

New Images Youth & Community
Forum Presents...

ANNUAL REVIEW 2023 - 2024



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WYCF Annual Review 2023-2024

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OUR CHAIR'S OPENING REPORT:

Winsford Youth & Community Forum have continued to develop and grow its funding application success to enhance projects that not only support our community but also enhance and invest in the building. Major grants have been secured to underpin the foundations such as electrical work and fire doors. We continue to invest in the building to provide a community centre that the community can be proud of and one that is fit for purpose.

Our 'background' staff and board of trustee's continue to develop and work to make the organisation sustainable and our major achievement for the period of 2023/2024 is the securing of a 35-year lease with Cheshire West and Chester Council. We wish to express our thanks to the professional help of Butcher & Barlow Solicitors, Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire Community Action for their scrutiny of our 5-year business plan and of course, the dedication of our staff and volunteers.

We continue to develop our finance procedures, and we are in a good position which will enable us to move forward towards sustaining the organisation.

We have great plans for 2024/2025, and we hope to continue our relationship with partners and stakeholders to build on our success and growth.

Thank you.

Mike Kennedy
(Current Chair)

OUR TRUSTEES (Roles 2022-2023)



CHAIR
(Des Worthington)



COMPANY SEC
(Debbie Cragg)



TREASURER
(Bob Barton)



TRUSTEE
(Tommy Blackmore)



TRUSTEE
(Mike Kennedy)

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



The Trustees of Winsford Youth & Community Forum (WYCF) are pleased to present our 42nd Annual Report for the year of 2023-2024.

The coming year will bring challenges for many charitable organisations however we are in a strong place and will continue to strengthen our team. We will continue to focus on our 5 year business plan and work towards making our team stronger, our building fit for community purpose and develop even deeper relationships with our community and partnerships.

This report includes our charitable status, support and our work with partners, a general overview of our delivery and plans for the future.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES OF WYCF

1. Winsford Youth & Community Forum are working with and on behalf of children, young people and adults throughout Winsford and the supporting areas. We provide activities, projects, facilities and services for all, regardless of age, to assist them via community interaction, involvement and development by working in partnership with other organisations and agencies.
2. To promote and organise cooperation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end, bring together in council representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authority within the area of benefit.

Winsford Youth & Community Forum is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It was established in 1981 and incorporated in 1986.

OUR SUPPORTERS AND FUNDERS OF THE YEAR

Due to the incredible support and financial donations received during this period, we were able to offer a vast array of provision, both here at New Images and via our outreach work in Wharton. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and huge gratitude to the following organisations and individuals for their support during this time:

The following Organisations have provided support and financial grants which has allowed us to provide varied activities for our young people and their families during the school holidays:

- **Edsential/HAF** – Holiday provision focusing on healthy eating and children's wellbeing which covered Summer 2023 and Easter 2024.
- **The Darnhall Trust** – Summer and Easter youth provision.
- **Cheshire West Members Budget** – Funding "Fun Friday" sessions for young people at Wharton.
- **The Welcome Network** – Funding to create 30 recipe bags to feed families across Winsford
- **Crimebeat** – Funding to offer canoeing sessions to young people during the Summer break.
- **Cheshire Community Foundation "Best Days"** – This funding enabled us to offer 2 fantastic family trips during the October break to Liverpool World Museum and Jodrell bank.



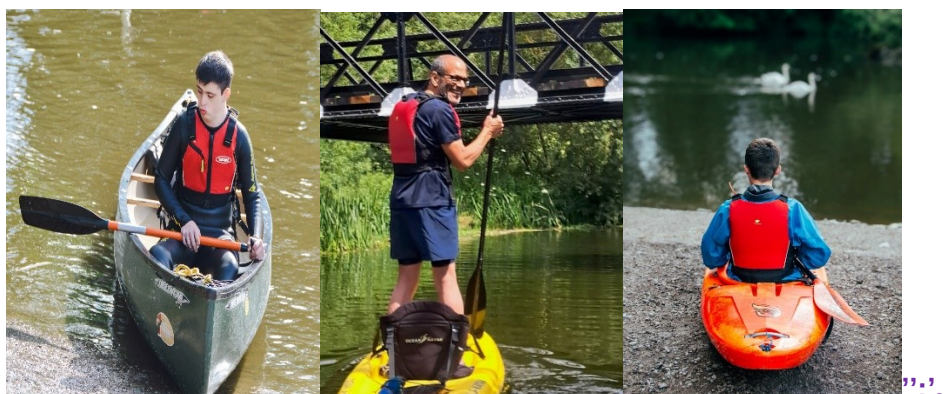
- **Y.I.F** - Substantial funding relating directly to major building works at the New Images Centre which includes a much-needed new boiler system, new flooring to the main hall and games room, replacement fire doors and new windows to the rear of the building plus essential electrical works required.
- **PCSO's** – For supporting us with applications for funding plus regular presence at youth events.
- **Individual CWAC Councillors** – Via funding through members budgets.
- **Cheshire Community Action** – Providing support and funding towards our Café and the warm hub.
- **PCC**- Grant to provide youth provision at Wharton which included Boogie Bingo event's and "Teen Tuesday" Junction Youth Club.
- **Changing Lives Together** – Various food items to support our provision at Wharton plus kind donation of slow cookers to support members of our community with the cost of living crisis.



- **Fire & Rescue Cheshire** – Help and support towards Operation Treacle
- **Sunrise Nursery** – For an incredibly generous donation which has helped support various youth activities and the purchase of a much-needed storage container at the New Images.
- **Asda Foundation** – For a small pot of funding which has helped support our Techno Club on Monday evenings for young people.
- **National Lottery Community Fund** – Awarded a substantial grant from the “Million Hours funding” section which has supported various youth projects and activities. Additionally, this has also funded the transformation of our Main Sports hall where a mural has been created depicting the history and significant parts of Winsford.



- **Sport England** – Secured funding has enabled us to continue and develop our Canoeing Program at The Marina which now includes; sessions for young people who can go on to get qualifications in the sport, our Over 50's club plus sessions aimed specifically at those with SEND.



