



Kingsbridge **YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

Annual Report

Apr 2022 – Mar 2023

Registered Charity No: 1137166

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Kingsbridge Youth For Christ is a Christian charity that exists to see young people's lives changed by Jesus. We represent God's heart by showing Jesus in a relevant way to young people in Kingsbridge and the surrounding areas.

We do not force our beliefs onto young people. We openly share the real difference a relationship with Jesus has made in our lives, and challenge them to think about what they believe, and why.

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LEGAL

AND

ADMINISTRATIVE

STATUS

The organisation was registered as a Charity on May 18th, 2010.

The Charity underwent a rebrand and name change in September 2018 (*formerly known as SPIRITULIZED*).

Charity Number **1137166**

TRUSTEES

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TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

for the benefit of young people in accordance with the Statement of Faith appearing in appendix 1 throughout the world and in particular in Kingsbridge and its environs;

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

mainly, but not exclusively by means of proclaiming Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature throughout the world and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in Kingsbridge and its environs;

TO DEMONSTRATE, PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE CHRISTIAN VALUES

including dignity, empowerment and partnership to all young people throughout Kingsbridge and its environs;

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

through support and mentoring in schools, colleges and other educational establishments, through lunchtime and after school clubs, street based youth work and other youth provision to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities, that they may grow to full maturity as individuals, and that their condition of life may be improved.

TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS

thereby demonstrating the Christian faith by promoting overseas service, education, practical action and working with those affected, either directly or through relevant relief agencies.

KINGSBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST MISSION



**“We’re about seeing young
people’s lives changed by
Jesus”**

OBJECTIVES

2022-2023

To Develop primary schools work (grow conversations around children and families with local church)

TO Create more decision opportunities for young people

TO Develop youth work in Salcombe in Partnership with Holy Trinity Salcombe Church

TO Continue to pursue young people in Kingsbridge Community College in every opportunity

TO Grow the team - open the discussion to seek another worker in partnership with one or more local churches

5

2 EMPLOYEES

16 VOLUNTEERS FROM

5 LOCAL CHURCHES

5 TRUSTEES

4,067 ENGAGEMENTS

PROVIDING DIRECT
SUPPORT TO LOCAL
YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN
APRIL 2022 AND MARCH
2023

OF THOSE **4,067**:
1431 - UNDER 11's
2636 - 11-18's

TRUSTEES REPORT

This year has been a very exciting time for Kingsbridge Youth For Christ. We have seen more young people make decisions to follow Jesus than in any other year this decade. It has also been a significant time of change for the charity as Centre Director Jonny Richmond stepped down at the end of March 2023 after nearly six years in post.

The Primary Focus for 2022-23

Kingsbridge Youth For Christ has achieved nearly all of its goals set out on p5. **This year we had 4067 engagements with young people.** The majority of our projects are designed to either cast a wide net to share the gospel to large numbers of young people for them to hear; or to build deeper personal connections on a more individual basis to nurture, disciple and support young people – wherever they are at on their faith journey.

This year **11** young people and one volunteer made first time decisions to follow Jesus!

Thank You

We are extremely grateful to all our regular financial supporters who enable us to reach the young people in Kingsbridge through our various projects and clubs. Despite the financial implications of a rise in the cost of living, our monthly income through giving remained stable.

“We’re about seeing young people’s lives changed by Jesus”



The Lounge

The Lounge is our weekly youth club held in Kingsbridge Family Church from 7-8.30pm for school years 7-11. This year we have seen real growth in our youth club attendance and have consistently had over twenty young people attend each week, all year round.

The Lounge team is made up of seven volunteers from local churches, as well as Jonny and Becky. There is table tennis, a pool table, an air hockey table, a gaming PC, Nintendo switch, a tuck shop and an area to play games and chill. Almost all of the young people that attend the club have no church background. Each week one of the team will lead a God slot – a team game, a fun challenge or something similar, and an evangelistic talk sharing something of their testimony; the difference Jesus has made in their lives and God’s heart for the young people that attend.

