New Images Youth &
Community Forum's

Annual Review

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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I became Chair of WYCF in October 2025. This report covers the period from May 2025 to May 2026.

Another year where we are incredibly grateful to all our groups and users of the Centre who consistently recognise the benefits of our local community space. Their contributions have ensured that the New Images Centre remains open to children, young people and the wider community.

This year has presented several challenges – particularly managing financial pressures whilst adapting to new accounting systems and related changes. Notably, Spec Accounting Services, which had provided bookkeeping services to the organisation for over three decades, has resigned this year. We extend our sincere gratitude to Pauline and Emma for their invaluable bookkeeping contributions over the years and extend our best wishes for their continued success in the future. In January, we welcomed Platinum Accounting Services, who have joined us to help improve and develop our accounting and bookkeeping systems.

We are seeking additional trustees with expertise in fundraising, governance, and community engagement to support WYCF's continued growth. If you are interested, please get in touch so we can discuss the role further.

Going forward, I hope that we can strengthen the organisation's structure, enhance support for our staff and volunteers and further develop the Centre as a well-resourced community asset.

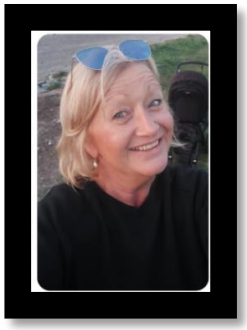
Read on to discover all the great events and activities we've delivered during this period - made possible by our staff team and the dedicated volunteers who support them. The trustees are extremely grateful for their time, commitment and contributions throughout another successful year.

Thank you
Maggie Anderson
Chair of Trustees WYCF

Maggie Anderson (Chair)



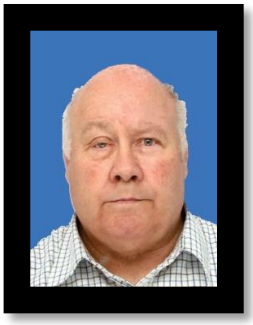
Debbie Cragg (CO Secretary)



Bob Barton (Treasurer)



Thomas Blackmore (Trustee)



Lynette Hamlet (Trustee)



OUR CHARITY'S OBJECTIVE

The Trustees of Winsford Youth & Community Forum (WYCF) are pleased to present our 44th Annual Report for the year of 2025-2026.

WYCF exists to provide a safe, welcoming and dependable community space where local people can connect, participate and access support. Our objective throughout the reporting year was to maintain and strengthen this role by keeping the building open, warm and functioning. Responding to the needs expressed by our community and ensuring our programmes, partnerships and environment remained inclusive, accessible and rooted in lived experience. We aimed to uphold the centre as a trusted place of belonging, where people feel supported, valued and able to engage in opportunities that improve wellbeing and strengthen community life. The next period will bring challenges for many charitable organisations however we will continue to work hard and develop our charity.

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 FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

We are immensely grateful for the generous donations of financial grants, goods and services we received throughout this period.

These contributions have allowed us to continue providing a wide range of valuable services and support to our local community, both here at New Images and through our outreach work in Wharton.

Some of the funding secured has enabled us to make significant improvements and upgrades to our building, creating a more welcoming, comfortable and accessible environment for everyone who visits the Centre. These enhancements have not only improved the experience for our existing community but has also helped us to attract new service providers and expand the range of support and opportunities available to local people.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the organisations and individuals listed below for their generosity, kindness and continued support. Their contributions make a meaningful difference to the work we deliver and to the lives of those we support.

Donations of services/time

- *Wates - As part of their social value works, their team volunteered time and materials to transform our rear outside area into a community garden.*
- *Cheshire Sheds & Garden buildings – Helped us a great deal in carrying out repairs and fitting new flooring to the Marina building.*
- *Sky – A group of 15 volunteers from Sky TV carried out some painting and decorating to our coffee bar and kitchen area and they did a fabulous job!*







Donations of goods

- *Myton Food Groups: Ice creams for young people to enjoy during our summer activities. They also kindly provided a huge selection of toys and gifts to support local families during the Christmas period.*
- *Morrisons Winsford Community Champion (Karen) - Gift vouchers to help support families in Winsford with food over the summer break and food purchases for our chatterbox café.*
- *TF Jones – A selection of litter pickers to help keep our community clean.*
- *Biolaboratories, Altrincham - 100 Toiletry bags*
- *Oasis Plants - supply of plant pots*