- **Roberts Bakery and Morrisons Champion** – For food items donated towards our Family Fun Day held in Summer 2023.



Our final personal thanks go to:

- Isaac Quilty from Quilty's painting services who very kindly volunteered many hours of his time to plaster and paint the ceiling in the community laundrette.
- Martin Morgan for donating £300 towards replacing/servicing our pool tables
- Andy Kerr – A previous colleague of the Forum who provided a very generous donation to support our charity.



OUR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF TEAM

We are grateful to our 'army' of volunteers that support the community centre to deliver some of the core activities. The Chatterbox Café staff and volunteers provided wholesome food with a smile for our older community, this provides a lifeline for many as well as a warm welcome where new and old friends are made.

Our amazing volunteers who continue to head up the Action for Leisure Adult SEND group year after year here at the Centre on Tuesday evenings.

A fabulous group of younger volunteers who provide peer support to our Junior and Senior youth clubs. Some of our younger volunteers are wishing to gain work experience, taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award or are looking to enhance their CV for future college or work opportunities.

We thank the Princess Trust for supporting the centre and delivering a variety of DIY tasks that enhance the building and give the young people work experience opportunities.

We are grateful for the time, effort and compassion that our volunteers give to the Forum - they play a huge part in making our organisation what it is and also providing the local community with the many activities that we have available.



PARTNERSHIP WORKING

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Working with our partners enables us to support the community and identify key areas where support is needed. We have been working in collaboration with our partner organisations across Winsford to secure joint funding applications to enhance the range of activities both at New Images and outreach locations. We are appreciative of these strong connections, and we strive forward to make Winsford a better place. Here are a variety of projects, events and activities that have taken place during this period:

- Our joined-up approach of 'One Winsford', working closely and collaboratively with several partners that include; Youthfed, Winsford Town Council, GGO, the PCSO's and representatives from the Care Communities Support Manage.
- We continually look for partnership working across Winsford and have been grateful to COLAS LTD who have supported us in delivering an interactive session to young people, helping them discover the world of road engineering during our Summer programme.
- Our work with the PCSO's continues where help to reduce anti-social behaviour in the Winsford area and they, in turn, continue to support WYCF across a range of activities.
- We continue to work with Cheshire Police and the Fire & Rescue Service to offer preventative interventions and measures that will support young people to make the right choices and to reduce ASB in the area. Working in collaboration we identify 'hot spots' and work with putting in preventative activities that will attract young people. Our main event is being involved with Operation Treacle an initiative that is tackle in many ways by a large number of partners including Weaver Vale Housing Trust, Cheshire West and Winsford Town Council Councillors. We assist with funding and staffing of special operation treacle events held at Wharton Library. Our offer of support based around the school October half term, included a Harry Potter themed day plus pumpkin carving and family events. We ensured the centre remained open for the young people during this time and our youth groups continued as normal



- The Spotlight Project – Following the yearlong project delivered by Cheshire Dance – Partners, Practitioners and professionals came together at our centre to explore and learn from the initiative, taking part in trauma informed training and a project/sharing session. The day ended on a high with a fantastic performance from the Spotlight project’s young people!



- We continue to work on a range of strategic steering group boards which enables us to keep up to date with funding and partner activity. We have worked closely with the Youth Strategic Board lead by Cheshire West and continue our work to look at the youth provision delivered across the county as well as provision offered in and around the Winsford area.
- Working in partnership with Cheshire West Voluntary Action, we actively attend regular meetings and help to support areas of work with the Mental Health and Young People’s Alliance.
- Working in collaboration with Motherwell CIC, we have supported the organisation to deliver a community laundrette based here at The New Images Centre, which officially opened in December 2023, fondly named “Edna’s Laundrette”



OUR WORK: PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

DELIVERY:

Our direct delivery is:

The Chatterbox Café (held twice weekly, Tuesday and Thursday)

Friday Night Junior Club

Saturday Night Senior Club

Playschemes and Play Days during the holiday period

Community Family learning events (Various funders)

Techno Club

Action for Leisure (Adult SEND group run by volunteers)

Canoeing and Kayaking Sessions – delivered at the Winsford Marina

Prize Bingo – Approx held every 6 weeks

Wharton Youth Projects

Junior Club

Our Junior club (aimed at 8-11 year olds) continues to be as popular as ever with stats showing an average of 74 young people attending each week. During this period, we opened the club for 47 weeks and saw a total of 3,490 attendees. 1,854 of which were boys and 1,636 girls. The staff team continue to be supported by several volunteers.

New for this year was the introduction of updated consoles/V.R systems in the games room which has been enjoyed by many of the young people attending.



Senior Club

Our Senior Club, aimed at the older teens (11-18 years) continues to run on Saturday evenings but also continues to be much quieter than our Friday nights with just 794 attending in total over the year – this averages to 17 young people attending each session. Spirits were high in the New Year and the senior members took part in a Sharks pool competition.



Techno Club

A new club that began in November 2023, funded by the Youth Improvement Fund has been a great addition to our centre and on average sees 10 young people attending each Monday evening. This club has run 31 sessions with a total of 327 attendances. Young people enjoy gaming, virtual reality, multi-screen driving and aviation/flying games.



Action for Leisure

This social group, aimed at adults with additional needs, continues to meet weekly and is run by our own team of volunteers. With no direct financial backing, the group rely solely on admission costs which they aim to keep low and affordable. New members are always welcome!

Summer Playschemes

Our traditional Playscheme was delivered throughout the summer school holidays in 2023 here at the New Images Centre. This popular holiday club ran four days per week with lunch included and a host of activities on offer for children aged 8-11yrs. This year, we were delighted that Colas joined us and delivered a super interactive session which was well received from our Playscheme attendees.



PLAYDAYS

Based on the Playscheme format, our Play Days run on single days during some of the other school holiday dates – during this year, 3 Play Days were delivered (October 2023, February 2024 and Easter 2024).



FAMILY LEARNING AND FUN

Following the previous year's success and great feedback regarding Family sessions, we once again included some alternative provision delivering Lego workshops and also celebrating Science Week – working in collaboration with Inspire Sbarduno where parents joined in the fun! Many families benefitted from our recipe bags where ingredients were provided to cook at home as a family and enjoy a meal together plus two family trips were organised to Jodrell bank and Liverpool world museum.



