



### Chairman's Report 2020

As a local Charity providing services for Young Carers and their families, we have experienced a steadily increasing demand for our service within our area.

There is growing evidence that our Charity is providing vital knowledge and input into The Statutory Childrens' Services delivering health and social care to this group of vulnerable children and their families. Our role in the wider community continues to expand through our relationships with Schools, Multi Agency Groups, Youth Workers and Networker meetings. This is happening within the constraints placed upon us by Covid-19, in addition to the financial constraints being experienced by the Statutory Services which has resulted in an increase of referrals to our Charity.

The Charity has continued to provide care and support to all the young people in our care through varying and innovative means such as one to one telephone calls, zoom meetings and where possible by socially distanced one to one meetings.

Our Charity Trustees are constantly monitoring our financial position and we continue in our major fundraising efforts to ensure the viability of this service. We are very aware that there is a major down turn in Charitable giving due to Covid-19

We remain extremely grateful and indebted to all those, both groups and individuals, who continue to support us financially and by giving of their time and expertise.

Our small team of trained staff are ably supported by a willing number of volunteers with differing personal skills and life experience and great emphasis is placed upon ensuring that each young person is supported in developing their full potential despite their own personal circumstances.

We are also indebted to our two Charity Patrons, namely Mrs. Jane Benson and Mr. Kit Malthouse MP for their continuing significant support and guidance.

Helen Mehaffey

Chairman



*"I attend a meeting and I know no one there but the only person that speaks up for me is AYC."*

## **Charity Executive's Report**

**APR 2019 – MAR 2020**

The reporting year started with our mind firmly focussed on applying for grants to cover our work for the next few years. Whilst we are incredibly lucky to have been funded by Children in Need and The Big Lottery previously, there is obviously an increasing call on their support, and we can never take anything for granted. Along with the larger grants we are also supported by many smaller grant givers, and of course by the fundraising efforts of many of our local supporters.

Our fundraising consultant, Ali Pascalidis, concentrated her efforts on applying for a number of one off grants whilst I worked with the Hampshire Young Carers Alliance (HYCA) on our application to The Big Lottery and tendering for the young carers contract with Hampshire County Council.

I am pleased to say that as a group HYCA was successful in obtaining a 5 year grant from the Big Lottery, and that we were lucky to win the tender from Hampshire County Council. Alongside this, Ali made some real inroads into the one off grants and the financial picture for the charity started to look much rosier.

AYC is lucky to have well trained, dedicated and well-motivated staff. They are very much driven by the desire to ensure we do the best we possibly can for all young carers in the area. However, we do rely heavily, as do the young carers, on the skills and expertise of our volunteer team. One challenge we always face is finding drivers for our trusty minibus, and this year we were lucky enough to be joined by 3 new drivers to take the strain from the staff.

During the reporting period Andover Young Carers worked with more than 200 young carers and their families. This support took many forms; it could have been carrying out a review followed by the young carer attending the school lunchtime drop in club. The young carer could have been assessed as needing more support and offered a place at an after school club here at the bungalow, either on a monthly or weekly basis. Or if the young carer was assessed as needing intensive support, but they were not happy to attend club, support could have been provided on a 1-1 basis for a period of time. Whatever the method of delivery, if a young person is assessed as having a need, then Andover Young Carers will provide support in the most appropriate way. As well as clubs during holiday time there are trips, events and even for the older children the possibility of a trip to the ever popular 'Young Carers Festival'. This year's festival was as much fun as ever, with a group of particularly vulnerable young people enjoying a fantastic trip.

As ever, the number of statutory and non-statutory meetings continues to rise. It is crucial that we represent our young carers at these meetings, advocate on their behalf and ensure their voice is heard. Often, we are the only agency who can speak solely on behalf of the child, many of whom will ask our staff to ensure a certain thing is known at the meeting. We are increasingly seen as being an 'expert witness' on their behalf and invited to give opinion or attend more meetings and or workshops.

The quality of our recorded evidence is crucial, not only to our funders to show the value of their funding, but also to give a realistic picture of how many young people are involved in family caring. Evidence gathering does take time, thanks go to the staff who find ever more ingenious ways to gather evidence yet make it fun for the children.

