

CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

Charity Number: 1063643



ANNUAL REPORT

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THE OBJECTS OF CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

- To help educate persons, primarily aged between 11-25, to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
- To relieve poverty and sickness amongst young people by establishing and developing a counselling, advice and information service.

THE AIMS OF CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

We aim to make a positive difference to the lives of Young People by helping them:

- Increase their Confidence and self-esteem
- Improve their social and life skills
- Increase their knowledge and understanding.
- Improve their health and wellbeing

And in so doing help them achieve their full potential in education, employment, family life and society.

OUR MISSION

To help young people overcome the difficulties and problems they face and enable them to achieve their full potential in life, health/wellbeing, education, employment and relationships.

Working both independently and in partnership with other institutions for the mutual benefit of the wider community and young people.

SUMMARY OF CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT (CYP YELLOW DOOR)

Canvey Island Youth Project was established in July 1992. Our constitution was adopted on the 19th of September 1996 when we became an unincorporated organization. We became a registered charity on 29th July 1997. Charity Number 1063643.

We are a local charity based in Southeast Essex. We work with young people between the ages of 11 and 25, especially those who are disadvantaged because of often-interrelated issues such as learning difficulties, behavioural problems, family issues, poverty, and mental health problems.

We aim to help them by offering a range of services and activities, which focus on young people's health and wellbeing. The services include one-to-one advice, information and support, counselling and mentoring. Small wellbeing groups for social skills and anxiety. Activities include a performing arts group, a youth club, a youth group for quieter young people, an LGBT Club, a young carers group and a sports club. We also work with young people through detached and outreach work and offer educational workshops on substance misuse issues.

Our aim is to enable the young people who use our service to develop the knowledge, life skills and Confidence needed to make informed choices and to manage their sometimes very challenging life circumstances. In so doing, helping them achieve their full potential in education, employment, family life and society.



Health and Wellbeing (YIAC)

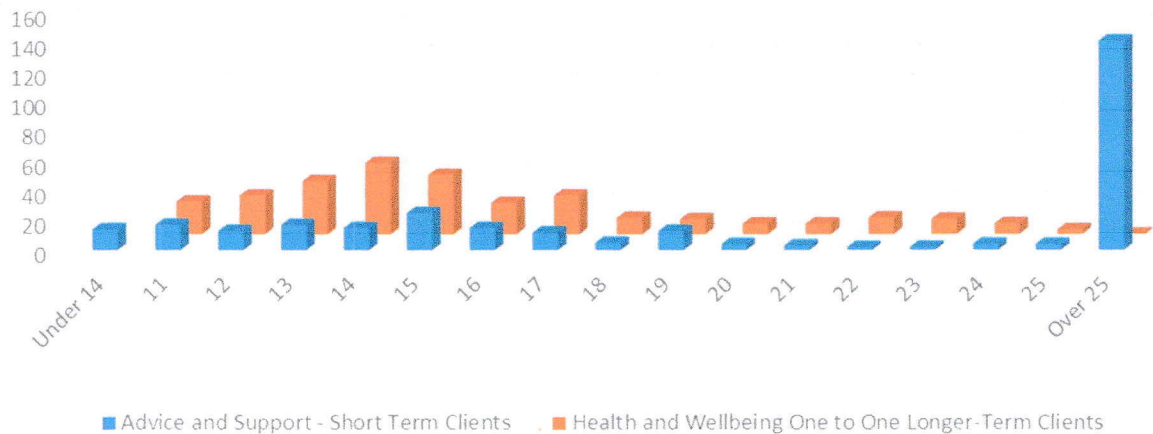
Our One-to-One Sessional Health and Wellbeing Services worked with **611** young people and families.

Details of Young People and Families worked with in our Health and Wellbeing Services				
Services	Counselling	Mentoring	Advice & Support	Small Group
Long Term Support	200	29	42	27
Short Term Support			308	

	LT	ST		LT	ST
Male	116	104	NEET	14	9
Female	180	192	Learning Difficulty	12	13
Parent	4	107	Global delay	2	1
LGBTQ	30	7	ASD	60	44
Physical Disability	11	1	ADHD	29	19

We have seen a substantial increase in young people with ASD using our services. 33% of the young people supported by services and clubs have been neurodiverse