Chatterbox Café

Our Community Café continues to operate and opens twice weekly - offering home cooked style meals and a warm, safe space for anyone in the community.

This year, the Café staff and volunteers hosted 2 lovely events during the festive period – a Christmas dinner with bingo plus a Christmas tea dance which included afternoon tea and live music!



Bingo

Our bingo nights continued with rising numbers (especially the Christmas session which always sees a full house!) Six fundraising prize Bingo sessions have been held throughout the year, all ran by volunteers. Monies raised from the events are used for equipment, projects and general maintenance of the New Images Centre.

Canoeing

This was our second year offering the adult sessions (over 50's), held every Wednesday afternoon with a regular group attending. The sudden and unexpected death of our coach meant the sessions were cancelled for a short period whilst a replacement coach was sourced. We welcomed Steve to the club in early Summer and he continues to lead the group brilliantly. The adult regular group has now expanded however, we are still able to accommodate newcomers.

The SEND canoeing group also continued to expand, with 12 regular members. We receive weekly reports from parents on just how important these sessions have become for their children that they come to rely on. Parents have reported a noticeable change in their child's behaviour and most importantly, the young people are socially bonding which is not the norm for many prior to these sessions. A number of participants travel long distances and cold weather/heavy rainfall does not deter them. The coaches do a wonderful job.

We were able to offer extensive holiday sessions for young people during the Summer school break with groups averaging 12 per session. Fire and Rescue also got involved and delivered some great water safety sessions.



SUMMER FAMILY FUN DAY

We hosted a fabulous Family Fun Day in Summer 2023 in collaboration with Youthfed which saw over 300 people walk through our doors. It was a wonderful day with something on offer for the whole family and we were delighted to welcome so many people from the local community to our centre and showcase all the activities that take place here throughout the year.



User groups for the year

We pay special thanks to the fabulous community groups and individuals that have continually supported the Centre through delivery of a variety of activities that encompass all of our local community. During this time period (2023-2024) they were as follows:

- Action for leisure
- All-star's boxing
- Baby bank
- Baby massage
- Baby sensory
- Baby spa
- Bat and chat
- Bingo
- Boxing tots
- Breakdancing Class
- Bridge school
- Brightlife
- Brio leisure
- CA
- Canoeing
- Chapter belong group
- Chatterbox café
- Cheshire + Warrington care trust
- Cheshire dance
- Cheshire voluntary action
- GGO
- Homestart
- IDVA
- IMAP
- Junior club
- Lego workshop
- Luka state
- Messy Monkeys
- MMA
- Motherwell
- New visions gymnastics
- Pathworks work course
- Playscheme
- Popcats
- Rape and SA group
- Restart program
- Inspire Sbarduno
- Senior club
- Simply helping seniors
- Spotlight project

- Cheshire west and Chester
- Cheshire young carers
- Choices
- CWAC economic growth group
- Diddikicks
- Dragon group
- Enda's launderette
- Endorphins group
- St Luke's hospice
- Table tennis
- Techno club
- Tomorrow's Women
- Winsford pixies
- Winsford youth project
- Yoga for runners
- Youthfed
- Zumba with Alex

Children's parties and other celebrations have been hosted here at New Images with a total of **59** taking place this year!

Overview of the year

We have continued to raise the profile of Winsford Youth & Community Forum and forge relationships with partner organisations, stakeholders and our community to build a robust and sustainable future.

We had a major setback when our boiler broke and the costs to repair were in excess of £30,000 this was after an initial outlay, and we limped through the winter with an array of portable heaters!

The footfall through the centre continues to grow with more groups wanting to hire spaces for their delivery. The feedback that we get from our service users are that they are inundated with young people taking part in a range of activities, this is excellent news for our younger members of the community.

New Images is an established community centre that has delivered many projects over the past 50+ years to the local community from football teams to band nights and so much more in-between... New Images has been the heart and soul of the community and over the years has been somewhat neglected due to funding and other factors beyond the organisations control. Over the last 3 year we have built our financial security, and this year has seen the Staff and trustee's work toward a new 5-year business plan that sets out our ambitious but achievable objectives. Our initial aim was to secure a concrete lease with the building owners Cheshire West and Chester Council and that is what we have done. Through a vigorous process we have been awarded a 35-year lease. The new lease will enable the forum to strive forward with development both aesthetically and to secure more funding for the local area.

The year ahead

We will continue to strive forward in the growth of the charity we are constantly looking at opportunities to enhance the building and have applied for several grants that will provide the building with essential works and we are confident that we will be able to secure these opportunities.

We will be looking at our strategic plans and this will include expanding our team that will give us the capacity to continue to deliver more activities that will enhance our community's health and wellbeing.

It is vitally important that we strengthen our board of trustees to bring a range of expertise to the charity and we will endeavour to look at opportunities of how we take this forward.



Charity Number: 517406 Company Number: 01976247

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

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Legal and administrative information

Charity Number	517406
Company Registration Number	01976247
Business Address	New Images Youth & Community Centre Nixon Drive Winsford Cheshire. CW7 2HG
Registered Office	New Images Youth & Community Centre Nixon Drive Winsford Cheshire. CW7 2HG
Directors	R. Barton D Cragg T Blackmore
Accountants	Burton Beavan Chartered Certified Accountants 112-114 Witton Street Northwich Cheshire. CW9 5NW
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc Dingle Walk Winsford Cheshire. CW7 1AF

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Report of the Trustees (incorporating the Directors Report)
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th April 2024. The trustees, who are also directors of Winsford Youth And Community Forum Ltd for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

The charity is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, are shown on page 1. The trustees are representatives of agencies and organisations who work with, or have an interest in, young people and the wider community. They are responsible for plotting the strategic direction of the Forum and overseeing all the areas of its operation. Trustees are informed of their duties and responsibilities prior to appointment and are offered suitable training to assist with their role. They are also informed of publications and information available to them through the Charity Commission. The day to day running of the Forum is left to an appointed trustee. Trustee elections are held annually and all members of the charity are entitled to vote. The trustees would like to thank all those who have contributed to the work of the Forum and particularly those many volunteers without whom our work would not have been possible. The trustees continue to be committed to working with and for the community and will continue working in partnership with all who have an interest in improving provision for young people and the wider community.

