



Working with young people of Mendip

Chairman's Report 2019

I want to begin my report this year with a goodbye, a hello and some thank you's. Mainly I want to say goodbye and a big thank you to Angela Yeoman who has been a patron of YWAF for many years and has chaired our annual AGM during that time. Angela stepped down from this role after our last AGM and we are extremely grateful for all those years of service - she will be sadly missed and we wish her well as she enjoys a less busy retirement.

And on that note I would like to welcome Karen Deverell as our new patron. Karen was previously CEO of Mendip YMCA and has masses of experience working with young people whose lives are / have been troubled. We are absolutely delighted that she has agreed to support us.

I would also like to thank the whole YWAF committee for another year of turning up to meetings, answering emails, helping with fundraising and coming up with new ideas. I would especially like to thank Nick our treasurer who continues to be amazing and Sue the secretary who never ceases to amaze me with her dedication to YWAF and the young people it tries to help.

In my report last year I said that we had raised very little in the way of funds and spent loads! This year, as Nick's report will show, the opposite is true!

In the past year we have changed our online giving platform from BT myDonate to Wonderful and I would like to thank Keith for sorting this out and moving us over.

I want to thank Jackie Garbett and all her wonderful team who worked at the Glastonbury Pop festival and I am pleased to be able to report that they will be going back again this year. This is our biggest single fundraiser and we are extremely grateful to everyone involved.

I also want to thank Jane Copestake for applying to Street Marks and Spencer's and for all the work she did liaising with them after the successful application to be their charity of the year. I also want to thank all the staff, volunteers and customers who raised £913 for us.

We have had several other fund raising activities this year which Sue will outline in her report, and I want to thank all the committee but particularly Sue for all the time, energy and effort that she has put into these events and for writing letters and applications to try to get funding from any source.

With these things in mind we have decided for the next year that whilst fundraising remains very important, we will spend a little more time trying to raise our profile. I want to thank Becky for her on-going work to create a PowerPoint presentation that can be used by committee members at clubs and societies that are often looking for guest speakers. Hopefully we can also print off parts of the PowerPoint to create a display board that can be used in other situations.

On this note I want to thank Sue again and Ben Shimmin for keeping the website up to date and also Bethan Crisfield for managing the Facebook page.

The reason for YWAF is, as its name suggests, about improving the futures for young people - particularly those who have had a troubled start to their lives and this is what all the fund raising and profile raising is about. Whilst raising our profile hopefully help to bring in more funds, its main point is so that young people and their carers will know that they can come to us for financial support when it is needed most.

I would like to share with you just some of the ways we have helped this year:-

As usual we have provided "moving in" grants to any young person who has become homeless and moved into any of the Mendip YMCA supported housing schemes. We have also provided activity funds for each of these houses for group activities, and given every young person a supermarket voucher for Christmas.

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YOUTH WITH A FUTURE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Quarters:	Note	Full Year 2019		Full Year 2018	
			£	%	£	%
INCOME						
Subscriptions	(£5 per member)		70		65	
Donations		1	3,748	40%	1,327	38%
Gift Aid (tax recovery)			0	0%	401	11%
Fund-Raising - Glasto			4,450	47%	0	0%
Fund-Raising - Other		2	1,111	12%	1,765	48%
Bank Deposit Interest	(CCLA)		81	1%	81	2%
TOTAL INCOME			9,460	100%	3,639	100%
EXPENDITURE						
Grace Harris House, Shepton			788	15%	718	7%
Frome Foyer			1,240	23%	1,389	13%
Street Foyer			2,197	41%	1,320	12%
Homelessness, YMCA Mendip		3a	4,225	80%	3,427	31%
Big Give-Away			0		7,132	65%
Other Youth Support and Initiatives		3b	943	18%	243	2%
Event Marketing and Insurance			15	0%	75	1%
Administration			119	2%	131	1%
Other			1,077	20%	7,581	69%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			5,302	100%	11,008	100%
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE - SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)			£4,158		£(7,369)	

Funds as at:	31/12/2019	Comprising:	
Unrestricted General	£19,571	Bank Co-op - Current	£2,632
Restricted	£0	Bank CCLA - Deposit	£16,939
	£19,571		£19,571

Note 3 - Expenditure - Various:	£	%
3a. Homelessness, YMCA Mendip:		
Welcome vouchers (Street 8, Frome 3, Shepton 9 = 20)	1,126	27%
Activity funds	1,933	46%
Emergency funds	346	8%
Christmas vouchers (Street 17, Frome 12, Shepton 9 = 38)	760	18%
Key deposits (Shepton)	60	1%
	£4,225	100%
3b. Other Youth Support and Initiatives:		
Shoes and trainers (SC)	80	
Gym membership (MS)	110	
National Citizenship Scheme equipment (RY)	73	
College clothing and materials (LJ)	73	
College clothing and buss pass (PM)	145	
Clothing for interview (AA)	30	
Bicycle (Street Foyer)	125	
Clothing grant (SYPC)	183	
College kit (HMJ)	58	
Punchbag and gloves (Frome Foyer)	66	
	£943	

Note 1 - Income - Donations:	£
Individual - AGM	265
Individual - Other	220
Hoddell Charitable Trust	100
Somerset Croston Trust	2,000
M&S Street	913
Shepton Community Bookshop	250
	£3,748

Note 2 - Income - FR Other:	£
Quiz Night	203
Every Penny Counts	80
MyDonate	101
Collett Day	224
Sound of Music Sing along	503
	£1,111

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Treasurer's Report 2019

YWAF was constituted in September 2002 upon the winding-down of Shepton Housing Association Limited (SHAL) and is a registered charity (no. 1094485).

