Trustee Report for 2018 / 2019

Frith Youth Centre, Bussage, Stroud GL6 8AG Charity Number 1162806

Trustees: Kris Beacham, Steve Beioley, Peter Oakley, Karen Pitney, David Taylor, Len Taylor and David Wood

The aim of the charity is to provide leisure and educational activities for young people. The majority of the Trustees of the Frith Youth Centre are recruited from Chalford Parish Council. We will have two new trustees joining from the parish council in the near future.

They delegate the day to day running of the Frith Youth Centre to a Management Committee of volunteers from the Parish Council and the community who employ a paid staff of youth workers, administrator and cleaner.

It has been a good year for youth club activities. Our numbers have grown and we have lots of new young people on our books.

Friday nights are now the busiest with around 40 young people attending. The bouncy castle is a big hit and is popular with external parties also.

We have lots of young people who come from Bisley and Oakridge, it is great that the word about us is spreading. The youth club is a safe, warm place for the young people of the area to hang out

This year has been challenging financially for the Frith youth centre. With few donations coming in our reserves have been running down and we are in need of securing more funding.

The mast income has been a massive positive and will go some way to covering funding.

With our reserves at a lower point than last year, I am hopeful that we will be in a better position to secure grants in the forthcoming year. Mark Stavrakakis has resigned as our accountant at the end of the financial year and Robert Young will be taking on the role.

The building is used for a community café on Wednesday mornings, a lunch club on Tuesdays, breakfasts on Fridays and is also available for private hire for dance classes, children's parties and other events. These latter activities produce a modest income which goes towards the running of the club. Without these hirers of the hall we would struggle to provide such a great facility here so thank you all concerned.

The Youth Leader is supported in all she undertakes by an able team of youth workers and volunteers. We thank all of these for their hard work and dedication. We also would not function without our administrator.

We also thank the treasurer for all the hard work he has put in to completing the annual accounts.

Report prepared on 24/10/2019 by David Wood (Chair of the Trustees) with input from Laura Hale (Youth Leader), Mark Stavrakakis (Treasurer) and Jenny Taylor (Chair of Management Committee).