Reserves

The trustees feel that the charity has a responsibility to its beneficiaries to take a long-term view of its commitments. We have considered the increasing insecurity of funding and the delays in payment. We are determined to continue working towards maintaining an unrestricted reserve at the level of three months typical running costs to cover current commitments. This will include designated funds as detailed in guidance by the Charity Commissioners. However, at present we are unable to hold this level of reserve. The trustees continue to consider ways in which additional unrestricted funds can be raised.

Investment policy

The charity does not have an investment policy. Funds are held in an interest-bearing account to maximise returns.

Risk review and internal control

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The trustees continue to consider and identify the major risks to which the charity is exposed. This involves identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of minimising the risks. The charity's system of internal controls are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. The trustees are satisfied that the systems in place reduce their exposure to the major risks.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Trustees report to accompany the Financial Statements
1st May 2023 – 30th April 2024

The start of our financial year found, as always found us preparing for our summer programme of activities and playschemes, whilst ensuring this year's planned building works, whilst not as significant as previous years were completed, without adversely impacting on our on-going activities.

As the summer ended and the cold weather drew in, we were hit by an un-expected cost. The boiler at New Images failed, causing a series of costly repair attempts and significantly increased electricity bills as we heated the building using portable heaters.

We have made an application to the Youth Investment Fund, which was successful on the provision that we held a long term lease.

We are thankful to Cheshire West & Chester Council for their assistance with this and to the Youth Investment Fund for their patience whilst the lease terms were negotiated. We also wish to thank our solicitor who worked tirelessly on our behalf.

There is of course a downside to most things, in this case there was a requirement for a considerable amount of time and effort on behalf of the Forum's staff and Trustee's, along with a legal bill approaching £15,000, the majority of which fell within the period being reported.

The time cost to this is more difficult to quantify, but thanks to the Forum's administration team's hard work and persistence we were able to secure funding to continue our delivery and to support our user groups.

Even allowing for these un-expected costs, we have been able to show a small surplus in this financial year.

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For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

We are thrilled to be able to extend our provision to Wharton once again, for the first time since before the COVID lockdowns. These clubs have been well attended and the feedback has been promising. Funding has been secured to continue this project.

We have had an amazing year; the Community Centre has been filled with a range of user groups and the Centre has been a joy to behold. The Chatterbox Café was as usual well attended throughout the year and the use of the building by other service users is now almost at capacity.

We find ourselves in a great place financially, with our Community Centre building again running in profit, which continues to be significant enough to be able to support the employment of a part-time caretaker & cleaner. We are currently bidding for more grants to be able to further improve and modernise the building.

The vast array of funding secured during this period has been incredible and we would like to thank our staff, funders and supporters for all the help, dedication and support that they have given us. As a result, we have been able to offer a vast range of projects to the local community and continue to develop new projects and relationships in the future.

We have many new and repeat funders to whom we are extremely thankful for their continued support of our projects.

We continue to work in partnership with many local organisations. These partnerships are integral to ensuring a well-rounded approach to the support and activities we offer the local community.

The Forum is now well placed to continue to support the local community in a range of ways and we continue to seek new ideas and support for these ideas on a daily basis.

Once again, we have a number of ongoing and future projects with funding in place details of which are shown in Table 1.

As the Forum continues to move forward in these tough times, we are thankful for the support of not only our funders and partners, but the whole community, who we endeavour to support in return. The balance between generating income, the ongoing operational costs of keeping and improving the fabric and aesthetics of the centre remain at the forefront of decisions to be made.

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Table 1 Funding retained for current and future projects

Funding source	Total Award £	Amount received to 30/04/2024 £	Amount Expended upto and including 30/04/2024 £	Amount Deferred to next financial year £
<u>Projects in Progress</u>				
National Lottery community Fund (inc Uplift)	304,285	233,911	204,137.97	29,773.03
Sport England	14,361	14,361	196.86	14,164.14
Community Cash Back fund – Wharton Youth Provision	9,944.17	9,944.17	7,018.90	2,925.27
National Lottery – Million Hours	55,111	26,664.36	18,541.14	8,123.22
Sunrise Nursery	31,500	31,500	24,282	7,218
<u>Projects with a start date or continuing after 30/04/2024</u>				
Youth Club Projects (Continuation)	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,678.05
CWAC – Members Budget (Teen Tuesdays - Continuation)	2,295	2,295	n/a	2,295
Techno Café (Continuation)	4,842.13	4,842.13	n/a	4,842.13
Welcoming Spaces – Café (Continuation)	2,477.10	2,477.10	n/a	2,477.10

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Financial review

Financial results

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources for the year have increased by £24,136 to £247,991 with expenditure increasing by £61,058 to £245,526. This results in net incomings for the year of £2,465 and leaves funds at 30th April 2024 of £28,960 of which £1,966 are restricted.

Financial support

We are very grateful for the support of The National Lottery Community Fund, Edsential, Active Cheshire, Cheshire West and Chester Council Members, Winsford Town Council, The Darnhall Foundation Trust, Cheshire Police Commissioner, The Cheshire Fire Authority, Innovas, Cheshire Community Foundation, The Welcome Network, Asda (Winsford), Cheshire Community Action, The Care Commission, Sport England, Sunrise Nursery, Bentley & A Kerr.

Other funders that have supported our work either through financial or 'in kind' support during the year include The Fair share project, Robert's Bakery, The Youth Federation, Changing Lives Together, Motherwell, The Prince's Trust and Cheshire Police's Community Support Officers,

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charitable company's reporting accountants are unaware;
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant Audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Winsford Youth & Community Forum Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORB

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- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



R Barton
Treasurer & Director

Date: 27/1/2025

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Independent Examiners Review
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30th April 2024 set out on pages 11 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of 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:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met
- (2) To which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Burton Beavan
Chartered Certified Accountants,
112-114 Witton Street,
Northwich,
Cheshire. CW9 5NW.