- *Asda Winsford Community Champion (Shell) – 30x pumpkins towards our Halloween family craft afternoon*
- *Greggs Winsford – voucher to use in store towards our Chatterbox Cage Christmas Party – many mince pies were consumed and enjoyed!*
- *Lewis Rodgers Solicitors – A selection of monitors and keyboards*
- *Tesco Express (Delamere Street) flowers and surplus food provided throughout the year which we have shared with elderly members of our café.*
- *Colas – Toys and gifts for local families festive period.*
- *CW Estates – A deep fat fryer to replace ours which exploded – this is heavily used in our Café.*
- *Changing Lives together – A variety of vegetables to be used at the Soup Disco Event that we held in February 2026.*
- *St Lukes – 30x chairs to replace the seating in our Café/coffee bar area.*
- *Winsford Town Council - Provided a large chocolate egg for our Easter treasure hunt grand prize winner.*
- *Ken's convenience – Supplying additional easter eggs*



Funding and Grants received (Financial support)

- ***National Lottery Reaching Communities Funding*** *– Our application to extend the Chief Executive Director's post was successful, securing funding to extend Debbie's position for a further two years. This is a vital and much needed role within our charity, providing continued leadership and support as we move forward. Further funding was also secured to appoint a part time Community Development worker at our Charity and help towards the recording of data that will enhance ways of showing the true impact on how New Images is embedded into the community.*
- ***Len Crook*** *– Raised £2000 whilst undertaking the 10K Manchester run – this generous donation will fund the SEN canoeing sessions with some new kit and equipment.*
- ***Crime beaters:*** *Funding provided towards our Summer canoeing project with special thanks going to Stephen Bishop for his support in this application*
- ***M&Y Maintenance Construction -*** *£600 towards our Summer "Back to school initiative" Free towards stationery and goody bags*

- ***Co-Op (Wharton)*** *– Presented us with a £250.00 cheque as part of their community funding scheme. Used to support our Summer Program*
- ***Winsford Town Council*** *– A grant to support 3x further Boogie Bingo evening events at New Images*
- ***Cheshire Fire*** *– With special thanks going to Thomas Byrne. A donation of £616.30 towards our Halloween/Operation Treacle.*
- ***Meadow Bank Social Club*** *– Delighted to hear we have been the chosen Charity of the month in November 2025. £270 was donated towards supporting our Friday night Junior Club.*
- ***Cheshire West Voluntary Action*** *- £350.00 was awarded to host a Soup Disco event at the Centre which was thoroughly appreciated by the Men's Mental Health Group in February 2026.*
- ***Asda, Bernard Sunley and CWAC Members budget –*** *Three separate funding grants were successfully secured, enabling us to begin work on transforming a storage room within the New Images Centre into a fully functional, flexible space. The newly converted room will provide a dedicated area for staff meetings, be available for hire, and offer a welcoming space for community members to use.*
- ***Darnhall Trust*** *– Continued generous support and funding towards our holiday activates -including Summer, Halloween & Easter programmes.*
- ***Mike Clark Building Contractors*** *- £200 kindly donated* to purchase 72 eggs for Town wide Easter treasure hunt.
- ***The Red Lion -*** *£100 donation towards our printing costs incurred for the treasure hunt booklets.*
- ***Anne Duchess*** *- £375.00 for our Chatterbox Café to enjoy a Easter Celebration event*



OUR VOLUNTEERS & STAFF

Our staff and volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. Their commitment, skills, lived experience and diverse perspectives help us to deliver our projects effectively and ensure that our work continues to respond meaningfully to the needs of our community.

Throughout the year, our dedicated volunteers and small staff team have given their time, energy and expertise to support events, workshops, day to day operations at the Centre and our wider outreach activities. Every contribution, whether behind the scenes or directly supporting our community, plays an important part in making our work possible. From planning and organising to hands on delivery and support, every member of our team plays a vital role in creating positive change.

This year, we were delighted to welcome Wayne Fletcher to the New Images team as our new Community Development Worker. Wayne's role will play an important part in supporting the continued development of the charity with a particular focus on building positive relationships within the community, engaging and supporting young people and developing and delivering community programmes, projects and events.

We also welcomed a fantastic group of young volunteers to support our canoeing programme at the Marina. Many of these young people had previously taken part in our canoeing sessions themselves. Having enjoyed the programme and recognised the value it brought to them, they chose to take the next step by becoming volunteers and giving something back to others. Their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to support younger participants has been wonderful to see.

OUR WORK & PROGRAMMES

Youth Services

Throughout 2025/26, our youth services continued to provide young people with opportunities to socialise, have fun, develop friendships and access a safe and welcoming space within their community.

JUNIOR CLUB

Our Junior Club continued to provide a regular opportunity for younger members of our community to feel part of something and enjoy positive experiences throughout the year.

Running on Friday evenings, the Junior Club was open for 48 sessions during this financial year and recorded 2,707 attendances. This included 1,516 attendances from boys and 1,191 from girls.

