LONG ASHTON YOUTH CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: 1160610

Principal address:
3 Clover Hill Way
Barrow Gurney
BS48 3EB

Trustees:
Philip Jackson - Chair
Noel Toogood
Carl Tarsey
Sally-Anne Tarsey - resigned on 24 April 2026

Independent examiner:
Nigel Sommerville

Bankers:
Lloyds Bank

Structure, governance and management

Long Ashton Youth Club is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a foundation model constitution, originally adopted on 28 July 2014 and amended on 9 July 2023. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 23 February 2015.

The trustees are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction and financial oversight of the charity. The charity continues to work in partnership with EPIC Youth CIC, which delivers youth work sessions and supports aspects of programme delivery and fundraising activity.

The trustees continue to review the composition of the board and to seek opportunities to recruit additional trustees in order to broaden the diversity of views, skills and experience available to the charity and to support its long-term sustainability.

Objects and public benefit

The charity's objects are to help young people in Long Ashton and the surrounding area to fulfil their potential through:

(a) the provision of recreational and leisure-time activities in the interests of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life; and

(b) the provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and performance

This has been a positive and busy year for the charity, with continued delivery of youth work provision for local young people and further progress in strengthening the charity's financial position.

During the year, the youth club reviewed its sessional delivery in response to the needs and attendance patterns of young people. As a result, the Wednesday and Thursday junior provision was combined into a single Wednesday session. This reflected the fact that many young people were less available on Thursdays and found Wednesdays easier to attend. The change has proved successful in better meeting the needs of young people while also reducing youth work delivery and room hire costs.

The charity continued to support youth provision for different age groups, including a senior session on Monday evenings for young people in school year 7 and above, together with the Wednesday drop-in provision. Through these sessions, young people have continued to access a safe and welcoming environment in which they can take part in activities, develop confidence and skills, and talk to qualified youth workers about issues affecting them.

A wide range of activities has been provided during the year, including sports such as football, basketball and dodgeball, as well as dance, craft activities, cooking and issue-based discussions. These activities help young people to build confidence, teamwork, communication skills, creativity, resilience and practical life skills.

The charity has continued to support an inclusive approach to youth work, engaging young people from a range of backgrounds, including those with additional needs and those with experience of the care system. Provision has been adapted where necessary to ensure sessions remain accessible, relevant and supportive.

The youth club was also able to secure funding for a further year of summer holiday activity provision, enabling young people to take part in additional opportunities and experiences during the school holidays.

Young people have also benefited from wider developmental and volunteering opportunities. This has included support for those undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and for others wishing to gain new skills and practical experience through helping with activities such as the coffee bar and cooking sessions.

The charity has continued to benefit from partnership working within the local community. This has included ongoing work with the local PCSO in helping to address anti-social behaviour concerns and strengthen young people's sense of safety and connection within the village. The youth club has also benefited from support from the Co-op Food Share scheme, which has helped reduce costs and support food-based activities, and from Asda, which has provided cooking resources.

EPIC Youth staff have continued to undertake training and professional development to ensure that provision remains safe, inclusive and effective. Training during the year included safeguarding, first aid, allergy awareness, Prevent training, and working with neurodiverse young people.

The trustees also recognise the valuable contribution made by volunteers and supporters, including those involved in specialist activities such as street dance, sports coaching and other sessional support.

Fundraising and community support

Fundraising remains essential to maintaining youth provision at its current level. During the year, the charity continued to develop a broader funding base through a combination of strategic partnerships and one-off grant funding.

The trustees had identified in the previous financial year the need to diversify grant income following a reduction in support for local youth provision from the Parish Council. Progress was made during the year in implementing this strategy, with successful grant funding from a wider range of sources.

The charity also continued to benefit from the support of the 500 Club, and the trustees are grateful to all members for their ongoing commitment. The trustees also note with appreciation the high level of donations made by prize winners. EPIC Youth has continued to support the administration of the 500 Club membership database and the follow-up of expired tickets, as well as assisting with fundraising applications.

Financial review

The charity's finances remained challenging during the year, but the outcome for the year was positive overall.

Through a combination of diversified grant income, subscriptions, donations and careful management of expenditure, the charity achieved a small surplus of £69.26 for the year. The decision to combine the Wednesday and Thursday junior sessions also helped reduce overall expenditure on youth provision and room hire.