Age Of Clients

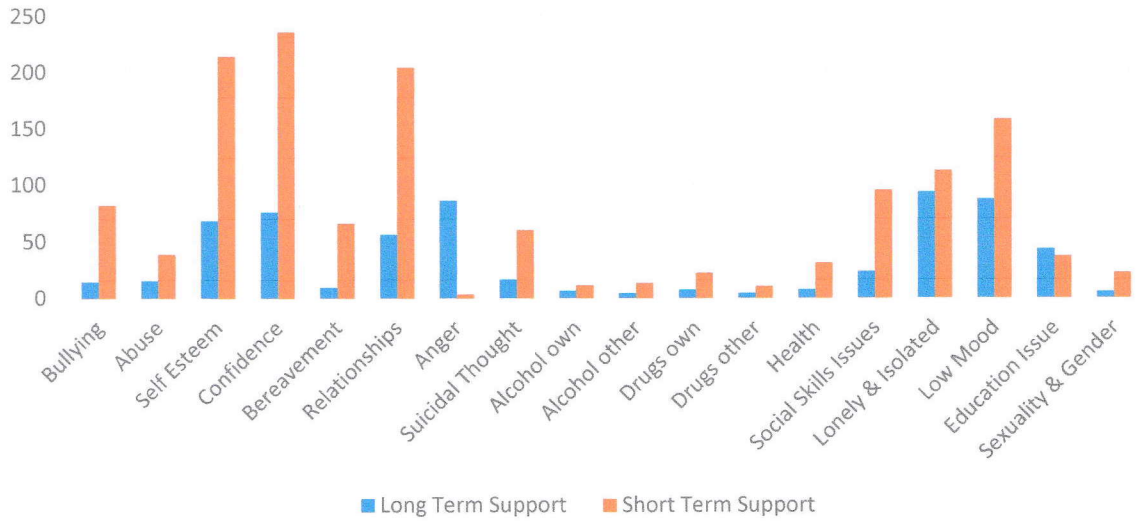


Although the peak ages for young people are between 13 and 15, the number of younger and older young people has increased this year. The large numbers of over 25 in our short-term advice and support reflects our parent support work.

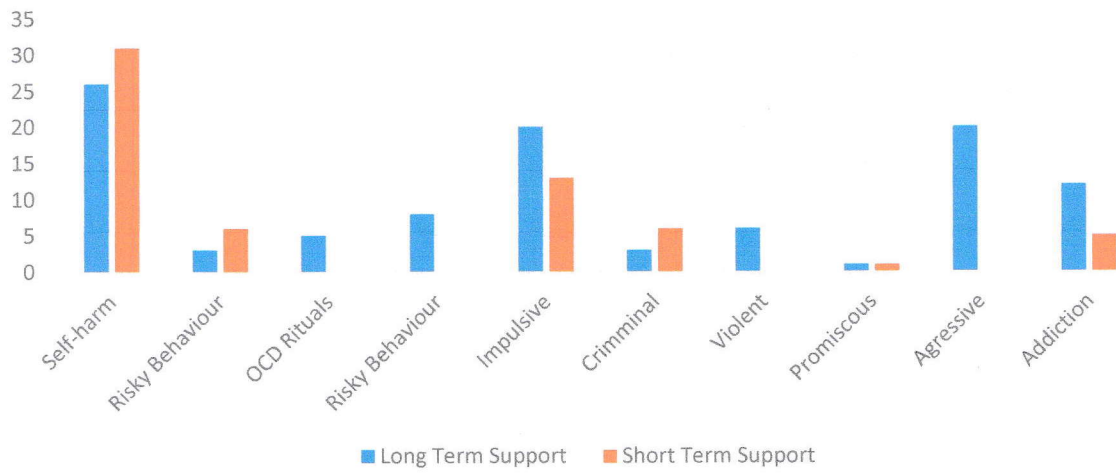
“Thank you so much for everything. You’ve changed my life; now I know who I am because of you. Thank you.” MBI4

“Thank you so much for giving me the time and patience to explore everything. I have always in the past felt pressured by time, and you made everything so calm and followed me through it all. It has been life changing thank you.” JD23

