

Derwentside Detached Youth Project

England & Wales · Charity number 513336

Details

Other names	CONSETT CHURCHES DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT, Derwentside Detached Youth Project
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1982-12-07
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Activities

Objects: TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF RACE, SEX OR OF POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS OPINION, GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND TO ENABLE THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE TO BE IMPROVED.

Activities: We provide youth workers to meet young people on the streets with the aim of engaging with them and introducing them to diverse worthwhile activities. We provide advocacy advice and support in terms of sexual health, well-being, drug and alcohol misuse and parenting. We facilitate activities promoting healthier lifestyle and physical wellbeing.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£108,271	£118,483	-	-
2024-03-31	£120,616	£108,453	-	-
2023-03-31	£80,941	£77,427	-	-
2022-03-31	£111,440	£95,173	-	-
2021-03-31	£103,498	£76,967	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joe McMahon		2025-03-31
Joseph O'Brien Mr		2026-05-01
Marion Ada Barton		2025-12-01
Sarah Barton		2026-04-08

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Supporting young people in the Community since 1981

Annual Report

April 2024 – April 2025



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FOREWORD

The project has completed yet another successful year. We measure this by the number of Young People engaging with and benefitting from interaction with our skilled and dedicated team of workers. Thank you all very much for the hard work involved.

Of course in order to continue we need the support of our generous funders. Without them it would be impossible to do anything. We are extremely grateful for the financial support we receive, and hope to continue receiving.

It is a constant challenge to attract funding and an immense relief to our manager when applications are successful. Lets hope, with help, we can continue to provide support to the Young People of Derwentside.

Another thank you must go to Jeff Davison until recently the Chair of the Trustees. Jeff has had a long association with the Project in various roles but unfortunately had to resign due to ill health.

Anne Leech

Trustee and Temporary Chair.

Meet the Trustee's



Jeffrey Davison – Chair - Retiring



Anne Leech– Secretary - Retiring



Owen Temple – Treasurer - Retiring



Jane Brown - Retired



Catherine Harwood

The Trustees play a vital role in any Project and it is appreciated the work and time they give to our success.

Meet the Team



Jackie Forbes – Project Manager



Diane Wordsworth – Detached Youth Worker



Lynn Walton – Detached Youth Worker



Megan Sinden – support Youth Worker & Community worker Moorside/The Grove



Hannah Lesley - Support Worker

PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT

My many years working within the Project brings me great joy. Each year we face new challenges, not only financially but also emotionally. Our work is very diverse never two years are the same people may change, unfortunately the issues and challenges remain the same if not more needed than ever

Youth work is crucial to our young people, helping them develop, giving them a safe place to learn, grow and build confidence. Youth work also offers early intervention opportunities and can reduce risk-taking behaviours, contributing to them looking forward to a better future. It builds belief in themselves, letting them know so many opportunities are available to them as well as building social skills. While schools focus of formal academic learning and knowledge, youth work emphasises on developing social and personal skills through informal education, nevertheless just as important. All our team, including myself, benefit from working with young people, there is a certain amount of satisfaction seeing the young people grow and achieve their full potential.

My highlight is just seeing the difference our work makes to the young people and families in the area and the positive feedback we receive.

There are many highlights over the years, I am sure you can read all about these in the reports from the youth workers.

Funding is of course my priority, not an easy task, and sometimes soul destroying, however the knowledge that not only young people benefit from our work but also their families. I often hit a brick wall, only to try and climb over the next one. As a project we have been here far too long to give up, we will keep going.

On a personal note it saddens me to say we are losing 3 Trustees this year, taking a well-earned retirement. I would like to say a big thank you to them, they have in many cases made my job a bit easier.

Thank you Jeff, Owen and Anne, you will all be a big miss but I wish you all the luck for the future.

Jackie Forbes – Project Manager

ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Our Project was founded back in 1981 following the closure of the main employer in the area, The Steel Works and local coalmines, Unemployment brought with it many problems, families breaking up, depression, alcoholism, mental health, petty crime and anti-social behaviour. The main concern of the founders was for the young people in the area and their futures.

Today there has been very little change in circumstances, although new employers have come to the area, very few have stayed and there has been none on the same scale as the Steel Works. Although we are situated in Consett town centre, we are surrounded by many rural villages, most of which have no youth provision, or very little. The young people have a feeling of been "left behind" due to the lack of opportunities available to them. Our Detached Youth Workers target these young people considered "at risk" hanging around, bus shelters to streets, parks etc. Our aim is to engage them in alternative leisure activities, usually initiated and planned by the young people themselves.

Experience has taught us that boredom plays a major part in them becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, -crime, dabbling in drugs and/or alcohol. By talking to them, and more importantly listening to them we can address issues and problems facing young people engaged.

Alongside our detached work we run many residential, outdoor activities, and issue based workshops often working in partnership with other agencies in the area. The workshops included many relevant topics, i.e. sexual health, health eating, drugs and/or alcohol misuse, teenage pregnancy, emotional and mental wellbeing, and life skills. Our workers are here to listen to the needs of the young people and address them accordingly. Workshops are targeted at topics raised by the young people.

Emphasis is placed on improving quality of life, raising self-esteem, learning new skills, physical and emotional wellbeing. Our workers listen to their needs in relation to social, health and education, facilitating them in attaining their goals and become active members of their communities.

We are learning more young people are suffering anxieties and mental issues, this came to light during the recent pandemic, they seemed to take on the stress that the whole family were dealing with. We can offer guidance and support, sometimes referring them to specialist agencies.

Our role is not to "get kids" off the street! But to work alongside the young people, guiding them through adolescence and helping them to make the successful transition to adulthood with the confidence to achieve their personal goals. It is important to allow young people to also enjoy their young lives and have fun, engaging with others, experiencing new challenges and letting them know they are never alone; there is always somebody to listen to them.

Youth work is as crucial as ever for the supporting young people's personal, social and educational development, helping them build confidence, navigate challenges and become confident members

of society. It also provides them with a safe place to come, develop relationships and opportunities that can have a positive and lasting effect on their lives.

ABOUT OUR PROJECT

With the support of our funders, volunteers and Trustees we hope to support young people for many years to come.



Some of the YP at Roots & Wings Cafe

Youth Worker Reports

As Youth Workers play a vital role in shaping the future of young people, our work can sometimes be emotionally demanding, but it offers great rewards when we see the impact it can have on young lives. We are able to form strong, trust based relationships with young people often becoming mentors who provide support and guidance.

As a youth worker we often encounter young people dealing with multiple challenges, including poverty and mental health issues as well as a strained home life.

Youth work is more than just a job; it's a vocation that requires passion, resilience and commitment to supporting young people. While the challenges we face are significant the rewards of making a positive impact on young people's lives are huge.

Burnhope Youth Drop In

Our Drop In has been running for nearly eight years now and it has become a much needed space for local young people to meet and socialise. Burnhope is a rural village with very few amenities to cater for young people. The Drop In provides local young people with a warm safe space to come and take part in various activities and workshops as well as opportunities to take part in trips and residential. Every December we hold a Christmas themed afternoon tea for senior citizens in the village where young people are involved in the planning and delivery of the event. This has had a huge impact on both the young people and the senior members of the community. Events like this help reduce the feeling of isolation, particularly among the elderly, while encouraging young people to engage more with their community.



Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea

LGBTQ+ Group

Youth Worker Reports

Most of the young people attending are also neuro-diverse so often face multiple layers of marginalisation. We offer them a space where they can express themselves without fear of judgement. Young people can find peers who truly understand them, emotionally and socially. Being understood can significantly boost mental wellbeing, reduce anxiety and help build coping strategies.



Above the group are taking part in "The compliment web"

Leadgate Youth Drop In

Throughout the year our young people have taken part in multiple workshops including Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Bullying and Building Self Confidence. They have also taken part in off-site activities and have recently returned from a two day residential to Chartners Farm, a Victorian Farm House in the middle of Harwood Forest. Surrounded by nature with no television or internet access young people went on various walks, helped with cooking and cleaning and enjoyed lots of outdoor games, having a break from social media and a glimpse of what life was like before technology. We are hoping to return to Chartners with another group in the near future.

Youth Worker Reports

The group of YP from Leadgate Youth Drop In, on a 2 day Residential



Detached

Building relationships with young people "on the streets" can be difficult especially if they are wary of unfamiliar adults or authority figures. Because there is no formal structure or obligation, attendance is voluntary and can be inconsistent. When out on detached we try to encourage young people to attend our drop in sessions but often this is not something the young person is comfortable doing so we will continue to engage with them in "their territory".

"You may not see the seeds grow but your presence plants hope that lasts a lifetime"

Diane Wordsworth – Youth Worker

Youth Worker Reports

This has been a busy and productive year, for all the groups which we have engaged with and the new young people who have joined us.



The YP of the James Cook Sailing Trip

One of the highlights of the year was the young people embarked on a 5 day sailing trip with James Cook. They sailed up the North East coast from Newcastle and learnt the techniques of sailing and keeping order on board. The group worked as a team and all took part in the various tasks; from night watch to cooking for the crew and keeping the boat sailing along. One of the young people was thrilled to bits to get to sailed the boat into the mouth of the Tyne on the return journey. The same young person was also offered an opportunity to volunteer on the boat at a later date with a view to an apprenticeship. There were twelve boys and girls from Blackhill, who went on the James Cook boat trip this summer.

As well as drop in's, our young people enjoyed fun and food in the Easter and summer holidays. We also had a joint trip with the Blackhill group to South Shields in the summer holidays and a woodland walk in October. In December the young people went to the Empire Theatre, in Consett, to see the Pantomime, Cinderella. Several members of Blackhill and Moorside group attended the pantomime.

The year ended, with a Christmas party at the hall, with games and food for all. In January we had new members join us, with some of the older ones helping out.

At Easter, we took a group to Spennymoor swimming baths, which has a wave machine, which was recommended by one of the young people. All had an amazing time and the facilities were great, both Hannah and I enjoyed the time in the pool and alongside the young people there.

Youth Worker Reports



YP Day out at Spennymoor Leisure Centre and Pool

Blackhill Roots and Wings

Numbers have now increased; we have had a maximum of 42 young people attending at any one time. Although numbers do vary; on a weekly basis we average somewhere around the 30 to 35 mark. The group does seem to enjoy fun and food sessions, especially during the Easter and summer holidays. The group also organized a Christmas buffet for members of the community. The Church Committee offered to help with costs towards food which was much appreciated.

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Due to enthusiasm of the young people and the range of young people, several show neurodiversity which is evidence in itself that we are needed in this community.

January saw new members joining us which meant more young people to cater for. Some of the older ones have taken on responsibility to help with the younger ones and to put equipment away at the end of the session. In the Easter holidays the older members went to infinite air as a reward for their help with the younger ones.

The group also has access to the church community garden which is ideal if a young person wants some quiet time to themselves.



YP Art Therapy - Easter

Therapeutic Art Group

Over this year we have had a steady flow of young people taking part; we try to keep to a maximum of twelve. Even though, these young people are neuro diverse and individually different they are very supportive of each other. These people have been referred us by outside agencies. The group has been praised by both parents and carer's for the support and confidence it has given those who have attended. Some of the group have moved on to join other groups when they have felt confident to do so.

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Emotional Wellbeing Group – Held in Tesco Community room

Numbers for this group have been very small, but those who attended do benefit from the safe space it provides. We did do some group work with year six children who were moving on to secondary school. We helped the young people to identify their issues and fears and we encouraged them to develop appropriate responses to make the transition more comfortable and less scary.

We also did some group work relating to vaping which more and more young people are doing. We helped them identify the dangers and health risks of which they were not aware.

My Colleague: Hannah, our support worker has nearly completed her level 3 Youth work course and has done extremely well. Her tutor informed her that she was one of the best students she had on the course. Hannah worked extremely hard and was very diligent handing assignments in on time and attending supervision sessions with myself.

Well done Hannah you are an asset to the project.

Lynn Walton Youth Worker - Hannah Leslie support worker.

COMMUNITY WORK - MOORSIDE

This past year has been truly transformative for Moorside and the wider Derwentside community. With special thank you to the volunteers, funders, councillors, and residents, we've seen growth in the events, services, and community engagement. The mission to support families, young people, and residents of all ages continues to thrive through a range of creative, inclusive and essential activities.

Throughout the year, numerous community events have brought people together across Moorside and beyond. The Halloween Disco was a fantastic success, with a local DJ kindly donating his time. The event saw 112 children in attendance and raised £307.62 this was a brilliant mix of fun and fundraising.

Our 2nd Christmas Party was a fantastic event, Funded by Councillor Dominic Haney, and boosted by generous donations of selection boxes from the public and local shops, the event created a festive atmosphere for families to enjoy. Thanks to its success, Cllr. Haney has already pledged £400 to support the 2025 celebration marking the 3rd annual Christmas party.

In the summer, we held a Community Fair that brought residents together with stalls, games like "hook-a-duck," and appearances from the police and fire services. It was a lively and inclusive event that really showcased the strength of local community spirit.

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An Afternoon Tea event was hosted at Jubilee court, a retirement housing complex which was also funded by Cllr. Haney. With a fantastic spread of food and entertainment from a live singer, the day was a real treat for all who attended. We're thrilled to have secured funding for this event to return in 2025.

Ongoing Activities:

Our breakfast clubs have continued to provide a welcoming and nourishing start to the day for local families. While some attendance was lower than expected, the final session brought in 14 attendees, showing a growing interest we aim to build on. Those who attend can enjoy a wide selection of breakfast items as well as a takeaway lunch bag which is perfect for outings in summer holidays bringing the cost of eating out, to families, to zero.

Community meals remain one of our most valued weekly gatherings, regularly attracting between 20–30 people. They offer not only a hot three-course meal but also the opportunity for the community to connect. I am especially grateful to David Lowes and Rachel Mcenaeny from Greencroft Dog Day Care, who joined as new volunteers and have shown great dedication.

The clothing bin situated outside of the church hall continues to serve the purpose of raising additional funds. It is being well used as a drop off point to the public for clothes donations as well as clothes unsuitable for the baby bank being placed in the bin, helping reduce waste while generating income for further community work.