Several young people have responded throughout the year and now join us for our CU. Because of the success of the club, we are having to consider options for growth as our space is limiting what we can do when there are over twenty five young people in the room.

TRUSTEES REPORT

PROJECTS

Limitless Festival 2022

Limitless Festival is a five-day Elim run Christian youth camp in Stafford featuring daily gatherings for worship, word and ministry, a huge variety of activities and fun games and other events throughout the day

This year Becky headed up a team of youth leader volunteers to take ten young people (all non-christian) two hundred miles upcountry, camping for the week with three thousand other eleven to eighteen year olds. This was the first time we had taken a group of young people so far away, for so long.

A week before they set off, we held a prayer breakfast for the trip at Kingsbridge Family Church. Several volunteers from the church put on a great spread of food and around thirty five people from local churches attended. We shared about the vision for the trip and the opportunity that these ten young people had. Prayer stations were set up around the room to help guide prayers and we also had a time of worship. We created a daily prayer guide for the week so that the churches would be able to support the trip and we set up a prayer space on social media for regular prayer updates during the week.

It was an exhausting week for the team but the team saw 5 Young people give their lives to Jesus and one of the leaders also and her back was healed from a fifteen year long injury. Several young people were visibly changed through their encounters with Jesus. This has given us countless opportunities to encourage the local churches and we ourselves feel incredibly blessed to have been a part in bringing these young people to Jesus.



TRUSTEES REPORT

CU

We have continued to run our CU this year and seen it grow dramatically from two young people in July 2022, to between nine and sixteen young people in March 2023.

Following Limitless Festival we felt led to put more time and resources into discipling young Christians and so in September we began a Youth Alpha course with the CU. We began with a core group of around six young people who very quickly began inviting their friends and slowly our numbers began to rise. We also committed to providing more food for the young people each week beyond a snack, with the idea that we can nurture and grow relationships through eating together as well.

We also put more time into developing relationships within the group by including more group trips and socials outside of our regular meeting. In November, we took the group to Plymouth to go bouldering. In February, we went on a group trip to Limitless One in Exeter – a silent disco and youth event, preceded by an obligatory trip to McDonalds. We also brought along many young people from the other youth clubs who had never been to a Christian event before. They all loved it! In March, we held a pizza and film night in our youth club for the Christian Union young people.

Going forward we recognise that CU is not a replacement for being a part of a local church family and so we would like to support the local churches in their discipleship of young people and help the young people join those church families.

The KYFC Van



As well as supporting local churches in their outreach, our team has continued to keep a presence on the Quay in Kingsbridge every week. We are on the Quay once or twice a week, rain or shine, after school to engage with the young people – offering a warm, safe space for them to congregate. We serve hot chocolate, play PlayStation and most importantly have countless conversations from faith to football that build relationships.

Each year we have an approximate footfall between 600-1000 engagements through our van outreach.

Mentoring

Over the year our mentoring team has continued to support young people each week in Kingsbridge Community College. In a rural area where local health services are stretched, we are keen to continue delivering and developing our mentoring programme. Currently we spend thirty minutes with each student and support approximately twelve to fifteen students a week between the team members. We work with the Senior Leadership Team to determine needs, goals and outcomes of our sessions. Some young people are with us for half a term, others might be with us for the entire year.

Kingsbridge Youth For Christ are not a replacement for NHS and other professional health services, however we have seen some major improvements in the mental health of the students that we see through being a loving, stable, non-judgmental and consistent figure in their lives each week.

TRUSTEES REPORT

UNITE

In September we launched our first Sunday evening youth event, UNITE – an evening of games, fun, worship, word and ministry. Again this idea came out of the sense that God was leading us to focus more on discipleship of young people, and having a number of young people become Christians over the summer, we felt the time was right now to launch this event.

