

Dorset Youth Association Annual Report

2023
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2024



HONORARY OFFICERS

President	Mr A. Campbell HM Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset
Hon. Vice President	Mrs P. Seaton MBE JP DL
Vice-President	Col D. Swann CBE to 29.11.2023

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES

Chairman	Mr T. Amery-Mathews
Vice Chairman	Mr A. Knott to 29.11.2023, Mrs P. Price from 29.11.2023
Hon. Treasurer	Vacant
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OUR STAFF

Dorset Youth Association is incredibly proud of our staff team for their strength, determination and continued hard work during the 2023-24 financial year. Thank you all!



Mike Bennett
CEO



Lindsey Halford
Operations Manager
(to 23.11.2023)



Debbie Shaw
Finance Manager



Lynne Rockey
0-25 VCS Forum
Project Officer



Lilly Markwell
Youth Development Manger



Dani Aspey
Youth Worker
(from 30.10.2023)



Clare Duran
Youth Worker
(from 02.01.2024)



Enya Piper
Youth Worker in Charge



Matt Hodgett
Caretaker



Lewis Coward
Website Administrator
(to 18.04.2023)



Alison Freeman
Youth Worker
(from 05.07.2023)



Jack Hershaw
Youth Support Worker
(to 18.05.2023)



Fleur Caddy
Youth Support Worker
(to 17.11.2023)



Jacob Strausa
Youth Support Worker
(from 10.01.2024)

CHAIR OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Reflecting on another transformative year for Dorset Youth, I am deeply impressed by the resilience, dedication, and ingenuity of our team and supporters. Your contributions have been pivotal in navigating challenges and seizing opportunities to enhance our impact across Dorset.

This year, Dorset Youth has continued to provide vital support to the voluntary and community sector working with young people aged 0-25. In a rapidly changing landscape, our commitment to innovation and collaboration has allowed us to adapt and thrive.

Based on the hard work and dedication this year we now welcome for the 2024-25 year, four new team members to drive the Dorset Youth Strategy plan, enhancing our capacity to serve the 0-25 VCS that support young people and their families. Their contributions will be instrumental in strengthening our ability to deliver impactful services across the county.

Dorset Youth has remained at the forefront of empowering community groups and youth workers, supporting 47 clubs and groups across the county and delivering 10 training workshops attended by 143 individuals and conducted numerous face-to-face meetings to provide direct support.

The 0-25 Voluntary and Community Sector Forum has continued to be a cornerstone of our collaborative efforts, bringing together key stakeholders to discuss challenges, share insights, and drive innovation. This year, the Forum engaged over 390 organisations and individuals, fostering a stronger joint voice for the 0-25 sector. The discussions have directly influenced policy and practice, ensuring that the needs of children, young people, and families in Dorset are prioritised.

Our Youth Leadership programmes have also flourished. Two Young Leader programmes were delivered, training young people across three different youth clubs. These programmes provided participants with vital skills in leadership, safeguarding, and team-building, leaving them with a sense of achievement and stronger connections.

CHAIR OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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Highlights include partnerships with #Willdoes charity on events like Bestival, which engaged over 800 young people, and regional initiatives in Weymouth, Portland, and Swanage, each reaching hundreds more. These efforts underline the breadth and depth of our impact.

While we celebrate our successes, we remain acutely aware of the challenges. Funding remains competitive, and the reliance on volunteers continues to stretch our sector. Yet, our collective determination and innovative solutions provide a strong foundation for the future.

Our trustees, as always, have been an invaluable asset. Their dedication, alongside that of our returning trustees, strengthens Dorset Youth's vision and strategy.

I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to our incredible staff and volunteers. To our part-time youth workers and the volunteers who support the running of our clubs, thank you for your unwavering commitment to the young people of Dorset. A special thanks goes to Lilly Markwell, our Youth Development Manager, for her continued drive and passion, and to Debbie Shaw, our Office Manager, who is truly the glue of our organisation. Your hard work and dedication inspire us all and are the backbone of Dorset Youth. The vision and leadership of our CEO Mike Bennett has been transformational for our Charity and we are very privileged and proud to have Mike at the helm.

As we look ahead to 2024 and beyond, we remain focused on strengthening partnerships, expanding our reach, and ensuring that every young person in Dorset has access to the support and opportunities they need to thrive. With your continued support, Dorset Youth will continue to grow and adapt, driving positive change for the children, young people, and families we serve.