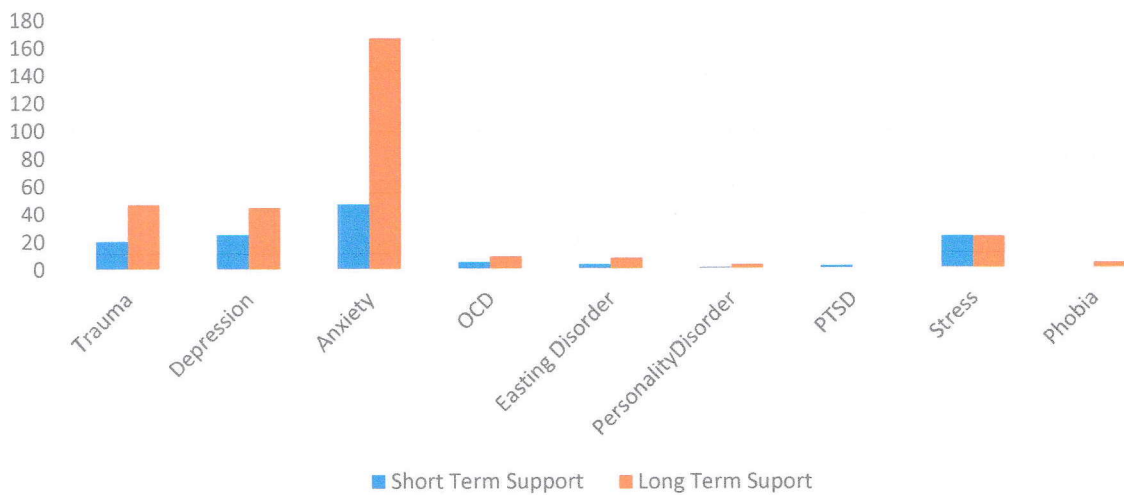
Issue Young People Faced



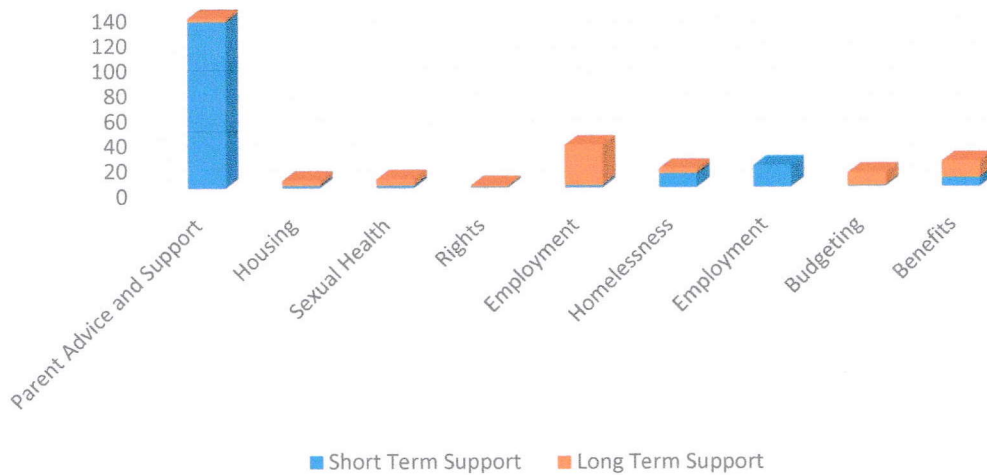
Behaviour Issues



Mental Health Issues



Advice and Support Issues



Counselling Reports

Tina Loughlin – Senior Counsellor

This year, I celebrated 18 years of working at Yellow Door. Where has that time gone?

Working for Yellow Door has been a privilege and a pleasure. Although many years have passed, the project's ethos remains the same, and the team we have now is as dedicated to the wellbeing of our young people as ever.

I think the secret to our success is simple.... listening!

Alex has upheld our ethic of being client-led by listening to the feedback of our clients and staff and being supportive of any changes that need to be made. For example, this year, we have met the need for later counselling appointments by securing funding for a part-time evening counsellor and welcoming Sue to the team; we have introduced an additional social skills group to meet the needs of the older clients; we have undertaken training relevant to the needs of our neurodivergent clients, and we have met the need for more mentors through in-house mentoring training, developed and delivered by Charis.

The advantage of working at Yellow Door as a counsellor is our holistic approach to young people. For example, a counselling client who lacks Confidence and is isolated may benefit from joining a social skills group, sports, drama, or youth club. They may also have anxiety that could be helped by learning new calming activities in Hope Box. Sometimes, clients have reached their counselling goals but are not ready to end sessions, so they may seek the support of a mentor to help them further develop their skills.

Part of my role is to supervise our team members who deliver emotional wellbeing services. Having all these services available 'in-house' allows us to ensure our clients can access additional or alternative support, enabling them to reach their full potential in a familiar setting.

Thank you for everything you have done for M, the things he has been given have helped the whole family. Parent of MW21

Charis Boyd – Counsellor

This year, our counselling service has seen a rise in referrals for issues such as anxiety, anger, low self-esteem, and relationship difficulties. Our counsellors, through a holistic approach and continuous development, have helped young people manage these challenges by exploring their root causes and providing tools for long-term management. We have also noticed an increase in clients struggling with LGBTQIA+ issues, particularly those who have not come out or face cultural or religious challenges. These clients are supported in navigating their identities and the complexities they face in their personal lives.