We developed UNITE to tackle two main challenges facing our young people. Firstly, that there is currently little to no youth targeted discipleship from any local church. Secondly, statistics from a British Youth For Christ Survey revealed that although 1 in 3 young people would like to know more about faith if asked, only 1% (1000 11-18s sampled) would go to church for this.

We wanted to create a space to bridge the gap into church for young people who haven't had any experience of it, but also for young Christians to worship, hear the word and have something they could invite their friends to who were interested in their faith.

We ran UNITE once every half term this year – September, December, January and March. Each time UNITE was held in a different local church, and alongside a core team, most of the volunteers came from the host church. We intentionally set it up like this to create opportunities for the churches to serve and get to know the young people in our town, and vice versa.

Each UNITE has seen around twenty young people attend. Half of them have come from our CU and the other half from our youth clubs and outreach. For around half the room, they have never stepped foot in a church service before. They have no understanding of church culture. If church is family, then building relationships are absolutely vital and we hope that the young people become more and more comfortable in this new space through the connections they make with local church members.

The response has been extremely positive. In some cases, we are bringing young people into churches that haven't seen this many young people in them for over a decade. We really hope that UNITE will also encourage churches and catalyse their own outreach to young people.



TRUSTEES REPORT

Primary Schools

This year we have maintained our presence within local primary schools— although due to focus changes we are delivering half termly assemblies as opposed to monthly, across four schools. We also support these schools through being a part of ETHOS and SIAMS meetings to shape the schoolwide delivery of Christian content and have enjoyed being invited to various school events (such as jubilee, Harvest and Christmas Celebrations) throughout the year. In July 2022, we delivered a series of school transition lessons to year 6 classes to help them process their feelings and emotions around making the move to secondary school.

Outreach in Salcombe and Aveton Gifford

Salcombe

We have continued to use our van to support local churches in their outreach this year.

In Salcombe, we have used our existing relationships with the Salcombe C of E Primary School to open doors for Holy Trinity Salcombe Church to make connections with families in the area.

For the last four years, we have been running a monthly assembly in the school, often alongside the Vicar, Curate and Organist from Holy Trinity Salcombe church. We have also been delivering RE lessons to years 5 and 6, and support the schools with their ETHOS meetings.

We have also taken the youth van over to Salcombe Primary School. After trialling a few locations, we stationed the van next to the school gates. We spend around an hour after school serving hot chocolates to the children and their parents. Several members of the church join us and chat with the parents whilst the children come aboard the van to hang out and play on the PlayStation.

We have been working with the church to help identify ways in which they can serve and support the young people and families in their local community. We are working towards beginning a church-led club in the primary school.

In June, we were invited to the primary school to join them for their Jubilee celebrations. It was a fantastic day – we brought our van and football cage along and it created such a buzz amongst the children. The headteacher, Andy Pugsley was extremely grateful for all of our support and fed back high praise for Kingsbridge Youth For Christ at our AGM that was held later on in June. Although Kingsbridge Youth For Christ remit is predominantly 11-18 year olds, we have seen such value in investing in particularly the Year 5s and 6s, and the carry over that brings for them as they step into Year 7.



TRUSTEES REPORT

Aveton Gifford

In January this year, Modbury Mission Community reached out to us to explore ways to reach young people in some of the village parishes surrounding Kingsbridge. One of the key areas was Aveton Gifford, a small village about three miles outside of Kingsbridge, in which the church already had a presence in the village primary school.

In March, one rainy, dark Friday evening, Jonny took the van to Aveton Gifford and met up with Rev Matt Rowland and a few members of his team. We engaged with around eight young people who attend Kingsbridge Community College, and several parents. For a first outing, this was a real success given the time of year and weather, and so going forward we will continue to explore this growing partnership with Modbury Mission Community to support them in reaching the young people that are part of their parishes.



Report from Jane Greaves

Youth For Christ have been involved with Malborough with South Huish C of E Primary School for several years. They have become very much part of our School family and everyone, from the children, staff, parents and the community value all that they do to support the school.