Thank you all for your unwavering support. Let us continue to share our vision, passion, and work with everyone in our networks, ensuring the longevity and success of Dorset Youth's mission.

Patrica Price

Interim Chair of Trustees



Mission & Vision

'Ensuring the development and recognition of a vibrant, strong and diverse voluntary sector with a focus on supporting those aged 0-25 and their families'

'For all children and young people to be empowered, feel respected and know that they are valued'



Our Values

Trustworthy

Inclusive

Innovative

Ambitious

Reflective

Dedicated

Supportive

Committed to Excellence

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Increase the growth and sustainability of the local children, young people and families voluntary sector
- To do the boring bits so important face to face organisations can do what they do better
- Represent the sector and give weight to the voice of children, young people, families and the 0-25 services within Dorset



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Meetings & Events

442

Total Attendees

180

Direct work with members

The 0-25 VCS Forum currently has a membership of 390 organisations and individuals who regularly receive not only the weekly E-Information Alerts but important updates, opportunities and services as soon as we are made aware. This is particularly useful when we are informed of events and deadlines with very short timeframes as we can send information direct to colleagues and partners in a very quick response time. Membership has increased by 19 members / organisations during this period, despite the loss of a few VCS organisations and people who are no longer active or working.

0-25 VCS CHAIR

Helen has been a champion of the VCS for many years and is one of the most respected individuals within the sector. Her passion and voice supporting the Early Years setting to improve the lives of children and families has been felt across Dorset. Helen has now stepped down as chair of the 0-25 VCS Forum.

and we welcome...

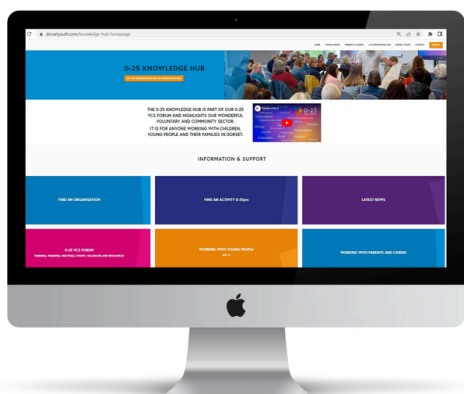
Emma, who works at the Horse Course and is a strong voice for the VCS that represents Local Alliance Groups. The 0-25 VCS Forum are looking forward in working with Emma as the new Chair of the 0-25 VCS Forum.



HELEN HORSLEY



EMMA LETCHFORD



WWW.DORSETYOUTH.COM

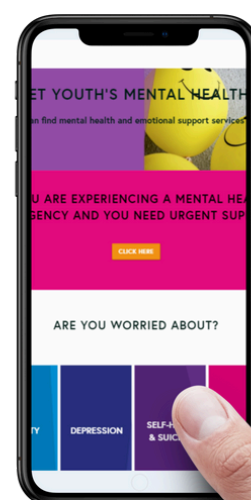
www.dorsetyouth.com is a vital platform that amplifies the visibility of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in Dorset. It connects organisations, showcases their impact, and supports them in securing funding and resources, ensuring young people receive the best opportunities possible.

WEBSITE STATS



186,000 CLICKS

MOST VIEWED PAGES: MENTAL HEALTH HUB & FIND A LOCAL ORGANISATION





0-25
VCS FORUM

INVESTMENT FROM THE VCS

We wanted to highlight the incredible effort the VCS puts into securing funding and were delighted to showcase the investment they bring into Dorset excluding LA and NHS funding. The results are truly outstanding!

INVESTMENT FROM THE VCS

BASED ON 10 LOCAL CHARITIES

2021/2022

£1,918,774

NON LA/NHS FUNDING

2022/2023

£2,475,494

NON LA/NHS FUNDING

AMAZING

ALL OF WHICH BENEFITS CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND
FAMILIES IN dORSET

INCLUDING LA AND NHS FUNDING
BASED ON 10 LOCAL CHARITIES

2021/2022

£1,918,774

NON LA/NHS FUNDING

+ LA/NHS £809,191

£2,278,453

2022/2023

£2,475,494

NON LA/NHS FUNDING

+ LA/NHS £1,373,078

£3,929,525



WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY ABOUT US

CASE STUDY 1

As part of my role working with young patients of The Blandford Group Practice – I have worked alongside a number of colleagues as well as other agencies and professionals. One being Dorset Youth. I was introduced to Dorset Youth via a colleague at Public Health Dorset. It is great to see useful information for young people included all in one place on an easily accessible website aimed specifically at the younger generation. My role is to signpost onto other services, organisations and activities so directing young people to your website has also been included in some of the avenues I recommend.

