had maintenance work carried out on the roof which has minimised the problem.

We continue to provide term time and holiday club for children offering a safe and welcoming space after school, supervised play and creative activities, healthy snack and opportunities for social development. Attendance at the clubs is increasing. We provide a quality service which is reflected in our Ofsted reports.

We are working with the Wraparound team which has funding to help the local authorities fund schools and community groups wanting to provide breakfast clubs and after school clubs. We have been encouraged to apply for funding for which we have completed the application.

Staffing remains a significant problem. We continue to struggle to recruit staff. We advertise on different platforms with limited success. We are 'lucky' in that our current staff members and volunteers will do whatever is necessary when needed. We are working with the Department of Work and Pensions to help with our recruitment. We are hopeful this will prove to be successful.

In July 2024, we purchased a minibus, one of our priorities last year. This has made a significant difference in that we have saved much needed funds which would otherwise have been spent on minibus hires. Fund raising is not easy, it continues to be a challenge. We need volunteers with that particular skill set to take the lead. In the current cost of living crisis, it is difficult to focus peoples' attention on this.

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The Charity website has now been rebuilt, primarily by a volunteer. This is a huge step forward. It has up to date information about the club and its activities. Application forms for parents and carers wishing to join After School club or book a place at the holiday club is now available online. There is still work to be done, but we have taken a step forward. Work has continued on the website to make access easier. New information has been added, and work continues to make the site user friendly with useful information and videos.

The after-school club operated on 5 afternoons per week during term time. We supported approximately 17 children daily 4 to 11 years. Feedback from children and parents has been positive, with many valuing the safe environment and the consistency of care provided. The trustees believe the charity has continued to meet a clear local need and deliver needed benefit to its users.

We mentioned last year we are working in partnership with a new charity being set up to support / mentor young people. This has not progressed as we had anticipated for a number of reasons, lack of time and other issues being prioritised. We have decided to return to this at a later date as we see this as an important idea to support young people, particularly in these challenging times. We want to offer support to divert young people to more positive initiatives.

The state of the building continues to present challenges. This impacts on hires, which reduces money available to help with the refurbishment. We receive no assistance from the local authority; therefore, we have to fund work to the building ourselves. As with other organizations at this time, it is difficult to source volunteers.

The regular activities supported by the club such as salsa classes, the Friday Art Group continue. The building is also being hired for social events, such as birthday parties.

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These are challenging times for our community, and the wider community locally and nationally. The cost-of-living crisis has 'hit' most people. We are seeing this daily with families struggling to pay bills, having to cut the number of days at After School Club. If help is needed, just ask.

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 continue to be important in these challenging times. If you know of someone who may need support, reach out to them.

We would like to express our warmest thanks and appreciation for our former trustees. Their many years of commitment to Apollo is truly commendable.

Future Plans

Our future remains the same- to continue to raise funds to help the project to continue and grow, and to explore additional funding opportunities to improve financial sustainability.

Our priorities remain to secure funding for a part time administrative worker. We cannot rely solely on volunteers as someone is needed to deal with queries quickly and research information.

The trustees aim to maintain the quality and consistency of the after-school provision and review activities to ensure they continue to meet the needs of children and families.

We are exploring ways in which we can change the way we operate, while continuing to serve the community in a way that meets their needs.

We are considering offering workshops covering a variety of topics including safeguarding & preparing your child for 'big' school.

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.

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If you have any ideas about fundraising or know someone with marketing skills, please ask them to contact us.

We aim to recruit additional volunteers/trustees where possible.

Financial Review

Results for the year

The Charity made a deficit of £1,003 which was a pleasing improvement on last year.

The environment for Apollo remains particularly challenging and there is additional uncertainty following the dissolution of The MAPP Partnership on 29 April 2025.

The Trustees would like to thank the staff for an outstanding contribution in difficult circumstances.

Restricted Funds

There have been no movement in the restricted funds which remain at £16,000.

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, assess and manage risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems, procedures and controls have been established to mitigate and safeguard the Trustees and charity.

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.



Jackie Daniel, Chairperson

Date: 9 February 2026



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
01/04/2024

To

Period end date
31/03/2025

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	56,028	-	-	56,028	59,810
Donations	7,000	-	-	7,000	3,297
Fund raising activities	9,390	-	-	9,390	7,487
Sundry	415	-	-	415	137
Bank interest	612	-	-	612	613
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	73,445	-	-	73,445	71,344
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	73,445	-	-	73,445	71,344
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	34,166	-	-	34,166	31,540
Shared costs	13,815	-	-	13,815	10,283
Mini bus related costs	13,050	-	-	13,050	20,829
Food costs	635	-	-	635	3,325
Insurance	3,139	-	-	3,139	1,040
Other expenses	9,096	-	-	9,096	15,237
Training	547	-	-	547	67
Sub total	74,448	-	-	74,448	82,321
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Mini Bus	7,000			7,000	
Sub total	7,000	-	-	7,000	-
Total payments	81,448	-	-	81,448	82,321
Net of (payments)/receipts	- 8,003	-	-	- 8,003	- 10,977
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,289	16,000	-	43,289	54,266
Cash funds this year end	19,286	16,000	-	35,286	43,289

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	19,211	16,000	-
	Petty cash	75		-
	Total cash funds	19,286	16,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Donated office furniture	Unrestricted	-	
	Donated computer equipment	Unrestricted	-	
	Laptop	Unrestricted	-	
	Lenovo Tablet	Unrestricted	-	
	Mini Bus	Unrestricted	7,000	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Shared costs	Unrestricted		
	Other	Unrestricted		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Jackie Daniel	09/02/2026

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 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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

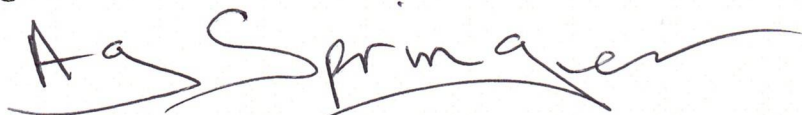
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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: 9 February 2026



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