



Working with young people of Mendip

Chairman's Report 2016

2016 has been an exciting year for YWAF as we have continued to work mainly with the Mendip YMCA (MYMCA) which holds the government contract for caring for homeless young people in the Mendip area. The main event this year has been the opening of Street Foyer, with the first residents moving in on 21st April. Nick May and I attended the official opening in July and we were all given a guided tour when we held a meeting there in September. The MYMCA currently has four supported housing projects: Frome Foyer, Street Foyer, Grace Harris House in Shepton Mallet and most recently Hazon House in Frome.

This year we have supported 39 individuals with moving-in (welcome) grants. These are young people either moving into one of the MYMCA's supported housing projects or into private accommodation organised by their floating support services. We have also provided ongoing activity funds for each house to enable activities such as cooking, outings etc. We have recently extended our activity funding to Hazon House which is currently supporting five young Eritrean refugees.

We gave every young person in the supported housing project a £20 gift card for a local supermarket for Christmas. We have also given financial support to the Routes café in Frome.

Individual grants this year have been given to provide suitable clothing for two young people for interviews, driving lessons for a young person to enable him to get a job, safety equipment for a young person doing tree surgery, help with the installation of a shower, and a loan for a deposit on a flat. Many young people struggle with proving their identity so we have also made funds available for new birth certificates.

The MYMCA relies heavily on volunteering and also encourages their own residents to volunteer, so this year we have made funds available to give a small financial gift to residents who volunteer to work within the projects as an incentive and a thank you.

I would like to remind our members that YWAF wishes to offer help to all young people in need in the Mendip area aged between 16 and 25, not only those put forward by MYMCA.

As always, fundraising has been a main focus for the committee. This year again our main source of funds has been Glastonbury festival and our team of volunteers led by Jackie Garbett. This year they earned an amazing £4,400. This was the ninth and sadly the last year that we will be doing bags for life as the sponsorship has been withdrawn. This will make an enormous difference to YWAF, but I want to focus on the amazing amount of money that it has raised. We are so grateful to Jackie and all her volunteers for this incredible boost to our finances and we would also like to thank Michael Eavis and Glastonbury festival for making it possible. Jackie has led an amazing team and the feedback from festival organisers has been very positive, so you never know we may get something else in the future, and if we do it will be down to Jackie and her great team. We also held a stall at Collett Day as usual which raised £333.

There are many thank you's necessary as I reflect on 2016. I have already thanked Jackie and her amazing team. A big thank you must go to our secretary Sue Crisfield who has worked really hard this year on so many things as you will see from her report. I also want to thank Nick who, year after year, continues to deal with all our finances in such a professional way.

This year we have concentrated on updating our guidelines for grants and I want to thank Jane Vernoit, Sue and Carol Plenty for all their work on this. I want to thank Ben Shimmin for his website work, Bethan Crisfield for setting up our facebook page and Sue, Jane Copestake and Carol for getting the Christmas gift vouchers and writing all the cards. A special thank you must also go to Carol who comes to all our meetings to represent MYMCA and always brings us an excellent report on what is happening within the YMCA including information about the difference that our grants make. This is so encouraging for us and gives us the push we need to continue doing the best we can.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - SUMMARY

| | Full Year 2016 | | Full Year 2015 | |
|---|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| | £ | % | £ | % |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Subscriptions (£5 per member) | 100 | | 90 | |
| Donations (note 1) | 1,376 | 23% | 1,774 | 25% |
| Fund-Raising - Glasto | 4,400 | 69% | 4,000 | 54% |
| Fund-Raising - Christmas Appeal 2014 | 0 | | 417 | |
| Fund-Raising - Christmas Appeal 2015 | 57 | 1% | 255 | 9% |
| Fund-Raising - Other (note 2) | 362 | 6% | 829 | 11% |
| Bank Deposit Interest (CCLA/Co-op) | 75 | 1% | 66 | 1% |
| TOTAL INCOME | 6,371 | 100% | 7,430 | 100% |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Grace Harris House, Shepton YMCA Mendip | 1,781 | 26% | 745 | 15% |
| Spencer House, Wells YMCA Mendip | 56 | 1% | 1,147 | 23% |
| Frome Foyer YMCA Mendip | 2,010 | 29% | 2,497 | 49% |
| Street Foyer YMCA Mendip | 2,155 | 31% | 5 | 0% |
| Sub-total - Homelessness (note 3a) | 6,002 | 87% | 4,394 | 87% |
| Other Youth Initiatives (note 3b) | 640 | 9% | 559 | 11% |
| Administration | 222 | 3% | 111 | 2% |
| Sub-total - Other | 862 | 13% | 670 | 13% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 6,865 | 100% | 5,064 | 100% |
| INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE | £(494) | | £2,366 | |

Note: Street Foyer opened during year; Spencer House in Wells closed during year to under 25s (now supporting over 25s).