The layout of the website is easy to follow, information is displayed clearly and enables young people to search for support independently without having to voice their worries to others, as often young people feel uncomfortable doing so. I think the only short fall as with any signposting service is that services/activities frequently change their information which makes some information inaccurate, I have found this with my own signposting, which I now have to check every few months to ensure accuracy.

Keep up the amazing work, Dorset Youth!



WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY ABOUT US

CASE STUDY 2

I found out about the Forum through a meeting with Mike Bennett about how The Colour Works Foundation could partner with Dorset Youth. One of the first events I attended in person after becoming a member was the session where Dorset Council presented their Families First for Pathfinder strategy. This meeting gave our organisation the opportunity to find out what other organisations were doing that supported families and initiated some thoughts about our Charity's strategy for supporting families ongoing. I also was made aware of the LAG funding offered in Dorset and following the event applied and was successful in receiving funding to support our Charity's partnership with Weymouth Prince's Trust Team programme.

The next in person event allowed our organisation to advertise our offering to Dorset School Headteachers. This proved useful in terms of developing new partnerships and we have been in contact with a new school following this event.

Its been really beneficial being part of the VCS for networking with other Dorset based organisations as our Charity is situated in BCP. In terms of improvement – it would just be useful to know what organisations are attending in person events so we can potentially car share from BCP to Dorchester.

YOUTH CLUBS AND GROUPS

WHAT WE OFFER



Advice

Ongoing Support and advice for your club or group



Governance

Support and advice for polices, procedures, constitution and risk assessments



Quality

Access to shared quality resources to support growth and development



Safeguarding

Ongoing support for safeguarding issues and a DBS Service



Activities

Partner run activities, session plans, resources



Training

Training opportunities for your staff and volunteers in partnership with local/national organisations and local councils



Networking

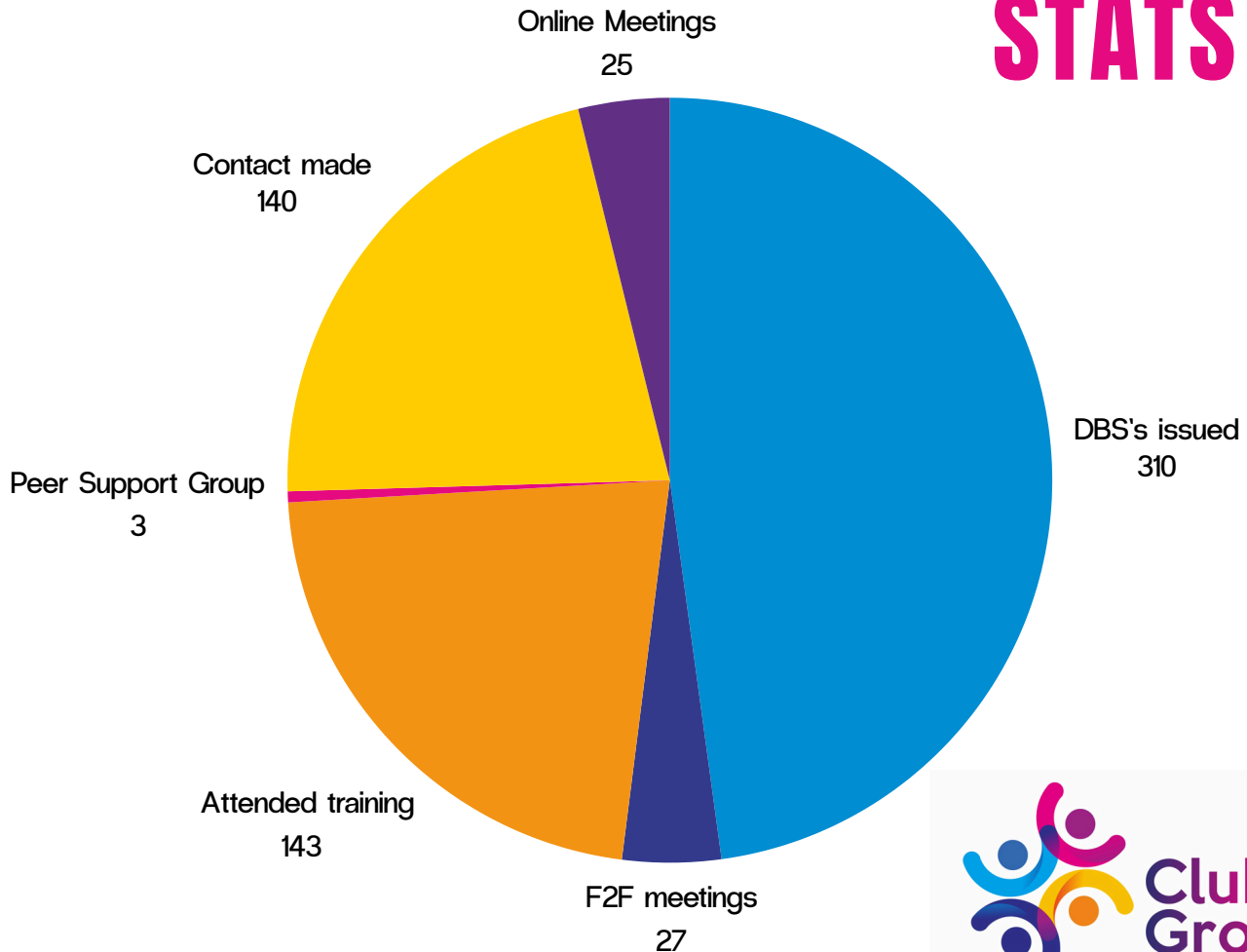
Regular networking opportunities with other members and local strategic partners