On average, 56 young people attended each session, reflecting the continued popularity of the club and its importance to local families.

The consistency of attendance throughout the year also highlights the strong relationships developed between our youth workers, volunteers and the young people who attend.



SENIOR CLUB

Our Senior Club is there to provide a dedicated space for young people/teens where they can meet friends, socialise and take part in activities in a safe and supportive environment. It plays an important role in ensuring that our youth provision continues to support young people as they move into their teenage years. This group enables us to provide opportunities that are appropriate to their age and interests, while maintaining the welcoming and inclusive environment that is central to our youth services.

During 2025/26, the Senior Club was open for 48 sessions and welcomed 800 attendances, with an average of 18 young people attending each session.

Across our Junior and Senior Clubs combined, we provided 96 sessions during the year and recorded 3,507 attendances overall from young people.

We are proud to continue providing these opportunities and to be a trusted place for young people to come together.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Summer 2025

New Images:

This Summer was a particularly busy and exciting one at New Images Youth & Community Centre! We delivered a diverse programme of activities for children and families across our community. Thanks to the support of our funders and partners, we were able to make the majority of activities free or available at a very low cost, helping to ensure that financial circumstances were not a barrier to participation.

For many young people the summer holidays can be a long period without the structure and routine provided by school. Our programme helped to provide that structure whist creating opportunities for young people to develop confidence, independence, try something different and learn new skills

The scale and variety of the programme would not have been possible without the commitment of our staff, volunteers, funders and supporters.

Here's a quick glance of our August 2025 Summer Programme – thank you to the young people and families who took part, the people who made it happen and the positive impact it had within our community.

- All Stars Archery & Pickleball session
- Canoeing sessions at Winsford Marina
- Traditional Play days
- Yoga & Meditation Sessions ("Mindful Mondays")
- Cupcake baking session
- Zorb football fun
- Daytime UV Disco session
- UV Dodgeball
- Bug fest sessions
- Family activities included: Paint a pot, Slime stations and family cooking sessions.
- Summer Boogie Bingo evening event

Wharton:

In addition to the activities taking place at the New Images Centre, we extended our programme into the Wharton community, delivering our popular “Happy Monday” sessions direct from Wharton Library.

We were able to offer children and families a varied programme of creative, active and hands-on activities. The programme included:

- Family Mini Makery Craft Session
- Wheels Extreme
- Greatest Showman Circus Skills Workshop
- The Tech Ruck
- Pizza making & Plate painting

By taking our programme to Wharton Library, we were able to create accessible opportunities for local children and families to come together, try something new and enjoy their summer holidays within their own community.





This Summer, we also worked closely with the Winsford Litter Pickers Group and invited families to join us to keep our community clean – dedicating a day to litter pick around both; the Grange and Wharton estates. Litter pickers and equipment were provided along with free tea, toast and biscuits to those that kindly sparred us some of their time to help with this project. Our Junior members also spent a morning clearing rubbish from around the local parks.

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October Half-Term Programme

Our October programme was another great success with a fantastic range of Halloween themed activities bringing children, young people and families together.

For teenagers aged 11+, we hosted another Boogie Bingo event with a Halloween twist. The evening featured music, bingo alongside prizes for the best costume and a Nintendo Switch star prize.

Our Family Halloween Day provided an opportunity for families to enjoy a fun filled day together, with spooky crafts, pumpkin carving and food included. 19 families took part in the event.

We also ran a Halloween themed Play Day which attracted 32 children and offered a fun and active day during the school break.

Rounding off the programme were two fully booked sessions of Dodgeball in the Dark. The sessions offered something a little different with teams competing in a darkened environment. With UV equipment. Both the morning and afternoon sessions reached their full capacity.

Overall, our October half-term programme provided a diverse mix of creative, social and active activities, with strong participation across all age groups and activities.



Easter 26 activities

Easter Holiday Programme

During the Easter holidays, the Community Centre delivered a varied programme of activities for families and young people. This included a town wide treasure hunt, several Playdays offering Easter themed fun and engaging activities. A multi sports session delivered in partnership with AW Coaching and Bug Fest made a return to the with their reptiles and insects.

















National Toddle Waddle day

This year, we tried something new by celebrating **National Toddle Waddle Day** for the first time. Local childminders, nurseries and parents brought along their little ones for a fun morning of fresh air and exploring. Starting from the Community Centre, families enjoyed a gentle toddle around Knights Grange, searching for the hidden rubber ducks along the way. With free tea and toast on their return, the event was a simple but enjoyable way to bring our youngest residents and their carers together.





