



YOUTH WITH A FUTURE
Working for Young People in Mendip
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Chairman's Report 2014

2014 has been another exciting year for Youth with a Future (YWAF). We have continued to build on our close working relationship with the Mendip YMCA (MYMCA) as they have refurbished and reopened Grace Harris House and we have provided support to many individuals and organisations in the Mendip area.

Grace Harris House has long had a special place in YWAF's mission. We are delighted that it is now fully-operational again, having had a well needed refurbishment on both the inside and the outside. There are now nine bedroom units with kitchens and all are fully-occupied.

We have supported 19 young people moving into the three houses run by MYMCA this year. We provide a moving-in welcome grant to each resident which enables them to personalise their rooms and buy essentials. We have also helped a further five young people in the purchase of white goods when they are moving on and find they have a flat with no cooker or fridge or need a basic set of furniture. We have provided emergency assistance when needed and an activity fund to offer essential extras such as cooking together at the weekends.

We visited Frome Foyer this year and were given a tour of all the facilities for young people; meeting a new resident who had just received her moving-in grant. We saw first-hand what a difference it makes to young people to receive support at this vulnerable stage in their lives and were moved by her appreciation that there were organisations like YWAF who cared and wanted to help.

We provided all 36 residents across MYMCA with a Christmas gift and £10 Tesco or Argos voucher. We had a very busy morning wrapping all the gifts and preparing hampers of assorted Christmas goodies. This is an important way of our providing some necessities and demonstrating our care. It was lovely to receive so many messages of thanks from the residents who really appreciated the effort put into their Christmas.

YWAF has also been able to support several individuals and charities this year. We have provided Frome Voluntary Fund with a contribution towards beauty training courses and provided support for a new charity called Growing Roots to offer gardening training to unemployed young people from Glastonbury and Street. This included the purchase of tools and staff time in training over several days. We have been very excited to see the opening of a Shepton Youth Club this year and provided a new music centre. We are also assisting young people in difficult situations and who suddenly need emergency assistance and this included the purchase of clothing, support on employment training, replacement birth certificates and paying gas bills in the winter.

YWAF is heavily dependent on your subscriptions and donations for the work we are able to do: thank you for all your support. We have received generous donations from Oakhill Methodist Church and St Peter and St Paul's, Shepton Mallet and we are very grateful for all they do for us and MYMCA. Fund raising has also included the traditional Collett Park Day: thank you to all our helpers. This year a Christmas appeal was also organised to raise money and provide more awareness of YWAF and this was circulated in many local newspapers, with our Sue Crisfield being interviewed by BBC Radio Somerset.

This year we were again very privileged to be invited back to give out Bags for Life at Glastonbury Festival. Jackie Garbett manages all the team and their shifts on site and we are very grateful to her for all she does to hold everything together. We had a team of 36 at the festival this year and raised £3,500. We are very pleased to confirm we have been invited back this year to help at Glastonbury 2015.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - SUMMARY

	Full Year 2014		Full Year 2013	
	£	%	£	%
INCOME				
Subscriptions (£5 per member)	100		110	
Donations (note 1)	300	7%	1,716	26%
Gift Aid (tax recovery)	0	0%	267	4%
Fund-Raising - Glasto	3,500	61%	4,300	61%
Fund-Raising - Christmas Appeal	1,222	21%	0	0%
Fund-Raising - Other (note 2)	540	9%	596	8%
Bank Deposit Interest (CCLA/Co-op)	56	1%	106	1%
TOTAL INCOME	5,718	100%	7,095	100%
EXPENDITURE				
Mendip YMCA (Grace Harris House, Shepton)	805	16%	11,033	74%
Mendip YMCA (Spencer House, Wells)	360	7%	1,048	7%
Mendip YMCA (Frome Foyer)	2,472	50%	1,560	10%
Glastonbury/Street	187	4%	0	0%
Sub-total - Homelessness (note 3a)	3,825	77%	13,641	92%
Other Youth Initiatives (note 3b)	1,043	21%	1,140	8%
Glasto Festival costs	0	0%	43	0%
Gazebo	60	1%	0	0%
Administration	20	0%	59	0%
Sub-total - Other	1,123	23%	1,242	8%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,948	100%	14,883	100%
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	£771		£(7,787)	

UNRESTRICTED CASH AT BANK:

As at:	01/01/2014	£16,339	Comprising:	
Surplus for period		£771	Co-op - Current	£4,509
As at:	31/12/2014	£17,110	CCLA - Deposit	£12,601
				£17,110

Note 3a - Alternative Expenditure Presentation:	£	%
Homelessness:		
Welcome vouchers	1,993	52%
Activity Funds	429	11%
Food Vouchers	30	1%
Emergency Funds	9	0%
Christmas presents	559	15%
Frome FM Community Radio - monthly live programme	500	13%
Vehicle diagnostics course, FF resident	222	6%
Passport for FF resident	72	2%
CSCS test revision book for SH resident	11	0%
	£3,825	100%

Note 3b - Other Youth Initiatives:	£	%
Frome Voluntary Fund - beauty training course	275	26%
Growing Roots - gardening experience	188	18%
Shepton Youth Club, Music Centre	150	14%
Life support - Aaron (ex resident)	150	14%
Sponsorship - Hannah	130	12%
Young Persons volunteering incentive fund	100	10%
New Look Voucher - Josie	50	5%
	£1,043	100%

Note 1 - Donations:	£
Individual - AGM	200
Individual - Other	100
	£300

Note 2 - Fund-Raising - Other:	£
Collett Day	289
Every Penny Counts	251
	£540

Prepared by: **Nick May**
Date: 24/01/2015

Examined by: **John Cridland**
Date: 24/02/2015

Approved by: **YWAF Trustees**
Date: 09/03/2015



Treasurer's Report 2014

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 income of £65,422 and expended £83,729.