The Holiday Squad, delivered in partnership with Karbon Homes, has helped keep children active and engaged during school holidays. We're hopeful that more sessions can be offered in Summer 2025 to expand this opportunity as the sessions were well attended.

Alongside the activities I directly coordinate, I'm proud to work in a place that also hosts a variety of other groups including the drama club, baby and toddler group and the youth drop in. While these are independently run, I maintain strong working relationships with each and try to make myself available to offer support if and when its needed, whether that be help with funding applications or promoting sessions.

Targeted Support Services

In February 2025, we officially launched the Moorside Baby Bank, and the impact has already been significant. From the date of writing this report (May 14, 2025) the baby bank has supported 38 families and provided five emergency care packages to Consett Police for families fleeing domestic abuse. The service was even featured in the media, receiving positive coverage from the BBC.

Link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce8jldmd9yjo>

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I was honoured to welcome MP Liz Twist to one of our community meals, where she saw the value of our work first-hand and kindly donated £500 to the baby bank. We're also thrilled to see a steady increase in volunteers stepping forward — a sign that more people are engaging with and investing in their community. St John's Church Hall is now busier and more vibrant than it has been in years.

Megan Sinden: Various images from various Moorside events



Youth Worker Reports

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all our supporters and funders, including Cllr. Dominic Haney, Derwent Valley AAP, Consett Freemasons, Point North, and The Ballinger Trust. Your continued support makes everything we do possible.

Interest has been registered by seven residents to form a Resident Association — enough to begin laying the foundation for a new layer of community representation and action.

Perhaps the most significant development for the coming year is the plan to transition into an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This will allow me to grow sustainably, apply for more funding, and formalise structure. Meetings should soon be arranged with Derwentside Detached Youth Project (DDYP) and trustees to explore transferring funds, and we'll continue seeking guidance to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Testimonials:

"I have been coming to the community meal with my Nana since September. I wanted my Nana to experience more social things as apart from her family she didn't engage with anyone else. I heard of the community meal through Facebook and decided to give it a go. I am so pleased that I did! With each week that we attend, my Nana is becoming more and more sociable and is starting to really engage in conversations with people she did not know before-hand. Megan has created a wonderful warm welcoming environment with a fantastic variety of meals that we thoroughly enjoy. My Nana has even broadened her pallet and is trying different foods! The quality is always brilliant. We can also see how much Megan cares about the community and this comes across each week. She is a fantastic asset to St John's and I for one could not be more grateful."

"I gave the community meal a try when it first started and enjoy it so much I just have to keep turning up. Super meals, a lot of which I just wouldn't make just for myself, and the chance to meet people that live nearby, but I just wouldn't usually see to talk to. It's a lovely time to make friends and catch up, while having a lovely meal, a hot cuppa and even have the opportunity to keep informed of what is happening locally and being given the opportunity to become involved in local events, etc. Would be lost without Megan and her community spirit and the fantastic job she does with the community meal. Community is her middle name."

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"The weekly Community Meal has been running at St John's at Moorside for quite some time now. We have been attending since day 1. Megan (and the helper), do a fantastic 3 course meal every week catering for all dietary requirements. It is very enjoyable and important to everyone and we all look forward to meeting for a delicious meal and a good natter. Long may it continue? We of all ages would certainly miss it"

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another powerful year. I am proud of the work done, from helping struggling families to building stronger social connections, the support makes all the difference.

Megan Sinden – Community Worker – Grove & Moorside

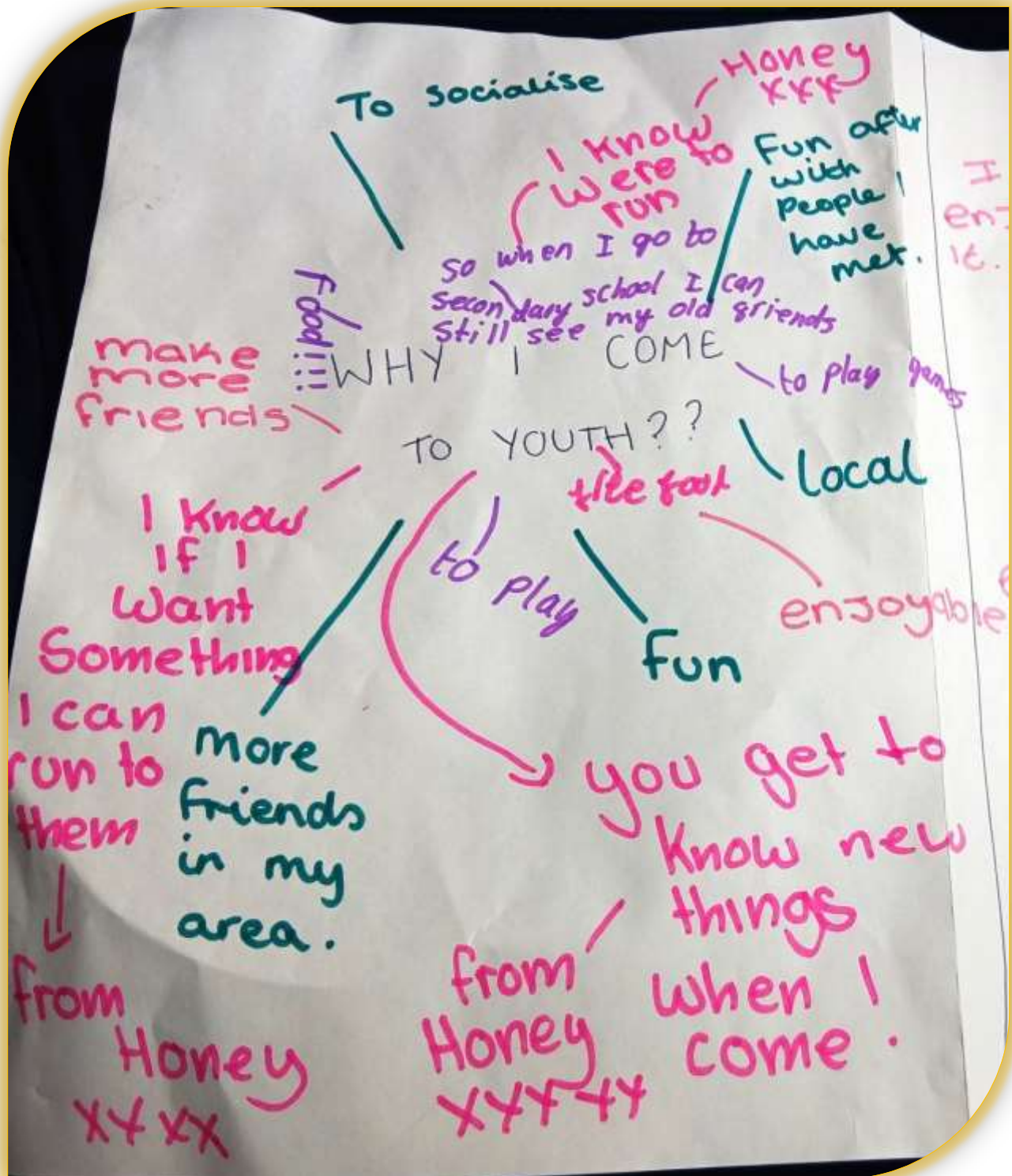
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The youth club is very helpful by ensuring we always have different things to do.

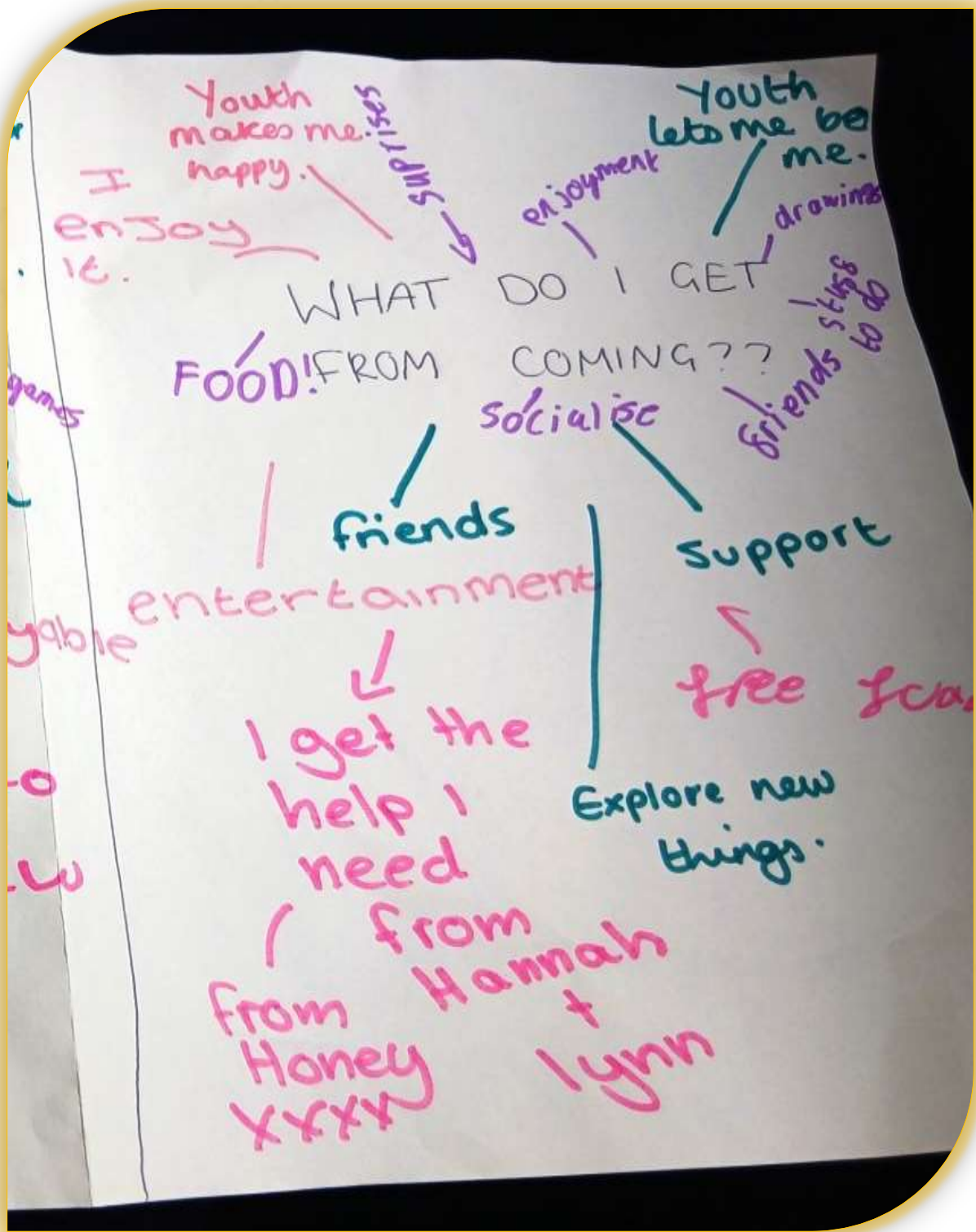
At xmas we went on a trip to winter wonderland and we got given a hot chocolate each and went on some rides. Our most recent trip was on a residential at churtners farm where we did some fun activities and got to spend some time with each other.

Megan and ~~diane~~ are both very chill and good to talk to. Megan is really funny and diane has lots of stories to tell us. I enjoy the youth club because I have made lots of friends and got to experience new things.

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE



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Community Transport

Our Project is very fortunate to have a 16 seater minibus with disabled access which is part of the Community Transport scheme. It is not for general hire we are not competing with local businesses. The minibus is available for community groups in the area also for individuals who cannot access public transport through disability or poverty. It is also a massive boost to our own work as we have the availability of the bus for residential and offsite activities.

Again it brings small problems, as we no longer have volunteer drivers, mainly due to age and retirement so hirers do need to find their own drivers. The minibus has allowed us to involve more young people in offsite activities and residential which are an important part of their growth and learning.



A group of (YP) accessing the minibus for a residential.

Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

DERWENTSIDE DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Charity number 513336

Trustees Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and activities

The objective of the project is to meet with the young people of the former local authority of Derwentside, primarily the least privileged and hardest to reach young people, often meeting them on their own territory at first. The aim is to build relationships with them and draw them into positive activities and learning situations which will enable them to develop their confidence and self-esteem and so enable them to become more fulfilled and motivated young people.

We seek to achieve that by being a regular presence in the areas where young people meet, and also running regular drop-ins where young people can meet with our skilled and well-qualified youth work teams. We also seek to engage them in residential activities to broaden their experience both socially and through the activities undertaken in their new environments.

2. Achievements and performance

This year has been another busy year, with the youth work teams meeting around 200 young people each week, the larger numbers being at the drop-ins with smaller groups for those having particular challenges, notably the LBGTQ+ group and Art Therapy group..

One highlight of the year saw some young people taking part in a sailing trip for several days, a potentially life-changing experience in a challenging environment they had never experienced before. Another took them to a residential in Harwood Forest in a remote farmhouse where the

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young people experienced life without TV and internet, again a challenging environment in which they learned new life-skills.

As important as these "events" are , it is the day to day meeting with young people in which the youth workers offer the young people a supportive presence as they face the problems so many young people face that are the backbone of the work. Many of the young people they meet are neuro-divergent, others have deep-seated family problems. Some self-harm, others indulge in risky behaviours, some are bullied, some bully and in all this the workers find the greatest satisfaction is the positive change they are able to be part of. One said that the highlight of her year was, ""Working with a young person who lost a parent and also his confidence. We helped him build up his confidence and slowly building up his self-esteem". Another cited her work in an Art Therapy group. "All of the young people have diverse and complex issues, considered neuro diverse. Art therapy has helped them build their self-esteem, face personal challenges and develop better communication skills".

For all of us it is an achievement to keep the project going through a particularly challenging funding climate. It is particularly so for our project manager who feels fortunate to have been able to build trust with some of our donors which she would not have been able to do had she not believed in our Project and so enabled its continuance across the decades.

The team has also developed new skills this year as well, with two of our newest members having broken new ground, one in developing a cross-generational community project in one of the most deprived local areas, and the other auxiliary worker undertaking training to become a fully qualified youth-worker.

Our team of trustees has also undergone considerable change, with the departure of our long-serving chair and another trustee, and the recruitment of several other trustees who bring new enthusiasm and insight to the project.