OUR OUTDOORSUITS PROGRAMME/CANOEING

Additional provision offered to other age ranges and abilities

SEN Group:

We are incredibly proud of our canoeing programme at The Marina, which forms an important part of our outreach work. Despite the increasing challenges of securing funding for our adult and SEND groups, we have continued to provide weekly canoeing sessions every Wednesday from April to October (weather dependent!).

The sessions continue to bring huge enjoyment to our regular attendees while also welcoming new participants and providing opportunities for young people to get involved as volunteers.

This year, our SEND group averaged 12 young people per session (alongside 3 young person volunteers) across 30 sessions. This equates to an impressive 450 plus participant places over the programme, highlighting the continued demand and value of our canoeing sessions within the community.

Adult (Over 50's group)

Our Over 50s afternoon canoeing sessions continue to be a popular addition to our programme, attracting new adults from the community to come along and give canoeing a try. The sessions provide older people in our community the opportunity to develop a new hobby, while for others, they offer the chance to rediscover a pastime they have enjoyed earlier in life - now that they have more time to pursue it. Feedback suggest they also enjoy the social element of meeting others and building new friendships.

During this period, we held 19 sessions - welcoming an average of 8–9 adults per session, with a total of 170 adult attendances.

Summer sessions for Young People

Each summer, we deliver a full programme of canoeing sessions throughout the school holidays, giving young people the opportunity to try something new, stay active and enjoy some time on the water during the long break from school.

The programme runs every Monday and Tuesday with both morning and afternoon sessions taking place over five weeks. This year, we delivered 10 sessions and welcomed over 226 young people to take part and enjoy this popular outdoor activity.





CHATTERBOX CAFÉ

Our Community Café continues to open twice a week providing home cooked meals, cakes and a warm, welcoming environment for everyone in the community. The Café is open to all and offers a friendly space where people can meet, chat and enjoy good company.

Throughout the year, our dedicated Café staff and volunteers hosted a number of special events for our regular customers, including:

- A May Day celebration of 80th anniversary of VE Day
- A festive Christmas Party with lots of dancing and good food plus and a special Christmas Lunch on the last Café opening day of the year
- Easter dinner complete with bingo and a raffle prizes.

The Café also continues to provide an important link to other services and support within the community. During late 2025, Citizens Advice held three pop-up sessions offering free advice and practical tips to help local residents prepare for winter.
We also welcomed Age UK who delivered a scams awareness session helping older residents to recognise and avoid potential scams. Digital Cheshire visited in October to support older residents in developing their digital skills.
In November, Healthwatch Cheshire West visited to listen to local resident's experience of GPs and the health services in Winsford - ensuring community feedback is heard and used to improve local services.
Together, these activities demonstrate how our Community Café has become more than just a place to enjoy a meal - it is a welcoming community hub that brings people together, reduces isolation and provides access to valuable advice, support and information.





ACTION FOR LEISURE GROUP

The Action for Leisure Group continues to meet every Tuesday evening at the New Images Centre and is run via our dedicated tea, of volunteers. This club provides a safe, welcoming and social space for adults with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. New members are always welcome to this join this friendly and inclusive group.

PRIZE BINGO

This year five individual prize bingo sessions were held bringing members of the local community together to socialise and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Our Easter and Christmas bingo sessions remain particularly popular with the Christmas special attracting more than 100 members of the community.

These events take a great deal of planning and hard work behind the scenes, all of which is carried out on a voluntary basis. These events play an important role in generating vital funds for the New Images Centre. The monies raised help support the purchases of equipment, development of projects and essential general maintenance of the New Images Centre.

WHARTON YOUTH CLUB

Our youth club based at Wharton library, the “Junior Junction Club” sadly held its final session in December 2025.

The club finished with the existing funding coming to an end. Despite efforts, we were unable to secure additional funding to enable the sessions to continue.

We remain committed to the value and importance of providing opportunities Youth provision for local young people in the Wharton area and would very much like to see the club reinstated in the future. We believe there is a genuine need for this type of provision within the community and will continue to explore opportunities to secure the necessary funding.

TECHNO CLUB

Another of our youth focused clubs finished in December 2025 following the end of the funding period.

Throughout 2025/26, the club delivered 22 sessions. This group provided young people with the opportunity to socialise, develop their interests and enjoy a range of gaming and technology based activities in a safe and welcoming environment.

We would like to explore opportunities to secure future funding for this type of provision, with the hope of re-establishing the club on an even larger and more developed scale.

PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

We strongly believe that positive change within our community is achieved through collaboration. By working alongside local organisations, community groups, businesses and individuals, we are able to share knowledge, resources and expertise.

Our partnerships are at the heart of what we do. By bringing people and organisations together, we can reach more members of our community, respond to local needs and make a greater collective impact.

