

Annual Report Acorn Youth and Social Club Year Ending 31 January 2023

Aims and Purposes

Acorn Youth and Social Club, the operating name of the charity Acorn Youth Club, Registered Charity Number 1000729, aims to provide facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation for people, resident in or near Hillingdon, with learning disabilities so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity operates and maintains the Acorn Hall. The site is leased from the London Borough of Hillingdon by the Club. When LB Hillingdon granted planning permission for the Acorn Hall the building was intended to be built in two phases and it is the objective of the Charity to complete the second phase.

The Acorn Hall is the main base of the club and there are several clubs run in the evenings for the benefit of the people with learning disabilities in line with the main objective of the club. These include a Tuesday Club, Acorn Extra Club and Trefoil Guiding Group.

During the day and weekends the hall is available for hire by community groups which is the main source of income for the club. These hire charges cover the cost of running the premises and if there is a surplus provide a contribution towards the cost of future building works.

The Club also provides other activities for learning disabled people and their carers during the year such as an annual outing, panto visits and a Christmas party.

The working name of the Charity was changed by the Trustees in June 2022 to Acorn Youth and Social Club to reflect that over the years the membership of the club has included more adults as older members remained with the club and still enjoyed the activities.

Review of the Year

The club did not operate member activities from March 2020 through to April 2022 because of the covid situation and the health vulnerability of many club members. The support of the Local Authority for a Youth Worker in place before March 2020 was not re-established in 2022 and the Trustees had to look at other ways of supporting club activities.

Dash charity started working with the Acorn Youth and Social Club providing leaders for the Tuesday Club. Unfortunately, this did not last as the leader moved and they were not able to find a replacement. We have kept the club running with our own volunteers and the Tuesday evenings have been very popular with approximately 12 members and a variety of activities including table tennis and a regular film evening with popcorn and drinks.

The club bought new boccia balls with money donated by the bowls club who expressed an interest in visiting later in the year.

Money was also donated by the Eastcote Park Residents Association and by the Freemasons.

Some new chairs were obtained from an enterprise that recycles office furniture from companies who have gone out of business.

Trustees Meetings during the Year

The Trustees met seven times during the year from 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023.

Trustees

The trustees of the Acorn Club are:

Phil Myers (President)

Malcolm Porter (Chairman) Registered address for the Charity 38 Windsor Avenue, Hillingdon, Middx UB10 9AU

Shirley Causer (Secretary)

Julie Brown (Treasurer)

Sue Hopkins

Deborah Goodchild

Kim Macey

Nichola Mills

Margaret Kershaw

Peter Sharma had not been active for some time and is no longer a trustee.

Volunteers

The club did not have any volunteers other than committee members during the year. Apart from DASH's involvement running the Tuesday Club for part of the year all other clubs were run on a voluntary basis by trustees.

All DBS certificates for Committee Members were checked and brought up to date once clubs resumed after the covid break in activities.

Financial Position of the Club

The annual accounts for the club and Treasurers Report show an operating surplus of £13,682 in the year ending 31 January 2023. This increased the funds held by the club to £150,396.

At a meeting of the Committee on 2 March 2022 it was agreed by the Trustees that £130,000 of the balances at 31.1.22 held in deposit accounts would be reserved for future additional building works at the Clubhouse.

The Treasurers report summaries the sources of funding and itemises rental and grant income, also the net cost of member activity during the year and the events that were supported in addition to club nights.

The club reserve policy is to retain sufficient funds to run the Acorn Hall for at least a year if no regular hire income or donations were available . The Committee decided in March 2022 to set aside £130,000 of its total funds at the end of the previous financial year for the future construction of the Acorn Hall.

Annual General Meeting

The 34th Annual General Meeting of the Club to review the annual report and accounts took place on 15 March 2023 . All above trustees will continue in their current roles for the following year.

Report of Honorary Treasurer

1. During the financial year ending 31 January 2023 the club had an operating surplus of £13,682 (prior year £8,776). When added to the cash held on 31 January 2022 of £136,714 there were total funds of £150,396. The cash held is split over the Lloyds Current Account £7,531 , Lloyds Deposit Account £60,427 and Virgin Money (was previously Yorkshire Bank) £82,438
2. £1,027 interest was received on the deposit bank accounts in the year up to 31 Jan 2023.
3. The main source of income for the club is the casual hire of the Acorn Hall. The hire charges received are summarised below:

	2022-2023	2021-2022
	£	£
Active Early Years After School Club payments	5,810	6,633
Little Companions payments	9,322	9,000
Connor King Boot Camp		50
Scribblehearts payments	238	280
Party Hire	145	150
	<u>15,515</u>	<u>16,113</u>

The after-school club withdrew from using the Acorn Hall in September 2022

4. The following donations were received during the financial year ending 31 Jan 2022:

	2022-2023	2021-2022
	£	£
Misc including bequests	62	50
Eastcote Park Assoc	681	479
Womens Group		174
Deanes Park Bowles Club	2,721	
Freemasons 150th Anniversary Grant	5,000	
Southbourne WI	50	
	<u>8,514</u>	<u>703</u>

5. The running costs of the Acorn Hall were £10,717 for the year ending 31 Jan 2023 (£7,905 for prior year). Cleaning Costs were £2,000. The club was overcharged approx. £1,000 by Castle Water because of a problem locating the meter and should benefit from reduced bills until the overpayment is cleared.