3. Public benefit

The Board of Trustees has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its future activities. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

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4. Financial review

Derwentside Detached Youth Project are funded by a variety of income. The total income for the year was £108,271 (2024: £120,617) of which £58,006 are restricted (2024: £65,302). This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025, shows a deficit across all funds of £10,212 (2024: surplus £12,163).

The Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025 shows total funds carried forward of £98,699 of which £65,780 are restricted funds, the unrestricted reserves are £32,919.

The differences between the funding across the two years has been largely due to the timing of grants made, and we are making steady progress through the new funding round required. We remain indebted to the funders who have supported the project so generously, some across many years.

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5. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name	Derwentside Detached Youth Project
Registered Charity Number	513336
Trustees	Anne Leech Owen Temple Jane Brown
Registered Office	Room40 Glenroyd House Medomsley Road Consett DH8 5HL
Independent Examiner	MW Accounting, Bookkeeping and Training Woodgate House Wood Street Gateshead NE11 9NP
Bankers	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kent ME19 4JQ

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6. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

Derwentside Detached Youth Project is a charity, governed by its constitution, adopted on 27th September 1982, amended on 28th January 2020.

7. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 15/7/25..... and signed on their behalf by:

Owen Temple
Treasurer



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Independent Examiners Report to Trustee

I report on the financial statements of Derwentside Detached Youth Project for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

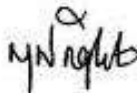
In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

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Date: 15/07/2025



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Receipts and Payment Accounts

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	5	385	2,160	2,545	1,354
Charitable activities					
Fundraising activities	6	-	-	-	305
Grants and contracts	6	44,649	55,846	100,495	114,769
Other trading activities	7	3,210	-	3,210	2,328
Investments	8	2,021	-	2,021	1,860
Total income		50,265	58,006	108,271	120,617
Payments					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	9	83,537	34,946	118,483	108,453
Total expenditure		83,537	34,946	118,483	108,453
Net income/(expenditure)		(33,272)	23,060	(10,212)	12,163
Transfers between funds		928	(928)	-	-
Net movement of funds		(32,344)	22,132	(10,212)	12,163
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		65,263	43,648	108,911	96,747
Total funds carried forward		32,919	65,780	98,699	108,911

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All receipts and payments derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Cash funds</u>					
Current account		32,841	65,780	98,621	108,434
Petty cash	17	77	-	77	476
Total cash funds		32,919	65,780	98,699	108,911
<u>Assets retained</u>					
Fixed asset purchase	16	750	5,634	6,384	8,212
Total assets		750	5,634	6,384	8,212
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accountancy and independent examination	10	150	-	150	-
Total assets		150	-	150	-

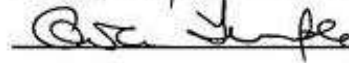
The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

15/07/25

and are signed on its behalf by:

Owen Temple
Treasurer



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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £32,919 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year.

The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. The Trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity, for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Receipts

3.1 Recognition of receipts

Receipts are recognised when the charity has received the receipt.

3.2 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants are recognised when the charity has received the funds.

3.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Payments and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Payments on charitable activities includes the costs of youth group activities as well as other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Liabilities

The charity has liabilities which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.5 Provision for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Analysis of receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
5 Donations and legacies				
Donations and Gift Aid	385	2,160	2,545	1,354
	<u>385</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>2,545</u>	<u>1,354</u>
6 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from fundraising activities</u>				
Fundraising events	-	-	-	305
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305</u>
<u>Income from grants</u>				
Grants	-	-	-	114,769
Sir James Knott Trust	10,000	-	10,000	-
National Lottery	10,000	-	10,000	-
Tudor Trust	20,000	-	20,000	-
Karbon Homes	249	-	249	-
Rothley Trust	3,500	-	3,500	-
Joicey Trust	900	-	900	-
AAP	-	13,590	13,590	-
Ballinger Trust	-	15,000	15,000	-
CDF	-	7,439	7,439	-
Tesco	-	375	375	-
Awards for All	-	14,442	14,442	-
National Lottery for activities	-	400	400	-
National Lottery for salaries	-	4,600	4,600	-
	<u>44,649</u>	<u>55,846</u>	<u>100,495</u>	<u>114,769</u>
7 Other trading activities				
Bus hire	3,183	-	3,183	2,319
Café income	-	-	-	-
Other income	27	-	27	10
	<u>3,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,210</u>	<u>2,328</u>
8 Income from investments				
Bank interest	2,021	-	2,021	1,860
	<u>2,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,021</u>	<u>1,860</u>

Receipts were £108,271 (2024: £120,617) of which £50,265 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £55,315) and £58,006 was restricted (2024: £16,852)

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Analysis of payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
9 Charitable payments				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff costs	68,794	20,674	89,468	74,924
Staff expenses	134	-	134	173
Staff training	520	-	520	84
Events, activities & groups	-	13,058	13,058	17,890
Bus costs	3,557	-	3,557	2,927
Volunteer expenses	-	-	-	142
Project equipment	-	-	-	4,245
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent & rates	5,780	160	5,940	2,765
Insurance	635	-	635	569
Postage, printing & stationery	705	52	757	744
Telephone	1,906	-	1,906	2,659
Office equipment & other costs	198	966	1,164	796
Professional fees	1,188	36	1,224	401
Bank charges	120	-	120	115
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Other expenses	-	-	-	20
	<u>83,537</u>	<u>34,946</u>	<u>118,483</u>	<u>108,453</u>

Payments on charitable activities were £118,483 (2024: £108,453) of which £83,537 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £58,318) and £34,946 was restricted (2024: £16,852)

10 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	150	-
	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2024: £nil)

11 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	89,468	74,924
	<u>89,468</u>	<u>74,924</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2024: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the the centre manager and the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £17,434 (2024: £15,821).

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12 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 5 staff (2024: 5 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	2.5	2.5
	2.5	2.5

13 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

14 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £1,216 (2024: £1,200). There was £0 outstanding as at 31 March 2025 (2024: £0)

15 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

16 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
Balance brought forward	700	26,086	26,786
Additions	50	-	50
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	750	26,086	26,836
Depreciation			
Basis	SL	RB	
Rate	25%	25%	
Balance brought forward	-	18,574	18,574
Depreciation charge for year	-	1,878	1,878
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	20,452	20,452
Net book value			
Brought forward	700	7,512	8,212
Carried forward	750	5,634	6,384

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17 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	98,621	108,434
Cash in hand	77	476
	98,699	108,911

18 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events requiring adjustment to the accounts have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

19 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	65,263	50,265	(83,537)	928	32,919
Totals	65,263	50,265	(83,537)	928	32,919

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
David Gray	3,449	-	(844)	-	2,605
Morrisons Art Fund	2,083	-	(1,898)	-	185
Ballinger Trust	1,337	-	(907)	-	430
Burhope AAP Grant	4,626	200	(1,803)	-	3,023
Karbon Homes	1,000	-	(873)	-	127
Tudor Trust	1,430	-	(105)	-	1,325
Medomsley CDF	723	-	(672)	-	51
Community Worker	19,073	31,410	(21,566)	-	28,918
Tesco	889	375	(488)	(777)	-
Barbour	690	-	(539)	(151)	-
Sir Tom Cowie	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Hadrian Trust	205	-	(205)	-	-
National Lottery for activities	4,422	400	(606)	-	4,216
Awards for All	2,220	-	(2,220)	-	-
AAP Leadgate	-	1,640	(112)	-	1,529
CDF	-	4,439	(705)	-	3,734
Awards for All	-	14,442	(304)	-	14,138
Donations	-	500	-	-	500
National Lottery for salaries	-	4,600	(1,100)	-	3,500
Totals	43,648	58,006	(34,946)	(928)	65,780

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19 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

David Gray	To fund the salary of a worker to support on residential trips
Morrison's Art Fund	To fund art activities
Ballinger Trust	To fund activities and trips
Burnhope AAP Grant	To fund activities and trips in Burnhope
Karbon Homes	To fund activities and trips in Blackhill
Tudor Trust	To fund wellbeing activities for staff and trustees
Medomsley CDF	To fund equipment for activities in Medomsley
Community Worker	To fund activities and salaries of Moorside Community Worker
Tesco	To fund wellbeing activities
Barbour	To fund activities and equipment for the activities for the young people
Sir Tom Cowie	
Hadrian Trust	To fund activities
National Lottery for activities	To fund activities
Awards for All	To fund salaries
AAP Leadgate	To fund room hire for activities at Leadgate Institute
CDF	To fund activities and transport
Awards for All	To fund art and wellbeing activities
Donations	To fund the baby bank in Moorside
National Lottery for salaries	To fund salaries

20 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2025, the charity had no capital commitments (2024: £nil)

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	32,919	65,780	98,699
	<u>32,919</u>	<u>65,780</u>	<u>98,699</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	65,263	43,648	108,911
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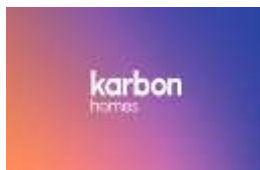
It never ceases to amaze, the amount of financial support we have received over the years, small charities like ours really struggle although our work is just as important it is not heard about like many of the larger organisations. Funding is becoming increasingly difficult with so many worthy causes struggling to survive. It makes us so appreciative to the Trust Funds and organisation that have given us their support, some for many years. Without them we would not now be here supporting young people and the community for what is now our 44th year.

Our thanks go to:

- **The National Lottery Community Fund**
- **The National Lottery Awards for All**
- **The Rothley Trust** - for their consistent support.
- **The Ballinger Trust** – their personal approach is so much appreciated
- **Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust** – Gone over and above more than once
- **Point One North East Community Foundation** – and all the grant giving bodies
- **Derwentside AAP**
- **Mid-Durham AAP**
- **The Joicey Trust**
- **Sir James Knott Trust**
- **Karbon Homes**
- **The Hadrian Trust**
- **The Barbour Trust**
- **Tesco Community Grants** - Tesco Stronger Communities
- **Morrison Community Grants**

A big thank you goes to all the Councillors whose support we have received and of course the community centres and church halls that have accommodated us.

Of course “thank you” to all our volunteers it goes without saying we could not run smoothly without you all.



SIR TOM COWIE CHARITABLE TRUST

The Rothley Trust

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FOREWORD

I first came across Derwentside Detached Youth Project through a contact at church when I returned to Consett in 1993. In those days the project was still called Consett Churches Detached Youth Project, having been set up in 1981 by visionaries in the local churches who recognised the problems that the closure of the steel works would cause for the town's young people.

Equally visionary was that they recognised that its mission must be to meet young people where they hung out, not in organised youth clubs. They recognised that many of them, living in homes that had lost employment and without expectations of finding local employment quickly, would be rootless and directionless. That meant that the task would be for trained youth workers to get alongside them and help them to find positive opportunities in life – not to preach at them!

I was immediately impressed with the variety of activities the young people got up to: reaching out to the people of Chernobyl after the nuclear power plant's disaster, exploring the natural world from a base in Kielder, making and editing videos to name just a few things. I was impressed, but never imagined I would ever become involved with it.

Now, just finishing off my 15th set annual accounts for the project, I watch it from the inside and am just as impressed. Young people's daily lives today are very different from those of the 1980s. They live in a much more technological age, but they are fundamentally the same – seeking to make sense of and find a future that makes life look good. And the project still has the same vision, to get alongside those young people, especially young people whose future looks less bright, and help them to find positive opportunities in life.

The young people who come to the project find inspiration in doing things they would never have expected, like going a residential trip on a sailing ship, a theatre or skiing trip, or even just organising and serving a meal to older people. It's not always the extraordinary that lives longest in the memory. Some find their place in the calm of the art therapy group, others their confidence in the LGBTQ+ group, but in whatever they choose, all have a place where they can explore life alongside a trusted adult.

It demands the same professionalism, empathy and resilience in our youth workers as it did in earlier days. They work unsocial hours, often out in bad weather, and take the rough with the smooth whilst always retaining their positive commitment to young people. I couldn't do it, and nor could most of those who read this!

It takes skill and dedication for the Project Manager to attract and cultivate the funding sources that we rely on so heavily, and to keep doing it through the cycle of short-term funding which charities and the "Third Sector" live with. And all that has to be done alongside the ordinary demands of managing the organisation's team and back-room administration single-handedly.

Finally it takes a team of volunteers to guide the project and ensure that it meets its charitable goals. It's an ongoing challenge to renew and refresh the trustee body, a task that gets no easier in an age in which charities regularly report that they are experiencing a decline in volunteering.

I can only say that I take my hat off to the whole team, and all that it achieves.

Owen Temple, Treasurer



Meet the Trustee's



Jeffrey Davison – Chair



Anne Leech– Secretary



Owen Temple – Treasurer



Jane Brown



Catherine Harwood

The Trustees play a vital role in any Project and it is appreciated the work and time they give to our success.

Meet the Team



Jackie Forbes – Project Manager



Diane Wordsworth – Detached Youth Worker



Lynn Walton – Detached Youth Worker



Megan Sinden – support Youth Worker & Community worker Moorside/The Grove



Hannah Lesley - Support Worker

CHAIRS REPORT

It's hard to believe another year has gone by so quickly, I have lost count of how many years I have been involved with the Project, as a Detached Youth Worker, a Trustee and now the Chairperson. It has all been a privilege and a great experience watching so many young people benefit from the support they receive from youth workers.

Back in 1981 when the Project was founded, I believe it was thought to be short term, to ensure the welfare of the young people in the area, who knew it would last this long.

The Project has changed with the times, however our principles remain the same, non-judgmental, reaching out to young people is still the motivation for the team, and the only change has been our name.

In some cases it seems nothing has changed, young people still need to share their fears, anxieties and hopes for the future. As we look forward to the future our hope and vision is to see a non-judgmental and fair minded society where young people are accepted for who they are and for what they contribute. Of course they are all different, not all will be "big achievers" but they all deserve their place in society and all contribute in their own way.

The strength of the Project has grown stronger each year, facing new challenges, changing the approach to the way we work. The work takes time and commitment, we can't walk away from problems as they arise, and there is no quick fix!

The Project has faced so many obstacles over the years, each year bringing its own particular issues. Poverty with today's economic climate has left so many young people, and their families, wondering what the future holds for them.