Funds as at: 31/12/2016

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|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Unrestricted General | £18,658 | Comprising: | Bank Co-op - Current | £1,243 |
| Restricted for Street Welcome Vouchers | £324 | | Bank CCLA - Deposit | £17,739 |
| | £18,982 | | | £18,982 |

| Note 3a - Alternative Expenditure Presentation: | £ | % |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| Homelessness: | | |
| Welcome vouchers (19 Frome; 9 Street; 11 Shepton = 39) | 2,508 | 42% |
| Activity funds | 1,304 | 22% |
| Emergency funds | 253 | 4% |
| Christmas vouchers (12 Frome; 17 Street; 9 Shepton = 38) | 775 | 13% |
| Street kitchen equipment | 962 | 16% |
| Frome catering equipment (Routes) | 200 | 3% |
| | £6,002 | 100% |

| Note 3b - Other Youth Initiatives: | £ | % |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Andrew - protective work equipment (tree surgery) | 100 | 16% |
| Liam - driving lessons (construction work) | 130 | 20% |
| Jason - assistance towards shower installation | 200 | 31% |
| Nathan - flat cash deposit (loan balance to grant) | 210 | 33% |
| | £640 | 100% |

| Note 1 - Donations: | £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Individual - AGM | 255 |
| Individual - Other | 321 |
| Street Parish Council (restricted) | 800 |
| | £1,376 |

| Note 2 - Fund-Raising - Other: | £ |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Collett Day | 333 |
| Every Penny Counts | 29 |
| | £362 |

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Date: 20/3/2017



Treasurer's Report 2016

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 £79,223 and expended £95,658.

YWAF's 2016 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 2016 can be summarised as follows:

Income - £6,371 Expenditure - £6,865 Net Deficit - £494

Cash at bank at 31 December 2016 was £18,982 (2015 - £19,476).

2016 income at £6,371 was lower (£1,059 or 14%) than the prior year. Income was derived from three main sources: subscriptions & donations (£1,476); fund-raising (£4,820); and bank deposit interest (£75). Thank you to all involved in donating or raising funds for YWAF throughout the year.

2016 expenditure at £6,865 was higher (£1,801 or 36%) 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%).

Homelessness grants for all YMCA Mendip locations – Frome Foyer, Grace Harris House (Shepton), Spencer House (Wells) and Street Foyer - were sub-divided between Welcome vouchers for new residents (39 in 2016, 38 in 2015), Activity and Emergency funding, Food vouchers and Christmas gifts. Spencer House in Wells closed to residents aged 16 to 25 early in the year and was replaced by a new build at Street Foyer. With regard to other youth initiatives, there were four grants to individuals.

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 deficit of £494 has been deducted from cash reserves. Total reserves of £18,982 at the end of the year are classified as £18,658 unrestricted and £324 restricted (for Welcome vouchers). Such unrestricted reserves are estimated to represent over two years' forward expenditure cover. Reserves cover will be variable bearing in mind the future funding requirements of YMCA Mendip and its residents, also the potential reduction in fund-raising income with the loss of Glastonbury Festival income in future years.

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

Nick May, Treasurer

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I would like to thank all of the committee for giving up their valuable time to YWAF, for coming to the meetings, helping with fundraising and for their encouragement and support, especially to me in my first year as chairman. A special thank you this year must go to Clare Coppen who is standing down as a trustee. Thank you Clare for all your years of giving to YWAF and especially for 9 years as chairman, we are going to miss you.

Looking ahead, we need to work even harder! Austerity continues to affect the most vulnerable and young people need our help more than ever. I appeal to you all to please continue to support the important work of YWAF: we need more new members; we need trustees to serve on the committee; we need to fundraise and encourage more donations and legacies.

I do hope that you will come to our AGM on 24th April at 7.30pm in Peter Street rooms to learn more about our work. I hope that you will bring along any friends who might also be interested. We need you to help us to help vulnerable young people in the Mendip area.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support, thank you for giving us your time and your money, we really do appreciate everything that you do.

Ann Ralls, Chairman

Secretary's Report 2016

Since last year's AGM my priority has been trying to keep raising the profile of YWAF locally and finding new funding opportunities. We are concerned that our main source of income is reliant on our fantastic team working at Glastonbury Festival and we wanted to ensure that we look at other avenues.

I applied to Street Parish Council and they kindly donated £800 for move-in grants. Early in 2017 we have also received a donation for £2,500 from the Bridging Fund charitable trust. We felt very fortunate to receive this because the trust is ceasing to continue as a charity and we were their last recipients!

I did a press release for our annual Christmas appeal and am very happy to say that, thanks to my daughter Bethan, we now have a Facebook page called YWAF Somerset. Please do find it and like it and follow us! To date we have 77 people following our page. We are regularly linking with lots of local community Facebook pages to promote our work and raise funds.

It was lovely to receive some feedback from some of the residents at the YMCA for the Christmas gift cards they received from us. We wanted to give them gift cards so they could choose something for their rooms or for themselves and have a treat.

A recent highlight has been organising the Film and TV-themed fund-raising quiz at the end of January 2017. We raised £272 and had a fantastic evening hosted by the George Inn at Croscombe. Thanks again to Bethan for organising the quiz questions and running the evening. We were completely overwhelmed by people and teams and had no room left at the inn!

Looking ahead, we will have our annual stall at Collett Day in June and also we will be hosting a film premiere evening at Wells Film Centre on 2nd June for the new Wonder Woman film. Please let us know if you would like tickets.

As I have mentioned before, I am a support worker with Mendip YMCA in Frome and see first-hand the huge difference that YWAF funding makes to young people's lives. This helps to spur me on with flying our flag and raising funds.

Sue Crisfield, Secretary

Youth with a Future (YWAF):

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