SHAL's surplus funds of £35,417 were transferred across to YWAF in order to continue 'working with young people of Mendip'. Looking back since inception YWAF has raised income of £101,494 and expended £117,281.

YWAF's 2019 Accounts are noted opposite for receiving at the forthcoming AGM, independently examined by Richard Illidge AAT and approved by the YWAF committee.

Key numbers for the year ended 31 December 2019 can be summarised as follows:

Income - £9,460 Expenditure - £5,302 Net Surplus - £4,158

Cash at bank at 31 December 2019 was £19,571 (2018 - £15,413).

2019 income at £9,460 was 160% higher compared with the prior year. Income was derived from three main sources: subscriptions & donations (£3,818); fund-raising (£5,561); and bank deposit interest (£81). There was no Glastonbury Festival event last year (a rest year), the main annual YWAF fund-raiser. Most grateful thanks to all involved in donating or raising funds for YWAF throughout the year.

2019 expenditure at £5,302 was 52% lower compared with the prior year. Money given to young people and their supporting organisations in the Mendip area was split between YMCA Mendip grants (80%), and other youth grants (20%). Last year's expenditure included the Big Give-Away initiative with over £7,000 granted to eight organisations.

Grants for all YMCA Mendip locations – Frome Foyer, Grace Harris House in Shepton and Street Foyer - were sub-divided between Welcome vouchers for new residents (20 in 2019, 22 in 2018), Activity and Emergency funding, Food vouchers and Christmas gifts. With regard to other individual youth grants, eight were given (two in 2018).

The YWAF committee members meet and correspond regularly to consider all funding requests. Updated financial statements are supplied at each committee meeting.

2019 recorded a £4,158 surplus (2018 £(7,369) deficit) and has been added to cash reserves. There were total cash reserves of £19,571 at 31 December 2019, classified as unrestricted general. Such reserves are estimated to represent over three years' (2018 two years') normal forward expenditure cover. Reserves cover will be variable bearing in mind the future funding requirements of YMCA Mendip and its residents, also the levels of annual fund-raising income. Reserve levels increased in 2019 from both higher income (including Glastonbury) and lower expenditure (Big Give-Away initiative in 2018).

Members will be provided with an update of YWAF's latest financial position at the AGM.

Nick May, Treasurer

We continue to fund individual requests and this year we have provided essential clothes for several young people including interview clothes and warm coat and shoes to see a young person through the winter. We have enabled several young people to improve their future and enrol on college courses by funding essential kit for a bricklayer's course, hair and beauty kit for one person, hairdressing kit and help towards bus fares for another and essential kit for a young person to take part in a national citizenship course.

Until I became involved with YWAF, I really had very little clue how hard life is for many young people and how difficult it is for them to move forward. I hope that the work we do helps them in some way. An example is an £80 grant for a young person to help furnish their flat and positively affirm their incredible achievements in overcoming many challenges. We gave this young person the amount requested - I would happily have given her twice that much!

As I finish my report I want to thank you all for your continued support for YWAF, and I want to ask you to talk about us to your friends, remember us if you hear of a young person in trouble (they must be between 16 and 25 and live in the Mendip area), and if you pray, to pray that we will have drive, focus, passion and wisdom as we move forward.

Ann Ralls, Chairman

Secretary's Report 2019

2019 was another very interesting and fruitful year for YWAF and as well as the usual secretarial duties, I was kept very busy with fund-raising activities throughout the year.

I always enjoy the fund-raising aspect of my role and raising awareness about who we are and what we are doing in the wider-Mendip community.

This year the main fund-raising activities were:

- Pub Quiz at the Horseshoe Inn at Bowlish in January - £203 raised
- Collett Day in Shepton Mallet's Collett Park in June - £224 raised
- Sound of Music Sing-Along at Oakhill Methodist Church - raised £503

I also wrote a number of speculative funding letters to a number of grant-making trusts - this is mostly a thankless task which yields very few results but I am happy to say that we received a cheque for £2,000 from the Somerset Croston Trust - massive thanks to them!

I always try to ensure that our YWAF Website is regularly updated and am, as always, very grateful to Ben Shimmin for his help with this. Our Facebook page is really important for getting the word out about what we are doing and who we are and promoting our fund-raising events - we now have 147 followers and I am always grateful to my daughter Bethan Crisfield for managing the page for us and regularly adding interesting articles and ideas for fund-raising.

I really enjoy the fund-raising but as myself and the 5 other trustees are all busy people, I am focussing now upon arranging events that are easy to organise, that yield a good amount of money and that are not too time-consuming. With this in mind, following the success of the Sound of Music Sing-Along which raised over £500 with minimal input from us, we have decided to focus on events such as this in future - much as I enjoy being at Collett Day, it is a very long, tiring day and we raise a small amount of money, so we will not have a presence there in future.

In 2020 I will focus my efforts upon another film gala evening at Wells Film Centre - in the form of the new Wonder Woman 1984 film on 5th June, and another sing-along evening probably Mamma Mia in October.

Please keep an eye on our website and follow our Facebook page and spread the word about us and if you'd like to help with fund-raising, please let us know.

Sue Crisfield, Secretary

Youth with a Future (YWAF):

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