Funding has always been an issue to small charities like ours, however we have overcome this obstacle, not always easy, but our longevity says a lot about us and the support our grant giving bodies give us, some for many years, highlights the trust in our commitment.

The Project is still here, with a dedicated team, thriving and surviving everything that comes their way, simply for the wellbeing of the young people we engage. I am certain it will still be around for many years to come.

Jeff Davison – Chair of Trustee

PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT

My many years working within the Project brings me great joy, no two years are the same. Each year we face new challenges, not only financially but also emotionally. We see so many issues facing young people and their families, this has not changed since the beginning.

We have a solid team of dedicated youth workers who all go that extra mile to support young people and their families in the area.

Over the past year we have worked in new areas, at the request of residents we set up a drop in for young people in Leadgate, run by Diane & Megan. They are also responsible for the much attended drop in at Burnhope, a very rural area where there is no other youth provision and transport is too sparse for them to go into the towns. Diane & Megan are also responsible for the re-launch of the LGBTQ+ drop in. A group which has always been well supported, however as is the nature of the young people we engage with they move on to other things, i.e. college, work etc., and find they do not have the time to attend. We now have a new regular group attending each week. This is invaluable as there is no other facility of this nature in the area.

This year we were fortunate to receive funding to provide a Community Worker in the Moorside/Grove area. This was at the request of local residents and Councillors. Since the closure of the Phoenix centre which provided so many community activities in the Moorside area there has been nothing at all. The local residents were left feeling isolated and forgotten, they felt they were not belonging to any Community. The area comes with many issues with a high level of deprivation. The community have really welcomed our input and are relating to Megan, who is also continuing with her support youth work. She has been able to support many groups and initiated new ones.

Lynn and Hannah, our other team are equally busy with their Art Therapy Group for young people, the weekly Roots & Wings café, the much attended drop in at Moorside and their wellbeing group which is held in the Tesco Community Room.

Young people come to us either through referrals from other agencies or our engagement through detached work.

There are many highlights over the years, some of which will be in the workers reports. Sometimes I am fortunate to be able to go along and meet the young people either at the drop ins or during an offsite activity, giving me the opportunity to hear what they have to say and how the youth workers have made a difference in their lives.

My highlight is just seeing the difference our work makes to the young people and families in the area and the positive feedback we receive.

Of course funding is a major priority for myself and we are thankful for every penny we receive. Our longevity speaks volumes, so many small charities have disappeared over recent years, however with hard work and determination I am confident Derwentside Detached Project will be here for many years to come.

Jackie Forbes – Project Manager



ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Our Project was founded back in 1981 following the closure of the main employers in the area, The Steel Works and local coalmines. Unemployment brought with it many problems, families breaking up, depression, alcoholism, mental health, petty crime and anti-social behaviour. The main concern of the founders was for the young people in the area and their futures.

Today there has been very little change in circumstances, although new employers have come into the area, very few have stayed and there has been none on the same scale as the Steel Works. Although we are situated in Consett town centre, we are surrounded by many rural villages, most of which have no youth provision, or very little. The young people have a feeling of been "left behind" due to the lack of opportunities available to them. Our Detached Youth Workers target these young people considered "at risk" hanging around streets, parks, bus shelters etc. Our aim is to engage them in alternative leisure activities, usually initiated and planned by young people themselves.

Experience has taught us that boredom plays a major part in them becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, petty crime, dabbling in drugs and/or alcohol. By talking to them, and more importantly listening to them we can address issues and problems facing young people engaged.

Alongside our detached work we run many residentials, outdoor activities, and issue based workshops often working in partnership with other agencies in the area. The workshops include many relevant topics, i.e. sexual health, healthy eating, drug and/or alcohol misuse, teenage pregnancy, emotional and mental wellbeing, and life skills. Our workers are here to listen to the needs of the young people and address them accordingly. Workshops are targeted at topics raised by the young people.

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their young lives and have fun, engaging with others, experiencing new challenges and letting them know they are never alone; that there is always somebody to listen to them.

Not every young person we work with becomes “high flyers”, our ultimate outcome is for them to grow confident, happy, achieving their full potential and their own personal goals.

Positive youth work is as crucial today as it was back in 1981 with as many young people needing our support as ever. With the continued support of our funders, volunteers and staff we will maintain our high level of service in the area.



Youth Worker Reports

Youth Work is vital for nurturing the potential of young people providing them with the guidance, support and opportunities they need to flourish, through helping young people to develop skills, explore their identities and engage with their communities, youth work plays a vital role in shaping the future of society. I love my job because it allows me to witness the impact of empowering young people, seeing them grow in confidence, resilience and capability and knowing that I am contributing to creating a brighter and more inclusive future for generations to come.

ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year we hold various activities, trips and residentials. See a selection of images from in the following below, these being from the last 12 months.



Leadgate Trip to InflateSpace



Burnhope at Winter Wonderland

LGBTQ+ Drop In

Our LGBTQ+ Youth Drop In is going really well. We provide a safe space for young people to connect, share experiences and access resources. The success of the drop in is a testament to the importance of fostering acceptance and empowerment; however we are aware of the challenges faced by young LGBTQ+ including discrimination, bullying and rejection by family and peers. Even attending our drop ins takes immense courage for many because of the fear of judgement., but despite this their determination to seek support is inspiring. We are committed to improving our services to ensure that every LGBTQ+ young person feels valued, respected and able to embrace their authentic selves without fear or shame.



Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea



Trip to Hollywood Bowl



Edinburgh Residential



Frightwater Valley Trip

Burnhope Youth Drop In

The success of Burnhope Youth Drop In situated in a semi-rural area with no other amenities for young people is a testament to its invaluable role in the community. Despite the challenges of operating in a semi-rural setting the drop in has thrived, offering a safe and inclusive space where young people can explore their interests, create friendships and access guidance and support.

Leadgate Youth Drop In

Leadgate Drop In is a crucial lifeline in the community. Serving as a place where young people can find positive outlets for their time and energy. By offering engaging activities, workshops, mentorship and a supportive environment it serves as a deterrent to the risk and temptation of alcohol and substance abuse which is a major concern for local residents in the village. The drop In's presence not only safeguards the wellbeing of our young people but also creates a sense of belonging and purpose.

"Be the Scriptwriters of your destiny and feature yourselves as stars that showed the way towards a brighter future"

Quotation by (Nelson Mandela)

Diane Wordsworth – Youth Worker

Megan Sinden – Support Youth Worker

The Grove & Moorside

Embracing my new role as a community worker in Moorside has been a rewarding experience. While it differs from my previous positions, I have adapted quickly and discovered a deep passion for this work. Both my youth work and community work bring me great joy, and I am grateful to be one of the fortunate few who genuinely look forward to starting each workday with enthusiasm.

The past year has been filled with remarkable achievements within community work. Since its launch in October, the community meals programme has thrived, attracting around 20-30 attendees weekly, along with providing takeaway and delivery options for those unable to join in person.

Additionally, I have organised a variety of events and programmes that have been very well received by the community. These include:

- Community litter picks
- Coffee mornings
- Fun days
- Short-term programmes ran by outside organisations
- A school holiday breakfast club for families

In my role, I have also supported various groups in the church hall, including the baby and toddler group, the adult arts and crafts group, and the drama club. I have provided guidance and assistance, particularly in securing funding and advising on how to maximise their financial potential. I hope these groups continue to thrive, and I will always be available to help whenever needed.

One of the greatest successes in my community work over the past 12 months has been the Christmas party held at St. John's Church Hall. With over 80 children in attendance, it was wonderful to see the hall bustling with vendors and community members. The event was a tremendous success, and I look forward to organising it again this year.

Reflecting on the past year, I am proud of the progress and positive impact made in the Moorside community. At the start, it was challenging to engage with the community, but gradually, strong connections have been built and it's heartening to hear positive feedback from residents. I am excited to continue this journey and look forward to the coming year.

I would like to say a huge thank you to County Durham Foundation; The Ballinger Trust; Derwent Valley AAP; Councillor Dominic Heaney and all the volunteers without all this input the work could not have gone ahead and become a successful project.



Megan Sinden – Community Worker; The Grove & Moorside.

We have had a very busy but productive year working with young people aged 10 to 18 years of age across the groups we facilitate.

Moorside St John's Hall:

In addition to the weekly drop in we provided holiday activities and 2 fun days supported by Holiday Hunger.

Our first fun day was during the Easter Holidays with an attendance of 35.

We provided art and craft activities, and a face painter young people were provided with free food. The event was a huge success. During the summer we went on a woodland walk down to Allensford Picnic site, ten young people enjoyed time with the workers as well as the picnic we provided.

Christmas time we ran an Intergenerational project, Young people and older members of the community made Christmas Wreaths, giving everyone the opportunity to mix with other members of their community. The finished wreaths very impressive thanks to our floral instructors. The activity enabled the young people to take part in a different kind of activity as well as learning new skills.

Since January we have had a steady number of young people attending the weekly drop in which is growing week by week.



One successful wreath with one very proud young person.

Roots and Wings:

Has grown in numbers over the last year with an average attendance of 35 young people. During the summer young people went on a boat trip to the small Islands near Holy Island. At Christmas time the older ones attended the pantomime at Consett Empire while the younger ones had a trip to Raby Castle and explored the enchanted wood as well as seeing the deer in the grounds. January we had new members joining us.

Therapeutic Art Group

Young people appreciate this group as most of those attending are autistic, or have issues which prevent them from socialising in large groups.

We provide activities for art and craft, sometimes the young people suggest or take ownership of how the session will run. We have some fabulous art work which the young people have completed. Those who attend appreciate the safe space and the workers who are there to listen to them. We have had referrals from One Point social services. The group is kept small to enable the young people to receive the support they need as well as giving them time to talk to the workers.



Tesco Community Room:

We have an average of 8 young people attending this group which is mainly for emotional support and well-being. It is an ideal setting for providing workshops. Our last group work session looked at the health risks of vaping. Young people have had discussions around a variety of different topics examples, bullying, and problems at school, sexual health and much more. The topics are initiated by issues that are relevant to the group. When it is felt that a young person in the group is confident enough to leave the group they are encouraged to move on to other projects leaving space for a another young person who needs the support.

Lynn Walton Youth Worker & Hannah Lesley - Support Worker

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

The youth club is a very good and it has fun stuff to do like trips and has lots and activities to do and there is a hall where you can play football that's why I think the youth club is great and exciting!!

This youth club very fun
there is lots of
fun things to do like
play pool, football and
football. Over all very
good.

The youth club has got loads of fun things to do like football and stuff. It is also free and you get snacks and drinks. You also go on trips.

The youth club drop in has lots of free food.

DUSE KING



- HELPS WITH MY EMOTIONAL STATE
- HELPS ME TO SOCIALIZER
- MAKES ME FEEL SAFE
- INCLUSIVE
- NO JUDGMENT

Amelia Thompson ☺

- Calm involvement
- Relaxing
- Nice people
- No judgement

Lily - Nice staff, been coming for a while, fun trips.

Kate - Have been coming for a few months, very nice staff and have been on some trips.

Lydia - I have been coming for a long time and the staff have always been very nice. Very fun trips. Always have great banter.

Joria - Been coming for seven years, ~~at~~ always fun place to go too and get on well with the staff and always fun trips.

• It calms me

Lacey Hepple.

• Gets me out the house

• It gets more to talk

Club do be funne and
cool . . .

I also get to see my
friends so Yippee

Serb

This club is really
nice and lets
me socialise with
other people
and see my
friends and
have a fun thing
to look forward
to after school

- Alfie

Community Transport

Our Project is very fortunate to have a 16 seater minibus with disabled access which is part of the Community Transport scheme. It is not for general hire we are not competing with local businesses. The minibus is available for community groups in the area also for individuals who cannot access public transport through disability or poverty. It is also a massive boost to our own work as we have the availability of the bus for residential and offsite activities.

Again it brings small problems as we no longer have volunteer drivers, mainly due to age and retirement so hirers do need to find their own drivers.



A group of young people (YP) accessing the minibus for a residential.

DDYP Accounts 2023 – 2024

Derwentside Detached Youth Project Accounts 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Grants	£ 50,467.00	£ 64,302.26	£ 114,769.26	£ 77,853.30
Donations: Churches & Individuals	£ 196.24	£ 989.61	£ 1,185.85	£ 60.00
Fund Raising	£ 305.00		£ 305.00	£ -
Gift Aid Reclaim	£ 167.95		£ 167.95	£ -
Interest	£ 1,860.22		£ 1,860.22	£ 372.65
Other income		£ 9.97	£ 9.97	£ 432.47
Bus Hires	£ 2,318.50		£ 2,318.50	£ 2,223.00
Total receipts	£ 55,314.91	£ 65,301.84	£ 120,616.75	£ 80,941.42
Payments				
Salaries NI & Pension	£ 47,130.27	£ 27,793.34	£ 74,923.61	£ 55,869.45
Staff Expenses	£ 99.74	£ 73.65	£ 173.39	£ 199.80
Staff Training	£ 84.00		£ 84.00	£ 252.20
Activities	£ 552.88	£ 17,336.70	£ 17,889.58	£ 8,922.85
Activities Equipment & other costs	£ 82.66	£ 4,162.76	£ 4,245.42	£ 1,769.50
Counselling			£ -	£ 400.00
Postage Print & Stationery	£ 524.88	£ 219.07	£ 743.95	£ 321.08
Telephone	£ 2,658.76		£ 2,658.76	£ 2,480.40
Insurance	£ 568.71		£ 568.71	£ 524.77
Office Equipment & other costs	£ 335.52	£ 460.00	£ 795.52	£ 152.16
Rent & rates	£ 2,765.00		£ 2,765.00	£ 3,015.00
Volunteer & Committee Expenses	£ 142.00		£ 142.00	£ 74.70
Trustee & Staff development			£ -	£ 30.00
Bus Costs	£ 2,927.33		£ 2,927.33	£ 2,400.13
Bank Charges	£ 115.00		£ 115.00	£ 149.00
IT & Social Media inc consultancy	£ 331.23	£ 69.99	£ 401.22	£ 866.25
Unspent grant money returned			£ -	£ -
Miscellaneous		£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ -
Total Payments	£ 58,317.98	£ 50,135.51	£ 108,453.49	£ 77,427.29
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	-£ 3,003.07	£ 15,166.33	£ 12,163.26	£ 3,514.13
Total Funds brought forward	£ 73,064.04	£ 23,683.26	£ 96,747.30	£ 76,966.68
Sub total	£ 70,060.97	£ 38,849.59	£ 108,910.56	£ 80,480.81
Transfers and adjustments	-£ 4,798.34	£ 4,798.34	£ -	
CCDYP FUNDS AT YEAR END	£ 65,262.63	£ 43,647.93	£ 108,910.56	£ 80,480.81

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Derwentside Detached Youth Project

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Previous year
Funds Reconciliation	£ 65,262.63	43647.93	£ 108,910.56	80480.81
Cash at Bank and in hand 31.3.23	£ 73,064.04	£ 23,683.26	£ 96,747.30	
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	-£ 3,003.07	£ 15,166.33	£ 12,163.26	
Transfers	-£ 4,798.34	£ 4,798.34		
Cash at bank and in hand 31.3.24	£ 65,262.63	£ 43,647.93	£ 108,910.56	
Bank and Cash Balances				
CAF Current Account	£ 26,755.22		£ 26,755.22	£ 18,090.07
CAF Gold Account	£ 35,179.77	£ 43,647.93	£ 78,827.70	£ 78,012.70
CAF Cashcard Account	£ 2,851.15		£ 2,851.15	£ 588.86
Tax & NI overpaid/-underpaid			£ -	
Petty Cash	£ 476.49		£ 476.49	£ 55.67
			£ 108,910.56	£ 96,747.30
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)				
Photocopier (estimated value)				
Computers (estimated value)			£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Office Furniture (estimated)			£ 200.00	£ 200.00
			£ 700.00	£ 700.00
Other Assets (Restricted fund)				
Minibus (Written down 25% current year)			£ 7,512.00	£ 10,016.00
Liabilities			NIL	NIL

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DERWENTSIDE DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

This report is on the account of Derwentside Detached Youth Project (Charity Number 513336) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') as amended.

