

Annual Report

2024-2025



Dorset Youth Association,
Lubbecke Way, Dorchester, DT1 1QL

HONORARY OFFICERS

President	Mr A. Campbell HM Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset to 04.09.24
Hon. Vice President	Mrs P. Seaton MBE JP DL
Vice-President	Vacant

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES

Chair	Mr T. Amery-Mathews to 15.01.25, Mrs P Price from 15.01.25
Vice Chair	Mrs P. Price to 15.01.25, Mr A. Knott from 15.01.25
Treasurer	Vacant
Trustees	Mr T. Amery-Mathews to 15.01.25. Mrs S. Grant, Ms D. Hartley to 13.11.24, Miss S. Kelly from 13.09.24, Dr S. Kinnersly, Mr A. Knott, Mrs P Price, Ms N Smith

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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 2024-25 financial year. Thank you all!



Mike Bennett
CEO



Debbie Shaw
Finance Manager



Lynne Rockey
O-25 VCS
(left 02.12.24)



Lilly Markwell
Youth Development
Manager



Matt Hodgett
Caretaker



Mohammad Ishaq
Website Admin &
Project Worker



Danielle Aspey
Youth Worker
#WillDoes
(left 06.09.24)



Clare Duran
Youth Worker
#Willdoes



Enya Piper
Youth Worker
(left 18.07.24)

OUR STAFF CONTINUED



Alison Freeman
Youth Worker



Jacob Strausa
Youth Worker
(left 22.07.24)



Amy Yates
Youth Worker
(from 14.10.24)



Brendan White
Youth Worker
(from 05.09.24)



Esther Fisher
Youth Worker
(05.09.24 to 23.02.25)



Kate Parish
Development Team
Lead
(from 06.01.25)



Julia Cohan
0-25 VCS
Engagement Lead
(06.01.25 to 21.02.25)



Eloise Bladon
Youth Engagement
Worker
(from 06.01.25)



Alisha Hampton
Social Media &
Communications
Lead
(from 06.01.25)



CHAIR OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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The year 2024/25 has powerfully reinforced Dorset Youth's indispensable role in nurturing children, young people and their families, and the voluntary and community sector throughout our county. In a period marked by increasing social and financial pressures, we have proudly stood as a trusted and collaborative leader, steadfast in our commitment to ensuring that young people are connected to safe spaces, trusted adults, meaningful opportunities, and clear pathways to brighter futures.

This past year has been one of significant progress and impactful growth, laying a strong foundation for the future:

- **Empowering the Sector:** Our 0–25 VCS Forum has expanded its reach and influence, now serving over 150 local organizations. This vibrant network provides a collective voice, offering practical support through networking, essential training, crucial funding guidance, and streamlined sector-wide data reporting.
 - **Direct Impact through Delivery:** Dorset Youth continues its direct delivery of vital services, including running youth clubs and impactful mentoring programmes. Our unwavering focus ensures that no young person is left behind, particularly those in isolated communities or facing disadvantage.
 - **Pioneering Innovation:** The continuous evolution of JUICE, our youth sector CRM, has significantly strengthened safeguarding protocols, enhanced accountability, and refined impact reporting. Its adoption beyond Dorset highlights our position as a national innovator in youth work technology.
 - **Strategic Partnerships for Systemic Change:** We have deepened our critical partnerships with key stakeholders such as Dorset Council, NHS Dorset, Volunteer Centre Dorset, schools, local businesses, and grassroots charities. Together, we are actively shaping strategies that place young people firmly at the heart of decision-making processes.
 - **Cultivating Youth Voice and Leadership:** Our Skills Passport initiative, featuring Young Leaders, Young Ambassadors, and Young Trustees programmes, is actively developing confident, capable young individuals who are becoming powerful influencers in local decision-making.
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Acknowledging Our Foundations: Our People

Behind every statistic and every achievement lies the story of a young person whose life has been positively transformed through connection, support, and opportunity. This is a testament to our steadfast belief in relational youth work—the power of building trusted relationships that yield lasting differences.