Date:

WINSFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FORUM LTD
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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	49,823	-	49,823	44,229
Investment income	3	1,548	-	1,548	357
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	<u>35,879</u>	<u>160,741</u>	<u>196,620</u>	<u>179,269</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>87,250</u>	<u>160,741</u>	<u>247,991</u>	<u>223,855</u>
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds:					
Charitable activities	5	59,472	165,387	224,859	177,721
Governance costs	7	<u>19,711</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>20,667</u>	<u>6,747</u>
Total resources expended		<u>79,183</u>	<u>166,343</u>	<u>245,526</u>	<u>184,468</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year					
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		8,067	(5,602)	2,465	39,387
Total funds brought forward		<u>18,927</u>	<u>7,568</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>(12,892)</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>26,994</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>28,960</u>	<u>26,495</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet
As at 30th April 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	12		7,621		8,966
Current Assets					
Debtors	13	5,399		2,925	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>138,176</u>		<u>85,058</u>	
		143,575		87,983	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(122,236)</u>		<u>(70,454)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>21,339</u>		<u>17,529</u>
Net assets			<u>28,960</u>		<u>26,495</u>
Funds					
Restricted income funds	15		1,966		7,568
Unrestricted income funds			<u>26,994</u>		<u>18,927</u>
Total funds/(deficit)			<u>28,960</u>		<u>26,495</u>

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

R Barton
Treasurer & Director



Date: 27/01/2025

Company registration number: 01976247

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Notes to financial statements
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cash flow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is a small charity.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment at 15% reducing balance
 Improvements to property at 15% reducing balance

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations from charitable organisations	890	890	384
Rental Income	<u>48,933</u>	<u>48,933</u>	<u>43,845</u>
	<u>49,823</u>	<u>49,823</u>	<u>44,229</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank Interest Receivable	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>357</u>

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4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cheshire West & Chester Council: -Members' Budget	-	1,559	1,559	10,802
Winsford Town Council	-	5,500	5,500	10,500
Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner	-	9,885	9,885	6,500
Cheshire Fire Authority	-	500	500	2,000
National Lottery Community Fund ²	-	81,612	81,612	60,841
CCF ¹ – Cheshire & Warrington Small Grants (Let's Get Creative Jubilee Fund)	-	2,000	2,000	2,500
CCF ¹ – Community Grants (Youth Clubs)	-	4,829	4,829	2,322
Active Cheshire	-	-	-	8,180
Darnhall Trust	-	5,250	5,250	4,500
Cheshire Community Action	-	-	-	497
Care Commission	-	6,339	6,339	161
Sport England – Queen's Jubilee Trust	-	3,495	3,495	3,996
Asda	-	803	803	300
Innovas	-	1,396	1,396	4,716
Holdcroft Heating	-	-	-	400
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	10,000
Marjory Boddy	-	-	-	5,000
Anne, Duchess of Westminster	-	-	-	800
Bernard Sunley	-	-	-	5,000
Middlewich & Winsford Rotary Club	-	-	-	460
Edsential	-	11,441	11,441	6,343
Welcome Network	-	850	850	3,626
Self-generated fundraising	19,584	-	19,584	8,915
Chatterbox Community Café	16,295	-	16,295	20,910
Sunrise Nursery	-	24,282	24,282	-
Bentley	-	500	500	-
A Kerr	-	500	500	-
	<u>35,879</u>	<u>160,741</u>	<u>196,620</u>	<u>179,269</u>

¹CCF is an abbreviation of Cheshire Community Foundation.

² The National Lottery Community Fund is a 5 year project, this report covers year 3. Playscheme funders are shown individually.

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5. Costs of charitable activities – by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Community Work	<u>59,472</u>	<u>165,387</u>	<u>224,859</u>	<u>177,721</u>

6. Costs of charitable activities – by activity

	Activities Directly Undertaken £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Community Work	<u>224,859</u>	<u>224,859</u>	<u>177,721</u>

7. Governance Costs

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Audit and Accountancy fees	1,500	1,200
Legal and Professional fees	14,862	1,507
Bookkeeping	3,600	3,600
Bank Charges	<u>705</u>	<u>440</u>
	<u>20,667</u>	<u>6,747</u>

8. Net outgoing resources for the year

	2024 £	2023 £
Net outgoing resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	<u>1,345</u>	<u>1,862</u>

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9. Employees		2024	2023
		£	£
Wages and Salaries		<u>99,563</u>	<u>78,786</u>

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Trustees	4	4
Charity Staff	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>

10. Trustees' emoluments

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023: 2024)

11. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, Fittings, and Equipment	Improvements to Property	TOTAL
Cost			
At 1 st May 2023	24,706	15,800	40,506
Additions	-	-	-
At 30 th April 2024	<u>24,706</u>	<u>15,800</u>	<u>40,506</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 st May 2023	23,205	8,335	31,540
Charge for the Year	<u>225</u>	<u>1,120</u>	<u>1,345</u>
At 30 th April 2024	<u>23,430</u>	<u>9,455</u>	<u>32,885</u>
Net Book Values			
At 30 th April 2024	<u>1,276</u>	<u>6,345</u>	<u>7,621</u>
At 30 th April 2023	<u>1,501</u>	<u>7,465</u>	<u>8,966</u>

13. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Debtors	5,399	2,925
	<u>5,399</u>	<u>2,925</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security	1,149	1,078
Accruals and deferred income	77,371	67,437
Trade creditors	<u>43,716</u>	<u>1,939</u>
	<u>122,236</u>	<u>70,454</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 30 th April 2024:			
Fixed Assets	7,621	-	7,621
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>19,373</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>21,339</u>
	<u>26,994</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>28,960</u>

16. Unrestricted funds

	At 1st May 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 30th April 2024 £
General Reserve	<u>18,927</u>	<u>87,250</u>	<u>(79,183)</u>	<u>26,994</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The general reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

17. Restricted funds

A total of £160,741 of restricted funds were received during the year ended 30th April 2024. These were expended to deliver specific pieces of work and projects as per the funders' agreements.

18. Related party transactions

Mr. T. Blackmore and Mr. M. Kennedy (trustees) were local government councillors during the year. Grants and donations received from local councils are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as government grants and local government donations.