They have contributed so much to our monthly Church Services, in School Services, Collective Worship, Bible lessons and year 6 transition lessons.

This year however we said a very sad goodbye to Jonny and the children made him a goodbye card.

Over the past few years we have become very much reliant on Becky (Not just for her musical talents) but all she contributes to our school, she has run the after school youth club, comes in on a weekly basis to sing with the children and comes in to take part in Collective Worship. She supports the transition for our new year 6 children in September who have been presented their Bibles, she supports the year 6 children's transition to year 7 at KCC. (This support is so important to our children, especially coming from a small village school to a large secondary school)

She attends all of our School Ethos Meetings and contributes so much to make sure our school is giving the children all the love and encouragement they need to support them in their journey from Foundation to KS1, KS2 and beyond to KS3, all within the love of God.

The Christian Faith is very much the principle of our school, but with the support from Youth for Christ alongside, Father Daniel French, Trevor Becker and the Parishioners of Malborough Church, we would certainly not be able to achieve this and we would not be the 'school family' we are today, Ofsted November 2022.

On another note Malborough is part of the South Hams Federation, I know Loddiswell Primary School have very much valued YFC coming into their school for lots of different events, the children very much value the input that the organisation gives to the school, even if it is not a Church School, I know Becky is coming in next week to do the transition lesson for the year 6 children before they pack their bags and venture off to KCC. Both Jonny and Becky did this last year, which I was lucky enough to be a part of. I cannot express how much this group supports the young people in the South Hams, which is very much needed in these very challenging and difficult times for families and communities.

Thank you so much, I am sorry I can't be with you this evening I have a school commitment that I can't miss, but this comes from all the staff at Malborough and Loddiswell.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jane Greaves'.

Jane Greaves Chair of The South Hams Federation

TRUSTEES REPORT

2023-24 OBJECTIVES

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- ⇒ Recruit a new 'Rural Ministries Coordinator and Youth Worker'
 - ⇒ Develop youth work and relationships with churches in Aveton Gifford and Salcombe
 - ⇒ Continue to disciple our Christian young people through the CU, trips and integrating them into the wider church family
 - ⇒ Seek to increase income through fundraising, grant applications and more supporters in order for us to meet our committed expenditure.
 - ⇒ Develop Unite and see how we can engage more young people
 - ⇒ Expand the mentoring at KCC and recruit more male mentors
 - ⇒ Build on the success of Limitless 2022 and take a larger group away in 2023

FINANCE REPORT

CHRIS ROBERTS, TREASURER

KYFC would like to thank all our supporters over the last financial year; those who support through volunteering and also those who give money towards the work of the charity, either individually or through the 12 churches who contribute. We are so grateful for the ongoing support in these very challenging times.

In 2022-3, activities ran normally and without restriction after 2 years of Covid, when much was put on hold. It was also easier to organise fundraising activities. Both factors are reflected in the year's accounts.

Income: There was a significant rise in income this year (c. 25%). In addition to our regular giving, a sponsored walk of 25 km along the coast path by KYFC Trustees raised c £1,000, there were many donations towards the cost of taking young people to the *Limitless* camp, as well as a £9,000 donation for 1 year from a local charitable trust and there were a significant number of other one-off donations from individuals and local organisations. It was also the 4th year of funding by Loddiswell Congregational Church & Malborough Baptist Church for Becky Evans's post as Rural Ministries Worker.

Expenditure: This also rose significantly in 2022-23. This was partly due to the lifting of Covid restrictions. For example, training for staff and volunteers was now possible & the YFC national annual conference took place for the 1st time since 2020. This can be seen by an increase in training costs from £0 in 2021-2 to almost £1,000 in 2022-23.

It was also now possible to take the KYFC bus out on to the Quay in Kingsbridge to engage with young people after school and serve hot chocolate etc. Hence, a big rise in coffee bar supplies from the previous financial year.

