Powered By Youth

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 March 2026.
Completed on: 22nd October 2026

Reference and administrative details:

- **Charity number:** 1204663
- **Principal address:** Powered by Youth, Unit 152989, Po Box 7169, Poole, Bh15 9el

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee	Date of appointment	Role (if any)
Rev Ruth Wells	22/02/2023	Chair
Mx Rachel Folgate	13/03/2023	Trustee
Mr Jonathan Owen	09/03/2023	Trustee

Name of chief executive or names of senior volunteers

Poppy Sargeaunt	Founder (Employee)
Laura Busby	Founder (Employee)

Chair's report:

This year's report gives just a snapshot of the progress made by the Youth Steering group and Founders of Powered by Youth. There is so much underneath these reported figures and markers including a considerable amount of work. Shaping new policies, applying for and successfully being awarded funding, meeting and interviewing a local MP, getting to grips with HR systems, making pizza, running 5K and developing website/social media outputs don't just happen. I want to simply commend the young people, my fellow trustees and the founders for investing in the growth of this important charity.

1. **Structure, governance and management:**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution agreed by all trustees on 6th September 2023

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Poppy Sargeaunt and Laura Busby (Founders)

Additional governance issues

N/A

2. Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	To act as a resource for young people who are neurodiverse, or have characteristics linked to neurodiversity up to the age of 25 living in Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes as a means of individual development: (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals; (b) advancing education; both individually and in the community. (c) relieving unemployment; (d) providing recreational and leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects	This year has been a really positive one for Powered by Youth. • **12 youth sessions were delivered** that had been designed and delivered by young people. Topics included: Leadership, positive mental health, friendships and pro social attitudes. We

	also ran a Pizza making session, a Christmas Party and used the newly purchased board games such as Herd Mentality to support young people to get to know each other in a relaxed setting. • Several young people also spent time working alongside Powered by Youth Staff to develop new policies for the charity. These included: Code of Conduct, Privacy Policy, Annual Leave, Sickness Absence Policy and a Financial Controls Policy. One young person fed back to staff that they had really, really enjoyed the experience and found the process very interesting. • Our youth steering group meetings began the year at St Marks church in Wallisdown but in September 2025 these were relocated to **The Windmill** in Boscombe. • A **new young people's monitoring form** was created which individual young people will complete twice a year. It looks at a range of skills, understanding of self and engagement in building connections and within the community and is linked to our funding targets. • We continue to develop our marketing methods including via social media and designing our own website. This has been a great activity for our youth steering group to be involved in and supported their skills development. • **Systems:** We have been busy setting up our Powered by Youth systems for working with

	young people including registers for youth sessions, individual evaluation tools to monitor young people's individual growth and risk assessments. Additionally, we have focused on our HR systems including creating role descriptions for both new staff and volunteers within the organisation as well as HMRC and we have now set up an account with UCheck so that we can complete DBS's for all staff or volunteers within the charity.

3. Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.	• Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole's Community Action Network (CAN) choose us as their Community Hero in the spotlight for August 2025: **https://can100.org/story/powered-by-youth/** • In November 2025, our youth steering group had a meeting with our local MP Tom Hayes to share our work as a charity and ask him a range of questions which were close to their hearts. These included: ***- "We know you have been strongly involved in the BCP play park campaign. How can you ensure BCP make local parks accessible for all?"*** ***- "One of your missions is to empower the next generation. How do you plan to do this?"*** ***- "How can we improve accessibility to mental health support for young people?"***

	- "What is going on with the delayed SEND reforms/ Schools White Paper? It's been stated that "further period of co-creation, testing our proposals with the people who matter most in this reform". What does this mean?" ***- "Tokenistic consultations by BCP council. How can you support them to start really listening to the people?"*** The meeting with Tom was really positive and the young people came away feeling more knowledgeable about a local MP's role and political processes. • Being awarded our first financial grants with our earliest in August 2025 was a huge, huge achievement for us as a charity. We have been privileged to be awarded 3 small grants this year to develop our charity. These included: o Talbot Village Trust: £2,400 o BCP Council Coastal Lottery: £2,420 o BCP Youth Fund: £880 We have been able to use these funds to purchase IT equipment, materials for youth sessions such as pens, paper and board games, venue hire and employ our founders for a few hours per month to road test employing staff and understand processes with HMRC, Tax and in the future Pensions. This has enabled us to set up our systems robustly to ensure we can manage grants safely.

4. Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:	Not applicable at this time
Details of any funds materially in deficit:	Not applicable at this time

Further financial review details:	• **Fundraising**: Donations received via Just Giving: £518.08. This included one of our young people organising a 5k run to raise funds for our charity. They raised over £500.
	• **Successful Grants:** We have been privileged to be awarded 3 small grants this year to develop our charity. These included:
	  ○ Talbot Village Trust: £2,400
	  ○ BCP Council Coastal Lottery: £2,420
	  ○ BCP Youth Fund: £880
	• A Financial Controls Policy has been created to ensure we manage our financial responsibilities correctly.
	• Powered by Youth has also now been registered with Gift Aid through HMRC to reclaim tax on any donations given.

5. Other optional information

Future Plans:

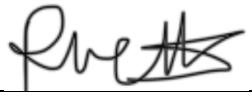
- We are starting to develop our young trustee roles and support plans for young trustees within the charity as well as looking to recruit new trustees who have knowledge of finances and HR.
- We are starting to apply for larger grants to cover staffing and running costs as well as venue hire.

- Recruiting young people to join our youth steering group is a real focus in the next year as several of our steering group transition to universities across the UK.

6. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Rev Ruth Wells
Position (eg secretary, chair, etc)	Chair
Date	22nd October 2026

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Receipts and payments accounts | **CC16a**

For the period from	Period start date: 1 April 2025	To	Period end date: 31 March 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment funds (to the nearest £)	Total funds (to the nearest £)	Last year (to the nearest £)
A1 Receipts					
Donations	538	-	-	538	10
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	5,700	-	5,700	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	538	5,700	-	6,238	10
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	538	5,700	-	6,238	10
A3 Payments					
Insurance		101	-	101	-
HR Costs including DBS checks		59	-	59	-
Printing, postage, stationery		407	-	407	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	567	-	567	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchases of fixed assets		1,287	-	1,287	
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	1,287	-	1,287	
Total payments	-	1,854	-	1,854	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	538	3,846	-	4,384	10
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	538	3,846	-	4,384	10

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	The Co-Op Charity and Community Bank Account	538	3,846	-
	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Foreign currency	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	538	3,846	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/a	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N/a		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Laptop	Restricted	-	759
	Tablet	Restricted	-	329
	Phone	Restricted	-	199
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	N/a		-	
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			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	D Wells	Ruth Wells	17/09/2026
	R. Folgate	Ash Folgate	2nd July 2026