

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024**Current Trustees****Contact Address****Staff****Bankers**

Virgin Money

Symington House
7-8 North Avenue
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G81 2NT**Independent Examiner****Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Any additional trustee shall be assumed by the existing Trustees by deed (acting by a majority decision) so that the number of Trustees shall not exceed seven at any time or be less than three.

Governing Document

The Larbert Churches Youth Trust was established as a Trust by Founding Deed dated 10th April 2009, and granted charitable status on 26th May 2009. This was significantly revised by Deed, dated 7 June 2019 and agreed by OSCR on 18 July 2019. The purposes and administration of the Trust are as set out in the Founding Deed.

Aims

The aim of the Trust shall be, as recorded in our amended Founding Deed, to make the young people within the catchment area of Larbert High School and associated primaries and those within our local churches aware of the values and challenges of the Christian Gospel.

Activities, Achievements and Impact

The Trustees meet at least twice each year and are responsible for legal matters and the strategic direction and policy of the Trust. In the year ended 31st December 2024 the Trustees met on 21st February, 22nd May, 30th August, 6th November & 17th December.

The responsibility for the direction, support and encouragement of the Schools Worker staff members rests with the Management Committee, which meets at least quarterly, and has met in the year ending 31st December 2024 on 23rd January, 18th March, 14th May, 19th August and 28th October.

The first responsibility of the Management Committee is to direct the activity of the persons in the position of Schools Worker, who are employed to develop the charitable purpose of the Trust. This will include SU Groups; camps; drop-in groups; café; supporting transition from primary to secondary school; pastoral support for teachers; supporting schools on trips; and Holiday Clubs within the catchment area of Larbert High School and its associated primaries and also through work with the local supporting churches. At each meeting the Committee receives and discusses reports from the Schools Workers and from the Scripture Union Regional Worker who line manages them.

The Trust started the year with only one part time worker after accepting the resignation of [REDACTED] who had served the Trust faithfully for over 11 years, towards the end of the 2023. [REDACTED] was appointed as a full-time worker from February 1st 2025.

The workers ran SU Groups in many of our Primary Schools as well as Larbert High School where Bible Study groups also operate. The Schools Workers also take part in assemblies at many of the primary schools and prepare video assemblies for use in Larbert High School. Very successful Bible Alive courses have been run in some of the Primary Schools.

[REDACTED] received extensive training to allow both him and [REDACTED] to deliver the Flourish Programme. This is a programme which supports young people with mental health issues. This has been welcomed in the High School where it has been adopted and seen as an integral part of the school intervention programme. This has allowed the Trust to be introduced in a different way to many young people and families.

The workers supported a weekly lunch time session, "Lunch in the East", where a number of young people are able to drop in and spend lunch time with Christians in a very relaxed atmosphere.

The Trust recognises the social needs of young people from all faiths and backgrounds, and seeks to address these, particularly in Larbert High School where informal drop-in sessions take place, where the workers are freely available to meet with pupils at break times during the day and chat around matters concerning these pupils.

[REDACTED] also supported the young people as part of the transition process from Primary to Secondary school. A transition assembly programme was provided for delivery in primary schools as well as them being a familiar and friendly face during what can be a very stressful time.

We gratefully acknowledge the value of the continuing encouragement from the Senior Leadership Team at Larbert High School and from the Head Teachers and Staff of the associated Primary schools. We are also very grateful for the volunteers supporting the two Schools Workers in the leadership of SU Groups in the primary schools.

The Schools Workers encourage pupils to participate in "away times" such as attendance at Scripture Union camps and events. These camps have once again been held regularly and have continued to be very helpful for our young people. The aim of these is to bring young people from the local area together with like-minded Christians from around Scotland to enable them to explore the Christian Faith together.

During the summer holidays the workers supported a holiday club in Larbert East, Found Church mission week, gaming days, cinema days, Edinburgh trip and the trip to Rocknations.

As part of the strategy to secure as wide as possible a base of support for the project from the local Christian community the Trust continues to hold an open meeting for prayer on the first Saturday of each month, to receive reports from the Schools Workers, and to pray for further blessing on this ministry. The numbers who attend the Prayer Meeting continue to be an encouragement.

Unfortunately, much of the work mentioned above, particularly drop in sessions in the high school, was restricted due to the long-term absence of one of the workers, essentially meaning the trust was unable to fully fulfil its aims during this period.

The Management Committee's other main responsibility is to manage the finances of The Trust.

During the year to 31 December 2024 the Trust income was £41,866.

The component parts of the amount raised in 2024 are: -

Gifts qualifying for Gift Aid tax recovery	£23,335
Other Donations: -	
from individuals	£4,349
supporting churches and other groups	£5,899
Tax recovered on qualifying gifts from 2019/2020	£5,817
Fund Raising	£1,784
Interest Received	£ 682

	£41,866

With expenditure for the year totalling £41,169, the Trust recorded a surplus of £697.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the tremendous support received from individual Christian members of supporting churches. We were encouraged to see a few new people giving on monthly basis and by those who increased their giving. Unfortunately, we also lost a few givers throughout the year.

Whilst the surplus was encouraging, income was considerably down on the previous year. The surplus was only achieved as a result of expenditure being lower due to only having one worker in January and one of the workers being on long term sick in the later part of the year.

