



YOUTH WITH A FUTURE
Working for Young People in Mendip
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Chairman's Report 2012

Youth with a Future has enjoyed another productive year working closely with the YMCA and continuing to support Grace Harris House as they go through very challenging times. We have also managed to help many individuals and organisations within the Mendip area.

Our link with the YMCA has continued to strengthen as we support both of their local houses for young people, Spencer House and Frome Foyer. We have funded a Life Direction Course written by Christine Meadows which ran for six weeks at Spencer House and was attended by 6 residents. We hope this will provide a support for the future and could be repeated if the feedback we receive confirms it is helpful.

We have also been involved with supporting many individuals at Grace Harris House and have continued providing emergency and activity funds for all three houses. We have helped individuals personalise their rooms with their £100 Tesco or Argos voucher and these have been given to 33 young people this year over the three schemes.

A link was established with Wells Cathedral School three years ago and this has been continued with the organisation of Christmas hampers for both the YMCA and Grace Harris House. A large number of boxes of Christmas treats were delivered before the end of term.

We have always provided extras at Christmas and this year all the Grace Harris House residents chose to have £20 Tesco vouchers to spend on extra food items while Frome Foyer residents chose to have a Christmas meal and Spencer House had a Chinese takeaway evening. Each of the 32 residents also received an individual gift from YWAF and we received some very appreciative thank you notes.

We have had a year without Glastonbury to boost our funds. However, we are delighted to confirm that we have been invited back again this year and Jackie Garbett will be organising a team of 36 enthusiastic people who will be giving out bags for life.

YWAF have also been able to support several individuals, charities and institutions this year. This includes supporting the funding of Whitstone schools Ghana link which involves students going to learn from their link school in Ghana and then students from that school coming to visit the UK. We have also supported a local Table Tennis Club by helping to pay the hall rental costs which provide a valuable after school activity for young people. We have provided funding for a new skate park in Shepton and offered funding to CHALISS who offer support and counselling for students in Street who need someone to talk to in confidence. We have also funded a Life Direction Course at Bath Spa University over six weeks offering students from more difficult backgrounds some additional support.

It is very sad to report that Grace Harris House will be closing at the end of April and at the moment all the residents are finding or have found alternative accommodation. We are not clear whether the house will be sold at this stage. Grace Harris House opened 20 years ago and SHAL was directly involved in the running of it for the first ten years before it was taken over by first ECHG and then Riverside. Over the last ten years YWAF have supported the residents in many ways. We hope that in the future additional accommodation will be found in Shepton for homeless young people.

I would like to thank all my committee for their continued hard work this year. We are always grateful to John Cridland for auditing our accounts each year after they are produced by Nick May our Treasurer.

Please come and join us at our AGM on Monday 15th April at 7.30 p.m. in Peter Street Rooms and hear more about YWAF and what we have done this year in Mendip to support young homeless people and other worthy individuals and groups.

Clare Coppen
Chairman

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - SUMMARY

	Full Year 2012		Full Year 2011	
	£	%	£	%
INCOME				
Subscriptions (£5 per member)	100		125	
Donations (note 1)	2,781	64%	946	16%
Fund-Raising - Glasto (No Festival in 2012)	0	0%	3,800	63%
Fund-Raising - Other (note 2)	780	18%	458	8%
Bank Deposit Interest (AIB/CCLA/Co-op)	668	15%	661	11%
TOTAL INCOME	4,328	100%	5,990	100%
EXPENDITURE				
Grace Harris House (Shepton)	2,059	24%	2,316	18%
Mendip YMCA (Spencer House, Wells)	1,947	23%	7,370	56%
Mendip YMCA (Frome Foyer)	1,978	23%	1,128	9%
Glastonbury/Street	0	0%	0	0%
Sub-total - Homelessness (note 3a) R	5,984	70%	10,814	82%
Other Youth Initiatives (note 3b)	2,490	29%	2,252	17%
Glasto Festival costs	0	0%	95	1%
Marketing / Administration	49	1%	30	0%
Sub-total - Other U	2,539	30%	2,377	18%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,523	100%	13,192	100%
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	£(4,195)		£(7,202)	

CASH AT BANK:		Of which:	
Current	£38	Restricted	£1,922 8%
CCLA Deposit	£3,479	Unrestricted	£22,204 92%
AIB Deposit (maturing Jan 2013) with accrued interest	£20,610		
TOTAL YWAF CASH AVAILABILITY AT 31/12/12:	£24,127		£24,127 100%

Note 3a - Alternative Expenditure Presentation:			
		£	%
Homelessness (Restricted Funds):			
Welcome - Argos/Tesco Vouchers	All	3,304	55%
Activity Funds	All	1,006	17%
Christmas	All	704	12%
Emergency Funds	All	521	9%
Life Direction Course	YMCA (Wells)	400	7%
Resident Individual Funding Requests	GHH	50	1%
		£5,984	100%