Together, we are stronger and together we can make a lasting difference in our local community.

- **One Winsford** – 2025/26 marked our final year of involvement as part of the One Winsford Team **-** a partnership bringing together several key organisations and partners from across the local community. During the year, we once again worked collaboratively to deliver three themed **Boogie Bingo** events at The New Images Centre, specifically designed for young people of high school age. The events proved extremely popular with fantastic attendance and particularly positive feedback from those who took part. These events provided young people with fun, age appropriate opportunities to socialise and spend time with their peers in a safe and welcoming environment. Following two successful years of delivering these teen focused events, the current funding has now come to an end. We are incredibly proud of what was achieved through the partnership and the positive experiences created for local young people.



- **HomeStart Cheshire & Warrington** –We have developed a strong and positive working relationship with the Home Start team, with The New Images Centre providing a base for their Winsford office. Over the Christmas period, we were delighted to work collaboratively with Home Start to create a special festive event for the families they work with and support. As part of the event, we secured gifts for the children. We transformed one of the rooms at the Centre into our very own Christmas grotto - creating a magical experience for families and, in particular, the children who had the opportunity to visit Santa. The event was warmly received and provided an opportunity for families to come together and enjoy a memorable Christmas experience in a welcoming and community-focused environment. This collaboration is a great example of how partnership working can bring local organisations together to create positive experiences and make a meaningful difference within our community.

- **Cheshire Police** –Our strong working relationship with the local PCSOs; Ste, James and Carl has continued throughout the year. We would like to thank them for their ongoing support and involvement in the various events held at The New Images Centre. We also continue to offer the Centre as a venue for their regular Police surgeries. Our partnership working with Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service has also continued. This includes our involvement in the 'Operation Treacle' initiative. Working alongside a wide range of local partners, WYCF supports funding applications and provides staffing to help deliver a programme of special events during the October half-term. As part of this initiative, The New Images Centre remained open throughout the half-term period, providing young people and families with opportunities to take part in safe, positive and engaging activities.
- **Cheshire Dance** – The Spotlight Project has now entered its third year and it has been wonderful to see the young people involved grow in confidence, skills and leadership. This development is reflected in the introduction of the **"Little Lights Project"**—a series of sessions for younger children, co-led by some of the original Spotlight dancers who joined the programme three years ago. Seeing these young people progress from participants to positive role models and leaders has been truly inspiring. We are proud to have supported their journey and to have provided a welcoming space at our centre for these sessions to take place.
- **Kings Trust Programme –** We continue to support the fantastic work of The King's Trust, offering our Centre as a welcoming environment where young people can undertake work experience and complete special projects as part of their programme.
  During the year, we welcomed a team of enthusiastic young people to the Centre who carried out a range of essential maintenance and decorating tasks. Their hard work made a valuable contribution to the Centre, while also providing them with practical experience, new skills and the opportunity to build confidence in a working environment.
  A particular success story this year was Max – Max was a young person on the programme who demonstrated great potential throughout his time here. We were delighted to be able to secure additional funding which enabled us to offer Max a one year apprenticeship within our office team. His journey is a fantastic example of how meaningful work experience and partnership opportunities can help young people take their next steps towards employment and develop their skills and confidence.
- **Community Care Partnership** - Our partnership continues to develop and strengthen, providing valuable opportunities to connect with other organisations and support services across the local community. During the year, Deb and Laura attended two health and wellbeing events hosted at Brio in Winsford. The October event was particularly successful, bringing more than 46 local organisations and charities together. The events provided an excellent opportunity to network with other local support services, share information and learn more about the work being carried out across the community. They also enabled us to raise awareness of WYCF, our services and the support available through The New Images Centre. We look forward to continuing to build on these connections and developing further opportunities for partnership working in the future.



- **Crate Cheshire** - A new initiative this year saw us provide free back to school haircuts, stationary and essential school items to children and families who may otherwise have struggled to afford them. Working closely with a number of local organisations and schools, we were able to identify and target the children and families who would benefit most. This collaborative approach helped us ensure that our resources reached those who needed them most at what can be a particularly expensive time of year for families. We were incredibly grateful to Crate Cheshire, who generously provided three professional barbers completely free of charge. Together, they gave 22 local children fabulous new haircuts - helping them to feel smart, confident and ready to return to school in September. Our sincere thanks go to the wonderful team at Crate Cheshire for their generosity, time and support in making this initiative possible. It is a fantastic example of how organisations working together can make a meaningful difference to local families.



