



**YOUTH WITH A FUTURE**  
**Working for Young People in Mendip**  
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**Chairman's Report 2015**

2015 has been another exciting year for Youth with a Future (YWAF). We have continued to work closely with Mendip YMCA (MYMCA) supporting their work in Grace Harris House, Frome Foyer, and Spencer House and we look forward to supporting Street Foyer this year. We have also provided support to many individuals and organisations in the Mendip area.

It has been so good to see Grace Harris House fully operational this year, offering nine bedroom units with kitchens and all have been fully occupied. We have supported a total of 38 young people moving into the three houses run by MYMCA this year. We provide a moving in welcome voucher of up to £80 for each resident which enables them to personalise their rooms and buy essentials. We have also helped 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 provided all 29 residents across MYMCA with a £20 Tesco or Argos voucher as well as biscuits and chocolates to share over the festive season. The residents enjoyed the opportunity to go and treat themselves to food and extras and we received positive feedback from the staff as to how much these vouchers were appreciated this year.

YWAF has also been able to support several individuals on projects this year. We have provided Frome FM Radio with £500 towards a year long project to help a group of young people from Frome Foyer and Routes make radio programmes for community radio. The objective was to build skills, confidence and self belief and also build better links with the community. We are also assisting young people in difficult situations and have re carpeted a bedroom to help a young person stay at home, provided the opportunity for training in a new career as well as offer smaller amounts to assist with clothing emergencies and the replacement of birth certificates.

YWAF's role in the community has been recognised with our being interviewed by Sue Mountstevens, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner to hear about our work and the needs we meet.

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 many generous donations including from Wells Methodist Church, City of Wells Lions Club, Rotary Club Shepton Mallet, Wells City Council 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. After a very successful Christmas appeal last year Sue Crisfield sent out details on the work of YWAF which was circulated in many local newspapers and produced a very good response. We have also set up a mydonate fundraising page which has enabled people to donate on line.

This year we were again very privileged to be invited back to give out bags for life at Glastonbury Festival. Jackie Garbett and her family manage all the team and their shifts on site and we are very grateful to them for all they do to hold everything together. We had a team of 36 at the festival this year and raised £4,000. We are expecting to hear very shortly that we have been invited back this year to help at Glastonbury 2016.

In August we were honoured to be the Bishop's charity and Wells Lions Charity at the Wells Moat Boat Race. Adam Ware, Sam Garbett and their friends built and raced a raft for YWAF and our collectors were active throughout the event. This provided us good publicity as well as boosting our fund-raising.

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - SUMMARY**

	Full Year 2015		Full Year 2014	
	£	%	£	%
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions (£5 per member)	90		100	
Donations (note 1)	1,774	25%	300	7%
Fund-Raising - Glasto	4,000	54%	3,500	61%
Fund-Raising - Christmas Appeal 2014	417		1,222	
Fund-Raising - Christmas Appeal 2015	255	9%	0	21%
Fund-Raising - Other (note 2)	829	11%	540	9%
Bank Deposit Interest (CCLA/Co-op)	66	1%	56	1%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,430</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,718</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Mendip YMCA (Grace Harris House, Shepton)	745	15%	805	16%
Mendip YMCA (Spencer House, Wells)	1,147	23%	360	7%
Mendip YMCA (Frome Foyer)	2,497	49%	2,472	50%
Glastonbury/Street	5	0%	187	4%
<b>Sub-total - Homelessness (note 3a)</b>	<b>4,394</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>77%</b>
Other Youth Initiatives (note 3b)	559	11%	1,043	21%
Administration	111	2%	79	2%
<b>Sub-total - Other</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,064</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,948</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£2,366</b>		<b>£771</b>	

UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS:			Comprising:	
As at:	01/01/2015	£17,110	Bank Co-op - Current	£1,552
Income less Expenditure in period		£2,366	Bank CCLA - Deposit	£17,664
			Loan (flat cash deposit)	£260
<b>As at:</b>	<b>31/12/2015</b>	<b>£19,476</b>		<b>£19,476</b>