I extend my profound gratitude to our remarkable **staff team, volunteers, delivery partners, funders, Youth Trustees, and fellow Trustees**. Your unwavering dedication and profound belief in our mission are the bedrock of our success. To our staff, your relentless commitment to giving every young person in Dorset the chance to thrive is truly inspiring and deeply appreciated. To our volunteers, your selfless contribution of time and energy amplifies our reach and impact exponentially. The collective efforts of every individual have been instrumental in navigating the challenges of the past year and achieving these significant milestones.

Our Vision for the Future

As we look ahead, Dorset Youth reaffirms its commitment to standing shoulder-to-shoulder with communities and partner organisations. Our vision is clear: to ensure there is a vibrant youth offer in every community and boundless opportunity for every young person and every organisation dedicated to working with children, young people, and families.

Together, we will continue to proudly invest passionately in the future – not just in Dorset's young people, but also in the charities and community groups that tirelessly improve opportunities for those they serve. The momentum created in 2024/25 propels us ever forward, confident in our ability to create an even brighter, more equitable future for all young people in Dorset. This forward-looking perspective underpins our strategic initiatives, aiming to empower young people with agency and influence within their own communities.

With commitment extending to foster resilience and optimism amidst societal challenges in the coming years and into successful adulthood.

Patricia Price
Chair



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



Meetings & Events

15

524

Total Attendees

The Dorset 0–25 Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Forum is a collaborative network of charities, community organisations and social enterprises working with children, young people and families across Dorset. Facilitated by Dorset Youth, the Forum provides infrastructure support for the sector through networking, shared learning, funding guidance, policy updates and partnership development.

With over 350 members, it acts as a united voice for the VCS, influencing local strategy and improving coordination between voluntary, statutory and education partners. The Forum plays a vital role in strengthening local provision, reducing isolation among grassroots organisations and championing equitable access to youth services across Dorset.

0-25 VCS CHAIR

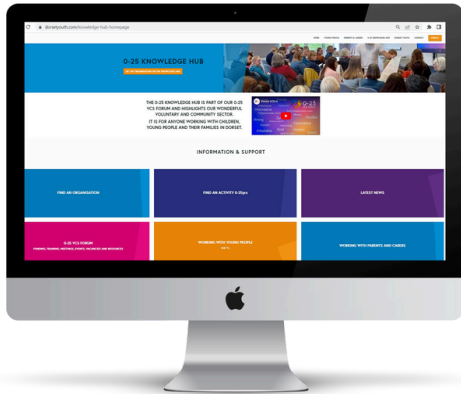
EMMA LETCHFORD



This year the **0–25 VCS Forum** has continued to grow in strength, voice and purpose. We have continued to grow the ways in which we collaborate and share learning and key information across the sector, raising standards and improving outcomes for children and young people across Dorset. The VCS has been hit hard by the cost of living crisis, the lack of funding and the closure of trusts and foundations. We've all seen the tragic closure of VCS services in our communities. Tackling these challenges, building partnerships and increasing the visibility and influence of the youth sector has never been more important.

The way in which the Forum has brought our member organisations together with Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and other strategic partners to shape a more joined-up system of support for families and young people is quite incredible. Dorset Youth continues to play a vital role, not only facilitating the Forum but also representing the VCS at a Strategic level. Their commitment to raising the profile of the VCS has really paid off, with Strategic partners increasingly engaging with the VCS at early stages of planning in key projects. The collective dedication and energy from Dorset Youth and our members gives me great confidence about what we can continue to achieve together despite the incredibly difficult climate.

I would like to thank all of our VCS partners, youth workers, volunteers and community organisations for their passion, devotion and tireless work in local communities.