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19. Going concern

The nature of the charity's activities and the reliance on grant funding and donations has resulted in a low level of unrestricted funds. The trustees have reviewed cash flow information for the next twelve months and beyond and consider that the level of income will enable the charity to continue its activities. On the basis of this information and discussions with management, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if suitable funding was not available.

20. Company limited by guarantee

Winsford Youth And Community Forum Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Incoming Resources from generating funds		
Voluntary Income:		
Donations from charitable organisations	890	384
CJRS income	-	-
Rent Received	<u>48,933</u>	<u>43,845</u>
	49,823	44,229
Investment Income:		
Bank interest received	<u>1,548</u>	<u>357</u>
Total incoming generated funds	<u>51,371</u>	<u>44,586</u>

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Incoming Resources from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cheshire West & Chester Council: -Members' Budget	1,559	10,802
Winsford Town Council	5,500	10,500
Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner	9,885	6,500
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Edsential	11,441	6,343
Welcome Network	850	3,626
Self-generated fundraising	19,584	8,915
Chatterbox Community Café	16,295	20,910
Sunrise Nursery	24,282	-
Bentley	500	-
A Kerr	500	-
Total incoming charitable activities	<u>196,620</u>	<u>179,269</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>247,991</u>	<u>223,855</u>

WINSFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FORUM LTD
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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Community Work:		
Wages and Salaries	99,563	78,786
Staff training costs	175	963
Building costs: New Images	33,602	44,722
Building costs: Wharton	5,105	3,373
Play schemes	36	16
Insurance	4,296	3,702
Telephone	2,015	623
Printing, postage and stationery	1,922	1,922
IT Costs	1,166	1,968
Depreciation and impairment	1,345	1,582
Self-generated fundraising expenses	1,892	1,662
Community café expenses	13,289	13,477
General, project and youth club expenses	59,204	23,931
Sundry	719	952
Donations	<u>530</u>	<u>42</u>
Total Charitable activities expenditure	<u>224,859</u>	<u>177,721</u>
Governance Costs		
Accountancy	1,500	1,200
Legal and Professional fees	14,862	1,507
Bookkeeping	3,600	3,600
Bank Charges	<u>705</u>	<u>440</u>
Total Governance costs	<u>20,667</u>	<u>6,747</u>
Net incoming resources for the year	<u>2,465</u>	<u>39,387</u>

Charity Number: 517406 Company Number: 01976247

**WINSFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FORUM LTD
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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024**

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WINSFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FORUM LTD
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Legal and administrative information

Charity Number	517406
Company Registration Number	01976247
Business Address	New Images Youth & Community Centre Nixon Drive Winsford Cheshire. CW7 2HG
Registered Office	New Images Youth & Community Centre Nixon Drive Winsford Cheshire. CW7 2HG
Directors	R. Barton D Cragg T Blackmore
Accountants	Burton Beavan Chartered Certified Accountants 112-114 Witton Street Northwich Cheshire. CW9 5NW
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc Dingle Walk Winsford Cheshire. CW7 1AF

WINSFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FORUM LTD
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Report of the Trustees (incorporating the Directors Report)
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th April 2024. The trustees, who are also directors of Winsford Youth And Community Forum Ltd for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

The charity is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, are shown on page 1. The trustees are representatives of agencies and organisations who work with, or have an interest in, young people and the wider community. They are responsible for plotting the strategic direction of the Forum and overseeing all the areas of its operation. Trustees are informed of their duties and responsibilities prior to appointment and are offered suitable training to assist with their role. They are also informed of publications and information available to them through the Charity Commission. The day to day running of the Forum is left to an appointed trustee. Trustee elections are held annually and all members of the charity are entitled to vote. The trustees would like to thank all those who have contributed to the work of the Forum and particularly those many volunteers without whom our work would not have been possible. The trustees continue to be committed to working with and for the community and will continue working in partnership with all who have an interest in improving provision for young people and the wider community.

Reserves

The trustees feel that the charity has a responsibility to its beneficiaries to take a long-term view of its commitments. We have considered the increasing insecurity of funding and the delays in payment. We are determined to continue working towards maintaining an unrestricted reserve at the level of three months typical running costs to cover current commitments. This will include designated funds as detailed in guidance by the Charity Commissioners. However, at present we are unable to hold this level of reserve. The trustees continue to consider ways in which additional unrestricted funds can be raised.

Investment policy

The charity does not have an investment policy. Funds are held in an interest-bearing account to maximise returns.

Risk review and internal control

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The trustees continue to consider and identify the major risks to which the charity is exposed. This involves identifying the types of risks the charity faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of minimising the risks. The charity's system of internal controls are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. The trustees are satisfied that the systems in place reduce their exposure to the major risks.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Trustees report to accompany the Financial Statements
1st May 2023 – 30th April 2024

The start of our financial year found, as always found us preparing for our summer programme of activities and playschemes, whilst ensuring this year's planned building works, whilst not as significant as previous years were completed, without adversely impacting on our on-going activities.

As the summer ended and the cold weather drew in, we were hit by an un-expected cost. The boiler at New Images failed, causing a series of costly repair attempts and significantly increased electricity bills as we heated the building using portable heaters.

We have made an application to the Youth Investment Fund, which was successful on the provision that we held a long term lease.

We are thankful to Cheshire West & Chester Council for their assistance with this and to the Youth Investment Fund for their patience whilst the lease terms were negotiated. We also wish to thank our solicitor who worked tirelessly on our behalf.

There is of course a downside to most things, in this case there was a requirement for a considerable amount of time and effort on behalf of the Forum's staff and Trustee's, along with a legal bill approaching £15,000, the majority of which fell within the period being reported.

The time cost to this is more difficult to quantify, but thanks to the Forum's administration team's hard work and persistence we were able to secure funding to continue our delivery and to support our user groups.

Even allowing for these un-expected costs, we have been able to show a small surplus in this financial year.

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We are thrilled to be able to extend our provision to Wharton once again, for the first time since before the COVID lockdowns. These clubs have been well attended and the feedback has been promising. Funding has been secured to continue this project.