Development

Development opportunities for your staff, volunteers and young people

STATS



DORSET YOUTH & DORSET COUNCIL TRAINING OFFER

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3

Training days

10

Different training workshops provided

90

Individuals attended

The Dorset Youth & Dorset Council Training Days are continuing to thrive, with us being able to offer at least 3 every year.

We also still offer four L2 Safeguarding & Online Safety courses as well as four Introduction to Youth Work courses throughout the year. All this training has been provided for FREE to youth workers across the county.

PEER SUPPORT FOR LEAD YOUTH WORKERS

This year, we launched a peer support group for lead youth workers to create a space for collaboration, guidance, and shared best practice. Meeting quarterly, this group allows lead youth workers to support one another, discuss common challenges, and address key issues such as safeguarding and youth worker well-being. Currently, around eight lead youth workers actively participate, strengthening the sector through shared experience and mutual support.



LIST OF CLUBS AND GROUPS THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED THIS YEAR

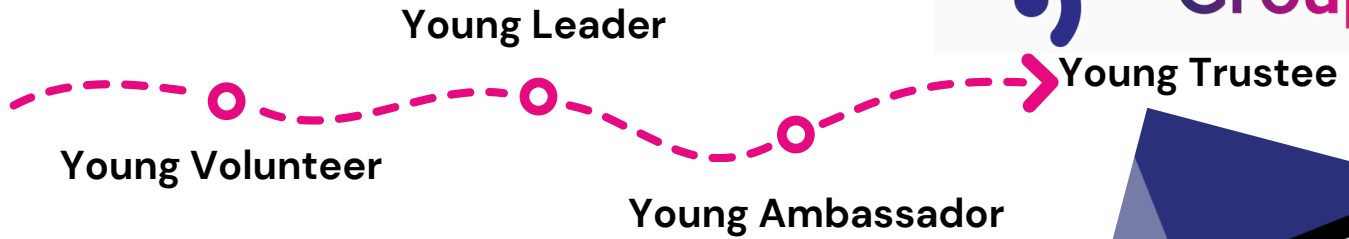


AIM community
 ASCape
 Beaminster Young Farmers
 Blandford Youth & Community Centre
 Blandford Young Farmers
 Bridport Youth & Community Centre
 Broadstone Youth Centre
 B Sharp Ltd
 Buckland Newton Youth Club
 Corfe Mullen Youth Trust
 Crossways Youth Club
 Dorset Federation of Young Farmers
 Ferndown Youth Centre- Riffs
 Gillingham Youth Club
 Gillingham & Shaftsbury Young Farmers
 Girl Guiding Dorset
 Hipp!Bones
 Loders Youth Club
 LittleMoor Youth club
 Lyme Regis Development Trust (The Hub)
 Lytchett Matravers Youth Club
 Marshwood Vale Young Farmers
 NOCS New Opportunities for Community & Support
 Portland Youth Christian Outreach
 Prout Bridge Project
 Puddletown Young Farmers
 Purbeck Youth & Community Centre
 Ripple Rebels
 Sherborne Young Farmers
 Somerford Youth & Community Centre
 Space Youth Project
 STEPS Club for Young People
 Streetlight
 Sturminster Marshall Youth Club
 Sturminster Newton Expedition Group
 Sturminster Newton Young Farmers
 Swanage Youth Club
 The Drop-In on Portland
 The Front Skatepark
 The Reef Youth Club
 Tinney's Youth Club
 Treads Young People's Advice & Information
 Verwood Youth & Community Centre
 Wareham & Purbeck Young Farmers
 West Moors Youth Club
 WOW Youth Musical Theatre
 Wyke Youth Club

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TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SKILLS PASSPORT



The Young Peoples' skills passport is a place for young people to record their voluntary hours and the training that they do in their spare time to help them gain the recognition that they deserve. We have started to deliver the Young Volunteer & Young Leaders part of the programme this year and it has been a huge success with the young people and the youth clubs.

2

Young Leaders programmes delivered

19

Young people trained

3

Different Youth clubs

Reef



“Throughout the course we learnt different icebreakers, various activities, rules around safeguarding and about different leadership styles. At the end of day two we all left feeling a sense of achievement and new friendships. I would like to thank Lilly from Dorset Youth Association for providing this experience and allowing us to learn something new whilst having fun”