We continue to see a significant rise in referrals for neurodiverse clients, particularly those with undiagnosed or recently diagnosed ASD and ADHD. Many of these young people struggle to accept their diagnosis and feel a lack of control. Our counsellors work with them to understand their situations and learn coping strategies. Additionally, self-esteem remains a key issue, often stemming from social pressures or family dynamics. Emotional regulation is also a common concern, with many clients struggling with anger or emotional numbness. Through counselling, we help clients understand and manage their emotions, which enhances their communication skills and overall wellbeing.

Social Skills

Ellie Bright – Mentor and Charis Boyd - Counsellor

Our Social Skills Group helped young people improve their communication and social skills. These small groups worked on things like making eye contact, asking open-ended questions, and improving body language. We also focused on building Confidence and managing social anxiety, using tools like worksheets and games, including Confidence Jenga. As the young people gained Confidence, they started leading activities like playing pool, board games, and doing arts and crafts, which helped them develop their skills. When they were ready, they moved on to other clubs and activities, like QT Club, where they continued to practice their social skills in a larger setting.

This year, we also started a new social skills group for those 18 and over, responding to the growing need for older clients who had trouble making friends and dealing with social anxiety. The group focused on helping them build and strengthen relationships while working through social challenges. Although it was still new, the group grew steadily, and we were excited to meet the changing needs of our older clients.



We ran two Skate Jams this year with over 200 people attending each event

Hope Box

Paige Rawlings – Hope Box Lead.

Hope Box is a small art group designed to support 11-16-year-olds mental wellbeing through arts, crafts, and discussions. Every young person is initially given a small box to decorate and fill with items and ideas that can support them in achieving better mental wellbeing. Sessions are client-led, allowing young people to use mediums they are most interested in and feel comfortable with.



Activities in Hope Box encompass a wide range of artistic mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpting, printmaking, sewing, tie-dye, and mosaic making. This year, common themes from young people were struggling with school, poor teacher-pupil relationships, bullying, and friendship struggles.

At Hope Box, we have seen many young people work through their feelings, find new ways to explore them, and discover a newfound passion for an art medium they have not used before. At the end of sessions, numerous Hope Box attendees started attending our other services, such as QT and holiday club, once they felt comfortable with a larger group.

"They really enjoyed it and are looking forward to coming again." – Parent A

"This is my favourite part of the week." – Client S I I



Mentoring Case study

Client T I I came to our mentoring service wanting to work on their anxiety around going to school and seeing friends. We explored their struggles, the nature of anxiety, and how we can use things such as art, breathing techniques, and imagery to calm our nervous system. Through their one-to-one sessions, we were able to provide Support, encouragement, and a safe space so that their thoughts could be explored. Eventually, Client T I I found the confidence to push through the anxiety and was able to start attending school and seeing friends again by continuing what they learned in sessions at home.

Advice and Support Services

Paige Rawlings – Advice and Support Worker

Over the past year, our advice, support, and information service has assisted 308 short-term clients and 42 individuals on a long-term basis. We have guided young people, parents, carers, and guardians on a range of concerns, such as:

- Life skills and education
- Benefits
- Employment
- Housing and homelessness
- Substance abuse and alcohol addiction
- Sexual health
- Domestic abuse
- Family breakdown
- SEN needs
- And poor mental health

Support included face-to-face sessions, group sessions, multiagency work, and remote support.

In the past year, our advice, support, and information service has seen an increase in young people struggling with poor confidence, low self-esteem, low mood, anxiety, and strained relationships due to unemployment. Due to the demand, we started a job club alongside continuing to provide individual job guidance. Clients struggling to secure work ranged from school leavers, recent university graduates, and young adults with long-term unemployment.

Irrespective of their life position, a significant number of young people reported struggling to know how to write a good CV and cover letter, or what to say in an interview. Additionally, young people reported uncertainty about their career choices and the hiring process.

During their first few sessions, we reflected on young people's positive attributes and what they felt was stopping them from securing work. Through this exercise, we were able to build up our young people's Confidence and realize how much they had to offer a prospective employer. Frequently, we also worked with young people on their computer literacy, written communication, interpersonal skills, and body language. Our main aim is to empower young people to navigate the world independently once they finish sessions or transition out of our services. As a result, we also taught young people how to find resources independently.

Client feedback highlighted the value of the information and support provided, with many individuals engaging in other Yellow Door services. Notably, four young people returned to us to happily report securing an interview and employment within a few weeks after receiving job support sessions with our advice and support team.

“Thank you so much for the very useful information. I am sure that will be very helpful as right now, we are in quite a dreadful predicament. Have been for several months now and it is really good to know there is someone out there to give us some advice. We have found it very difficult to get any sort of help, so your very informative email was a huge relief.”