The Trust continues to be well supported by local churches & trusts

Trustee remuneration and expenses

No sum of remuneration or expenses was paid to any Trustee during the year ending 31 December 2024.

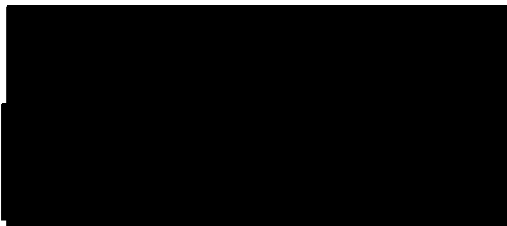
Reserves

The Trustees hold in reserve £15,000 as a contingency against future potentially unfunded employment cost expenses.

The surplus for the year to 31 December 2024 of £697, increased the funds in the General Fund to £9,418.

Funds carried forward into 2025 total £24,418 made up of £10,115 in the General Fund and £15,000 in the Trustees' Reserve Fund, both of which funds are Unrestricted Funds.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 7th May 2025.



Section A - Larbert Churches Youth Trust

Receipts and Payment accounts - Year to 31 December 2024

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	2024	2023		2024	2023
Gift Aided Donations	23335.00	25634.00	Employment Costs		
			Salaries	32049.46	39243.70
Non Gift Aided Donations	4349.00	4250.00	Life Assurance	160.27	133.69
- Individuals			Pension Contribution	1946.15	3003.65
Gifts from churches, trusts, and other bodies	5899.00	4585.00			
Fundraising	1783.55	5629.50			
	<u>35366.55</u>	<u>40098.50</u>		34155.88	42381.04
			Schools Worker Expenses		
			Mileage/Travel Costs	807.66	1385.58
HMRC Tax Recovery on Gifts	5817.25	6129.75	Mobile Phone Costs	198.00	397.00
			Teaching material	38.84	212.22
			Office Costs	201.52	215.99
Deposit Fund Interest	682.28	459.86	Meetings	27.94	80.88
			Snacks SU Group for Meetings	144.14	268.72
			Training Costs	90.00	63.25
				<u>1508.10</u>	<u>2623.64</u>
			Annual Donation to SU Scotland	3000.00	3000.00
			Flourish Costs including training	1026.61	682.50
			New computer	707.99	0.00
			Mission	256.69	243.91
			Insurances	390.16	311.22
			Gifts	123.99	215.00
			Recruitment	0.00	120.00
	<u>41866.08</u>	<u>46688.11</u>		<u>41169.42</u>	<u>49577.31</u>
			Surplus for the year	696.66	-2889.2

Surplus for the Year ending 31.12.2024	£696.66
Carried Forward from 2023	£9,417.99
General Fund carried forward	£10,114.65

Trustees' Reserve	£ 15,000.00
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TOTAL FUNDS	£ 25,114.65
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Location of Funds

Virgin Money Account	£11,381.14
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Church of Scotland Investors' Trust

Deposit Fund : Account 700150/1	£5,181.29
Deposit Fund : Account 700150/3	£8,552.22

TOTAL FUNDS	£25,114.65
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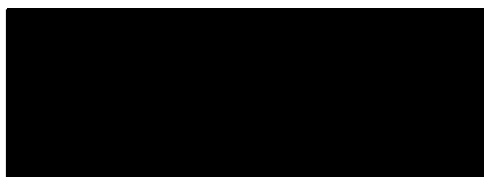
Section B

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Current Period
Bank balances	General Fund	£ 9,417.99	-	£ 9,417.99
at start of year 01.01.2024	Trustees Reserve	£ 15,000.00	-	£ 15,000.00
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		£ 24,417.99		£ 24,417.99
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Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account		£ 696.66		£ 696.66
Bank balances		£ 10,114.65	-	£ 10,114.65
at end of year 31.12.2024	Trustees Reserve	£ 15,000.00		£ 15,000.00
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TOTAL FUNDS		£ 25,114.65		£ 25,114.65
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2024 accounts

Approved by LCYT trustees and signed on their behalf by



19-Feb-25

Independent Examiner's Report:

to the Trustees of the Larbert Churches Youth Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on Pages 1 to 6 above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44 (1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

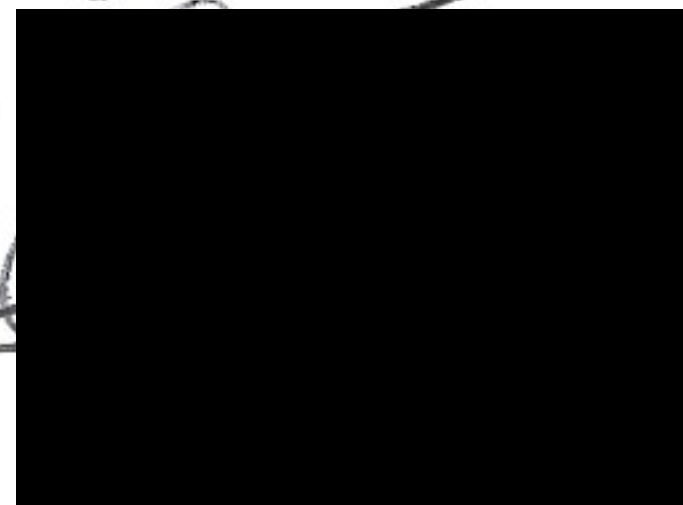
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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



ASIP

21 Feb 25