WWW.DORSETYOUTH.COM

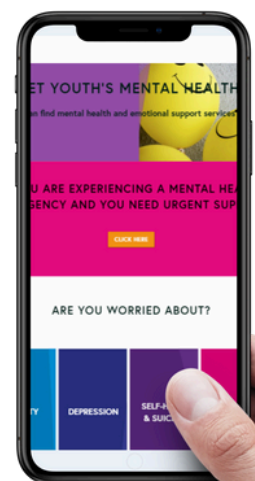
www.dorsetyouth.com is a vital platform that amplifies the visibility of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in Dorset. It connects organisations, showcases their impact, and supports them in securing funding and resources, ensuring young people receive the best opportunities possible.

WEBSITE STATS



237K+ CLICKS

**MOST VIEWED PAGES:
MENTAL HEALTH HUB
0-25 VCS FORUM
CLUBS AND GROUPS**





WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY ABOUT US

Working with Dorset Youth has been a decisive win for MYTIME. More organisations are now officially 'young carer aware' and this has already led new young carers being identified across the county.

Frontline awareness has stepped up. More youth workers know what to look for, what to ask, and how to respond. That means earlier identification, clearer signposting and a stronger safety net around young carers. Dorset Youth's standing as a trusted umbrella body opened doors we could not have unlocked as quickly alone, connecting us with community groups and countywide providers. These relationships are turning into referral pathways, co-delivered activities and aligned messaging, which reduces duplication and closes gaps in support.

Visibility has grown too. When Dorset Youth shared our work on their social channels, it reached leaders who make decisions and practitioners who act on them. That helped set a clear expectation that every youth setting should be young carer aware, not as a nice-to-have but as standard practice.

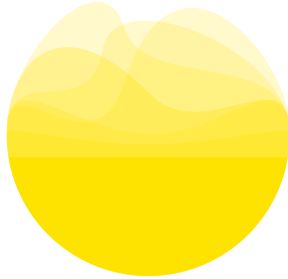
The partnership strengthens our case to funders and policymakers by demonstrating a countywide approach with shared training, shared language and shared intent. Next steps are simple and ambitious. Keep a rolling training calendar, embed easy referral routes in every session, and co-produce concise practice notes so learning spreads fast.

 MYTIME YOUNG CARERS

Krista Cartlidge – CEO



WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY ABOUT US



stormbreak

"At Stormbreak it's important for us to stay connected with local young people. Dorset Youth offer us support through their networks and keep us informed of events, opportunities and activity with and for children and young people across Dorset through their regular newsletters. The DYA Team are always friendly, approachable, supportive and knowledgeable".

Martin Yelling- CEO



#WILLDOES BUS AT FESTIVAL 2024



Another successful year at Camp Bestival! This year we were able to partner with 3 local VCS organisations as well as a local business to help us run activities for young people and their families for FREE or 'make a donation to charity' and spend quality time together. The bus was also a safe space for young people to come and hang out.



Dorset Youth & #Willdoes had volunteers from: Houseworks, MyTime and Purbeck Youth & Community Centre helping out over the weekend We were also supported by Absolute Music who provided used Ukuleles for 'Paint your own Ukulele' activity. They helped to provide a variety of activities for young people and their families to do including Arts & Crafts, Board Games , Ukulele painting and Fun Fair games.



Houseworks- Collage Making

Making collages and bunting, expressing the fun weekend at Bestival



Fun Fair Games

Donation only to play a variety of funfair games: Archery, Hook a Duck, Coconut Shy, Jenga, Cards



Safe Chill Space

Safe space for young people to chill out on & off the bus with beanbags and calming activities

PAIN'T YOUR OWN UKULELE



Take home a memento of Bestival. Young people could paint and decorate a ukulele and keep it as a cherished memory of their festival weekend. Absolute Music donated over 150 ukuleles that weekend, for a donation (£5 minimum) to a charity, families were able to do a joint activity that was affordable and fun.

ALL MY CHILDREN COULD TAKE PART IN THE SAME ACTIVITY AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER, WE CAN TAKE A MEMORY OF BESTIVAL HOME WITH US

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMS

Alisha

“ In November 2024, I was a year out of graduating with a Film and Screen Studies degree. I had spent that time taking on smaller jobs, volunteering, and building up experience, but breaking into a creative career is incredibly challenging when you're just starting out.