- We were delighted to both support and take part in the annual Winsford Water Festival. This community event takes place on the River Weaver and brings together a wide range of voluntary groups, local organisations and community members for a day of fun, teamwork and raft racing. This year, members of our young SEN canoeing group were able to get involved and enjoy the event alongside their families. Their parents also ran a stall to help raise much-needed funds to support the continued delivery of this valuable and inclusive group. As part of our commitment to supporting the wider community, we were also pleased to make our canoes and kayaks available to local groups who wanted to participate in the festival but did not have access to suitable equipment. It was fantastic to see our resources helping others to get involved and enjoy this popular community event.





- This year, we introduced a new initiative during the festive period to bring some extra Christmas cheer to our local community. Through our Facebook page, we launched **"***12 Days of Christmas at New Images",* running from 1st December through to 12 December. Each day, we gave our community the opportunity to win a different prize, including local supermarket vouchers, gaming gift cards, pamper baskets and even a free party package at our centre. The response was fantastic, with some days seeing almost 400 entries. It was wonderful to see so many people getting involved and the initiative brought plenty of smiles and festive excitement to our community. Given the positive response and joy it created**,** "12 Days of Christmas at New Images" is something we are delighted to continue as part of our annual December activities.











OUR USER GROUPS

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many wonderful community groups, organisations and individuals who have continued to support the Centre throughout the year and used our building to deliver a diverse range of activities. Their ongoing support, commitment and delivery have helped us to provide opportunities and services that benefit people across our local community.

We are extremely grateful for the time, energy and contribution of everyone who has worked alongside us during this reporting period. From **May 2025 to April 2026**, the groups, organisations and individuals who supported the Centre included:

REGULAR Groups/Activities	ADHOC Groups/Activities	NEW for this period
Action for leisure	Academy High School	Pilates classes for new mums
Brio	Adado Healthcare	Bright & Wonderful Care
Chatterbox Cafe	Affinity Fostering Group	Weight Watchers
Cheshire & Warrington Carers	All Stars	Christian Prayer Group
Cheshire Dance	Andrew Cooper MP	Strictly Latin fitness classes
Cheshire Young Carers	Bridge SS School	The Estrangement Group
CWAC Caring Dads Programme	Citizens Advice Bureau	Home Ed Gamer Group
CWAC Choices	Cheshire Police Constabulary	Home Ed Bloom Group
CWAC IDVA	Cheshire West Voluntary Action	
CWAC Nurture Group	CWAC New Ground Team	
CWAC Poverty Team	Digital Cheshire	
Diddikicks	Healthbox	
DWP	Healthwatch CIC	
Endorphins	Herons Food	
Home Start Cheshire & Warrington	JUNE band Rehearsals	
Junior Club	Kings Trust	
Knights Grange Steering Committee	L&Q Group	
Messy Monkeys	LNT Care Developments	
MMA	Mere Park Management Co	
New Vision Gymnastics	Petty Pool	
ND Directed	RSPCA	
PCSO Surgeries	Stacey Jones Photography	
Senior Club	StoryHouse Chester	
Sophie Bond Singing lessons	Youthfed	
Table Tennis		
Techno Club		
Winsford Men's Group		
Zumba		

New Images continued to be a popular venue for families to host their celebrations. During this period, 37 children's parties were held here during weekends.

Overview/highlights of the year

It has been an exceptional year for our charity, marked by significant progress, strengthened resilience and a renewed sense of purpose across the organisation. It has also been a year of reflection, as we acknowledge the passing of our long-standing Chairman. His decades of service, steady leadership and unwavering commitment have left a legacy that continues to shape our direction and values. The Board formally recognises his contribution and the lasting impact of his dedication.

Throughout this period, the charity has delivered an ambitious programme of capital improvements that have transformed the future of our building. A full new roof, replacement front windows, new corridor flooring, and resin-based floors in the sports hall and games room have greatly enhanced the safety, durability and appearance of our facilities. The conversion of an unused shower room into a modern, hire able meeting space has further strengthened our sustainability and increased the versatility of our provision. These achievements represent a major step forward in ensuring our premises remain high-quality, accessible and fit for purpose for all users.

We are also delighted to report continued growth in our youth provision, with numbers increasing month on month as more young people engage with our programmes. Alongside this, our overall footfall continues to rise, with a growing number of user groups choosing our building as their base for activities, meetings and community events. This reflects both the quality of our offer and the trust our community places in us.

The Board extends its sincere gratitude to the volunteers who give their time so generously, the fundraisers and donors whose support strengthens our organisation, and the wider community whose commitment remains central to our success. We also recognise the dedication and professionalism of our staff team, whose efforts have been instrumental in achieving such a positive and productive year. This has been a period of pride, progress and renewed confidence.