Each year thoughts always turn to 'what next'? We are very successful at what we do, and the results show that it works, but there is always room for improvement. During 2020 we will be looking at providing support online, doing more intensive 1-1 work with our older young carers, and working with schools to ensure as many young carers with low level responsibilities receive in school support as possible. This will free spaces up in our after school clubs to support those who suffer a higher impact.

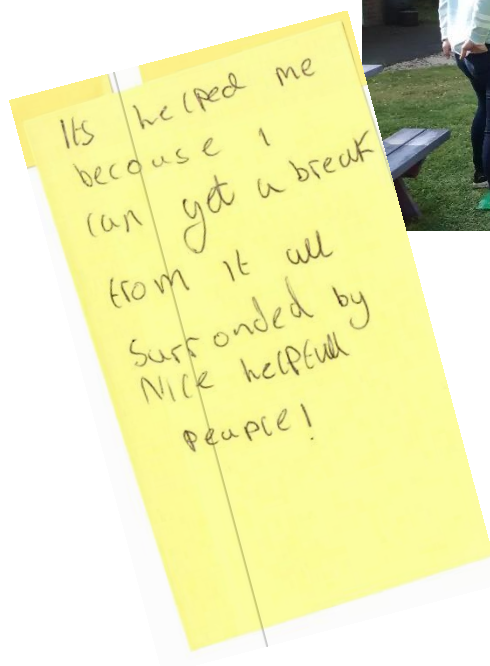
As the reporting year drew to a close we were faced with two challenges, the first one was the departure of our long standing support worker, Johanne Cote-Lyne, who joined AYC just short of ten years ago, a trained social worker she will be very difficult to replace. Johanne provided a lot of statutory and professional advice to myself and the management committee.

The second challenge was a national pandemic. As with everything we quickly rolled up our sleeves and rose to the challenge. We had our staff working from home immediately, well resourced (thanks to all who supported us financially to achieve this), and with access to all our contacts we began to ensure that we could communicate quickly, and effectively with all our families, young carers and outside agencies. Our team devised a schedule for routine contacts, how to support our more vulnerable young carers, and ensured the communication network with outside agencies worked, and we were able to access extra support as and when needed. We liaised with the local Foodbank as needed, were in regular contact with schools where support was needed with home schooling, and as ever worked alongside Children's services.

We are proud to have been part of the fantastic support Andover provided to all the residents, and work continues to ensure that we continue to support our young carers as the pandemic develops.

Jill Baines

Charity Executive





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Andover Young Carers			Charity No (if any)	1163715
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/04/2019	To	Period end date	31/03/2020

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	S01	52,680	-	-	52,680	29,525
Charitable activities	S02	-	86,687	-	86,687	94,040
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S07	52,680	86,687	-	139,367	123,565
<b>Resources expended (Note 6)</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	49,462	89,139	-	138,601	124,366
Separate material item of expense	S10					
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S12	49,462	89,139	-	138,601	124,366
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>						
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	3,218	- 2,452	-	766	- 801
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	S14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	S15	3,218	- 2,452	-	766	- 801
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	S16	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	S20	3,218	- 2,452	-	766	- 801
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward	S21	83,434	8,272	-	91,706	92,507
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	S22	86,652	5,820	-	92,472	91,706

## Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01		-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02		-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03		-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	B05		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>							
Stocks (Note 18)	B06		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07		-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09		87,552	5,820	-	93,372	98,706
<b>Total current assets</b>	B10		87,552	5,820	-	93,372	98,706
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> (Note 20)	B11		900	-	-	900	7,000
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	B12		86,652	5,820	-	92,472	91,706
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	B13		86,652	5,820	-	92,472	91,706
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b> (Note 20)	B14		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	B15		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	B16		86,652	5,820	-	92,472	91,706
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>							
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17		-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18		-	5,820	-	5,820	8,272
Unrestricted funds	B19		86,652	-	-	86,652	83,434
Revaluation reserve	B20		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	B21		86,652	5,820	-	92,472	91,706
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees			Signature		Print Name		Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
			S Burch		S Burch		5th August 2020

## **Independent Examiners Report**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

I have examined the financial statements prepared by Andover Young Carers.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed By Gillian Archer

Date 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020