I applied for the role of Social Media and Communications Manager because I could see ways to strengthen Dorset Youth's communications and was eager for a chance to put my creative skills into practice. I had applied for many jobs without hearing back, so it meant a lot that Mike and Lilly recognised the value in the experience I already had.

As someone who grew up in Dorset, I know both the positives and the challenges of living here - especially the limited opportunities available to young people. Since joining Dorset Youth, I've worked to refresh and grow their social media presence, promote the vital work of 0-25 VCS organisations, and support their staff by running social media upskilling sessions. I've also been proud to share young people's voices, deliver filmmaking workshops, and begin developing volunteer content creator roles to help young people build their portfolios- the kind of opportunities I would have loved to access myself. ”



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Eloise

“ After completing sixth form last year, I decided to go straight into work. I had always wanted to be part of a charity, and after taking part in a youth programme myself, I was inspired to pursue a career in youth work. The experience showed me the positive impact a youth worker can have, and I hoped to be able to make the same difference for other young people.

When I was offered this role, I relocated from Hertfordshire to Weymouth—a decision that has proved to be one of the best I've ever made. I am much happier living in Weymouth, especially as it allows me to be closer to my family.

Since starting, I have already achieved so much in my role. I have developed and delivered social media training, met with numerous VCS organisations, contributed to the creation of the Skills Passport, and supported the delivery of Young Leader training. I have also played an active role in managing our social media presence. ”

YOUTH CLUBS AND GROUPS

WHAT WE OFFER



Advice

Ongoing Support and advice for your club or group



Governance

Support and advice for policies, 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

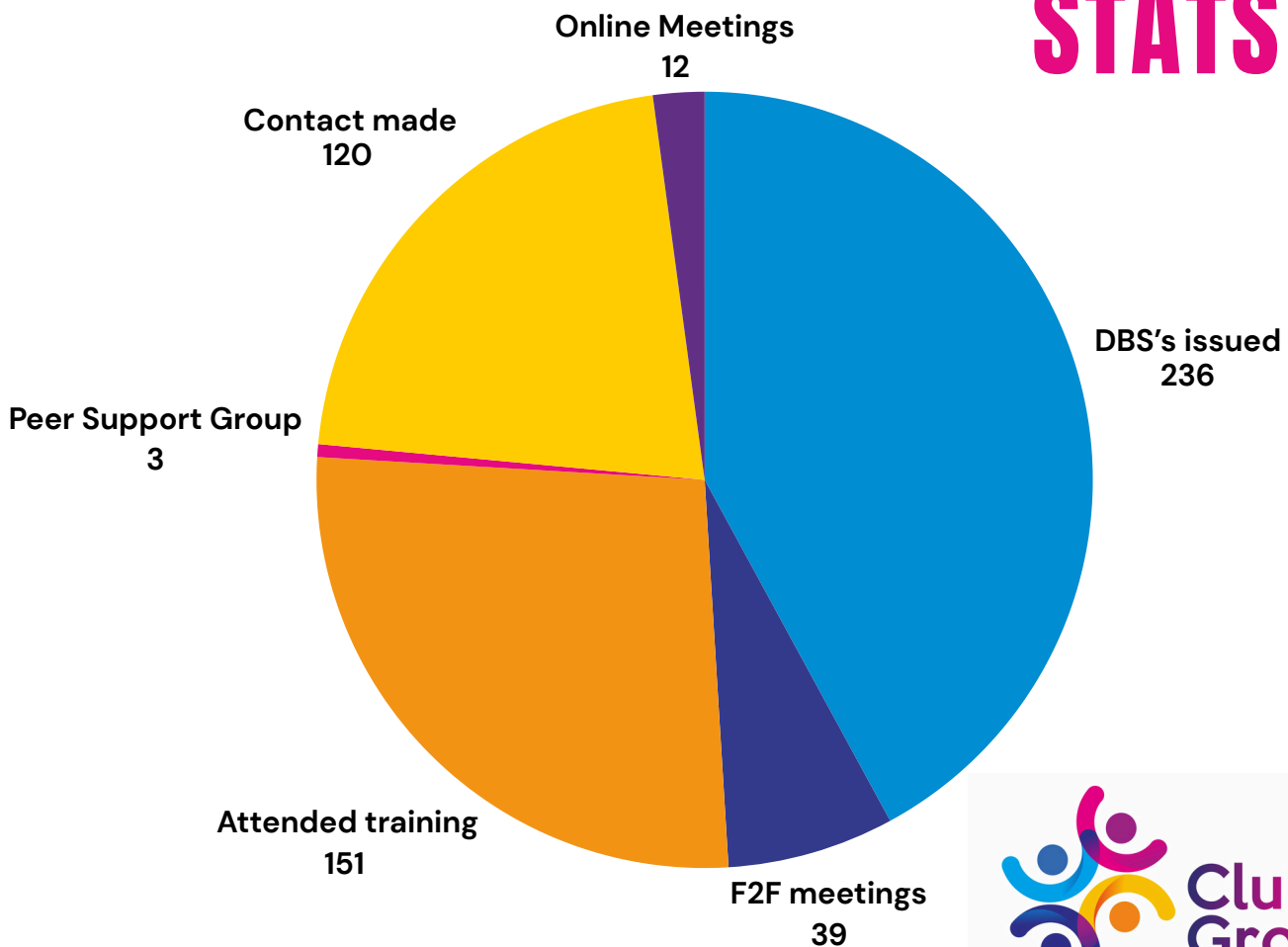
Regular networking opportunities with other members and local strategic partners