“The company called and offered me an interview. I just wanted to say thanks for helping me with my CV. ” The Young Person achieved getting into the interview stages and later employment.”

Mentoring

Our Youth Work Mentors played a crucial role in helping young people aged 11 to 25 deal with a variety of challenges, from employment issues and anxiety to bullying and neurodiversity. Using personalized mentoring approaches, they offered guidance, boosted Confidence, and gave young people the tools they needed to tackle obstacles and succeed.

Mentors used different methods to meet each young person's needs. One-on-one conversations helped with personal reflection, setting goals, and offering emotional support. For those who preferred a more creative approach, arts and crafts were a great way to encourage self-expression and help with emotional regulation, especially for those who found it hard to communicate verbally or lacked Confidence. For young people who needed to be active, sports mentoring was a fun and dynamic way to build trust and achieve a sense of accomplishment, particularly for those dealing with anxiety or confidence challenges. These activities created a safe, need-led environment, which was especially helpful for young people with anxiety or those who were neurodivergent.

Youth Work Mentors also supported young people by helping them navigate employment and education challenges, guiding them through job applications and interview prep, and building essential employability skills like communication, time management, and professionalism. As a result, young people were better prepared to enter the workforce and figure out their career paths.

All in all, the mix of mentoring techniques used by our Youth Work Mentors ensured that young people received the personalized support they needed to overcome their challenges, setting them up for success and wellbeing.



"I would not be who I am now if it wasn't for you. I have earned so much from my sessions with you, and I will be forever grateful."

"Thank you for everything you have done for me in these sessions. I have learnt so much and now I am able to do all of the things I want to do and things from the past are now less of an issue and I can live my life."

Health and Wellbeing Outcomes

Counselling, Mentoring, Small Groups and Long-term Advice and Support.

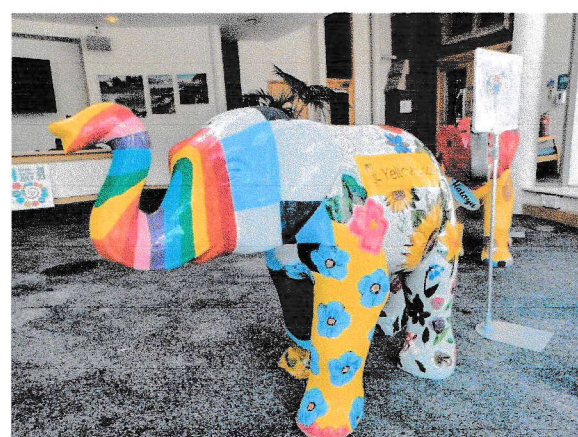
Total Number of young people 307

Health and Wellbeing Outcome	Number of clients that achieved Outcome	Clients who have started, have achieved and are consistently achieving the outcome.		
		Started	Achieving	Consistently Achieving
Outcomes				
Increased Confidence and self-esteem	250	53	34	163
Taking Part in new activities	207	22	34	151
Making Healthier Choices	80	8	16	56
Self-Acceptance	183	22	34	127
Improved Social and Communication Skills	224	26	34	164
Able to express needs to others	218	28	31	159
Has improved relationships	161	22	31	108
Less lonely and isolated	121	19	27	75
Increased Life Skills	245	33	32	180
Reported increased knowledge	241	34	31	176
Applies new Knowledge	223	35	36	152
Able to cope with Emotions	191	25	37	129
Improved Health and Wellbeing	239	31	36	172
Accessing Education & Employment	57	1	19	37

85% of young people who accessed our long-Term health and wellbeing services achieved at least one positive outcome.



We held a Career Fair and Youth Market in Castle View School with employers and Colleges attending from all over Essex



We took part in the Little Havens Elephant Trail. Young people and staff designed and painted our elephant, Dudley.

Clubs and Activities

253 young people attended our clubs and activities this year.

During term time, we ran clubs throughout the week, including Next Level, a performing Arts Club, LGBTQ club, Young Carers Club, QT Club, Sports Clubs and Friday Youth Club. In these clubs, young people could learn new skills and participate in new activities such as arts and crafts, sports and cooking. They were also offered safe spaces to meet friends and develop social and communication skills in a safe setting. During the school holidays, we continued to provide clubs three afternoons a week with the additional Support of Hot food.



Young Carers Club

This year, we established a Young Carers Club to provide a supportive space for young carers to connect, engage in activities, and access essential resources. The sessions were held every other Wednesday during term time. This is what some of our Young Carers said about the Club:

"I like Yellow Door because it is a chilled atmosphere, and I find it an easy way to cool off after a busy or bad day. All the key workers here are excellent, and I find it easy to talk to them about my worries or concerns throughout the day. I like the fact that people are easy to talk to and it is easy to make friends, and I have lots of people to talk to, which I enjoy very much. In most clubs, I feel like the activities are made for younger years, but at Yellow Door, there are activities for all."