Note 3b - Other Youth Initiatives (Unrestricted Funds):			
		£	%
Skate Park - Shepton Mallet		1,000	40%
CHALISS - Glastonbury		1,000	40%
Student Uganda trip		280	11%
Whitstone School - Ghana Link		150	6%
Table Tennis, Shepton		60	2%
		£2,490	100%

Comparison @ 31/12/11:		
Restricted	£7,849	28%
Unrestricted	£20,472	72%
	£28,321	100%

Note 1 - Donations:		£
Individual - AGM		260
Individual - Other		126
Oakhill Methodists		1,045
Center Parcs		500
Anglo-Methodists, Shepton		600
Rotary Club, Shepton		200
Shepton Carnival		50
		£2,781

Note 2 - Fund-Raising - Other:		£
Every Penny Counts		422
Collett Day		358
		£780

Prepared by: Nick May
Date: 19/01/2013

Examined by: John Cridland
Date: 11/2/2013

Approved by: YWAF Trustees
Date: 11/02/2013



Treasurer's Report 2012

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

SHAL's surplus funds of £35,417 were transferred across to Ywaf in order to continue 'working for young people in Mendip'. Looking back since inception Ywaf has raised £52,608 and spent £63,899.

Ywaf's 2012 Accounts are noted opposite for receiving at the forthcoming AGM, independently examined by John Cridland FCA and approved by the Ywaf committee.

Key numbers for the year ended 31 December 2012 can be summarised as follows:
Income - £4,328 Expenditure - £8,523 Net Deficit - £4,195

Cash at bank at 31 December 2012 was £24,127 (2011 - £28,321).

2012 income at £4,328 was £1,662, or 28%, below 2011 income levels. Income was derived from three main sources: subscriptions & donations (£2,881); fund-raising (£780); and bank deposit interest (£668). Fund-raising activity income was reduced as there was no Glastonbury festival in 2012; though continued income from both Every Penny Counts and Collett Day were most welcome. Bank deposit interest was £668 due to the placing of funds on longer term deposit in order to achieve a better interest rate in the current low interest rate environment. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in donating, or raising, funds for Ywaf throughout the year.

Expenditure at £8,523 was £4,669, or 35%, below the prior year. Money given to young people and their supporting organisations in the Mendip area was approximately split between homelessness initiatives (70%) and other youth initiatives (30%). Expenditure at Grace Harris House (Shepton Mallet) and Mendip YMCA (Wells and Frome) was mainly sub-divided between £100 welcome vouchers for new tenants, Activity and Emergency funding, Christmas items. Last year's figures also included a contribution towards some critical IT operational software for Mendip YMCA. Other grants were awarded to the Skate Park and CHALISS.

The Ywaf committee meets every six weeks to consider all funding requests at which an updated financial statement is supplied.

The year's deficit of £4,195 has been deducted from cash reserves. Of the £24,127 reserves at the end of the year (representing between two and three years' expenditure cover), 8% was classified as 'restricted' funds, specifically to be utilised for homelessness initiatives; the remaining 92% unrestricted funds.

I will provide an update of Ywaf's latest financial position to members at the AGM.

Nick May
Hon. Treasurer
February 2013



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Secretary's Report 2012

On 10th November 2001 a meeting was held in Peter Street Rooms. This was a joint meeting between the SHAL Committee and the proposed YWAF Committee. YWAF (as it was later to become) was to inherit £35,000 from SHAL so both parties met to discuss the way forward. I was busy working on the new YWAF constitution and registration with the Charity Commission. I had been told by the Charity Commission that most new charities don't last beyond their first year. But here we still are over 10 years later! Most of our funds are no longer from the original SHAL pot; however most of our expenditure will still be used to support young people in supported living.

We have been through a lot of changes of late, the imminent closure of Grace Harris House, benefit 'reforms' and all manner of changes to education fees and funding that effect young people.

In many ways a charity like YWAF would like to be made redundant but, sadly, I think things are set to get more difficult for young people.

In the midst of what seems to be all grim news, I believe we can celebrate and be proud of the difference we have made in the lives of individuals and be amazed that God seems to continue to provide funding.

This year Sue and Ann raised an incredible £358 at Collett Park and Nick's Every Penny Counts raised an impressive £422. Last year I was concerned that we would struggle without Glastonbury, however, our income was only short by £1,600 on 2011.

Jackie Garbett

YWAF's commitment to helping homeless young people:

- Emergency and Activity funds
- Moving-in voucher scheme
- Life-changing trips
- Support for projects
- Food voucher scheme

YWAF's work within the community:

- Support to local individuals and clubs
- Funding youth work

Youth with a Future (YWAF)

Trustees (as at 28 February 2013):

Clare Coppen, Sue Crisfield, Jackie Garbett, Nick May, Ann Ralls, Keith Wetherill

Registered Office: The Parish Office, Peter Street Rooms, Peter Street, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5BL.

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