Development

Development opportunities for your staff, volunteers and young people

STATS



DORSET YOUTH & DORSET COUNCIL TRAINING OFFER

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Training days

15

Different training workshops provided

135

Individuals attended

40

Youth Clubs and Groups across Dorset took part

TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR YOUTH WORKERS

"Working in partnership with Dorset Youth—especially Lilly Markwell—has been hugely beneficial for youth work in Dorset. Together, we've built a broad and practical offer of learning and support for youth workers across the county, directly responding to identified training needs. In the last year, we have delivered 11 days of training covering 15 different topics which reached 135 individuals from 40 different settings. It has also been great to see the development of the peer support network for lead youth workers—creating a safe space for those with youth work leadership responsibilities to share learning, encouragement and practical ideas that strengthen youth work right across Dorset."

**Tony Nye, Training & Development Youth Worker,
Dorset Council**



LIST OF CLUBS AND GROUPS

THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED THIS YEAR

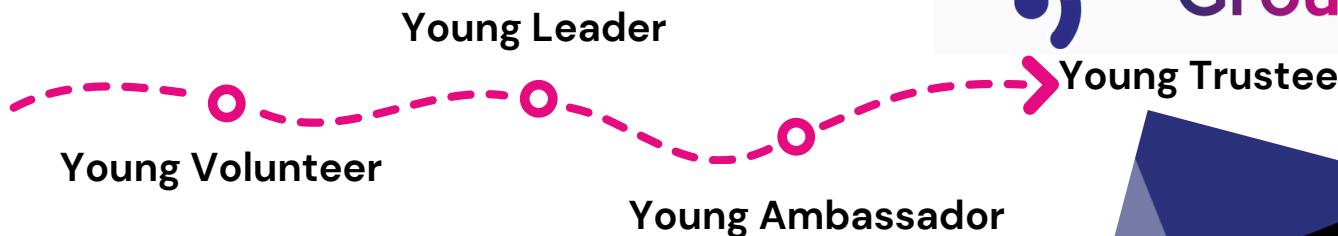


ASCape
 Beaminster Young Farmers
 Blandford Youth & Community Centre
 Blandford Young Farmers
 Bournemouth Youth Marching Band
 Bridport Youth & Community Centre
 Broadstone Youth Centre
 B Sharp Ltd
 Buckland Newton Youth Club
 Cerne Valley Youth Club
 Corfe Mullen Youth Trust
 Crossways Youth Club
 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 Park Community Centre
 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 continued 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.



