CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.04.2025 Period start date - To 31.03.2026 Period end date

Charity name: Sacriston Youth Project

Charity registration number: 1168668

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To serve as a resource for children and young people up to the age of nineteen in Sacriston, County Durham and the surrounding areas by offering guidance, support, and structured programmes focused on physical, educational, and other activities to: a) Enhance their personal growth by developing essential skills, abilities, and confidence, enabling them to become independent, responsible, and engaged members of society. b) Support and promote their educational advancement. c) Provide recreational and leisure activities that contribute to their well-being and overall quality of life. We refer to children and teenagers as young people.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Charity continues to thrive and grow to meet the needs of the children and young people in and around Sacriston and the surrounding areas.

identified in the accounts.		Although we used to provide a holistic approach to the support we offered which encompassed the whole family, we have scaled back on this provision to focus on a wide and varied range of sessions aimed at our children and young people aged from 5 to 19. Activities, projects and services over 2025/2026 have included: • Forrest School • Allotment Project • Relaxed Kids • Breakfast with Santa • Digital Café • Crafternoon • Youth Café • Youth Club • World of Work • Duke of Edinburgh • Tall Ships The activities delivered during this period have been made possible by grant funding from a wide range of funders including Point North, Ballinger, Sir James Knott, Karbon Homes, Durham County Council, the Hadrian's Trust, Nettlesworth and Kimblesworth Parish Council, the Cloth Workers, the Community Foundation, Morrisons, Rotherly Trust, the Shakespeare Trust, Freemasons, the Windfarm Trust, the 29th May Trust, the Banks Trust, the Access Foundation and the JD Foundation. We express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for their ongoing support.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	It has been an exciting year for Sacriston Youth Project as we continue to deliver for the young people who access the charity and its activities. We are very proud to have achieved numerous awards during this year including the prestigious Project of the Year 2025 at the North East Youth Awards. A key milestone in 2025 was the appointment of our new Charity Manager Jenny Walton. Jenny has worked within the charity in various roles since we were established in 2016, and we are thrilled to see her forward-thinking vision for the project come to fruition within a short space of time. Jenny has already implemented positive changes to procedures, staffing, funding bids, governance and overall structure.

		We also gained funding to purchase a minibus which provides essential transport for trips and events for our young people. This asset will provide flexibility and a huge cost saving when organising future projects and events. Thank you to the many parents, families, young people, organisations and people within our local community who support fundraising activity throughout the year and offer donations. Finally thank you to our employees and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the project and young people we work with.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a healthy financial position at the end of the period as demonstrated in the attached Financial Statement.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The policy is to retain 3 months of running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£30,000
Reasons for holding zero	Para 1.22	N/A

reserves		
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment by Board of Trustees

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sacriston Youth Project
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1168668
Charity's principal address	Unit E Old Co-op Buildings Plawsworth Road Sacriston Durham DH7 6PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Joanne Cameron	Chair		
2	Jessica Hall	Secretary		
3	John Tomaney			
4	Sarah Moat			
5	Beverly Brown		Appointed 25 March 2026	
6	Rita Routledge	Treasurer	Resigned 25 March 2026	
7	Kris Read		Resigned 15 October 2025	
8	Martin Hollingsworth		Resigned July 2025	
9	Katherine Barton		Resigned July 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant (up to April 2026)	David McGowan	GBM Accountants Limited 19B Front Street Sacriston Durham DH7 6JS
Accountant (from May 2026)	Harry Wright	Wrights Accountancy Services NE 13 Lowthian Terrace Washington NE38 7BA
HR	Beverly Sherratt	LaunchPad Associates Ltd. Whitfield House Suite 19 St John's Road Meadowfield Durham DH7 8XL
IT	Lee Vest	ALV IT Solutions 7 Springwell Close Langley Park Durham DH7 9XX

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Jenny Walton, Charity Manager

Exemptions from disclosure

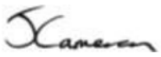
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Joanne Cameron	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date	6/8/2026

Sacriston Youth Project

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2026

Sacriston Youth Project
Year Ended 31st March 2026
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Registered Charity Number

1168668

Trustees

Joanne Cameron
Beverley Brown
Sarah Jane Moat
Jessica Hall
Prof John Tomaney

Independent Examiner

Mr Harry Wright
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sacriston Youth Project
for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report in respect of my examination of the organisation's accounts carried out in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Directions given by the Charity Commission and in accordance with section 145(5)(b). An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 those responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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.

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 and to prepare accounts in accordance with the applicable requirements 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.