I report in respect of my examination of the project's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- the 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: K. Williamson
Kenneth Williamson
28 Wharnley Way, Castleside
Consett, DH8 9QN

Dated 3/6/24

Qualifications: ACCA

Approved at a General Meeting of Derwentside Detached Youth Project on _____

Signed: J. Dawson

Dated 16/7/24

Signed: G. S. Simple

Dated 16/7/24

Acknowledgements

The support we have received over the years has been immense, allowing us to continue to provide a valuable and much needed service in the community. From everyone here at our Project we say a big thank you to all who have given their support. Without this our work would be impossible.

- **The Ballinger Trust**
- **The Tudor Trust**
- **The National Lottery**
- **Derwent Valley AAP**
- **The Hadrian Trust**
- **Sir Tom Cowie**
- **County Durham Foundation & all their grant giving bodies**
- **The Rothley Trust**
- **The Barbour Trust**
- **Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust**
- **The Durham High Sheriffs Awards**
- **Sir James Knott Trust**

Also a big “thank you” goes to our volunteers who are essential to the smooth running of any project. They give their time and commitment their support is immeasurable and very much appreciated.



The Rothley Trust



SIR TOM COWIE CHARITABLE TRUST

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FOREWORD

Another year with our Project and again many changes, new projects and activities and yet the focus remains the same – to support young people in the community without distinction of race, political opinions, religion or sex to make the transition to being a confident adult.

Our teams of dedicated youth workers are a true inspiration, I really can't praise them enough.

Team 1: Diane Wordsworth & Megan Sinden. Diane has been with the project for many years, and now settled in the role she loves as Youth Worker. Although Megan is working as a qualified support worker to Diane she is now also a qualified Level 3 Youth & Community worker and is also taking on an extra position as Community Worker in the Moorside/The Grove area.

Team 2: Lynn Walton & Hannah Leslie. Lynn is a very experienced youth worker and has covered so many aspects of youth work and also working with families in the area. Hannah joined us earlier in the year, again we were lucky to find her, she is very enthusiastic and an asset to our Project.

Although we are a very small team, five in total, I feel we engage with so many young people from different areas, this is down to the dedication and determination of all the youth workers and their support workers.

Of course none of this would be possible without the support of our amazing funders, some who have supported us for many years, and I hope for many more to come. Not only have they been generous with their grants, they have given me so much support and encouragement, sometimes over the years when I thought "all is lost" they come to our rescue and I can't thank them enough.

Having worked with so many youth workers over the years it has made me realise just how much a project like ours is necessary, some young people can get lost in today's environment, they don't have the confidence to ask for help and support. Our workers are there for them, giving them the support they need. Because of this when things have been particularly difficult it has given me the encouragement I need to push on and ensure we have sustainable funding. Funding is very challenging to say the least; however we are all committed, enthusiastic and determined to continue in the pursuit of engaging young people. Many small projects have sadly disappeared over recent years, we are still here which highlights our determination and tenacity, and we never give up.

We continue to look forward knowing we can and do make a positive difference in the lives of young people we meet and of those we will meet in the future.

Jackie Forbes - Project Manager

CHAIRS REPORT

Yet another year has passed us by bringing with it many more challenges facing our team, I am happy to say they respond with their usual enthusiasm.

The vision of the Project back in 1981 was to provide some short term help and support for those young people who had no hope of employment when “the works” closed, closely followed by the coalmines.

It is interesting that the Project is now working with 3rd generations of families, highlighting the needs of local communities. Like any piece of youth work the project has had to be forward thinking and I congratulate the team for making this happen.

Facing the pandemic was difficult for the team and the young people we engage, since then we now have the poverty crisis. Families are struggling, it almost as if we have turned the clock back to 1981. A fact that is perhaps a little sad. However, the team have handled the crisis, not only working with young people but also now engaging with the families.

People often ask “what is detached work”? There is no easy way to define it so that others can comprehend what it is all about. It is the meeting of sympathetic adults with young people on their territory and on their terms, so that through purposeful relationships they can be encouraged to continue their personal social development.

As we look to the future our hope and vision is to see a non-judgemental and fair society where young people are accepted for who they are and the contribution they will bring to the community. Until then we will continue to provide the best quality of youth work, offering new opportunities, building self-esteem, giving them the confidence to take control of their lives and look forward to a better and more fulfilling future.

I personally can say I am proud to be part of this team for many years, first as a part-time young worker and now as a Trustee. I have seen the project overcome so many obstacles over the years, some they thought they would never have to deal with. Our longevity speaks volumes, the need for our work is as prevalent as ever and will continue to deal with future obstacles that come our way with positivity and enthusiasm.

Jeff Davison – Chair of Trustee

Meet the Trustee's



Jeffrey Davison – Chair



Owen Temple – Treasurer



Anne Leech– Secretary



Jane Brown



REV. Anne Jeffrey



Catherine Harwood

Meet the Team



Jackie Forbes – Project Manager



Diane Wordsworth – Detached Youth Worker



Lynn Walton – Detached Youth Worker



Megan Sinden – support Youth Worker



Hannah Lesley - Support Worker

ABOUT OUR PROJECT

Our Project was founded back in 1981 following the closure of the main employers in the area, The Steel Works and local coalmines. Unemployment brought with it many problems, families breaking up, depression, alcoholism, mental health, petty crime and anti-social behaviour. The main concern of the founders was for the young people in the area and their futures.

Today there has been very little change in circumstances, although new employers have come into the area, very few have stayed and there has been none on the same scale as the Steel Works. Although we are situated in Consett town centre, we are surrounded by many rural villages, most of which have no youth provision, or very little. The young people have a feeling of been "left behind" due to the lack of opportunities available to them. Our Detached Youth Workers target these young people considered "at risk" hanging around streets, parks, bus shelters etc. Our aim is to engage them in alternative leisure activities, usually initiated and planned by young people themselves.

Experience has taught us that boredom plays a major part in them becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, petty crime, dabbling in drugs and/or alcohol. By talking to them, and more importantly listening to them we can address issues and problems facing young people engaged.

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Young People Walks

Youth Worker Reports

Another year has quickly passed at D.D.Y.P. In 2022 we applied for funding to open a Youth Drop In in Medomsley after meeting and speaking to local young people while on detached in the area we felt there was a real need for youth provision in the village. We were successful in being awarded funding from The County Durham Foundation and opened the drop in at the Methodist Church Hall in August last year. The Drop In is well attended as the village is quite isolated and has very few amenities for young people without the need to travel elsewhere. We have discussed with young people what they would like to see in these sessions and what would best suit them and we have confirmed that in the summer months we will concentrate our efforts on Detached as young people prefer to be outdoors in the summer.

Our Drop In at Burnhope is still being well attended as again the village is quite isolated. Over the last 12 months young people have taken part in various activities and workshops including, Halloween Disco, Christmas trip to Winter Wonderland and workshops including Bullying and Drug and Alcohol Awareness .Young people have also taken part in lots of arts and craft sessions. We also work detached in the area on the same night as the Drop In, to try and encourage other young people in the area to attend.



Promoting Healthy Eating

The LGBTQ+ Group has been running for approximately 6 years now and is as much needed now as it was in the beginning. Young people are provided with a safe space to share their hopes, fears, issues and advice with others going through similar experiences while also giving them the opportunity to build new friendships.

In April 2022 we took a small group of young people on a 2 day residential to Chartners Farm a Victorian Farmhouse which is 5 miles into Harwood Forest. Here young people experienced what life was like before technology as there was no TV or internet access. Young people took part in cooking all meals, and lots of nature walks. At the end of the trip all young people commented on how surprised they were that they did not miss TV or their mobile phones as much as they thought they would and that spending quality time together talking with each other and enjoying each other's company had been one of the best parts of the trip. The group has also taken part in bullying and drug and alcohol workshops over the course of the last 12 months. Earlier this year we were invited to attend The High Sherriff's Awards night where we were awarded £1500 in funding. It was a fantastic night and the 2 young people whom attended thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.



**2 Night Residential at Chartners Farm, Harwood Forest,
Near Morpeth**



High Sherriff's Awards Night at Ushaw House

Last year we organised a trip to Lightwater Valley for young people involved in our Project. We hired a coach and took approximately 30 to the popular theme park. Aside from the blistering heat young people and staff had a fantastic time.



Lightwater Valley Trip

Detached work is always challenging. One of the main reasons being social media and online gaming. Young people spend more time online which makes it difficult to engage with them in person as they are often at home in their rooms. This is why it is important to try to engage with them in "real life" where we can offer them support and guidance as I believe that detached youth work can play a vital role in building stronger, more resilient communities in the future.

Being a Youth Worker can be a hard at times but the rewards are worth it. Seeing the progress that young people make and the positive changes they are able to achieve reminds me of the importance of the work we do here at D.D.Y.P. ... Hopefully we can continue to support and empower young people in the years to come.

"YOUNG PEOPLE NEED ROLE MODELS, NOT CRITICS"

Quote: John Woodon

Diane Wordsworth – Youth Worker

DDYP has had another successful year. Diane and I have been working together to provide youth provision in the Derwentside area.

Burnhope Youth Drop In on Friday nights has been especially successful, with numbers growing every week. Although there was a sudden drop in attendance due to Covid, we are glad to see that it has slowly built back up over the weeks and has become one of our most popular nights.



Some of the YP at Burnhope Youth Drop in Halloween Party

The LGBTQ+ drop in is a great group which I have helped run since I first started in 2018, This particular youth drop in provides a safe and welcoming space for young people to connect with others who share similar experiences and challenges. It can help to reduce feelings of isolation

and provide a sense of community. It also provides access to resources and support for LGBTQ+ youth who may not have it elsewhere

We were thrilled to be shortlisted for the High Sheriff Awards for 2023, and even more excited to learn that our project won £1500. We took some young people to the ceremony, and they had a fantastic time. After the ceremony, everyone was treated to a circus performance and a meal. During the event, we had the pleasure of meeting Christine, who runs a project called 'Building Self-Belief.' We discussed the possibility of partnering together on future projects, and we are looking forward to exploring this opportunity together.



Two of our Young people at the High Sheriff award

Our Medomsley youth drop-in began in October 2022 and was very successful. However, once the lighter and sunnier weather arrived, we saw a drop in attendance. Diane and I have discussed this and believe that the youth drop-in would be better suited to running in the winter months.

While out on Detached, we bring a bag of business cards to distribute to young people. We also inform young people of what is happening in the area, including Lynn and Hannah's youth drop-ins. Additionally, we carry a C-card bag with us and have various locations on Wednesdays where young people can find us, such as Allensford Park, Blackhill Park, and Consett Town Centre.

I am excited to announce that I have been offered a new role as a community worker in Moorside. Thanks to additional funding becoming available, I will be able to put all my efforts into this new position. I am eager to make a positive impact and contribute to the community in this new role.



Young people at Charners Farm, 2 day Residential

Megan Sinden – Support Worker

St John's Community Hall Drop in.

We have had a very busy year, numbers of young people attending our drop-ins and offsite activities have been constant. We are aware that our work in the area of Moorside and The Grove is much needed and appreciated by both young people and parents.

A family event in partnership with "The Family Centre's", Children and Young People's Services was well attended by over 70 young people and adults. We raised the profile of our project with a display board highlighting our service and groups. We also offered craft activities which parents and young people enjoyed.



A further event facilitated by P.A.C.T. was attended mostly by our young people. The Police were disappointed that very few adults in the community attended but commended the young people for their attendance.

In the August School holidays some of our young people attended a trip to Lightwater Valley, these young people being from Blackhill and Consett. Being a great opportunity & day out, for young people who do not normally get the chance to get away for the day

Hannah Leslie joined us in August, as a support worker and has been a great asset to the project. Her first offsite trip was to the Empire Theatre Consett with a group of twenty young people and myself. We enjoyed the Christmas pantomime which was Aladdin.

We also distributed 20 Christmas food parcels to those in need in Moorside. These were much appreciated by families suffering financially hardship, these enabled them to enjoy the Christmas holidays knowing they had food for the duration. The funding for these had been secured by Jackie from "Holiday Hunger Grant".

Group Walk

Some of the young people went on a wildlife walk supported by Hannah, Jackie and myself. We walked through the woodland areas of Moorside and Castleside and had a picnic before we went back to the hall (see Front Cover image). It is quite often the case that some young people have never explored these beautiful areas which are within walking distance from their homes.