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Young Leaders programmes delivered

9

Young people trained

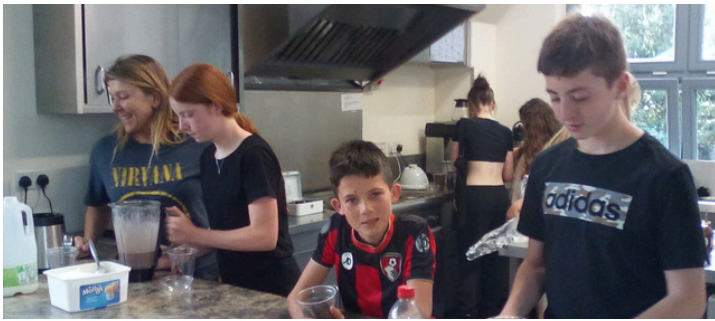
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Different Youth clubs



SKILLS TABLE				
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

The Reef Youth Club has given young people a strong voice this year, shaping sessions around what matters to them. From creative projects to sports and wellbeing activities, the club continues to nurture skills, leadership and positive relationships.



This year:

76

Delivered 76 sessions

834

Total attendee's



STURMINSTER MARSHALL YOUTH CLUB

For a second year we have been working in partnership with Sturminster Marshall Memorial hall, where we continue to offer youth provision for Years 6, 7 and 8+ plus on a Monday evening. Some of the Young people's highlights included Winton ABC coming in to deliver a boxing for beginners workshop and the Community Bike Night.



38

Delivered 38 sessions

This year:

122

Total attendee's

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS YOUTH CLUB



This year we partnered with Lytchett Matravers Youth Hall, to be able to provide two youth club sessions on a Tuesday evening in the village. It's heart warming to see the community get behind a much needed resource in the area.

A big THANK YOU to Roger and Beverly helping set this up.



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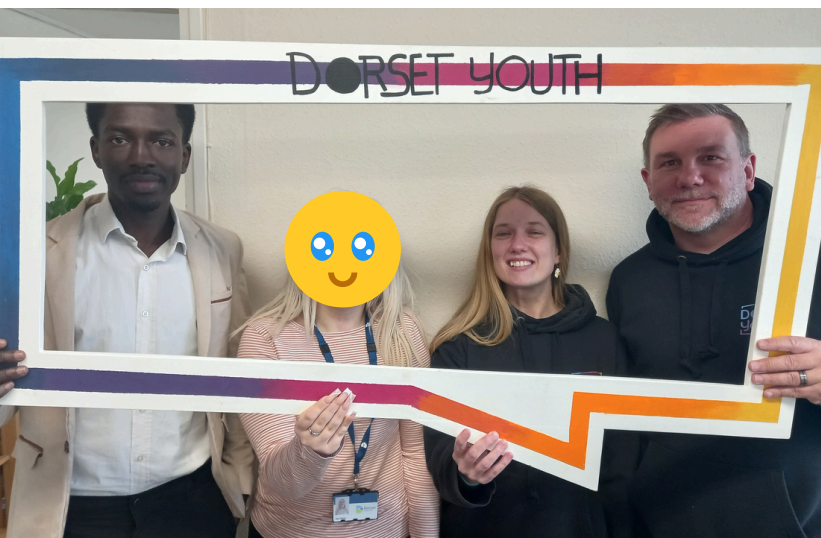
Delivered 62 sessions

This year:

943

Total attendee's

BEFRIENDING & MENTORING PROGRAMME



Working in partnership with Dorset Council we have received funding from DfE to develop a programme to help improve the lives of care experienced young people aged 18-25.

A mentor, will provide 2-4 hours a month of guidance, encouragement and a positive listening ear to help them overcome challenges, set goals and help them build a brighter future.

