



**YOUTH WITH A FUTURE**  
**Working for Young People in Mendip**  
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Chairman's Report 2009

Youth with a Future has enjoyed a busy year working closely with Grace Harris House and the YMCA. We have also managed to support many individuals and groups within the Mendip area.

Our link with the YMCA has strengthened considerably as we support both of their local houses for young people, Spencer House and Frome Foyer. We have supported two residents from Spencer House in their ambition to travel to Africa and we will be hearing about their adventures at the AGM. We have also helped support another resident experience the Tall Ships challenge which was a life changing experience.

A link has been established with Wells Cathedral School and several 6<sup>th</sup> form students have been to Spencer House to do a range of activities with the residents. These have included; painting on canvas, Christmas crafts and a trip to the cinema. The Cathedral School also organised Christmas hampers for the YMCA and Grace Harris House and nine boxes of Christmas goodies were delivered.

We have also been involved with supporting many initiatives at Grace Harris House this year. The communal room has been refurbished and looks very inviting with freshly painted walls and fun furniture. We have continued providing emergency and activity funds for all three houses and have helped individuals personalise their rooms with their £100 Tesco or Argos voucher.

We always try to provide some extras at Christmas and this year all the residents of Frome Foyer and Spencer House went out for Christmas lunch, while the Grace Harris House residents chose to have £20 Tesco vouchers to spend instead. Each of the 32 residents received an individual gift from YWAF.

We have been so fortunate to be invited back again to Glastonbury this year and Jackie Garbett organised a team of 35 enthusiastic people, which included a group from GHH to work in shifts at the Festival. Everyone had a great time and worked very hard. The money we earn from this Festival accounts for by far our biggest fund raising event every year.

YWAF have also been able to support several individuals and local groups. We have helped Tansy Bennett a Wells Cathedral School student purchase her own violin and she has just been offered a full scholarship to attend the Royal Academy of Music next year. We also supported the Oakhill Methodist Youth group when they visited London to give out food and blankets to the homeless.

I would also like to thank all my committee for their continued hard work this year and every year. I would like to say a big thank you to Elaine Brightwell who retired as secretary at Christmas as she is now very busy training for ordination. I would also like to thank Maggie Cridland for all her hard work over the years both as secretary and as a valued committee member as she now retires from the committee.

We would value any offers of support to enable us to continue our valuable work with the homeless young people and deserving individuals and groups in Mendip. Our committee would appreciate some new members and I would ask you to pray that we might find a new secretary to replace Elaine. We are very lucky that Jackie is standing in temporarily until that time. Please come and join us at the AGM on the 30<sup>th</sup> March in St Peters Street Rooms and hear more about YWAF and listen to the young people talk about their experiences in Africa.

Clare Coppen  
Chairman  
23 February 2010

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - SUMMARY**

	Full Year 2009		Full Year 2008	
	£	%	£	%
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions (£5 per member)	115		100	
Donations *	1,077	19%	1,371	18%
Fund-Raising Activities - Glasto	3,800	68%	3,760	49%
Fund-Raising Activities - Other **	41	1%	405	5%
Bank Deposit Interest	566	10%	2,012	26%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,599</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,649</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
GHH (Shepton)	1,596	22%	1,985	25%
YMCA (Wells)	1,835	26%	2,915	36%
YMCA (Frome)	1,469	21%	741	9%
Glastonbury/Street	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Sub-total - Homelessness ***</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>5,640</b>	<b>70%</b>
Youth Worker	1,200	17%	700	9%
Glasto Festival costs	100	1%	364	5%
Whitstone School	65	1%	232	3%
Glastonbury PCCC	0	0%	500	6%
Other Youth Initiatives ****	789	11%	250	3%
Marketing / Administration	58	1%	372	5%
<b>Sub-total - Other</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,059</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£(1,512)</b>		<b>£(410)</b>	

<b>CASH AT BANK:</b>		<b>Of which:</b>	
Current	£82	Restricted	£23,154 65%
CCLA Deposit	£10,537	Unrestricted	£12,661 35%
AIB Deposit (maturing 05/01/10) incl. accrued interest	£25,196		
<b>TOTAL YWAF CASH AVAILABILITY AT 31/12/09:</b>	<b>£35,815</b>	<b>£35,815</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>*** Alternative Expenditure Presentation:</b>		£	%
<b>Homelessness (Restricted Funds):</b>			
Argos/Tesco/Food Vouchers	ALL	2,325	47%
Activity Funds	ALL	643	13%
Emergency Funds	ALL	321	7%
Communal Room Refurbishment	GHH	200	4%
Emergency Dental Treatment	GHH	78	2%
Shoes	GHH	35	1%
Africa Trip	YMCA	340	7%
Tall Ships	YMCA	186	4%
Bike	YMCA	140	3%
Christmas hampers, meals, presents etc.	ALL	632	13%
		<b>4,900</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>**** Other Youth Initiatives (Unrestricted Funds):</b>			
Homelessness London night visit - Oakhill Methodists		50	
Violin contribution		500	
Student buss pass		139	
Argos Voucher		100	
		<b>£789</b>	