		SKILLS TABLE			
		This tables shows you the skills that you will develop through the different roles.			
Skills	Young Volunteer	Young Leader	Young Ambassador	Young Trustee	
Time keeping	x	x	x	x	
Communication Skills	x	x	x	x	
Health & Safety at Work	x	x	x	x	
ASDAN L1 Leadership		x	x	x	
First Aid		x	x	x	
Food Hygiene		x	x	x	
Introduction to Youth Work			x	x	
Mental Health awareness			x	x	
Level 2 Safeguard			x	x	
Trustee Training				x	

European Youth Event

We partnered with Opera Circus and The Complete Freedom of Truth to take 16 young people to the European Youth event in Strasbourg.



8500 people between the ages of 16 and 30 travelled to Strasbourg to spend 2 days taking over the city.

Opportunity to interact, inspire & exchange views with experts, activists, influencers & decision-makers, right in the heart of the European democracy.



"Strasbourg was an amazing opportunity! I never thought I'd be lucky enough to travel to visit the European Parliament with an organisation let alone get involved in the learning and change making!"

The Reef Youth Club is growing in success, this year the number of young people has increased for both the Year 6 & 7 session and the Year 8+ session. We continue to develop a fun and creative timetable which has included: cooking, Queen's Jubilee Party, music, sport, Halloween party and much more. A massive thank you to our Youth Workers!



This year:

116

Delivered 116 sessions

1,745

Total attendee's



STURMINSTER MARSHALL YOUTH CLUB

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We opened a second youth club this year, working in partnership with Sturminster Marshall Memorial hall. The youth club is open Mondays evenings for two sessions, one for Year 6&7 and one straight after for Year 8+. The club has been a great success so far. We would like to thank our Youth Workers and our amazing volunteers from the youth committee who have really helped to get the club off the ground!



62

Delivered 62 sessions

This year:

508

Total attendee's

#Willdoes bus



We are proud to partner with the #Willdoes Charity.

Throughout the year, the bus operated in partnership with Dorset Council and various voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations. These partnerships have enabled the bus to go out on regularly for outreach work with youth workers and attend local events to provide a safe space for young people.

Partnerships



IMPACT & INTERACTIONS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:

BESTIVAL – 800+ YOUNG PEOPLE
 WEYMOUTH – 100+ YOUNG PEOPLE
 PORTLAND – 250+ YOUNG PEOPLE
 SWANAGE – 300+ YOUNG PEOPLE



#WILLDOES BUS AT BESTIVAL

#Willdoes 
HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVE WELLBEING



A highlight of the year was the bus's presence at Bestival 2023. At this popular event, the bus became a central hub for young people and families to relax and engage in well-being activities. Staff and volunteers from MYTIME Young Carers and The Drop-In Portland joined forces with #Willdoes and Dorset Youth to deliver valuable support during the festival. Over 800 attendees accessed the bus, underscoring its critical role in raising mental health awareness and offering support to young people.