Note 3a - Alternative Expenditure Presentation:	£	%
<b>Homelessness:</b>		
Welcome vouchers (Residents: 27 FF; 7 SH; 4 GHH)	2,673	61%
Activity funds	907	21%
Emergency funds	140	3%
Food vouchers	145	3%
Christmas presents	602	14%
Passport not required (FF resident - Nov '14)	(73)	-2%
	<b>£4,394</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note 1 - Donations:	£
Individual - AGM	345
Individual - Other (3)	149
Wells City Council (for SH)	480
Rotary Club, Shepton	250
City of Wells Lion Club (MBR)	500
Wells Methodists	50
	<b>£1,774</b>

Note 3b - Other Youth Initiatives:	£	%
Young Persons volunteering incentive fund	100	18%
Amy - training course & equipment	271	48%
Danielle - bedroom carpet	188	34%
		0%
		0%
		0%
	<b>£559</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note 2 - Fund-Raising - Other:	£
Collett Day	324
Every Penny Counts	95
Moat Boat Race (MyDonate - 15)	410
	<b>£829</b>

Prepared by: Nick May  
Date: 06/02/2016

Examined by: John Cridland  
Date: 01/3/2016

Approved by: YWAF Trustees  
Date: 21/3/2016



## **Treasurer's Report 2015**

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 £72,852 and expended £88,793.

YWAF's 2015 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 2015 can be summarised as follows:

Income - £7,430      Expenditure - £5,064      Net Surplus - £2,366

Cash at bank at 31 December 2015 was £19,476 (2014 - £17,110).

2015 income at £7,430 was higher (£1,712 or 30%) than the prior year. Income was derived from three main sources: subscriptions & donations (£1,864); fund-raising (£5,500); and bank deposit interest (£66). All have shown year-on-year increases. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in donating or raising funds for YWAF throughout the year.

2015 expenditure at £5,064 was marginally higher (£116 or 2%) compared with the prior year. Money given to young people and their supporting organisations in the Mendip area was split between homelessness initiatives (87%) and other youth initiatives (13%). 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, Food vouchers and Christmas gifts. There were a number of other grants awarded to individuals and organisations.

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

The year's surplus of £2,366 has been added to cash reserves. Total reserves of £19,476 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 will be variable bearing in mind the future funding requirements of the new Mendip YMCA Street Foyer project.

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

Nick May  
Treasurer

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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 organising our team at the Glastonbury Festival. I would also like to thank Ben Shimmin for his continued help in updating the YWAF website.

I have so enjoyed being Chair of YWAF for the last 9 years. I feel less able to take part in the committee meetings and local fund raising activities since our move to Bath in 2013. However I am pleased that I will be able to keep up connections as a YWAF trustee and I am so pleased to hand over the Chair to Ann Ralls. I am looking forward to seeing YWAF go forward into 2016 helping the young people under the able leadership of Ann and the ongoing support of all the committee.

Please do come and join us at our AGM on Monday April 18th 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

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2015**

Since last year's AGM, my main focus as Secretary has been to try to raise YWAF's profile and to find more avenues for funding our work and am currently awaiting responses from applications to Frome Town Council, the Sobell Foundation and the Woodward Charitable Trust. The annual Christmas appeal through the local media raised £255.

Following an application to the Pret Foundation and Nick May meeting with them at their London office, Pret decided that they would like to make a relationship with Mendip YMCA with regards to purchasing all the fridges for the new foyer in Street.

Ann Ralls and I enjoyed organising our fund-raising stall at Collett Day again and raised the best-ever amount yet - £324! We will be there again on 11<sup>th</sup> June, so please come and support us and donate to us good quality books, DVDs and gifts for our tombola.

I try to keep information as up to date as possible on our website and would like to give special thanks to Ben Shimmin for kindly uploading everything for us.

I devised a new Confidentiality and Data Protection Policy for YWAF and was grateful for the advice of the Local Somerset Children's Safeguarding Board.

We are also very pleased that we have Carol Plenty at all of our YWAF meetings – she is the Mendip YMCA representative/link and we always find her updates and input really valuable.

Sue Crisfield  
Secretary

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### **Youth with a Future (YWAF):**

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

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

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