

# Consett Churches Detached Youth Project Annual Report 2017 – 2018

Supporting young people in the Community since 1981



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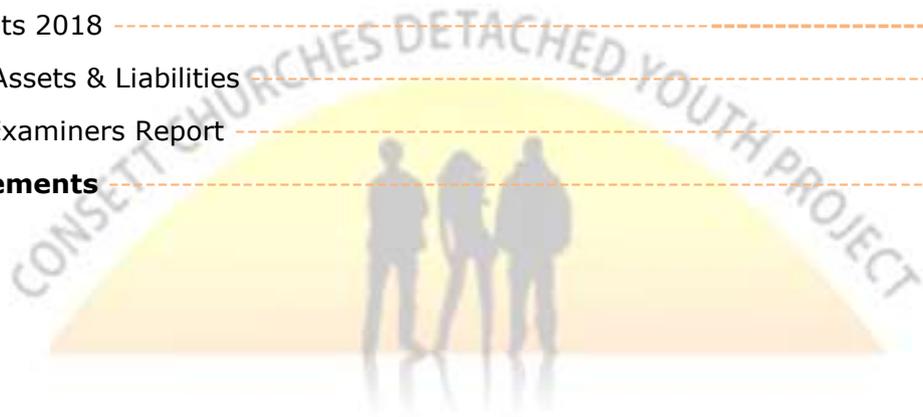




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## Meet the Trustee's

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**Professor Rowena Plant – Chair**



**Cllr Owen Temple – Treasurer**



**Anne Leech – Secretary**



**Rev Anne Jeffrey**



**Mr Jeff Davison**



**Cllr Jane Brown**



## Chair`s Foreword

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This past year for Consett Churches Detached Youth Project has been one of goodbyes and new beginnings.

### ***Goodbyes:***

In the last year, Arthur Willis, who was one of our level three youth workers died, after undergoing an extended period of treatment for cancer. Arthur is missed by the young people with whom he worked and his colleagues within the project. We remember him with fondness and affection.

Our other level three youth worker was also on sick leave at the time of our last AGM and unfortunately was unable to return back to his post with us. He had a tangible enthusiasm for youth work and we are saddened our young people will not now be able to benefit from his input.

### ***New Beginnings:***

I am delighted to let everyone know that Diane Wordsworth, who has been an integral part of CCDYP for many years as a support worker has completed her Level Three in Youth Work. This means Diane is now a fully qualified youth worker and she now heads up a team of her own.

I would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mari Barton who stepped out of retirement and into the project when we were without any qualified youth workers (and finding it very difficult to recruit). Mari has brought a breath of life into our youth work focus and practice, being instrumental in setting up the LGBT+ drop in for the young people and the cross-cultural group at the Polish Centre. Her skill set, straight talking and get on with it attitude have enabled us to be in such good shape now. Thank you to Maz.

I would also like to warmly welcome to Lynn Walton, who is joining our Project at the beginning of August for 16 hours a week, following Maz's second retirement. Lynn is such an asset to our project, bringing a wealth of skills and expertise brought out of many years detached youth work. Lynn is already running an Art Therapy support session and a gardening group. We welcome Lynn on board.



Also I would like to acknowledge the volunteers and support staff, whom have worked with us over the past year. In particular Liam, who has been working alongside Maz, Kerry and working with Diane. No detached work would be able to take place without these guys and their commitment.

We welcome another two members of support staff, Megan and Lucy, who were successful recently at interview. They will be working the Lynn. It is fantastic to have two young people with youth work skills working with us and we hope that they will be able to grow themselves as well as the project during their time with us.

### ***Reflection:***

None of these new beginnings would have been possible without two key people, Jackie Forbes our Project Manager and Owen Temple our Treasurer. Without their tenacity, determination and belief we certainly would have been at the point of considering endings rather than new beginnings. This time last year the life blood of the project was very thin, these two kept the project alive and with the support of the Trustees, here we are in a great position to go even further in supporting the young people in the community.