#WILLDOES BUS ON



#Willdoes 
HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVE WELLBEING

Lesley Paddy, Will's mum, was nominated by friends, family, and organisations supported by the #Willdoes Charity for a special surprise on BBC's The ONE SHOW.

A truly well-deserved honour, recognising the incredible work she and the volunteers do to support young people's well-being.



[@DORSETYOUTHASSOCIATIONDYA664](https://www.youtube.com/@DORSETYOUTHASSOCIATIONDYA664)



MEETING SPACES

At our DYA headquarters in Lubbecke Way, Dorchester, we can offer you the perfect meeting space for your meeting, training or social event.

Facilities - Both the Main Hall and Seaton Room include a kitchen equipped with a microwave, fridge, two kettles and hot water dispenser flasks. Additionally, the Main Hall includes a serving hatch, whereas the Seaton Room includes an oven. Both rooms have an accessible toilet. Additionally the Main Hall has separate gendered toilets. Other facilities in both spaces include free high speed internet, a flipchart stand, hearing loop and access to a large private car park. Both rooms are fully accessible by wheelchair.

Capacity - The Main Hall can fit 60 people theatre style, 40 people cabaret style and 30 people boardroom style. The Seaton Room is smaller, yet can comfortably accommodate 20 people.

Cost - The price for a session in the Main Hall is set at £45. The price for a session in the Seaton Room is £35. Please note that we are able to provide a discounted rate in the Seaton Room for groups working with children and young people with disabilities.

MAIN HALL



SEATON ROOM



Additional services -
Tea, coffee and biscuits = £1.50
per head
Projector & Speakers = £25
Flipchart paper = £5

THANK YOU!

To all of our supporters, funders, children and young people, 0-25 organisation's, our amazing staff, trustees and volunteers.



Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean
Charitable Foundation

Valentine
Charitable Trust

WE ARE PROUDLY AFFILIATED TO...



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

We report on the financial statements that are set out on pages I to VII

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is our responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission, under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention :

which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with S.130 of the Charities Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



T P Alder FCCA
Elson Frampton
66 High Street
Honiton
Devon
EX14 1PD

Dated: 11 December 2024

DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income					
Grants and donations	3	28,501	104,962	133,463	721,766
Affiliation fees		-	-	-	25
Youth Club fees		-	1,111	1,111	-
Lettings		18,087	-	18,087	14,438
Sundry		1,709	6,890	8,599	3,674
Interest received		3,934	-	3,934	1,043
Total income		<u>52,231</u>	<u>112,963</u>	<u>165,194</u>	<u>740,946</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	4/5	93,092	77,208	170,300	590,834
Governance	4/5	36,525	1,000	37,525	33,032
Total resources expended		<u>129,617</u>	<u>78,208</u>	<u>207,825</u>	<u>623,866</u>
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers		(77,386)	34,755	(42,631)	117,080
Transfers between funds	6	38,613	(38,613)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(38,773)	(3,858)	(42,631)	117,080
Opening fund balances		180,327	166,262	346,589	229,509
Closing fund balances		<u>£141,554</u>	<u>£162,404</u>	<u>£303,958</u>	<u>£346,589</u>

DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		6669		9147
Current assets					
Prepayments		2678		2483	
Debtors		29344		365	
Cash at bank : NSB		49924		49541	
: CAF		82877		81166	
: Lloyds		135605		206015	
Cash in hand		188		41	
		<u>300616</u>		<u>339611</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors		2327		1169	
Accruals		1000		1000	
		<u>3327</u>		<u>2169</u>	
Net current assets			297289		337442
Net assets			<u>303958</u>		<u>346589</u>
Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	9		141554		180327
Restricted funds	10		162404		166262
			<u>303958</u>		<u>346589</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 11 December 2024 and signed on their behalf

Allen Knott



DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1) Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimations in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared 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 (FRS102) effective 1 January 2015 – (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Dorset Youth Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Assets and liabilities are stated at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note to the financial statements.

b) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants whether capital or revenue is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

c) Investment income

Interest and other investment income is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity. This is normally upon notification from the bank or fund managers.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted (general) funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are donations, grants and legacies which have been received for a specific purpose.

e) Expenditure including irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings.