6. The following expenditure and income related to member activity:

	Exp £	Inc £	Net £
Argosy Players Panto	100		100
Christmas Party	375		375
Trip to Paradise Wildlife Par	830	600	230
Jubilee Party	207	160	47
Tuesday Club	420	577 -	157
Acorn Extra Club	50	78 -	28
	<u>1,982</u>	<u>1,415</u>	<u>566</u>

In the prior year, the only expenditure was £305 relating to the Christmas Party 2021. DASH Charity ran the Tuesday club from April to September 2022 and were paid £420 for their services. All clubs have otherwise been operated on a voluntary basis by Committee members.

7. The annual report for the Charity Commission relating to year ending Jan 2022 was submitted on 11 Aug 22
8. At a meeting of the committee March 2, 2022, it was agreed that £130,000 of the balances at 31.2.22 held in deposit accounts would be reserved for future additional building works.

ACORN YOUTH AND SOCIAL CLUB (note 4)

Assets & Liabilities as at 31 January 2023

		2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
		£	£	£
Surplus for the Year	Note 1	13,682	8,776	15,765
Brought Forward from previous year		<u>136,714</u>	<u>127,938</u>	<u>112,173</u>
Sub-Total		150,396	136,714	127,938
Clubhouse at Cost	Note 2	<u>233,206</u>	<u>233,206</u>	<u>233,206</u>
Balance at 31 January		<u><u>383,602</u></u>	<u><u>369,920</u></u>	<u><u>361,144</u></u>
Cash at Bank- Lloyds 1		7,531	7,876	19,343
Lloyds 2		60,427	52,379	32,387
Yorkshire Bank		<u>82,438</u>	<u>76,458</u>	<u>76,208</u>
	Note 3	150,396	136,714	127,938
Cash In Hand		NIL	NIL	NIL
Clubhouse at Cost		233,206	233,206	233,206
Accruals/ Bank Interest		-	-	-
Debtors-Others		-	-	-
Sub Total		<u>383,602</u>	<u>369,920</u>	<u>361,144</u>
Creditors		-	-	-
Total		<u><u>383,602</u></u>	<u><u>369,920</u></u>	<u><u>361,144</u></u>

Note 1 No Accruals included in the accounts ending Jan 2023

Note 2 No Provision for depreciation of Fixed Assets has been included . The cost of the clubhouse was included as expenditure in prior year accounts ending 31 January 2007 and 2008

Note 3 At a meeting of the Committee on March 2 2022 it was agreed that £130,000 of the balances at 31.1.22 held in deposit accounts would be reserved for future additional building works at the Clubhouse

Note 4 The working name of the club was changed from Acorn Youth Club to Acorn Youth and Social Club following a special meeting on 15th June 2022 . The charity name remains as Acorn Youth Club

_____ M Porter Chairperson & Trustee

_____ Julie Brown Treasurer & Trustee

ACORN YOUTH AND SOCIAL CLUB**Financial Statement for the year ended 31 January 2023****Receipts and Payments Account**

<u>Receipts</u>	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
	£	£	£
Bank Interest	1,027	244	679
Fund Raising & Sponsors	114	47	61
Membership Subscriptions	1,415	17	100
Rental Income	Note 3 15,515	16,113	10,803
Grant	Note 1		10,000
Donations	Note 4 8,514	703	894
Total	<u>26,585</u>	<u>17,124</u>	<u>22,536</u>

Payments

Utilities and Insurance	5,380	4,157	3,347
Cleaning and Maintenance	4,774	2,637	2,341
Licenses & Affiliation Fees	Note 2 -	344	246
Members' Benefits	1,982	305	-
Equipment Repairs and Renewals	204	418	-
Rent & Lease Legal Fees	350	350	350
Sundries/Publicity	213	138	487
Total	<u>12,903</u>	<u>8,348</u>	<u>6,772</u>
Surplus for the Year	<u>13,682</u>	<u>8,776</u>	<u>15,765</u>

Note 1 The Club received a small business Covid support grant of £10,000 from Hillingdon Council in 2020

Note 2 PPL/PRS License of £259 for 2022-23 was paid in 2021-22 year

Note 3 Rental Income Summary	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
	£	£	£
Our Childrens Activities	-	-	- 25
Active Early Years After School Club payments	5,810	6,633	3,088
Little Companions payments	9,322	9,000	7,200
Connor King Boot Camp		50	
Scribblehearts payments	238	280	540
Party Hire	145	150	-
	<u>15,515</u>	<u>16,113</u>	<u>10,803</u>

Note 4 Donations Summary	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
	£	£	£
Dash Disco contribution			70
Misc including bequests	62	50	5
Challenge Network Liquidation			417
Eastcote Park Assoc	681	479	402
Womens Group		174	
Deanes Park Bowles Club	2,721		
Freemasons 150th Anniversary Grant	5,000		
Southbourne WI	50		
	<u>8,514</u>	<u>703</u>	<u>894</u>



Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Acorn Youth and Social Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31 January 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1000729

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

18/10/2023

Name:

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.