As a 'critical friend' Mentors are able to offer guidance, support and form a positive one-to-one relationship with care experienced mentees, who may have experienced limited life chances.

The mentor's role will provide support to the mentee to enable them to take responsibility for areas of professional and personal growth.

The mentor is there to create a supportive, challenging and reflective learning environment

“ I am doing Level 2 Customer Service apprenticeship with Dorset Youth & Dorset Council. Part of my role is helping to plan & deliver the mentoring programme for this I have assisted with mentor interviews, training & planning”.

Qasim, Apprentice- Project Worker ”

21

Volunteer mentors recruited

19

Mentor matches made with young people

59

Mentoring sessions completed

129

Hours mentoring young people

BEFRIENDING & MENTORING PROGRAMME - GROUP SESSIONS



3 Group sessions

35 Young people in total attended one or more of these sessions



The group workshops were for mentee's, mentors and other care leavers who could come and join in different activities, socialise and learn new skills.

We did an Art Therapy day with Opera Circus.

My Bnk came and delivered some sessions on managing money and the young people were able to gain a L1 certificate on understanding money.

We also went on an Ice Skating trip to Bournemouth where the young people got to try ice skating and then explore the Christmas markets.

QUOTES FROM PA'S & MENTOR'S



"From my perspective, I am not going to deny it, I have found it struggling at times. My mentee has been through so much since I have been his mentor and some of it is harrowing just listening. Despite it all my mentee keeps smiling through and describes our times together as fun and always looks forward to them. It just shows that the mentoring programme is very much needed. I know that I very much value my relationship that I have built with my mentee". - Mentor

"I feel from day one the young person has benefitted from having a mentor, it is evident that from receiving this additional support they have gained so much more confidence. The Mentor goes above and beyond and doesn't just support the most miniscule things. It has been lovely to hear about the things they get up to and how the relationship has flourished". - PA

"My mentee has improved in confidence and is going out and about more on their own. I feel their resilience is better and they have coped really well during some tricky situations I feel that they trust me more and are enjoying having a mentor". - Mentor

QUOTES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE (MENTEE'S)

"The mentoring programme has definitely helped me, I was looking for a friend and my mentor filled the gap perfectly. It helped me a lot as she was joyful and it made me more happy".

"I have enjoyed meeting with my mentor, we went out for coffee chat ups. I also enjoy the group things and trying new things, definitely enjoyed the boxing session".

"I like meeting my mentor, we go on long walks. I enjoy this, I like being outside".

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.

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Charitable
Trust

WE ARE PROUDLY AFFILIATED TO...

UK YOUTH



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

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

Dated: 8 October 2025

DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income					
Grants and donations					
Youth Club fees	3	53,306	274,076	327,382	133,463
Lettings		-	2,226	2,226	1,111
Sundry		16,870	-	16,870	18,087
Interest received		603	3,522	4,125	8,599
Total income		4,281	-	4,281	3,934
		<u>75,060</u>	<u>279,824</u>	<u>354,884</u>	<u>165,194</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Governance	4/5	62,675	148,762	211,437	170,300
Total resources expended	4/5	26,365	1,000	27,365	37,525
		<u>89,040</u>	<u>149,762</u>	<u>238,802</u>	<u>207,825</u>
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers					
		(13,980)	130,062	116,082	(42,631)
Transfers between funds					
	6	50,362	(50,362)	-	-
		<u>36,382</u>	<u>79,700</u>	<u>116,082</u>	<u>(42,631)</u>
Net movement in funds					
Opening fund balances		141,554	162,404	303,958	346,589
Closing fund balances		<u>£177,936</u>	<u>£242,104</u>	<u>£420,040</u>	<u>£303,958</u>

DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		4,981		6,669
Current assets					
Prepayments		2,768		2,678	
Debtors		3,546		29,344	
Cash at bank : NSB		50,424		49,924	
: CAF		84,790		82,877	
: Lloyds		275,018		135,605	
Cash in hand		175		188	
		<u>416,721</u>		<u>300,616</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors		662		2,327	
Accruals		1,000		1,000	
		<u>1,662</u>		<u>3,327</u>	
Net current assets			415,059		297,289
Net assets			<u>420,040</u>		<u>303,958</u>
Represented by:					
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	9		177,936		141,554
Restricted funds	10		242,104		162,404
			<u>420,040</u>		<u>303,958</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 8 October 2025 and signed on their behalf



Patricia Price

DORSET YOUTH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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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

Fixtures and fittings

Freehold property

5% reducing balance basis

33% reducing balance basis

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.

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2) Trust Funds

DYA holds £4,419 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.

Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre	13,600
Dorset Council	240,655
Lytchett Matravers Parish Council	8,727
Neighbourly	2,500
Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall	1,077
The Eggardon Trust	30,000
Valentine Charitable Trust	15,000
Weymouth Town Council	3,000
#WillDoes	10,000

4) Costs directly allocated to activities

	Charitable Activities £	Governance £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Employee costs	127,257	-	127,257	61,890
Transport and travel	1,797	-	1,797	1,326
Project costs	16,052	-	16,052	7,666
Direct consumables	2,021	-	2,021	1,171
Other direct costs	1,635	-	1,635	1,654
Consultancy costs	-	-	-	3,501
Audit/examiners fees	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>£148,762</u>	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>£149,762</u>	<u>78,208</u>

5) Support costs allocated to activities

	Charitable Activities £	Governance £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Employee costs	37,298	18,371	55,669	92,833
Accommodation costs	5,209	5,210	10,419	5,758
Insurance	-	1,340	1,340	1,242
Transport and travel	-	206	206	267
Training	497	-	497	2,553
Depreciation	844	844	1,688	2,478
Office costs	18,827	394	19,221	24,486
	<u>£62,675</u>	<u>£26,365</u>	<u>£89,040</u>	<u>129,617</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>£211,437</u>	<u>£27,365</u>	<u>£238,802</u>	<u>207,825</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
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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

	2025	2024
The average number of FTE employees during	5	5

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	168,766	142,607
Social security costs	7,578	5,548
Pension costs	6,582	6,568
	£182,926	£154,723

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 2024	6,282	104,362	110,644
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	6,282	104,362	110,644
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	4,449	99,526	103,975
Charge for year	92	1,596	1,688
At 31 March 2025	4,541	101,122	105,663
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	£1,741	£3,240	£4,981
	£1,833	£4,836	£6,669
At 31 March 2024			

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
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9) Unrestricted funds

	Balance 1.4.2024	Income in year	Expenditure in year	Balance 31.3.2025
	£	£	£	£
General fund	104,310	75,060	(38,678)	140,692
Capital/Strategic reserve	37,244	-	-	37,244
	<u>£141,554</u>	<u>£75,060</u>	<u>£(38,678)</u>	<u>£177,936</u>

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

10) Restricted funds

	Balance 1.4.2024	Income in year	Expenditure in year	Balance 31.3.2025
	£	£	£	£
0-25 VCS Sector Support	-	95,122	(29,735)	65,387
0-25 VCS Training/Suicide	-	10,000	(2,450)	7,550
Befriending Care Leaver	-	83,541	(77,741)	5,800
Lytchett Matravers Youth Club	-	8,727	(8,358)	369
Neighbourly	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
NHS Dorset CCG	150,000	-	-	150,000
Pineapple Project - Social Media	-	3,000	-	3,000
Project Youth Worker	-	24,237	(24,237)	-
Sturminster Marshall Youth Club	7,416	2,374	(6,999)	2,791
The Reef Youth Club	2,000	16,683	(14,937)	3,746
VCS	-	18,900	(18,900)	-
WillDoes	2,988	14,740	(14,267)	3,461
	<u>£162,404</u>	<u>£279,824</u>	<u>£(200,124)</u>	<u>£242,104</u>

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

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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