### ***Finally:***

The external environment is hard. Youth work provision decimated right across the County of Durham, the funding picture is challenging to say the least however we remain committed, lively and engaged in the pursuit of the highest quality detached youth work. We value every word of support and every penny of resource. We continue to look forward based on the evidence that we can, and do make a positive difference in the lives of the young people we meet.

**Professor R D Plant**

**Chair of Trustees**



## Our Project

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The aim of our project is to help and support young people, without distinction of race, political opinion or sex, to transcend to confident mature individuals and members of society improve opportunities and look to a better future.

The initial idea for our Project came about in 1981 as a result of the closure of the local Steel Work, the principle employer in the area, followed by the closure of the local coalmines. Local residents, church leader and councillors could see the problems the massive unemployment was causing in area and the knock on effect to the young people and their futures.

Today there has been very little change in circumstances, although new employers come into the area, very few have stayed and there has been none on the same scale as the Steel Works. Although situated in Consett town centre, we are surrounded by many rural villages, most of which do not have any youth provision. In the last year County has closed all youth provision in these areas, making our work more important than ever.

Detached work is the main core of our work enabling us to reach out and engage sometimes challenging and marginalised young people. Our programme is built on offering them new opportunities both socially and educational, raise their aspirations and build self-esteem. Many do not attend statutory youth provision as there is none in their area or they are excluded, leaving them feeling they don't belong in society. Building up a mutual working relationship we offer them diverse leisure activities aimed at improving their mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. Informal educational workshops are always on our agenda targeting relevant issues, drug/alcohol awareness; healthy eating; sexual health; bullying; LGBT+ awareness, we are led by young people addressing needs relevant to them. Outdoor activities are aimed at improving emotional and physical wellbeing, giving them new challenges, encouraging them to think outside the box, utilise their leisure time to their advantage, learn new skills and reach their own personal goal.

We also run a weekly drop in for LGBT+ young people who feel particular isolated in every way, having nobody to talk to and no one else is like them, they are susceptible to bullying and prejudice. We offer them a safe, friendly

warm place to come, enjoy the company of others, build confidence through social interaction, and show them they are not alone.

Working alongside the Polish Umbrella CIC encourages young people to integrate, understand and respect different cultures.

Once a week we offer an art therapy/gardening drop in where young people come along who have mainly been referred to us from the TAF (team around the family), and schools as they have particular issues and behavioural problems, some very serious, others are simply isolated in that they do not interact with others.



**The Art Therapy Group**



## Youth Workers' Reports

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This past year has seen many changes. Sadly losing my work partner Arthur Willis in September 2017 being the hardest. Since then I have recently qualified as a youth worker and can hopefully carry on where Arthur left off. I am still in contact with one group we both worked with and have watched grow for the past 3 years. As a tribute to Arthur they organised a balloon release and invited members of his family along. I'm currently organising a one night residential for the group, this being the first I will organise on my own.

Detached work is always a challenge and can, at times be erratic, but we are starting to see new groups appear and have made contact with a small group in Lanchester where we have been offered a small base to run workshops from, this will be a great help especially in the winter months. We have also observed and recently made contact with a group in Burnhope and hopefully within the next few months we will be running a drop in from the new Community Centre in the area which is due to open in September.

Lots of the villages we work in have lost their youth clubs so the need for detached work is of great importance to young people as there is nothing at all for them to do and this often leads to reports of anti-social behaviour. Our aim is to tackle this issue whilst giving young people the tools to develop and make positive decisions. Through planned workshops throughout the coming year, we can tackle the issues of alcohol, drugs, sexual health and bullying, giving young people a better understanding of the typical issues they may face. By continuing our work with young people on the streets we can help them achieve their full potential by raising their self-confidence and self-esteem and supporting them through their transition into adulthood.