Blackhill - Roots and Wings

We have had a number of young people attending some of whom have been with the project since year 6 and are now ready to go to College. However we have new young people joining us and our numbers are increasing.

We had a fun community event in the October holidays which was attended by parents and young people as well as members of the church. Activities included badge making, arty crafts and chocolate apples which the young people made with Megan.

Some young people attended the pantomime with the Moorside group as had previously attended Lightwater Valley in the summer. The group made decorations for the church to be displayed during the Christmas services. These were much appreciated and enjoyed by the church community.

Whitsun half term a group of boys and one girl went to Go Karting. Once again they had a great time and thanks to the volunteer driver for his patient endurance when we had to stay an hour longer so that all the young people could have a go.

Wednesday - Therapeutic Art Group

Therapeutic Art Group, has accepted referrals from Children and Young People's Services as well as schools. We have had a mixed age group with younger children who will be going to secondary school attending. These young people have anxieties and 2 of them had bereavement of parents, lost their mothers in the same sad circumstances. We have been able to offer them support which has been appreciated by their carers. We will encourage them when they feel confident to join the Blackhill or Tesco's Friday group.

Tesco Friday group

Is a small group of no more than 7 young people at the present time; however we do have space for more? The young people who attended have been involved in confidence building sessions and some completed "Who Am I" life story book."

Some have been given worry work books which they can use at home.

Lynn Walton Youth Worker & Hannah Lesley - Support Worker

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

~ Kate

Being able to have a place where I could hang out with friends and meet new people. You were always there when I wanted to open up and talk about struggles and challenges ❤️

~ Emilie

Being able to have a safe and supportive environment. To be able to talk to amazing youth workers that would support me and help me in anyway possible. And being able to meet with my friends in a safe space.

~ Kyle Vitali

The perfect environment to help me grow and find myself whilst making amazing friends, memories and connections.

16:02

The Project has helped me in many different ways because when I first started coming to the art group I was a very shy girl who never really spoke, would just sit down and do my own thing. As time went by I soon started to come out of my shell so this group has given me a chance to build up confidence, ambitions and resilience. All of this has been built through the group. Lynn has been a massive help and support for me over the past six years, with my school and bullying as well as home situations. Being able to come to the group I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity. Hannah, Lynn`s support worker has also been fantastic to me during the past year because she has come to the group with enthusiasm and is really lovely. I am now encouraged to volunteer and sometimes talk to new young people who come along feeling the same as I did some years ago. I am forever grateful to be part of this group.

Charlotte Age 19

CCDYP Accounts 2022 – 2023

Derwentside Detached Youth Project Accounts 2023


	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Grants	£ 49,556.00	£ 28,297.30	£ 77,853.30	£ 107,299.00
Donations: Churches & Individuals	£ 60.00		£ 60.00	£ 120.00
Fund Raising			£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Reclaim			£ -	£ -
Interest	£ 372.65		£ 372.65	£ 6.84
Other income	£ 432.47		£ 432.47	£ 3,054.67
Bus Hires	£ 2,223.00		£ 2,223.00	£ 959.00
Total receipts	£ 52,644.12	£ 28,297.30	£ 80,941.42	£ 111,439.51
Payments				
Salaries NI & Pension	£ 28,833.08	£ 27,036.37	£ 55,869.45	£ 71,379.32
Staff Expenses	£ 145.50	£ 54.30	£ 199.80	£ 318.68
Staff Training	£ 252.20		£ 252.20	£ 525.40
Activities	£ 809.30	£ 8,113.55	£ 8,922.85	£ 5,172.21
Activities Equipment & other costs	£ 119.20	£ 1,650.30	£ 1,769.50	£ 3,693.02
Counselling		£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 1,760.00
Postage Print & Stationery	£ 155.84	£ 165.24	£ 321.08	£ 582.77
Telephone	£ 1,788.36	£ 692.04	£ 2,480.40	£ 1,639.74
Insurance	£ 524.77		£ 524.77	£ 1,039.54
Office Equipment & other costs	£ 40.16	£ 112.00	£ 152.16	£ 294.41
Rent & rates	£ 2,015.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 3,015.00	£ 3,000.00
Volunteer & Committee Expenses	£ 13.30	£ 61.40	£ 74.70	£ 30.80
Trustee & Staff development		£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ -
Bus Costs	£ 2,400.13		£ 2,400.13	£ 2,627.95
Bank Charges	£ 101.00	£ 48.00	£ 149.00	£ 192.00
IT & Social Media inc consultancy	£ 696.66	£ 169.59	£ 866.25	£ 774.18
Unspent grant money returned			£ -	£ 2,143.00
Miscellaneous			£ -	£ -
Total Payments	£ 37,894.50	£ 39,532.79	£ 77,427.29	£ 95,173.02
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	£ 14,749.62	-£ 11,235.49	£ 3,514.13	£ 16,266.49
Total Funds brought forward	£ 58,312.94	£ 34,920.23	£ 93,233.17	£ 76,966.68
Sub total	£ 73,062.56	£ 23,684.74	£ 96,747.30	£ 93,233.17
Transfers and adjustments	£ 1.48	-£ 1.48	£ -	
CCDYP FUNDS AT YEAR END	£ 73,064.04	£ 23,683.26	£ 96,747.30	£ 93,233.17

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Derwentside Detached Youth Project

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Previous year
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at Bank and in hand 31.3.21	53,913.30	39,319.87	93,233.17	76,966.68
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	14,749.62	-11,235.49	3,514.13	16,266.49
Transfers	1.48	-1.48		
Cash at bank and in hand 31.3.22	68,664.40	28,082.90	96,747.30	93,233.17
Bank and Cash Balances				
CAF Current Account	18,090.07		18,090.07	52,237.62
CAF Gold Account	49,929.80	28,082.90	78,012.70	40,697.84
CAF Cashcard Account	588.86		588.86	113.36
Tax & NI overpaid/-underpaid				56.39
Petty Cash	55.67		55.67	127.96
	68,664.40		96,747.30	93,233.17
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)				
Photocopier (estimated value)				200.00
Computers (estimated value)			600.00	800.00
Office Furniture (estimated)			200.00	200.00
			800.00	1,000.00
Other Assets (Restricted fund)				
Minibus (Written down 25% current year)			10,016	13,355.00
Liabilities				
			NIL	NIL


 Owen Humphreys
 Treasurer
 May 15th 2023

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DERWENTSIDE DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

This report is on the account of Derwentside Detached Youth Project (Charity Number 513336) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') as amended.

I report in respect of my examination of the project's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- the 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: K. Williamson
Kenneth Williamson
28 Wharnley Way, Castleside
Consett, DH8 9QN

Dated 24/5/23

Qualifications: A.C.C.A

Approved at the a General Meeting of Derwentside Detached Youth Project on _____

Signed: Anne Jeffrey

Dated 11-7-23

Signed: [Signature]

Dated 11-7-23

Acknowledgements

The support we have received over the years has been immense, allowing us to continue to provide a valuable and much needed service in the community. From everyone here at our Project we say a big thank you to all who have given their support. Without this our work would be impossible.

- **The Ballinger Trust**
- **The Tudor Trust**
- **The National Lottery**
- **Derwent Valley AAP**
- **The Hadrian Trust**
- **Sir Tom Cowie**
- **County Durham Foundation & all their grant giving bodies**
- **The Rothley Trust**
- **The Barbour Trust**
- **Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust**
- **The Durham High Sheriffs Awards**

Also a big “thank you” to our volunteers who are essential smooth running of any project. They give their time and commitment their support is immeasurable and very much appreciated.



The Rothley Trust



SIR TOM COWIE CHARITABLE TRUST

Derwentside Detached Youth Project

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Supporting young people in the Community since 1981

Annual Report

April 2021 – March 2022



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Meet the Trustee's



Jeffrey Davison – Chair



Owen Temple – Treasurer



Anne Leech– Secretary



Jane Brown



REV. Anne Jeffrey



Kyle Vitali



Gowther Horn

Meet the Team



Jackie Forbes – Project Manager



Diane Wordsworth – Detached Youth Worker



Lynn Walton – Detached Youth Worker



Megan Sinden – support Youth Worker



Lucy Halkyard - Support Worker

CHAIRS REPORT

I am fortunate to have been involved with the Project for many years, first as a Detached Youth Worker. I then became a Trustee and now have the privilege of being the Chairperson.

The vision of the Project back in 1981 was to provide some short term help and support for those young people who had no hope of employment when "The Works" closed and subsequently local coalmines. It was recognised there was a need to care, to reach out to people who were struggling, without asking them for something in return.

41 years on, although the Project has changed with the times, the basic same principle of unconditional, non-judgemental reaching out to young people is still the motivation for all at DDYP. Our name may have changed, however our aim has remained the same.

It is perhaps a little sad that the Project is still needed now, providing good quality youth work and responding to the issues that most affect the lives of young people in Derwentside. In some cases it seems as if nothing has changed, young people still need to share their fears, anxieties and hopes for the future.

As we look to the future our hope and vision is to see a non-judgmental and fair society where young people are accepted for who they are and the contribution they will bring to the community. Until then we will provide the best quality of youth work, offering new opportunities, building self-esteem, giving them the confidence to take control of their lives and look forward to a better future.

The strength of the Project has been the consistent way of its approach to the work. There has been no jumping from one problem to another, to attempts to find "quick" solutions. There is a steady measured development of youth work in line with the Project's aims. The work takes time, commitment and patience to get results.

The Project has overcome many obstacles over the years, particularly the more recent pandemic, something nobody thought they would ever have to deal with. Once again we survived and thrived and continue to support young people and the community. The need for the Project and its mission will be with us for a long time to come.

Jeff Davison – Chair of Trustee

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

The aim of our project is to help and support young people, without distinction of race, political opinion or sex, to transcend to confident mature individuals and members of society, improve opportunities and look to a better future.

The initial idea for our Project came about in 1981 as a result of the closure of the local Steel Works, the principal employer in the area, followed by the closure of the local coalmines. Local residents, church leader and councillors could see the problems the massive unemployment was causing in the area and the knock on effect to the young people and their futures.

Today there has been very little change in circumstances, although new employers come into the area, very few have stayed and there has been none on the same scale as the Steel Works. Although situated in Consett town centre, we are surrounded by many rural villages, most of which do not have any youth provision. In recent years statutory youth provision has become almost extinct in the villages, together with the closure of many church and village halls it has become even more difficult for young people to get together in a safe and warm environment simply to socialize.

Detached work is the main core of our work enabling us to reach out and engage sometimes challenging and marginalised young people. Our programme is built on offering them new opportunities both socially and educational, to raise their aspirations and build self-esteem. Many do not attend statutory youth provision as there is none in their area or they are excluded, leaving them feeling they don't belong in society. Building up a mutual working relationship we offer them diverse leisure activities aimed at improving their mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. Informal educational workshops are always on our agenda targeting relevant issues, drug/alcohol awareness; healthy eating; sexual health; bullying; LGBT+ awareness, we are led by young people addressing needs relevant to them. Outdoor activities are aimed at improving emotional and physical wellbeing, giving them new challenges, encouraging them to think outside the box, utilise their leisure time to their advantage, learn new skills and reach their own personal goal. Detached youth work is a very unique way of engaging these young people and we are proud to say we are the only one in the area. In many cases we are now working with 3rd generations of a family.

Our very successful LGBTQ+ drop in, now in its third year, aimed at young people who feel particularly isolated in every way, having nobody to talk to and no one else is like them, they are susceptible to bullying and prejudice. We offer them a safe, friendly warm place to come, enjoy the company of others, build confidence through social interaction, and show them they

are not alone. We were made aware of the need through young people we engaged during our detached youth work.

Our art therapy group, another success, is held on a weekly basis made up of young people that are referred to us from other agencies. They may have emotional issues, behavioural issues, find it difficult to socialize, some have very serious problems. Art therapy helps them relax, build their confidence, help them to communicate with others. It also highlights their individual talents and encourages them to try other activities. A young person normally comes along to the group for a period of 6/8 weeks, once the worker feels appropriate they are encouraged to join another group, leaving a space for someone else who needs more support.

The Roots & Wings café held in the Baptist Church at Blackhill, another great asset for the area. The numbers of built up, and it has become so popular the group has had to be split into 2 sessions to accommodate all the young people.

On a Friday evening workers go along to Burnhope Community Centre to the drop in for young people. Again another huge success as there is no youth provision and very little options of transport out of the village.

We have been very fortunate over the past three years as we have received numerous grants from all sources, the main grant coming from the National Lottery Community Fund. Unfortunately, this has now come to an end, however they have still agreed to support us but not on such a great scale. Funding is and always has been a struggle for small charities like ours, however we are a dedicated team knowing the service we provide to the community. We are never afraid to try new programmes addressing local needs, we will never give up. We have overcome many difficulties, i.e. lack of funding, staff shortages, more recent the pandemic, we came through the other side determined as ever.

I have been part of this team for many years now and look back with pride on our achievements, the young people we have supported, families who have been grateful for our input, our success stories with individuals, the youth workers I have seen come and go who have always put the wellbeing of the young people first and of course the smiling faces of so many young people who go on to make the successful transition to adulthood, happy and confident.

Jackie Forbes – Project Manager

Youth Worker Reports

This last year has been quite a challenge but I feel we as a project have accomplished quite a lot. After months of uncertainty about the future due to Covid lockdowns etc. getting back to some semblance of normalcy was welcomed by both young people and staff.

LGBTQ+ GROUP

The group has been running two nights a week since returning as numbers of young people attending increased and the room we hire was not big enough to accommodate. Over the last twelve months young people have taken part in numerous activities including a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Workshop, a trip to The Escape Rooms, a Halloween Ghost Hunt, a Christmas trip to Winter Wonderland and just recently a 2 night residential to Chartners Farm in Northumberland. The group is a safe space for LGBTQ+ young people to meet and socialise. Weekly sessions are always young people led and workers try to accommodate young people's ideas. We have had mocktail making, pizza making and stress ball making sessions and we regularly hold quizzes chosen by young people.



Winter Wonderland



Chartners Farm Residential

I would also like to add that two members of the LGBTQ+ Group have been elected onto our Project's Board of Trustees. The workers could not be any more proud.