<b>Comparison @ 31/12/08:</b>		
Restricted	£27,505	74%
Unrestricted	£9,822	26%
	<b>£37,327</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>* Donations:</b>		£
Individual - AGM		260
Individual - Other		650
Dignity Funerals - Ben Crozier		167
		<b>£1,077</b>
<b>** Fund-Raising - Other:</b>		£
Every Penny Counts 2009		24
Easy Fund-raising		17
		<b>£41</b>

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 Approved by: YWAF Committee, 2/3/2010

<b>Committed, but not yet paid - grants approved by YWAF committee:</b>		Approved Type	£ 2010	£ 2011
- Youth Worker - £100 monthly STO for 3 years, commenced May 2008		19/05/08 U	1,200	400
- Ben Crozier Funeral (donation to be spent by GHH on memorial for Ben)		n/a R	167	0
- MEAG Food Vouchers		Pre 2007 R	372	0
			<b>£1,739</b>	<b>£400</b>

**Notes:** On 6/8/09 £25,000 was put on 5 month Treasury deposit with AIB at an interest rate of 2.0% (£203 upon maturity 5/1/10).



## Treasurer's Report 2009

Youth with a Future came into being at the end of 2001 upon the winding-down of Shepton Housing Association Limited (SHAL). Its surplus funds were transferred across to YWAF, a newly-formed charity (regn. no. 1094485) in order to continue 'working for young people in Mendip'. Looking back over the past eight years YWAF has managed to raise and spend just over £34,000.

Accounts will be circulated for receiving at the forthcoming AGM, independently examined and approved by the YWAF committee. The key numbers for the year ended 31 December 2009 can be summarised as follows:

Income	£5,599	
Expenditure	£7,112	
Net Deficit	£1,512	(£1 rounding)

Cash at bank at 31 December 2009 was £35,815.

2009 income at £5,599 was £2,050, or 27%, below 2008 income levels. Income was derived from three main sources: subscriptions & donations (£1,192); fund-raising (£3,841); and bank deposit interest (£566). The largest income element (68%) came from fund-raising activities, in particular the excellent work carried out by a team of volunteers at the Glastonbury festival. Bank deposit interest has reduced sharply year-on-year from £2,012 to £566 with the sharp reduction in interest rates (from an average 5.3% in 2008 to just 1.2% in 2009). A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in donating, or raising, funds for YWAF.

Expenditure at £7,112 was £947, or nearly 12%, below the prior year. Money given to young people and their supporting organisations in the Mendip area was approximately split between homelessness initiatives (69%), youth work (17%) and other individual grants (14%). Expenditure at Grace Harris House (Shepton Mallet) and Mendip YMCA (Wells and Frome) was mainly sub-divided between Argos/Tesco vouchers for new tenants, Activity and Emergency funding and Christmas items. Other grants included £500 for a violin purchase helping a highly talented student with her future music performing career.

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 £1,512 has been deducted from cash reserves. Of the £35,815 reserves at the end of the year, 65% was classified as 'restricted' funds, specifically to be utilised for homelessness initiatives; the remaining 35% was unrestricted funds.

I will provide an update of YWAF's latest financial position (first quarter 2010) to members at the AGM.

Nick May  
YWAF Hon. Treasurer  
19 February 2010



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## FUNDRAISING 2009

Another good year for YWAF. We did our usual Collett Park day stint and managed to raise a healthy sum which went towards covering Glastonbury costs.

We had a brilliant time again at Glastonbury, with everyone having fun and working hard. It was particularly encouraging to receive a cheque for £3,800 (including a £200 bonus from Mike Eavis) and have the following comments from the organisers:

**'I think you should pat yourselves on the back.'**

**'You've always done a wonderful job and everyone is excited this year.'**

I am pleased to report that we have been invited back for 2010 and this year we hope to have 9 young people from Grace Harris House and 2 residents from the YMCA.

Jackie Garbett

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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
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