We have had an amazing year; the Community Centre has been filled with a range of user groups and the Centre has been a joy to behold. The Chatterbox Café was as usual well attended throughout the year and the use of the building by other service users is now almost at capacity.

We find ourselves in a great place financially, with our Community Centre building again running in profit, which continues to be significant enough to be able to support the employment of a part-time caretaker & cleaner. We are currently bidding for more grants to be able to further improve and modernise the building.

The vast array of funding secured during this period has been incredible and we would like to thank our staff, funders and supporters for all the help, dedication and support that they have given us. As a result, we have been able to offer a vast range of projects to the local community and continue to develop new projects and relationships in the future.

We have many new and repeat funders to whom we are extremely thankful for their continued support of our projects.

We continue to work in partnership with many local organisations. These partnerships are integral to ensuring a well-rounded approach to the support and activities we offer the local community.

The Forum is now well placed to continue to support the local community in a range of ways and we continue to seek new ideas and support for these ideas on a daily basis.

Once again, we have a number of ongoing and future projects with funding in place details of which are shown in Table 1.

As the Forum continues to move forward in these tough times, we are thankful for the support of not only our funders and partners, but the whole community, who we endeavour to support in return. The balance between generating income, the ongoing operational costs of keeping and improving the fabric and aesthetics of the centre remain at the forefront of decisions to be made.

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Table 1 Funding retained for current and future projects

Funding source	Total Award £	Amount received to 30/04/2024 £	Amount Expended upto and including 30/04/2024 £	Amount Deferred to next financial year £
<u>Projects in Progress</u>				
National Lottery community Fund (inc Uplift)	304,285	233,911	204,137.97	29,773.03
Sport England	14,361	14,361	196.86	14,164.14
Community Cash Back fund – Wharton Youth Provision	9,944.17	9,944.17	7,018.90	2,925.27
National Lottery – Million Hours	55,111	26,664.36	18,541.14	8,123.22
Sunrise Nursery	31,500	31,500	24,282	7,218
<u>Projects with a start date or continuing after 30/04/2024</u>				
Youth Club Projects (Continuation)	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,678.05
CWAC – Members Budget (Teen Tuesdays - Continuation)	2,295	2,295	n/a	2,295
Techno Café (Continuation)	4,842.13	4,842.13	n/a	4,842.13
Welcoming Spaces – Café (Continuation)	2,477.10	2,477.10	n/a	2,477.10

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For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

Financial review

Financial results

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources for the year have increased by £24,136 to £247,991 with expenditure increasing by £61,058 to £245,526. This results in net incomings for the year of £2,465 and leaves funds at 30th April 2024 of £28,960 of which £1,966 are restricted.

Financial support

We are very grateful for the support of The National Lottery Community Fund, Edsential, Active Cheshire, Cheshire West and Chester Council Members, Winsford Town Council, The Darnhall Foundation Trust, Cheshire Police Commissioner, The Cheshire Fire Authority, Innovas, Cheshire Community Foundation, The Welcome Network, Asda (Winsford), Cheshire Community Action, The Care Commission, Sport England, Sunrise Nursery, Bentley & A Kerr.

Other funders that have supported our work either through financial or 'in kind' support during the year include The Fair share project, Robert's Bakery, The Youth Federation, Changing Lives Together, Motherwell, The Prince's Trust and Cheshire Police's Community Support Officers,

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charitable company's reporting accountants are unaware;
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant Audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Winsford Youth & Community Forum Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORB

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Report of the Trustees (incorporating the Directors Report)
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board



R Barton
Treasurer & Director

Date: 27/1/2025

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Independent Examiners Review
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30th April 2024 set out on pages 11 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of 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:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met
- (2) To which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Burton Beavan
Chartered Certified Accountants,
112-114 Witton Street,
Northwich,
Cheshire. CW9 5NW.

Date:

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	49,823	-	49,823	44,229
Investment income	3	1,548	-	1,548	357
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	<u>35,879</u>	<u>160,741</u>	<u>196,620</u>	<u>179,269</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>87,250</u>	<u>160,741</u>	<u>247,991</u>	<u>223,855</u>
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds:					
Charitable activities	5	59,472	165,387	224,859	177,721
Governance costs	7	<u>19,711</u>	<u>956</u>	<u>20,667</u>	<u>6,747</u>
Total resources expended		<u>79,183</u>	<u>166,343</u>	<u>245,526</u>	<u>184,468</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year					
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		8,067	(5,602)	2,465	39,387
Total funds brought forward		<u>18,927</u>	<u>7,568</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>(12,892)</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>26,994</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>28,960</u>	<u>26,495</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet
As at 30th April 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	12		7,621		8,966
Current Assets					
Debtors	13	5,399		2,925	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>138,176</u>		<u>85,058</u>	
		143,575		87,983	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(122,236)</u>		<u>(70,454)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>21,339</u>		<u>17,529</u>
Net assets			<u>28,960</u>		<u>26,495</u>
Funds					
Restricted income funds	15		1,966		7,568
Unrestricted income funds			<u>26,994</u>		<u>18,927</u>
Total funds/(deficit)			<u>28,960</u>		<u>26,495</u>

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

R Barton
Treasurer & Director



Date: 27/01/2025

Company registration number: 01976247

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Notes to financial statements
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cash flow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is a small charity.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

Income from investments is included in the year in which it is receivable.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment at 15% reducing balance
Improvements to property at 15% reducing balance

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Donations from charitable organisations	890	890	384
Rental Income	<u>48,933</u>	<u>48,933</u>	<u>43,845</u>
	<u>49,823</u>	<u>49,823</u>	<u>44,229</u>

3. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Bank Interest Receivable	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>357</u>