Costs directly attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

Support costs attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

Costs attributable to the control and governance of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (Continued)

1) Accounting policies (continued)

f) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include head office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and training costs. These costs are allocated between direct charitable activities and governance, and are set out in the notes.

i) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold property	5% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	33% reducing balance basis
Freehold property	2.5% straight line basis

k) Debtors

Trade debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after taking provision for any doubtful debts. Prepayments are valued at the net amount prepaid.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

m) Creditors and accruals

Creditors and accruals are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

n) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. The exception being the fixed asset investments which are valued at mid-market price.

o) Pension costs

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. The pension charge in the accounts represents the amounts payable by the charity to the funds in respect of the year.

DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(Continued)**

2) Trust Funds

DYA holds £4,361 of funds in trust for three local youth clubs which are currently dormant.

3) Grants

Grants are received from various local authorities, local health authorities, large public companies, other charities and various private donations. Significant grants in the year by grantor were as follows.

Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation	10,000
Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre	15,000
Dorset Council	74,078
Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall	8,785
Valentine Charitable Trust	15,000
#WillDoes	10,000

4) Costs directly allocated to activities

	Charitable Activities	Governance	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	61,890	-	61,890	205,723
Transport and travel	1,326	-	1,326	5,350
Project costs	7,666	-	7,666	284,150
Direct consumables	1,171	-	1,171	1,679
Other direct costs	1,654	-	1,654	1,773
Consultancy costs	3,501	-	3,501	7,283
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	5,000
Audit/examiners fees	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>£77,208</u>	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>£78,208</u>	<u>£511,958</u>

5) Support costs allocated to activities

	Charitable Activities	Governance	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	62,198	30,635	92,833	74,363
Accommodation cos	2,878	2,880	5,758	6,958
Insurance	-	1,242	1,242	1,139
Transport and travel	-	267	267	438
Training	2,553	-	2,553	1,248
Depreciation	1,239	1,239	2,478	3,657
Office costs	24,224	262	24,486	24,105
	<u>£93,092</u>	<u>£36,525</u>	<u>£129,617</u>	<u>£111,908</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>£170,300</u>	<u>£37,525</u>	<u>£207,825</u>	<u>£623,866</u>

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6) Transfer between funds

This represents the payment of management costs out of restricted funds with respect to various projects.

7) Staff Costs

	2024	2023
The average number of FTE employees durir	5	10
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons was as follows:		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	142,607	256,790
Social security costs	5,548	12,353
Pension costs	6,568	10,943
	£154,723	£280,086

No trustee receives any remuneration for their services to the organisation.

8) Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	6,282	104,362	110,644
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2024	6,282	104,362	110,644
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	4,353	97,144	101,497
Charge for year	96	2,382	2,478
At 31 March 2024	4,449	99,526	103,975
Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	£1,833	£4,836	£6,669
At 31 March 2023	£1,929	£7,218	£9,147

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9) Unrestricted funds

	Balance 1.4.2023	Income in year	Expenditure in year	Balance 31.3.2024
	£	£	£	£
General fund	143,083	52,231	(91,004)	104,310
Capital/Strategic reserve	37,244	-	-	37,244
	<u>£180,327</u>	<u>£52,231</u>	<u>£(91,004)</u>	<u>£141,554</u>

The expenditure excludes the management and related costs incurred for restricted funds (see note 6).

10) Restricted funds

	Balance 1.4.2023	Income in year	Expenditure in year	Balance 31.3.2024
	£	£	£	£
Befriending Care Leaver	-	28,585	(28,585)	-
NHS Dorset CCG	150,000	-	-	150,000
Project Youth Worker	-	25,052	(25,052)	-
Sturminster Marshall Youth Club	-	11,218	(3,802)	7,416
The Reef Youth Club	1,180	17,168	(16,348)	2,000
VCS	-	18,900	(18,900)	-
WillDoes	15,082	12,040	(24,134)	2,988
	<u>£166,262</u>	<u>£112,963</u>	<u>£(116,821)</u>	<u>£162,404</u>

The expenditure includes the management and related costs paid out of general funds (see note 6).

11) Consultancy services

One of the Trustees provided consultancy services of £3,501 in the year to the Association. These services were fully disclosed and approved by the board of trustees.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to Charities in England and 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 the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Observe the methods and principles of The Charities SORP. State whether applicable accounting standards 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 charities 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 and the provisions of its constitution. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other Irregularities.

Risk Management

The trustees and management believe they have identified and considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems and procedures to manage those risks. These procedures are under constant review as circumstances change.

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