Mr Harry Wright
Wrights Accountancy Services NE
13 Lowthian Terrace
Washington
NE38 7BA

Date: 23rd June 2026

Sacriston Youth Project
Year Ended 31st March 2026
Income and Expenditure Report

Receipts

		General 2026	Restricted 2026	Total 2026	General 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025
Grants		21,010	136,929	157,939	33,796	123,767	157,563
Other Income							
	Donations	9,151	0	9,151	8,412	0	8,412
Total Income		**30,160**	**136,929**	**167,089**	**42,208**	**123,767**	**165,975**

Payments

Expenditure							
	Activities	14,841	35,440	50,281	20,445	27,629	48,074
	Premises Costs	3,367	3,000	6,367	7,788	0	7,788
	Energy Costs	2,143	0	2,143	4,728	0	4,728
	Insurance	3,300	0	3,300	980	0	980
	Salaries	6,839	72,594	79,433	8,305	50,628	58,933
	Repairs	3,112	0	3,112	2,109	0	2,109
	Postage, Printing, Stationery, Adverts	14	0	14	111	0	111
	Telephone	796	0	796	2,175	903	3,078
	Licences	892	0	892	972	0	972
	Accountancy Fees	1,168	0	1,168	792	0	792
	Bank Charges	153	0	153	162	0	162
	Minibus Acquisition	0	44,745	44,745	0	0	0
Total Payments		**36,626**	**155,779**	**192,404**	**48,567**	**79,160**	**127,727**
	Net Surplus/Deficit	-6,465	-18,850	-25,315	-6,359	44,607	38,248
	Retained Funds Brought Forward	15,205	83,455	98,660	21,564	38,848	60,412
	Retained Funds Carried Forward	**8,740**	**64,605**	**73,345**	**15,205**	**83,455**	**98,660**

Sacriston Youth Project
Year Ended 31st March 2026
Balance Sheet

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed Assets			
Plant and Equipment	**2**	33,559	0
Current Asstes			
Bank Account		73,695	99,705
		107,254	**99,705**
Current Liabiities			
Creditors and Accruals		350	1,045
		350	**1,045**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		350	1,045
Total Net Assets		**106,904**	**98,660**
Capital Reserves			
Restricted Funds	**3**	64,605	83,455
Fixed Asset Fund		33,559	33,560
General Funda		8,740	15,205
		106,904	**132,220**

Sacriston Youth Project
Year Ended 31st March 2026
Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's governing document.

Receipts

All incoming resources are recognised when received. Donations, grants, subscriptions and fundraising income are included in the accounts on a cash basis.

Payments

Expenditure is accounted for when paid. Costs are classified under categories that reflect the nature of the expenditure and are included on a cash basis.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
Restricted funds represent monies received for specific purposes and may only be used in accordance with the conditions imposed by the donor or grant provider.

Assets

Assets are included at cost where this is material. Assets with an individual value below the charity's capitalisation threshold are written off as expenditure when purchased.

Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these accounts.

Cash and Bank Balances

Cash and bank balances represent amounts held in cash and at bank at the year end.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Equipment £
Cost	
B/fwd	3,200
Additions	44,745
Carried Forward	**47,945**

Depreciation	
Brought forward	3,200
Charge for year	11,186
Carried forward	**14,386**
Net Book Value as of 31st March 2026	**33,559**
Net Book Value as of 31st March 2025	**0**

3. Restricted Funds

Funder	Balance B/F	Funding Rec'd	Funding Spend	Balance C/F
Lottery Fund - Sport England	109	0	109	0
Hadrians Trust	388	0	388	0
Linnean Society	560	0	560	0
Cash for Kids	903	0	903	0
DCC - Community Grant	1,330	0	301	1,029
Point North	2,354	0	2,354	0
Morrisons GDS	7,334	0	6,500	834
DCC Youth Café Grant	9,506	0	9,506	0
Point North - Family Wellbeing	9,900	0	9,900	0
Lottery Funding	20,000	0	17,499	2,501
Ballinger	31,072	1,275	32,347	0
Keyfund Grant for DofE	0	240	240	0
DofE Head Office	0	300	226	74
Keyfund Blackpool	0	500	500	0
Minis Youth Grant	0	500	500	0
The Award Scheme	0	640	640	0
Keyfund	0	725	725	0
Karbon Homes Winter Food Funding	0	830	400	430
DCC	0	831	831	0
Keyfund Halloween	0	939	939	0
DCC Easter Fun	0	980	273	707
Plawsworth Parish	0	1,250	1,250	0
Rotherly Trust	0	1,250	0	1,250
Changing Relations	0	1,257	1,257	0
Xmas Fun & Food	0	1,533	1,533	0
DofE Wages	0	1,625	615	1,010
Grant Fun and Food	0	1,625	1,625	0
Coalfields	0	1,929	1,929	0
29th May Trust DofE	0	2,000	1,407	593
Point North	0	2,300	0	2,300
Point North	0	2,600	998	1,602
Relax Kids	0	2,696	2,423	272
DCC Changes Lives Today	0	3,000	73	2,927
Shakespere Trust	0	3,000	1,750	1,250
James Knott Grant	0	5,000	4,719	281
Point North Staffing Cost	0	7,000	3,068	3,932
The Access Foundation	0	8,560	2,748	5,812
Community Foundation	0	10,000	0	10,000
Freemans Tall Ships	0	13,000	0	13,000
The Access Foundation	0	14,800	0	14,800
Better Youth Spaces	0	44,745	44,745	0
	83,454	**136,929**	**155,779**	**64,605**