YWAF's 2014 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 2014 can be summarised as follows:

Income - £5,718 Expenditure - £4,948 Net Surplus - £771

Cash at bank at 31 December 2014 was £17,110 (2013 - £16,339).

2014 income at £5,718 was £1,377, or 19%, below 2013 income levels. Income was derived from three main sources: subscriptions & donations (£400); fund-raising (£5,262); and bank deposit interest (£56). Although donations were reduced, fund-raising activity increased with a Christmas Appeal; also continued income from both Every Penny Counts and Collett Day were most welcome. Bank deposit interest was lower at £56 as funds were not able to be placed on longer term deposit. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in donating or raising funds for YWAF throughout the year.

Expenditure at £4,948 was £9,935, or 67%, below the prior year. This was primarily due to a £10,000 grant made to Mendip YMCA in 2013 towards the refurbishment/redecoration of Grace Harris House (not repeated in 2014). Money given to young people and their supporting organisations in the Mendip area was split between homelessness initiatives (77%) and other youth initiatives (23%). Other homelessness grants for all Mendip YMCA houses - Frome, Shepton Mallet and Wells - were mainly sub-divided between Welcome vouchers for new tenants, Activity and Emergency funding and Christmas gifts. There were a number of other grants awarded to individuals and organisations.

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

The year's surplus of £771 has been added to cash reserves. Total reserves of £17,110 at the end of the year are classified as unrestricted. Such unrestricted reserves are estimated to represent over two years' forward expenditure cover. Such cover is variable bearing in mind any resident go-live date of the Mendip YMCA Street project (currently under construction) and the need for any major one-off grants above £1,000.

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

Nick May
Hon. Treasurer

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Looking to the future, we are very excited to see the new Street Foyer is being built and planned to open in autumn 2015. This will provide very valuable additional accommodation in Mendip for vulnerable young people and also young mothers with babies. We are forecasting that this will lead to more requests for moving-in grants and an increased requirement on our resources. In preparation for this we have taken the decision to reduce our moving-in grant from £100 to £80 this year, so we can increase the number of individuals we can help.

We are very privileged to confirm that the new Bishop of Bath and Wells, The Rt. Revd. Peter Hancock, has agreed to become a YWAF patron, joining our current patron Mrs Angela Yeoman. He has also very kindly put us forward to be his charity for the Moat Boat Race this summer. We are very appreciative and are looking forward to playing our part in what will hopefully be a sunny and wet day at the Wells Moat.

Finally, I would like to thank all my committee for their hard work this year and thank John Cridland for independently examining our accounts so ably produced by Nick May our Treasurer. I would also like to thank Jackie Garbett for all her hard work in supporting YWAF and being our secretary and fund-raiser and Glastonbury leader for over nearly eleven years. Jackie is taking a well-deserved break from the committee but we very much appreciate her continuation as a sleeping trustee.

Please come and join us at our AGM on Monday April 13th at 7.30 pm in Peter Street Rooms and hear more about what we have done this year to support young homeless people and other worthy individuals.

Clare Coppen, Chairman

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2014

What an exciting year it has been! I took on the role of YWAF Secretary in September 2014 as Jackie Garbett had to withdraw due to personal reasons. The YWAF trustees would all like to sincerely thank Jackie for all her hard work and commitment over many years and we are so pleased that she is remaining with us as a 'sleeping' trustee.

My focus as Secretary since September has been to endeavour to raise the profile of YWAF locally and to try some new avenues for funding. I spent some time updating our website, creating some new pages and information about our patrons and Nick set up the facility for people to donate to us online, on our 'Support us' page. We have a link to Mendip YMCA's website, and have included more information about their work. Special thanks go to Ben Shimmin for uploading all the information and maintaining the website for us.

In attempting to raise the profile of YWAF, we launched a Christmas appeal through the local churches and a Mendip-wide press release. This included case studies of two young people supported financially by YWAF which can be seen on our website. I was also interviewed on BBC Radio Somerset. This appeal raised £1,650 (£1,000 of which came as an anonymous donation!).

As I write we have some promising funding applications lodged with Wells City Council and the Pret Foundation.

We would really like to encourage more people to become members of YWAF. Even though we have some amazingly faithful supporters, we currently only have 20 members – it only costs £5 per annum and it would be great if we could double this by the next AGM! If you would like to become a member, please complete the Membership form with the AGM papers or download one from our website.

Finally, I work for Mendip YMCA as a support worker with homeless young people in Frome and I see first-hand what an enormous difference YWAF funding, especially the moving-in grants, makes to these young people's lives. This is what motivates me in fund and profile-raising and I am so proud to be a YWAF Trustee!

Sue Crisfield, Secretary

Youth with a Future (YWAF):

Patrons: Mrs Angela Yeoman OBE DL; Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath & Wells

Trustees: Clare Coppen, Sue Crisfield, Jackie Garbett, Nick May, Ann Ralls, Jane Vernoit, Keith Wetherill

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