The trustees remain grateful for the support received from Long Ashton Parish Council and North Somerset Council. However, they remain concerned about the long-term sustainability of the charity's financial position without continued support from these key funders.

The trustees will therefore continue their efforts in the coming year to diversify and strengthen the charity's income base through grants, partnerships and community fundraising.

Reserves policy

On 14 October 2025, the trustees reviewed the charity's reserves position in order to clarify the distinction between general reserves and restricted reserves.

As at 31 March 2025, the charity held £20,888.83 in general reserves and £2,614.21 in restricted reserves designated for a new youth centre. During the year, the trustees agreed that the amount of £2,614.21 held in restricted reserves could be transferred to general reserves.

The trustees continue to keep the reserves policy under review in order to ensure that the charity maintains an appropriate level of reserves while continuing to support ongoing youth provision.

Plans for the future

In the coming year, the trustees intend to:

- continue to provide accessible and relevant youth provision for young people in Long Ashton and the surrounding area;
- maintain support for the current programme of Monday and Wednesday sessions;
- continue efforts to secure grant funding and diversify income sources;
- strengthen trustee recruitment to broaden the skills, experience and perspectives available to the charity; and
- continue working with delivery partners and community organisations to ensure that the charity remains responsive to the changing needs of local young people.

Trustee changes and thanks

The trustees would like to record their thanks to Noel Toogood for his many years of service as Treasurer. Noel is stepping back from the role of Treasurer while remaining a trustee. Carl Tarsey has agreed to take on the position, while the charity also explores more automated ways to prepare and present its accounts. The trustees would also like to thank Sally-Anne Tarsey for her work and support for the youth club.

The trustees would also like to thank EPIC Youth for the youth work they continue to provide and for the flexibility and commitment they have shown over the past year.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: P. Jackson

Full Name: Philip Jackson

Position: Chair

Date: 19/08/2026

Signature: 

Full Name: Carl Tarsey

Position: Treasurer

Date: 19/08/26.

LAYC Summary	01/04/25 -	31/03/2026
INCOME		**£**
Donations		£222.61
Subscriptions from Youth Club		£3,271.57
Subscriptions from 500 Club		£1,379.00
Grants		£25,367.00
Savings Interest		£90.30
Total Income		**£30,330.48**
EXPENSES		**£**
Room Hire (LACA)		£3,359.02
EPIC Project Costs		£517.63
EPIC Youth (SLA)		£22,368.00
500 club administration		£212.00
Insurance		£270.48
Bank Charges		£2.99
Street Dance		£769.00
Sports Coach		£1,215.00
Holiday Programme		£1,165.23
Website		£381.87
Total Expenditure		**£30,261.22**
Financial year running total		**£69.26**
Unrestricted Reserves		**£23,572.30**
Restricted Reserves		**£0.00**

Signature: P. Jackson

Full Name: Philip Jackson

Position: Chair

Date: 19/08/2026

Signature:

Full Name: Carl Tarsey

Position: Treasurer

Date: 19/08/26.

Long Ashton Youth Club

2024-25		2025-26
Income and expenditure account		
26,996.08	Income for year	30,330.48
36,265.78	Expenses for year	30,261.22
-9,269.70	Surplus for year	69.26
Statement of assets		
10,080.55	Cash at bank - current account	9,794.51
13,283.74	Cash at bank - deposit account	13,374.04
138.75	Cash at bank - 500 club fundraising account	403.75
23,503.04	Total assets	23,572.30

Statement of funds		General	Restricted	Total
32,772.74	Balance at beginning of year	20,888.83	2,614.21	23,503.04
-9,269.70	Surplus for year	2,683.47	-2,614.21	69.26
23,503.04		23,572.30	0.00	23,572.30

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: P. Jackson

Full Name: Philip Jackson

Position:Chair

Date: 19/08/2026

Signature:

Full Name: Carl Tarsey

Position: Treasurer

Date: 19/08/26.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONG ASHTON YOUTH CLUB

I report on the Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March 2026, showing a Surplus for the year of £69.26, and Total assets of £23,572.30.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
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 Charities Act).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- 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 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;
   - 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.

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20 October 2025