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4. Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cheshire West & Chester Council: -Members' Budget	-	1,559	1,559	10,802
Winsford Town Council	-	5,500	5,500	10,500
Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner	-	9,885	9,885	6,500
Cheshire Fire Authority	-	500	500	2,000
National Lottery Community Fund ²	-	81,612	81,612	60,841
CCF ¹ – Cheshire & Warrington Small Grants (Let's Get Creative Jubilee Fund)	-	2,000	2,000	2,500
CCF ¹ – Community Grants (Youth Clubs)	-	4,829	4,829	2,322
Active Cheshire	-	-	-	8,180
Darnhall Trust	-	5,250	5,250	4,500
Cheshire Community Action	-	-	-	497
Care Commission	-	6,339	6,339	161
Sport England – Queen's Jubilee Trust	-	3,495	3,495	3,996
Asda	-	803	803	300
Innovas	-	1,396	1,396	4,716
Holdcroft Heating	-	-	-	400
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	10,000
Marjory Boddy	-	-	-	5,000
Anne, Duchess of Westminster	-	-	-	800
Bernard Sunley	-	-	-	5,000
Middlewich & Winsford Rotary Club	-	-	-	460
Edsential	-	11,441	11,441	6,343
Welcome Network	-	850	850	3,626
Self-generated fundraising	19,584	-	19,584	8,915
Chatterbox Community Café	16,295	-	16,295	20,910
Sunrise Nursery	-	24,282	24,282	-
Bentley	-	500	500	-
A Kerr	-	500	500	-
	<u>35,879</u>	<u>160,741</u>	<u>196,620</u>	<u>179,269</u>

¹CCF is an abbreviation of Cheshire Community Foundation.

² The National Lottery Community Fund is a 5 year project, this report covers year 3. Playscheme funders are shown individually.

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5. Costs of charitable activities – by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Community Work	<u>59,472</u>	<u>165,387</u>	<u>224,859</u>	<u>177,721</u>

6. Costs of charitable activities – by activity

	Activities Directly Undertaken £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Community Work	<u>224,859</u>	<u>224,859</u>	<u>177,721</u>

7. Governance Costs

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Audit and Accountancy fees	1,500	1,200
Legal and Professional fees	14,862	1,507
Bookkeeping	3,600	3,600
Bank Charges	<u>705</u>	<u>440</u>
	<u>20,667</u>	<u>6,747</u>

8. Net outgoing resources for the year

	2024 £	2023 £
Net outgoing resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	<u>1,345</u>	<u>1,862</u>

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9. Employees		2024	2023
		£	£
Wages and Salaries		<u>99,563</u>	<u>78,786</u>

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Trustees	4	4
Charity Staff	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>

10. Trustees' emoluments

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2023: 2024)

11. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, Fittings, and Equipment	Improvements to Property	TOTAL
Cost			
At 1 st May 2023	24,706	15,800	40,506
Additions	-	-	-
At 30 th April 2024	<u>24,706</u>	<u>15,800</u>	<u>40,506</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 st May 2023	23,205	8,335	31,540
Charge for the Year	<u>225</u>	<u>1,120</u>	<u>1,345</u>
At 30 th April 2024	<u>23,430</u>	<u>9,455</u>	<u>32,885</u>
Net Book Values			
At 30 th April 2024	<u>1,276</u>	<u>6,345</u>	<u>7,621</u>
At 30 th April 2023	<u>1,501</u>	<u>7,465</u>	<u>8,966</u>

13. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Debtors	5,399	2,925
	<u>5,399</u>	<u>2,925</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security	1,149	1,078
Accruals and deferred income	77,371	67,437
Trade creditors	<u>43,716</u>	<u>1,939</u>
	<u>122,236</u>	<u>70,454</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 30 th April 2024:			
Fixed Assets	7,621	-	7,621
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>19,373</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>21,339</u>
	<u>26,994</u>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>28,960</u>

16. Unrestricted funds

	At 1st May 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 30th April 2024 £
General Reserve	<u>18,927</u>	<u>87,250</u>	<u>(79,183)</u>	<u>26,994</u>

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The general reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

17. Restricted funds

A total of £160,741 of restricted funds were received during the year ended 30th April 2024. These were expended to deliver specific pieces of work and projects as per the funders' agreements.

18. Related party transactions

Mr. T. Blackmore and Mr. M. Kennedy (trustees) were local government councillors during the year. Grants and donations received from local councils are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as government grants and local government donations.

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19. Going concern

The nature of the charity's activities and the reliance on grant funding and donations has resulted in a low level of unrestricted funds. The trustees have reviewed cash flow information for the next twelve months and beyond and consider that the level of income will enable the charity to continue its activities. On the basis of this information and discussions with management, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if suitable funding was not available.

20. Company limited by guarantee

Winsford Youth And Community Forum Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Incoming Resources from generating funds		
Voluntary Income:		
Donations from charitable organisations	890	384
CJRS income	-	-
Rent Received	<u>48,933</u>	<u>43,845</u>
	49,823	44,229
Investment Income:		
Bank interest received	<u>1,548</u>	<u>357</u>
Total incoming generated funds	<u>51,371</u>	<u>44,586</u>

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Incoming Resources from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cheshire West & Chester Council: -Members' Budget	1,559	10,802
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Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner	9,885	6,500
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Self-generated fundraising	19,584	8,915
Chatterbox Community Café	16,295	20,910
Sunrise Nursery	24,282	-
Bentley	500	-
A Kerr	500	-
Total incoming charitable activities	<u>196,620</u>	<u>179,269</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>247,991</u>	<u>223,855</u>

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Community Work:		
Wages and Salaries	99,563	78,786
Staff training costs	175	963
Building costs: New Images	33,602	44,722
Building costs: Wharton	5,105	3,373
Play schemes	36	16
Insurance	4,296	3,702
Telephone	2,015	623
Printing, postage and stationery	1,922	1,922
IT Costs	1,166	1,968
Depreciation and impairment	1,345	1,582
Self-generated fundraising expenses	1,892	1,662
Community café expenses	13,289	13,477
General, project and youth club expenses	59,204	23,931
Sundry	719	952
Donations	<u>530</u>	<u>42</u>
Total Charitable activities expenditure	<u>224,859</u>	<u>177,721</u>
Governance Costs		
Accountancy	1,500	1,200
Legal and Professional fees	14,862	1,507
Bookkeeping	3,600	3,600
Bank Charges	<u>705</u>	<u>440</u>
Total Governance costs	<u>20,667</u>	<u>6,747</u>
Net incoming resources for the year	<u>2,465</u>	<u>39,387</u>