New activities included 2 evangelistic events: *Limitless* summer camp and regular Sunday evening *Unite* youth services. Hence, an increase in evangelism: special events from c £1,000 in 2021-22 to over £4,500 in 2022-23.

The national cost of living crisis also impacted on KYFC as we increased staff salaries to keep pace with inflation & our office rent also increased by over £100 per month. However, we were able to save on some of our insurance costs by shopping around. One one-off expense was in paying for job adverts & running a day of interviews for a new Centre Director following Jonny Richmond's resignation after over 5 years in post. This added £450 to Miscellaneous Costs and around £100 to Catering.

Balance: Total expenditure rose by almost one sixth to £63,776 in 2022-23 (this figure does include £2,983 of depreciation for our bus), but with a total income of £58,137, it does mean that we made a net loss of £5,639 in 2022-23. We had aimed to break even this year, but were somewhat encouraged that we had almost halved our net loss of £10,825 in 2021-22.

Going Forward: It is not sustainable to keep running at a loss, therefore the Trustees of KYFC have resolved to adopt the goal of breaking even in 2023-24 and to introduce the following measures to work towards it. We will aim to increase our income, to economise with our expenditure and to fund capital costs by applying for external grants. Some measures to achieve this are already in place and we are confident that this is achievable for the year ahead without compromising our work with the young people of Kingsbridge and the surrounding area.

Kingsbridge Youth For Christ receives regular financial support from

10
Churches
(mainly local)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

KINGSBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Bank Interest		399		30
Bus Income				
Donations		1,790		540
Coffee Bar				
Sales		45		
Donations		480		480
Other Income				
General Donations	32,833		21,606	
Youth Worker Donation	20,724		20,287	
Training Donation	465			
Youth Club	1,400		626	
		55,423		42,519
Total Receipts		58,137		43,569
PAYMENTS				
Administration				
For Other Causes				
Rent	3,722		3,036	
Telephone, stationery & post	344		149	
Accountancy	408		396	
Insurance	652		936	
Subs & Child protection	1,183		1,083	
Bank Charges	73		97	
Miscellaneous	864		245	
Youthwork in School	104		283	
Repairs & maintenance	77		14	
Training	944		-	
		8,372		6,240
Bus Expenses		2,948		2,766
Bus Depreciation		2,893		3,404
Catering		323		47
Coffee Bar				
Supplies	698		166	
Other			12	
		698		178
Evangelism	279		323	
Special Events	4,516		1,015	
Support for individuals	-		334	
		4,794		1,673
Youth Club		711		613
Work Club		-		-
Running costs		-		-
Mentoring expenses		-		128
		-		
Youth Worker				
Staff Costs	42,228		38,561	
Expenses	809		784	
		43,037		39,344
Total Payments		63,776		54,394
(Deficit) / Excess of Receipts over Payments		-5,639		-10,825

STATEMENT

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

KINGSBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST					
Statement of Assets & Liabilities					
As At 31 March 2023					
		2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets at cost					
	Bus		16,397		19,289
	Computer		3,449		3,449
	Furniture & Equipment		5,100		5,100
			24,946		27,838
Monetary Assets					
	CAF Current Account	4,806		7,645	
	CAF Deposit Account	58,437		58,345	
		63,243		65,989	
			63,243		65,989
Net Assets			88,190		93,828
Represented by					
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	
	32,443	1,277	60,109	93,829	104,674
Fund Movement adjustment					
Deficit this year	20,348	-194	-25,793	-5,639	-10,846
Balance c/f	52,791	1,083	34,316	88,190	93,828

Trustees Declaration

We approve these un-audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise a Receipts & Payments Account, and Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts including the provision of all the information and explanations necessary for the completion.

Signed  Date 22/05/23

Print name.....DAVID KEITH FOX

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

REPORT

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

KINGSBRIDGE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no

1137166

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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

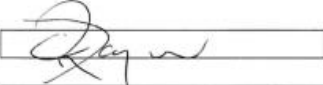
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

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



Date:

18 May 2023

Name:

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