The year ahead

As we look ahead, we do so with a clear sense of purpose and a strong foundation on which to build. Together — trustees, staff, volunteers, partners and community — we remain committed to delivering high-quality, inclusive services and shaping a future that reflects the very best of our organisation.

The next period will bring significant challenges for many charitable organisations, including WYCF. Changes in funding over the past 12 months, combined with increasing competition for grants and donations, mean that charities must work harder than ever to secure the resources needed to survive and thrive. As a building-based charity, we face additional pressures. The cost of running a community facility — including utilities, insurance, maintenance, compliance and staffing continues to rise year on year. These expenses are unavoidable, yet they are fundamental to keeping our doors open and ensuring the building remains a safe, warm, and welcoming space for local people.

Despite this landscape, our focus for the coming year is clear. We will complete the refurbishment of our building improved facilities, and ongoing upgrades ensuring it remains fully fit for community purposes and able to support a wide range of activities. This investment is essential to creating a safe, modern, and welcoming environment for all who use our services including our partners.

Our objective is to remain a resilient, responsive and a community rooted charity: one that adapts to financial pressures, protects essential services and continues to provide a place where people can connect, grow and belong.

Company registration number: 01976247
Charity registration number: 517406

WINSFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FORUM LTD
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

Platinum Accountancy Services

Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
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Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
Company No. 01976247
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 30 April 2026

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2026.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

April 2025 to May 2026 has been an exceptional year for our charity, marked by significant progress, strengthened resilience and a renewed sense of purpose across the organisation. It has also been a year of reflection, as we acknowledge the passing of our long standing Chairman. His decades of service, steady leadership and unwavering commitment have left a legacy that continues to shape our direction and values. The Board formally recognises his contribution and the lasting impact of his dedication.

Throughout this period, the charity has delivered an ambitious programme of capital improvements that have transformed the future of our building. A full new roof, replacement front windows, new corridor flooring, and resin based floors in the sports hall and games room have greatly enhanced the safety, durability and appearance of our facilities. The conversion of an unused shower room into a modern, hire able meeting space has further strengthened our sustainability and increased the versatility of our provision. These achievements represent a major step forward in ensuring our premises remain high quality, accessible and fit for purpose for all users.

We are also delighted to report continued growth in our youth provision, with numbers increasing month on month as more young people engage with our programmes. Alongside this, our overall footfall continues to rise, with a growing number of user groups choosing our building as their base for activities, meetings and community events. This reflects both the quality of our offer and the trust our community places in us.

We are also pleased to report the successful award of a further five years of National Lottery funding. This long term investment is a strong endorsement of our work and provides the stability needed to continue delivering impactful, community led programmes.

The Board extends its sincere gratitude to the volunteers who give their time so generously, the fundraisers and donors whose support strengthens our organisation, and the wider community whose commitment remains central to our success. We also recognise the dedication and professionalism of our staff team, whose efforts have been instrumental in achieving such a positive and productive year.

This has been a period of pride, progress and renewed confidence. As we look ahead, we do so with a clear sense of purpose and a strong foundation on which to build. Together — trustees, staff, volunteers, partners and community — we remain committed to delivering high quality, inclusive services and shaping a future that reflects the very best of our organisation.

Financial Review

Financial Position

The results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.
Incoming resources for the year were £289,279 (2025: £333,653) with expenditure of £256,641 (2025: £338,423).
This leaves funds as at 30th April 2026 of £56,828 (2025: £24,190) of which £50,607 (2025: £8,302) are restricted.

Reserves Policy

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.

Going Concern

The trustees have performed an annual review in line with the charity's reserves policy. This showed that the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least twelve months and for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

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 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.

Reference and Administrative Details

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Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

M A Anderson

M ANDERSON

Trustee
14/09/2026

Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
For The Year Ended 30 April 2026

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2026.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 30 April 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investments	3	478	-	478	1,854
Other	4	97,310	191,491	288,801	331,799
		97,788	191,491	289,279	333,653
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:					
Charitable activities		(97,907)	(149,186)	(247,093)	(329,965)
Governance costs		(9,548)	-	(9,548)	(8,458)
		(107,455)	(149,186)	(256,641)	(338,423)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(9,667)	42,305	32,638	(4,770)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(9,667)	42,305	32,638	(4,770)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		15,888	8,302	24,190	28,960
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	6,221	50,607	56,828	24,190

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 30 April 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
		£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Investments	3	1,854	-	1,854
Other	4	71,197	260,602	331,799
		73,051	260,602	333,653
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities:				
Charitable activities		(75,208)	(254,757)	(329,965)
Governance costs		(8,949)	491	(8,458)
		(84,157)	(254,266)	(338,423)
NET EXPENDITURE		(11,106)	6,336	(4,770)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(11,106)	6,336	(4,770)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		26,994	1,966	28,960
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	15,888	8,302	24,190