BURNHOPE DROP IN

Since re-opening after Covid Lockdowns numbers of young people attending had reduced greatly as lots of young people had left school and moved on. It has taken a while but numbers attending are increasing almost weekly. Burnhope is quite a rural, isolated area and there is nothing

else for young people in the village and most cannot afford to travel on public transport to access services elsewhere so this drop in is vital. Over the last twelve months young people have taken part in a Bullying Workshop, Winter Wonderland Trip, Positivity Stone Painting and a Halloween Party. We are also planning to hold some Healthy eating and activity days during the summer holidays.



Winter Wonderland



Making Halloween Decorations

Detached

We are currently running two sessions a week in four different areas. Over the winter months detached can be a challenge as the weather can seriously affect the outcome of the session. However in the lighter, warmer months detached can be very rewarding. It is sometimes hard to make initial contact with young people on their own turf as young people don't trust easily and as we are detached workers and not outreach we don't have the luxury of offering them a warm, safe place to hang out so it can be a challenge to keep young people engaged. Gaining their trust, mutual respect and listening to their needs is the key to successful detached work.

"Give young people a greater voice. They are the future and they are much wiser than we give them credit for." (Desmond Tutu)

Diane Wordsworth - Youth Worker

This has been a very busy but productive year for my team. We have facilitated 3 center based groups as follows:

St John's Community Hall drop in

St John's Community Hall drop in where we now have an average 30 to max 45 young people attending aged from 10 to 16 years. This has been a great benefit to the Community as there is no other Youth provision available in this area. We have provided a variety of activities which have included indoor and outdoor sport such as badminton, table tennis and football. We provide craft activities, board games and fun group activities.



YP Preparing Community Tea Party at St. Johns Moorside

The older group have engaged in issue based work, mental health, drug and alcohol, sexual health and assertiveness. We have also supported young people in their transition to senior school and the older ones with career path support.

In the summer 2021 we had 2 trips to Lightwater Valley which many of the young people would not have been able to afford. We also held a family day with games prizes and a buffet. At Christmas some of the young people went to an open air ice rink in Newcastle.

Those families who were struggling financially were supported by the project in practical ways. Glenroyd House supplied food and Christmas presents which we delivered to the most needy.

January 2022

We saw an increase in numbers due to referrals from Children and Young people's Services and the local primary school. We also worked in partnership with the PCSO s who operate in the area and had reported anti-social behavior in the younger age group. March we continue to thrive and it is obvious that young people have benefited tremendously from our service delivery.



Bee Bag by YP Art Group Member



Mushroom Bag by YP Art Group Member

Therapeutic Art Group

Our art group has provided a safe space for young people who have low self-esteem and some who have found it hard to socialise with other young people. The group is maximum of 12 young people due to the nature of the work.



Inspiration Scrapbook by YP Art Group Member



Art Scrapbook by YP Art Group Member

We have had referrals from children and young people's Services, CAMHS and some self-referrals. From my own observation and feedback from young people the group has helped young people gain confidence, make new friends as well as learning art and craft skills. Two of our young people are now volunteers and peer supporters for the group.

Five of the group members are going on a sailing trip for 4 days this will take place in May 2022. This is an achievement for them as when they first joined us they were very reticent and it took time for them to build up their confidence. Their journey forward is something for them to be proud of. The group will be Sailing on The James Cook boat.

Roots and Wings youth café

We have an average of 17 attending the group aged from 12 to 16 most come directly after school and have something to eat and drink which is provided by us. The group had some offsite activities 2021 which included Infinite air trampolines and outdoor ice Rink. In the summer we held a family buffet which also included elderly members of the community. Parents showed their appreciation and informed us that their young people looked forward to attending the project and had enjoyed opportunities they could not afford to give them. We have also supported the young people in practical ways by providing the families with food, clothing and other items generously supplied by Glenroyd House Community Group. We aim for the group to continue and to build further links with the community of Bridgehill and Blackhill. The group has engaged in activities such as art and craft, music as well as working out with the punch bag. We have projects planned for later in the year which will include a music project learning to DJ and Animation and film making.



Roots & Wings Youth Cafe YP Activities



Roots & Wings Youth Cafe YP Activities

Detached

In the communities of Moorside, The Grove, Blackhill and Bridgehill we identified young people who were in alternative education and most are known to the police. They admitted that they were too disruptive to engage in center based youth projects as well as being intimidating to other young people. They agreed to try and keep out of trouble with the police and to attend their education centers. Their reward is of their own choice, quad biking. If they keep their word and their behavior in the community improves Police are aware of the criteria for behavior and will inform us that they had no bad reports. The trip will go ahead Easter 2022. We will continue to work with the group and monitor their progress

Challenges and opportunities

We live in a challenging time. Families suffer from the rising cost of living some have no money left for leisure activities or after school clubs. In addition coping with other difficulties life may throw at them.

Our project has made a difference for these young people in many ways; either by providing a safe place for them to come and meet and socialise knowing we are there to listen, support or join in fun activities with them. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Lynn Walton – Youth Worker

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Please give your comment on how Derwentside Detached Youth Project has helped you in any way. It gave me a place where I'm not stressed.

Name Declyn

Name Charlotte Allerton.

Derwentside Detached youth Project has helped me to become a more independent young person in the group but also outside of the group. They have also allowed for me to feel like this old group is a safe space where I can talk to Lynne or anyone about any problems that I'm struggling with.

Derwentside Detached youth group has also helped me to come out of my shell but also to grow into a young individual & to be more confident in myself as well as feeling like I can accomplish things.

Name MEGAN

DDYP HAS HELPED ME ALOT WITH GAINING CONFIDENCE AND HAS GIVEN ME A SAFE SPACE AWAY FROM ALL OF THE STRESS AND PRESSURE I HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH

Name Jack Emberson

Derwentside detached Youth Project
has helped me cure my Boredom
with fun activities it also
made me enjoy spending time
with the people here

Name Martha Manley

Ever since I've known what DDYP is, I haven't been able to stop coming back - week after week. We've done everything possible: from art and football, to rollercoasters and inflatable parks. I'm glad to say that I've met not only some incredible friends, but also a family I'll never forget and a home away from home.

The experiences I've had are countless and we've had the best of times. It's really helped me to grow in confidence and to become more me. It's something I can't thank everyone at the Derwentside Detached Youth Group enough for.

KateL, "It is a very happy and positive environments. They`re really canny."

George, "They have a really great service and helped me socialise and have a great time. I built friends that I`m glad to have and I hope it can keep going because I really enjoy it".

EmilieJ, "Diane and Megan are the best youth workers. They are both very supportive.

Megs, "The group is a super fun place and Diane and Megan are very welcoming."

EthanBrown, "The youth club workers are so fabulous, they come up with mint ideas, also for trips and for the inside of the youth club. They have good parties and good things to play with. And really fair rules"

CCDYP Accounts 2021 – 2022

Derwentside Detached Youth Project Accounts 2022

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Fund Raising			£ -	£ -
Gift Aid Reclaim			£ -	£ -
Interest	£ 6.84		£ 6.84	£ 18.42
Other income	£ 3,054.67		£ 3,054.67	£ 2,310.69
Bus Hires	£ 959.00		£ 959.00	£ -
Total receipts	£ 17,640.51	£ 93,799.00	£ 111,439.51	£ 103,498.27
Payments				
Salaries NI & Pension		£ 71,379.32	£ 71,379.32	£ 69,229.80
Staff Expenses		£ 318.68	£ 318.68	£ 364.84
Staff Training		£ 525.40	£ 525.40	£ 111.49
Activities	£ 14.84	£ 5,157.37	£ 5,172.21	£ 5,273.37
Activities Equipment & other costs		£ 3,693.02	£ 3,693.02	£ 4,151.69
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Telephone		£ 1,639.74	£ 1,639.74	£ 1,090.67
Insurance		£ 1,039.54	£ 1,039.54	£ -
Office Equipment & other costs	£ 73.25	£ 221.16	£ 294.41	£ 164.98
Rent & rates		£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,250.00
Volunteer & Committee Expenses		£ 30.80	£ 30.80	£ -
Trustee & Staff development			£ -	£ -
Bus Costs	£ 2,627.95		£ 2,627.95	£ 2,200.36
Bank Charges		£ 192.00	£ 192.00	£ 138.00
IT & Social Media inc consultancy		£ 774.18	£ 774.18	£ 3,568.35
Unspent grant money returned		£ 2,143.00	£ 2,143.00	
Miscellaneous			£ -	£ -
Total Payments	£ 2,716.04	£ 92,456.98	£ 95,173.02	£ 88,871.52
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	£ 14,924.47	£ 1,342.02	£ 16,266.49	£ 14,626.75
Total Funds brought forward	£ 43,388.47	£ 33,578.21	£ 76,966.68	£ 62,339.93
Sub total	£ 58,312.94	£ 34,920.23	£ 93,233.17	£ 76,966.68
Transfers and adjustments	£ 7.31	£ 7.31	£ -	
CCDYP FUNDS AT YEAR END	£ 58,320.25	£ 34,912.92	£ 93,233.17	£ 76,966.68

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Derwentside Detached Youth Project

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Surplus/(deficit) this year end	14,924.47	1,342.02	16,266.49	14,626.75
Transfers	7.31	-7.31		
Cash at bank and in hand 31.3.22	53,913.30	39,319.87	93,233.17	76,966.68
Bank and Cash Balances				
CAF Current Account			52,237.62	34,950.57
CAF Gold Account			40,697.84	40,691.00
CAF Cashcard Account			113.36	1,026.61
Tax & NI overpaid/-underpaid			56.39	
Petty Cash			127.96	298.50
			93,233.17	76,966.68
Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)				
Photocopier (estimated value)			200.00	300.00
Computers (estimated value)			800.00	1,000.00
Office Furniture (estimated)			200.00	300.00
			1,000.00	1,300.00
Other Assets (Restricted fund)				
Minibus (Written down 20% current year)			13,355.00	16,695.00
Liabilities			NIL	NIL

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DERWENTSIDE DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

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Signed: K. Williamson
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Dated 16/6/22

Qualifications: ACCA

Approved at the a General Meeting of Derwentside Detached Youth Project on 11-07-2022

Signed: Brian Sample

Dated 11-07-2022

Signed: J. Davidson

Dated 29-07-2022

Acknowledgements

We can't say a big enough "thank you" to all who have given us their support over the years, particularly during some very difficult times. The support has enabled us to provide a consistent service to young people and the community. Over the years funding has become more difficult and we have unfortunately seen so many small charities like ours disappear.

Some of our funders have gone over and above in their support and we are eternally grateful for their input and advice.

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- The National Lottery COVID support fund and The Government
- Cllr. Alex Watson
- Cllr. Dominic Haney
- Catherine White – in memory of Jimmy
- Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership

It goes without saying a thank you to our volunteers, without them we could not work to our full capacity. They are valued members of our team and we appreciate every one of them.

Martha.

The Rothley Trust



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Meet the Trustee's



Mr Jeff Davison – Chair



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Meet the Team



Jackie Forbes – Project Manager



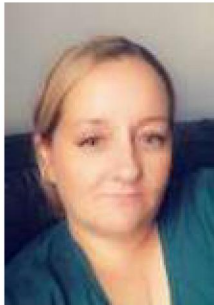
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Joanne Nattrass – Detached Youth Worker



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Lucy Halkyard - Support Worker

CHAIRS REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for attending Derwentside Detached Youth Project`s Annual General Meeting.

Although it has been a very difficult year due to COVID 19 I would also like to thank our youth work teams Diane and Megan; Lynn and Lucy, Joanne and Kathryn who have managed to maintain contact with young people, assist and advise wherever possible.

I would also like to thank our Project Manager, Jackie who throughout this difficult time has still managed to obtain funding for our project.

Hopefully from now one things will change and we will be able to get back what we do best, positive youth work supporting young people in the Derwentside area.

Jeff Davison - Chairperson.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

What can I say? The very year we are supposed to be celebrating our 40th Anniversary, out of all my years with the Project this has been the most unusual and very difficult, not just for our team but also for the young people and their families that we support. Everyone faced massive challenges, some dealt with them whilst others struggled.

Firstly I must say a massive "thank you" to all our funders who have enabled us to work with and offer extra vital support to the community. Special thanks to the National Lottery & Government Covid Support Fund which enabled us to reach out to families who were particularly hard hit during the pandemic. Many of them live in very high areas of deprivation, experiencing day to day struggles in more normal times, however it was not just the lack of money it was the loss of interaction with others.

Through the powers of I.T., social media, ZOOM etc., we were able to maintain a level of contact with young people already engaged with our project, over the months getting to know their siblings and other family members.

Unfortunately, all our regular detached youth work and drop ins had to be cancelled although when necessary we were able to offer one to one support for young people who were experiencing severe emotional issues. We found many of them did not cope particularly well with isolation, some suffering from depression, self-harming, erratic behaviour or simply cutting themselves off.

It was not all doom and gloom, because of extra funding we were able to offer them the opportunity to have "special" family nights in, as they could not go out, workers would arrange to have pizzas delivered to them, allowing them time to sit and eat together and enjoy each other's company. We took them board games to encourage them to interact as a family, sit together and have fun. The feedback we received from these events was very positive as it was something they could not have done, it was good to be able to give them a treat.

Intergeneration activities of also had to be cancelled, however we have made so many plans for the future and are starting to look ahead rather than back. I have been part of the Project now for many years and feel extremely proud to be working with a team of dedicated youth workers who have done their utmost throughout the pandemic to ease the lives of young people and their families in the community.

Funding is always a high priority and as we are now in the final year of our core funding from the National Lottery Community Fund its time to start once again looking for sustainability for

the project, as we are not in our 41st year I have confidence our work will go on for many more years to come, working with new generations and facing new challenges.

Onwards and upwards!

Jackie Forbes – Project Manager

Youth Worker Reports

This past year has brought many challenges. The Covid Pandemic has had a huge impact on young people whom already felt socially isolated. For the first few months when the country was in Lockdown we were committed to staying in touch with the young people we work with and held zoom calls and I was also available via my work mobile for any young person struggling and needing someone to talk to. After new Covid Guidance from The National Youth Agency we were able to re-open our LGBTQ+ support drop ins. This proved to be a vital life line and offered young people a safe environment to socialise and discuss any problems or issues with staff face to face.