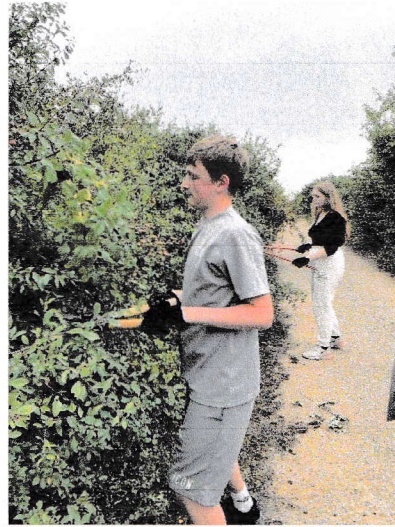
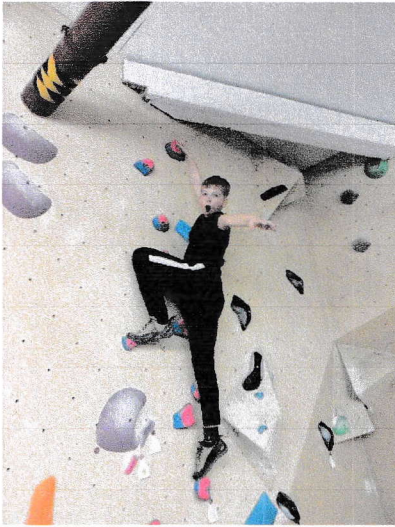
"It's easier to get to; you make more friends your age and have lots of activities."

"I like that I can meet new people and know they're in a similar position to me, and I feel safe cause I have fun. I like that I can cook."



Our Young Volunteers supported our Youth Clubs, fundraised for Yellow Door, and participated in social action such as putting on Bingo for the supported housing next to Yellow Door.

Three of our young people and one of our leaders were given Jack Petchey Achievement Awards.



We took our young people to trips to Bouldering, the Cinema, Jump Base and Bowling.

We also teamed up with Bug Life for two trips to Canvey Wick Nature reserve.

We also created a garden around the hub and young people planted and grew vegetables and flowers.



We received training from Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food and delivered food education in our clubs and separate cookery courses during the day, which were attended by parents and young people who were home-schooled or in alternative education.

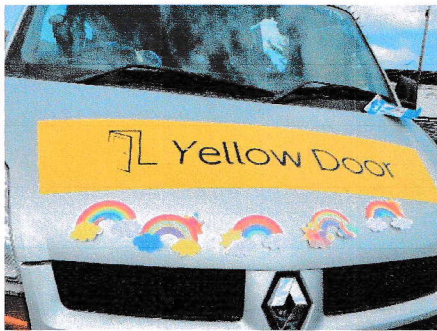


We held a Halloween Party and Christmas Party with full sit-down Christmas Dinner

Outreach and Detached

Lindsey Smith – Senior Youth Worker

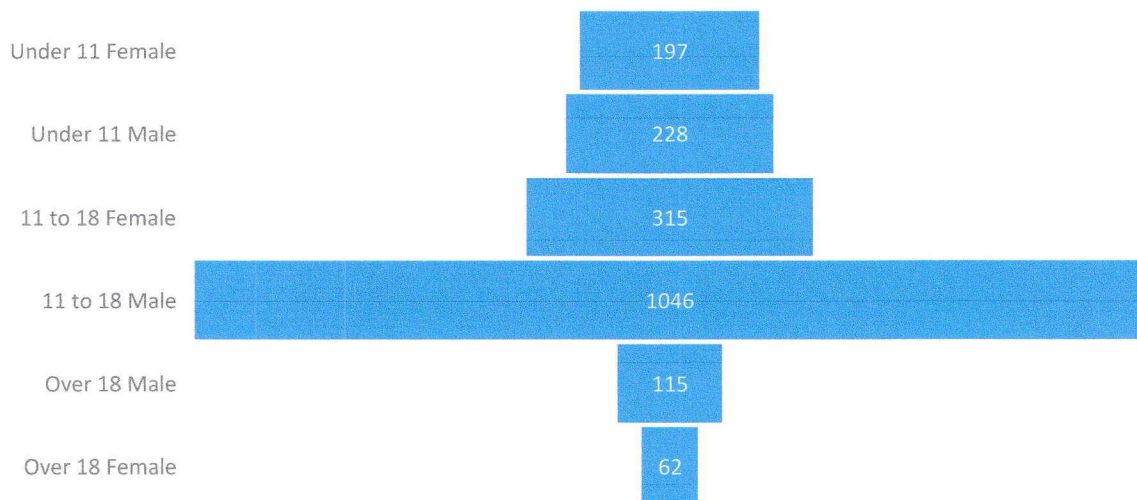
This year, our outreach team had 1963 contacts with young people, of which there were 603 unique individuals. The Team continued to build on the work from last year, engaging with young people across Canvey Island and expanding into new areas in Benfleet. We worked closely with diverse groups at the skate park, identifying different age ranges and their unique needs. We maintained a strong presence in providing informal education around key issues such as substance misuse, relationships, and gang awareness. We ensured the skate park was safe for young people, children and families. As always, food and drink were provided, helping young people who often spent long days at the park without much sustenance.