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
Balance Sheet
As At 30 April 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2026 Total funds	2025 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9	5,506	-	5,506	6,478
		5,506	-	5,506	6,478
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	3,350	45,715	49,065	8,254
Cash at bank and in hand		1,063	13,089	12,300	81,364
		4,413	58,804	61,365	89,618
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	11	(3,698)	(8,197)	(10,043)	(71,906)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		715	50,607	51,322	17,712
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,221	50,607	56,828	24,190
NET ASSETS		6,221	50,607	56,828	24,190
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				50,607	8,302
Unrestricted Funds				6,221	15,888
TOTAL FUNDS	13			56,828	24,190

For the year ending 30 April 2026 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board

M A Anderson

M ANDERSON

Trustee
14/09/2026

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

1. General Information

Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 01976247 and registered charity number 517406. The registered office is New Images Youth And Community Centre, Nixon Drive, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 2HG.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

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.

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.

2.2. 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.

2.3. 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.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold	15% reducing balance
Fixtures & Fittings	15% reducing balance

2.5. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax as all its income is charitable and applied for charitable purposes.

3. Investment Income

	2026 Unrestricted funds	2025 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	478	1,854

4. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2026 Total funds
	£	£	£
Rental and other income from property	47,757	-	47,757
Income from charity activities	49,553	191,491	241,044
	97,310	191,491	288,801

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£
Rental and other income from property	46,604	-	46,604
Income from charity activities	24,593	260,602	285,195
	71,197	260,602	331,799

5. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2026	2025
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	972	1,143

6. Support Costs

	Charitable activities	Governance costs	2026 Total
	£	£	£
Premises expenses	34,470	-	34,470
General administration	-	9,548	9,548
Depreciation	972	-	972
	35,442	9,548	44,990

	Charitable activities	Governance costs	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Premises expenses	37,813	-	37,813
General administration	-	8,458	8,458
Depreciation	1,143	-	1,143
	38,956	8,458	47,414

7. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	130,400	95,774

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Charitable Activities	15	12
Trustees	4	4
	19	16

9. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property Freehold	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 May 2025	15,800	24,706	40,506
As at 30 April 2026	15,800	24,706	40,506
Depreciation			
As at 1 May 2025	10,407	23,621	34,028
Provided during the period	809	163	972
As at 30 April 2026	11,216	23,784	35,000
Net Book Value			
As at 30 April 2026	4,584	922	5,506
As at 1 May 2025	5,393	1,085	6,478

10. **Debtors**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	3,350	8,254
Other debtors	45,715	-
	49,065	8,254

11. **Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,472	4,287
Bank loans and overdrafts	658	2,232
Taxation and social security	1,713	1,275
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	64,112
	10,043	71,906

12. **Loans**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Bank loans	658	2,232

13. **Movement in Funds**

	As at 1 May 2025	Income	Expenditure	As at 30 April 2026
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	15,888	97,788	(107,455)	6,221
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	8,302	191,491	(149,186)	50,607
Total funds	24,190	289,279	(256,641)	56,828

	As at 1 May 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	26,994	73,051	(84,157)	15,888

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Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	1,966	260,602	(254,266)	8,302
Total funds	28,960	333,653	(338,423)	24,190

14. **Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

15. **Related Party Disclosures**

Mr. T. Blackmore (trustee) was a local government councillor 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.

16. **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.

Winsford Youth and Community Forum Ltd
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 30 April 2026

	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	478	1,854
	478	1,854
Other		
Rental and other income from property	47,757	46,604
Income from charity activities	241,044	285,195
	288,801	331,799
	289,279	333,653
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
Charitable activities		
Play schemes	-	(302)
Community cafe expenses	(12,177)	(17,285)
Sundry	(241)	(832)
Donations	(31)	(30)
General, project and youth club expenses	(47,100)	(158,410)
Staging fundraising events	(1,429)	(1,550)
Wages and salaries	(130,400)	(95,774)
Computer software, IT consumables and maintenance	(1,602)	(1,466)
Insurance	(13,581)	(10,889)
Data and telecommunications costs	(2,231)	(1,912)
Printing, postage and stationery	(2,859)	(2,559)
Repairs and maintenance	(34,470)	(37,813)
Depreciation	(972)	(1,143)
	(247,093)	(329,965)
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	(1,886)	(1,440)
Legal fees	-	(3,267)
Bookkeeping fees	(6,934)	(3,300)
Bank charges	(728)	(451)
	(9,548)	(8,458)
	(256,641)	(338,423)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	32,638	(4,770)