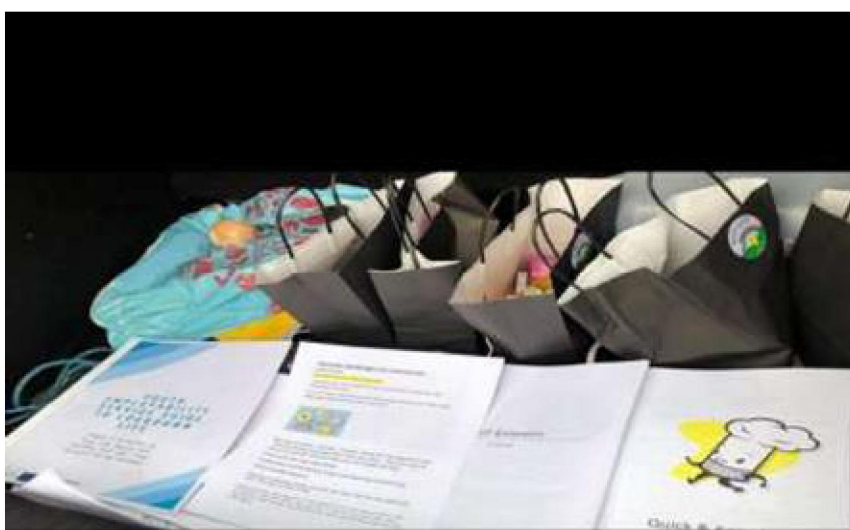
Young people from our LGBT support group

With Funding from The National Lottery and The Government we were able to help a lot of struggling families by providing them with Essential household packs and also Christmas Dinner packs containing everything they needed to enjoy a family meal together. Young people attending the LGBT Group also helped make up Christmas hampers and Essential hampers to give to young people living in supported housing. We also gave young people the opportunity to spend quality time with their families by organising takeaway nights, where we would order a takeaway of their choice to be delivered to their home for all the family to enjoy.



Young people helping pack items of essentials to be taken to YP living in supported accommodation.

The Burnhope Drop in was eventually allowed to re-open with social distancing measures in place and young people returned after a few months. The drop in is now well attended again and we have new members registering every few weeks.



Activity Packs delivered to young people in Burnhope

Detached work is very challenging as we can't order young people to socially distance but we do try to encourage them. What this pandemic has made me realise is that young people are often more cautious and considerate of the Covid Guidelines than people give them credit for and try to adhere to the guidance as best they can.

Whatever may come in the upcoming weeks and months we will continue to strive to support, guide and encourage young people in the areas we work to reach their full potential.

"Young people, when informed and empowered, when they realise that what they do truly makes a difference, can indeed change the world" - Jane Goodall (Anthropologist)

Diane Wordsworth - Youth Worker

Despite having to Isolate due to COVID guidelines and restrictions our project has been successful in maintaining links with our most vulnerable young people and families throughout the time-scale of lockdown.

Christmas 2020 we were able to supply families most in need with food parcels, Christmas dinner packages and Christmas Presents. We also gave out activity packs throughout both the first and second lockdown. These were much appreciated by the young people and their parents/carers, but best of all helped us to remain in contact with our young people.

NYA asked if we would be involved in setting up a Forum for young people in Consett and Stanley areas. This was funded by Carbon Homes as a Pilot Project.

Main aims were to find out the issues affecting young people in these Communities.

Due to lockdown these meetings had to be facilitated through weekly Zoom meetings young people were requested to do a survey to find out the main issues and needs pertaining to young people. They made a presentation of their findings to Carbon Homes.

Transport and travel costs was the main issues; bus passes restricted them to travel beyond 6.p.m. Mental health services for young people have long waiting lists leaving young people more vulnerable. Young people also mentioned policing issues and poor communication between both police and young people.

Art Therapy group has been back on for several weeks now, we have just moved back to the Lodge in Blackhill Park. Once again young people appreciate this group as it is not only a safe place to go but gives them an opportunity to be creative. We have some amazing art work which we would like to display.

St John's Community Hall has welcomed us back and were more than happy to accommodate our group. At the moment we cannot have more than 15 young people but hope when restrictions are lifted this will change. Once again those who attend showed their appreciation

when we were not able to use the Hall. The young people did a litter pick in the woodland area near the centre.

We plan to do activities during the holidays and groups have been consulted as to what they would like to do. Ideas were trips away, walk around the Genesis Way and a picnic, we may also do a family creative day.

Roots and Wings are back in Blackhill Baptist Church Hall supported by two of our young people who have become volunteers all credit to Charlotte and Martha.

Lucy our new support worker has been welcomed by all groups and is getting to know everyone thank you Lucy we hope you enjoy your time with us.

We are all hopeful that things will get back to normal we can develop and maintain positive relationships with young people.

Lynn Walton – Youth Worker

Before writing this report I doubted that I had actually accomplished anything much to write about but upon reflection and in what has proven to be an extremely weird and challenging year I think as a project we have strived to continually deliver services to our Young People at a very high level. Often going above and beyond, while risking our health and the safety of our families (frequently against their wishes) to ensure we stayed in contact in person, as much as possible with our Young People to provide them with the support in which they had become accustomed.

Thanks to all Youth Worker being provided with their own personal mobile phones this allowed us to stay in contact with our Young People even when the lockdown was at its most severe point. I can personally state that having access to a mobile phone has been vital in supporting the Young People that I work alongside and at times when the Young People have been struggling and feeling suicidal being able to contact myself has been life changing to the Young People. I myself have been told I was the only reason one Young Person was still alive which I feel extremely proud of.

When the lockdown was first announce and before the Youth groups were forced to close my group at Low Westwood made 'Bags of Happiness' that they delivered to elderly residents who live closely to our community centre. These bags contained usable gifts that the older

generation may find useful during lockdown to help pass the time in lockdown such as puzzle books, dominoes, playing cards etc. The packs also contained practical items such as hand sanitiser and a torch, along with a few sweet treats. These bags were greatly received amongst the community and the feedback from the bags was fantastic. Most rewardingly the Young People thoroughly enjoyed delivering them to the people.



Bags of Happiness

As restrictions tightened and our groups were forced to close indoor meetings, we took to delivering activity packs to the young people at their homes and outside of the community centres, these packs included fun activities cookie packs and competitions, these were greatly accepted by the Young People who really enjoyed having something to break their boredom.



Activity packs being delivered

In what would normally have been the Summer break from school we were able to follow Covid guidelines and be able to provide an activities afternoon alongside Lynn's Art Therapy group. The Young People were able to enjoy socially distanced Zorbing activities which they all loved. The Young People also enjoyed a socially distanced litter pick around the community centre at Low Westwood, they were grateful to get out of the house while giving something back to the community.

In August myself and Kathryn teamed up with Church Action on Poverty who had gained funding to provide school uniform for those that were struggling due to the Covid Crisis this was a fabulous success which enabled us to provide brand new clothing to a vast majority of our young people, easing the burden of the expensive going back to school costs.

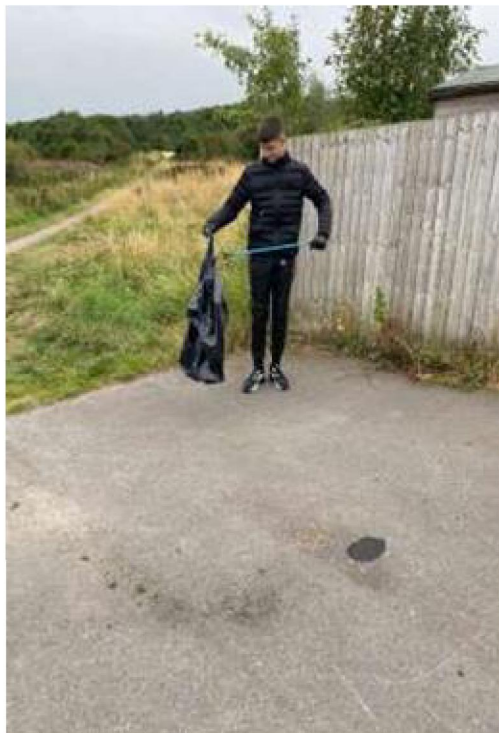
Leading up to Christmas we prepared gift bags containing essential personal care items for the Young People who are housed in Stonham, these packs were humbly accepted by Young People who were facing Christmas Day alone many of whom would not see and family members or friends over the holiday period. Feedback from the staff at the sheltered accommodation was extremely positive. During this period, we also offered our Young People food hampers which contained fresh food items to make Christmas dinner, elevating the pressure and cost of Christmas dinner for many in our area was a privilege to be part of.

Into the New Year we continued to support our families by providing essential item packs including washing powder and cleaning items, once again taking away the stress of buying expensive essential items after the Christmas period.

Once Covid restrictions started to ease we were able to start meeting our Young People outside this provided a great opportunity for us to have a catch up with them in person rather than on the phone, many of the Young People spoke about the stress of returning to school and not knowing how they would be accepted back into friendship groups, being able to reassure them that their friends were feeling exactly the same came as a relief to them as



Zorbing



Litter Picking

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knowing how they would be accepted back into friendship groups, being able to reassure them that their friends were feeling exactly the same came as a relief to them as they thought they were the only ones feeling anxious about the return to school after such a long time isolating.

Thankfully now many of our groups have reopened on a regular basis with most if not all of our Young People returning, however, we still face the battle of year groups having to isolate as Covid keeps rearing its ugly head within our schools. I am hopeful that once the summer break is over that things return to normal within the school setting as many of the Young People struggle with the disruption to routine and anxieties return as to what has happened in friendship groups while the Young People have been apart. For now, it is a waiting game and if group sizes are reduced this is just something in which we have to adapt too and continue to move forward in a positive manner.

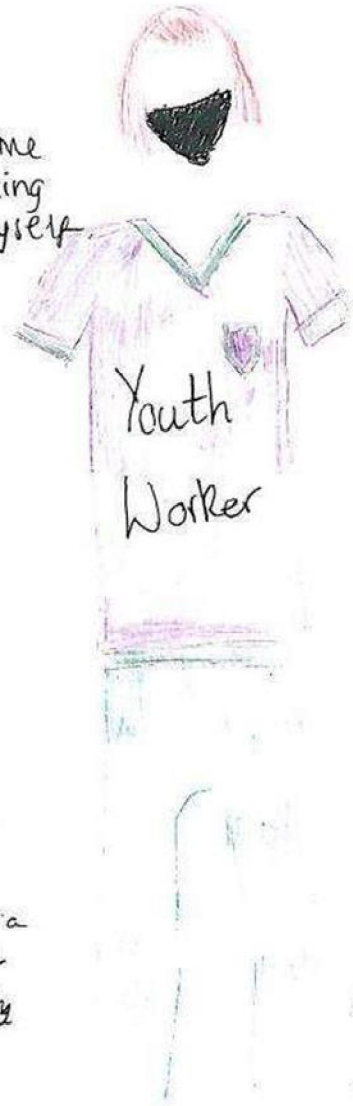
After what feels like the longest period of confusion ever it is nice to be able to finally be getting back to a routine and some normality. Although the past year has been really difficult for all involved with the project I feel as a team we have continued to support our Young People in a positive and professional manner with no change to the way in which we have delivered our support.

Joanne Natrass – Youth Worker

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE

How Have Youth Workers Impacted My

Life ...



Im happier

They have given me a nice and relaxing space to enjoy myself

I've been supported through very difficult times in my life.

They are very supportive and make me group a safe space:

Im happier Mentally
I have better Social Skills.

They are nice & one

They make group feel like a safe space, you can talk to them about anything

youth workers impacted my life by being there and supporting me through a rough time in my life

Been helpful and supportive through tough times and situations

youth workers have helped me in many situations

I can be myself here

Derwentside Detached Youth Project Accounts 2021

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Grants	£ 4,455.16	£ 96,054.00	£ 100,509.16	£ 99,698.42
Donations: Churches & Individuals	£ 660.00		£ 660.00	£ 7,105.73
Fund Raising			£ -	£ 342.30
Gift Aid Reclaim			£ -	£ 291.98
Interest	£ 18.42		£ 18.42	£ 35.10
Other income	£ 2,310.69		£ 2,310.69	£ 369.00
Bus Hires			£ -	£ 2,998.66
Total receipts	£ 7,444.27	£ 96,054.00	£ 103,498.27	£ 110,841.19
Payments				
Salaries NI & Pension		£ 69,229.80	£ 69,229.80	£ 58,547.75
Staff Expenses		£ 364.84	£ 364.84	£ 253.18
Staff Training		£ 111.49	£ 111.49	£ 551.00
Activities		£ 5,273.37	£ 5,273.37	£ 8,238.78
Activities Equipment & other costs		£ 4,151.69	£ 4,151.69	£ 3,348.33
Postage Print & Stationery		£ 327.97	£ 327.97	£ 965.27
Telephone		£ 1,090.67	£ 1,090.67	£ 965.89
Insurance			£ -	£ 499.80
Office Equipment & other costs		£ 164.98	£ 164.98	£ 1,785.30
Rent & rates		£ 2,250.00	£ 2,250.00	£ 3,010.00
Volunteer & Committee Expenses			£ -	£ -
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Transfers and adjustments	£ 65.14	-£ 65.14	£ -	
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Photocopier (estimated)			300.00	400.00
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			1,600.00	1,600.00
Other Assets (Restricted fund)				
Minibus (Written down 20% current year)*			16,694.78	20,868.48
Liabilities			NIL	NIL

* The SLA relating to the Minibus, purchased with the benefit of a Community Transport grant from Durham County Council, requires that in the event of its sale or disposal prior to August 31st 2021 it must either be sold at a sum equal to best value and a proportionate amount returned to the Council, or the bus itself be returned to the council in good condition.

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Dated 2/7/21

Qualifications: ACCA

Approved at the a General Meeting of Derwentside Detached Youth Project on 6/7/21

Signed: J. Dawson

Dated 6/7/21

Signed: Anne Jeffrey

Dated 6.7.21

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Thank you to Sharon and all at Derwentside Trust who helped us to provide supplies to young people and their families during the pandemic.

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