The Avenues continued to be a key focus, with our regular after-school sessions offering arts, crafts, and sports activities right on their doorstep for local children and young people. These sessions created a welcoming space for young people to engage, unwind, and feel safe in their community.

In addition, we extended our outreach sessions to Benfleet, covering the Tarpots and Richmond areas. Our outreach in Benfleet followed a similar model, adapting to the needs of the young people in these new areas and ensuring they had access to positive activities, particularly sports, advice, support, food and drink.

Outreach Age Range and Gender of Young People



Mum on son who attends the Benfleet Outreach sessions;

"He's really enjoying it... He absolutely loves it."

Schools Education work

Lindsey Smith – Senior Youth Worker

Our school education work reached **4,120 young people**. Workshops on substance misuse and vaping were delivered in eight secondary schools and colleges, including groups of students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The programme was supported by experienced youth workers and included insights from a young person with lived experience of gang involvement and substance misuse, whose message resonated strongly with participants.

The sessions significantly impacted young people, enhancing their knowledge of substance misuse, its legal implications, and the broader community effects. Many students shared the lessons with their peers and families, and one college group even created a computer game inspired by the workshops. The programme also strengthened relationships between youth workers, students, and schools, fostering an environment where young people felt confident seeking help for substance misuse. Teachers praised the programme for being informative and well-tailored to the needs of the students. Feedback from the Young Essex Assembly's independent panel highlighted the programme's success.

Summary

Alex Hawkins - CEO

Once again, it has been another fantastic and challenging year for our small but dedicated team, who have continued to provide essential help and support to young people in Castle Point and surrounding areas. Our team has shown remarkable resilience and adaptability in addressing the growing struggles young people face, from mental health concerns to social and economic difficulties. We've worked tirelessly to meet their needs and strengthen our capacity to ensure ongoing support in the years to come.

This year, we worked with over 5000 young people. We supported 611 young people and families through our Health and Wellbeing services, with a notable increase in neurodiverse clients, particularly those with ASD and ADHD. Our team responded by introducing tailored interventions, which have helped young people build Confidence, improve communication, and enhance their overall wellbeing. 253 young people attended our youth clubs, including Next Level (a performing arts club), LGBTQ club, Young Carers Club, QT Club, sports clubs, holiday club and the Friday Youth Club. These clubs provided a vital space for young people to meet friends and have fun in a safe space.

Our outreach services, reaching 1,963 contacts, expanded into new areas like Benfleet while maintaining a strong presence in Canvey Island. Our school education programme reached over 4,000 students, addressing critical topics like substance misuse and vaping, with significant positive feedback.

In addition to our day-to-day work, the team has managed to run a skate Jam, Careers Fair, and Cookery Sessions and develop new networks and partnerships.

We remain focused on building our organization's strength through our staff and philosophy of listening to young people, ensuring we continue providing vital support for young people for years to come.

CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its trustees and advisers	
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Principal office	Yellow Door Youth Hub Poplar Road Canvey Island Essex SS8 7BN
Accountants	MWS Kingsridge House 601 London Road Westcliff-on-Sea Essex SS0 9PE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

CANVEY ISLAND YOUTH PROJECT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Canvey Island Youth Project ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 9 September 2024

C Smith

ICAEW

Kingsridge House, 601 London Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 9PE

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	2	251,789	16,454	268,243	213,514
Other trading activities	3	-	1,730	1,730	11,962
Investments	4	-	1,757	1,757	201
Total income		251,789	19,941	271,730	225,677
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	250,040	120	250,160	256,926
Total expenditure		250,040	120	250,160	256,926
Net movement in funds		1,749	19,821	21,570	(31,249)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		127,390	93,071	220,461	251,710
Net movement in funds		1,749	19,821	21,570	(31,249)
Total funds carried forward		129,139	112,892	242,031	220,461

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 5 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	7,012	9,336
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		7,012	9,336
Current assets			
Debtors	11	6,000	6,000
Cash at bank and in hand		259,734	268,318
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		265,734	274,318
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(30,715)	(63,193)
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Net current assets		235,019	211,125
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Total assets less current liabilities		242,031	220,461
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Total net assets		242,031	220,461
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Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	129,139	127,390
Unrestricted funds	14	112,892	93,071
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Total funds		242,031	220,461
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 09 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Ms S Benson
(Chair of Trustees)

Ms A Bakonyvari

The notes on pages 5 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Canvey Island Youth Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. Income from donations and grants

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants				
National Lottery	87,463	-	87,463	75,809
Children in Need	20,795	-	20,795	35,623
Essex Community Foundation	-	-	-	20,648
Charitable Trust Grants	79,117	-	79,117	33,706
Other Government Grants	64,414	-	64,414	35,815
Total Grants	<u>251,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,789</u>	<u>201,601</u>
Donations	-	16,454	16,454	11,913
	<u>251,789</u>	<u>16,454</u>	<u>268,243</u>	<u>213,514</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>201,601</u>	<u>11,913</u>	<u>213,514</u>	

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3. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Fundraising activities	1,730	1,730	11,962
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>11,962</u>	<u>11,962</u>	

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Bank interest	1,757	1,757	201
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>201</u>	<u>201</u>	

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Expenditure	250,040	120	250,160	256,926
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>256,026</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>256,926</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Expenditure	243,422	6,738	250,160	256,927
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>249,081</u>	<u>7,846</u>	<u>256,927</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Salaries, pension and national insurance	205,493	205,493	211,431
Contractor payments	9,898	9,898	6,728
Cleaning	457	457	788
Bank charges	171	171	136
Depreciation	2,324	2,324	3,112
Training and supervision	2,486	2,486	2,721
Telephone and internet	1,518	1,518	1,886
Subscriptions and memberships	914	914	810
Advertising and promotions	1,124	1,124	1,871
Food bank costs	-	-	252
Travelling expenses	932	932	532
Equipment, materials and event expenditure	9,215	9,215	5,669
Small tools, maintenance and repairs	3,755	3,755	8,167
Printing, postage and stationery	890	890	1,323
Human resources	3,538	3,538	2,124
Computer costs	232	232	323
Sundries	475	475	1,208
	<u>243,422</u>	<u>243,422</u>	<u>249,081</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>249,081</u>	<u>249,081</u>	

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	2024	Total funds 2024	<i>Total funds 2023</i>
	£	£	£
Rent and utilities	3,075	3,075	3,414
Insurance	3,543	3,543	3,532
Accountancy	120	120	900
	<u>6,738</u>	<u>6,738</u>	<u>7,846</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>7,846</u>	<u>7,846</u>	

7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

8. Staff costs

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	185,652	191,016
Social security costs	14,990	15,424
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	4,851	4,991
	<u>205,493</u>	<u>211,431</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	No.	No.
Support	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2023	3,425	24,845	28,270
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,425</u>	<u>24,845</u>	<u>28,270</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	1,370	17,564	18,934
Charge for the year	514	1,810	2,324
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,884</u>	<u>19,374</u>	<u>21,258</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,541</u>	<u>5,471</u>	<u>7,012</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,055</u>	<u>7,281</u>	<u>9,336</u>

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	6,000	6,000
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	3,542	4,176
Other creditors	27,173	59,017
	<u>30,715</u>	<u>63,193</u>

13. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>259,734</u>	<u>268,318</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash at bank and in hand.

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	93,071	19,941	(120)	112,892
Restricted funds				
Children in Need	1,237	20,795	(22,032)	-
National Lottery	-	87,463	(87,313)	150
Other Grants	126,153	143,531	(140,695)	128,989
	<u>127,390</u>	<u>251,789</u>	<u>(250,040)</u>	<u>129,139</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>220,461</u></u>	<u><u>271,730</u></u>	<u><u>(250,160)</u></u>	<u><u>242,031</u></u>

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	69,896	24,075	(900)	93,071
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Restricted funds				
Children in Need	1,237	35,623	(36,860)	-
National Lottery	-	75,809	(50,290)	25,519
Other Grants	180,578	90,169	(168,876)	101,871
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	181,815	201,601	(256,026)	127,390
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Total of funds	251,711	225,676	(256,926)	220,461
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15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	93,071	19,941	(120)	112,892
Restricted funds	127,390	251,789	(250,040)	129,139
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	220,461	271,730	(250,160)	242,031
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Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	69,896	24,075	(900)	93,071
Restricted funds	181,815	201,601	(256,026)	127,390
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	251,711	225,676	(256,926)	220,461
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