***"Some of the toughest kids you'll ever teach are hard on the outside and hurting on the inside. Pierce the armour with love, encouragement and consistency.***

***Ian Humphrey"***



The Young People remember Authur at Bridge Hill field

**Diane Wordsworth**  
**Youth Worker**

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I have enjoyed been back with the Project and doing some really positive work with the young people. I took over the drop in at Low Westwood, however it became obvious the young people had "outgrown" the drop in and wanted to move on. We then continued with detached work in the area on a Monday evening but most of the young people now appear to have moved on to another village where there are more facilities for them. There is also a café which is happy to accommodate them.



In November I opened at LGBT+ drop in for young people in the area. Through detached work we identified the need for this. Diane worked as my support worker before qualifying for her level 3 and Liam, another fully qualified youth worker. The project has been very challenging as many of the young people attending suffer from anxiety and emotional issues, very isolated and don't leave the safety of their own homes.

Although we have had an outing to a bowling alley and have organised a further trip to Newcastle PRIDE event, the main outcome of the group is to offer them a safe place to come, express themselves, talk freely with fear of persecution and well as have an enjoyable evening and making new friends.

A further new Project was working alongside the Umbrella Community group, which is in the town centre and mainly for the Polish community. Encouraging some of our young people to come along and join in, the project was initially aimed at integrating different cultures, learning about each other's lives. The project is going very well, young people come along and take part in craft activities, and healthy eating from other cultures and generally have fun and join in.

Detached work is still the main focus of the project working in areas where we are needed and we know there is a presence of young people needing our support and guidance.

**Mari Barton**

**Youth Worker**

## Some Comments from young people.

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The group is very welcoming and kind, they provide a nice relaxing atmosphere for everyone. It is a safe and good place to come to meet new people and meet with friends.

### **Alex**

A very welcoming place to come and be yourself, a very comforting place.

### **Evan, age 14**

This has been a great experience, a place where we can relax, have fun and make friends. I have been able to make new friends and it is a safe place where we can ask for help if we need it. The trip when we went bowling was fun and a new experience.

### **Caitlan Longstaff – age 14**



**Bowling trip**



## Project Manager's Report

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I can honestly say in my many years working with the Project, which I am very proud to be a part of, no two years have been the same. The past year has been no exception, we sadly had to say goodbye to our lead youth worker Arthur, not only missed by co-workers but by many young people with whom he has worked with.

Arthur's niece Michelle organised a fundraiser and presented out Project with a donation of £826.60, to provide activities for young people in his memory.

On a positive note, I was really happy to welcome Mari, who came temporarily out of retirement to step in and carry on with the work. Liam also joined our team to help with the LGBT+ weekly drop in, Liam is a qualified youth worker as well as a full-time fire officer. He will be taking over the running of the drop in later in the year. Diane Wordsworth also qualified as a Level 3 youth worker, more good news. Diane has been with the Project for several years, she is currently building a programme of positive youth work, I know she will be an excellent youth worker as over the years I have witnessed her dedication and commitment to the young people. We are also lucky to welcome Lynn Walton to our team, Lynn is a very experienced youth worker with many qualifications, allowing us to venture into new territory.

As well as our detached work, new programmes have been developed, including the LGTB+ drop in, thanks to a grant from Awards for All, the project is proving to be a success and hopefully will run indefinitely.

Lynn is running an art therapy group on a Wednesday evening working with isolated and often challenging young people. They are currently very actively working on a gardening project at the rear of our building, planting herbs, vegetables and flowers as well as making some decorative plant holders from old tyres. The young people involved are hoping to pass on their produce to senior citizens in the area – that is if the strawberries don't all get eaten in advance.

Lynn is also running a weekly drop in, alongside detached work in Moorside, since the closure of the Phoenix centre there has been no youth provision in the area.

We continue with our detached work in as many areas as possible, in the past year all youth provision from County has been cut, leaving young people in the villages very isolated, most of them spending more time in the rooms on social media with no physical interaction. Through detached work and our more recent projects we have been able to address this and make a difference, offering them new activities, all initiated by young people themselves.

Funding is always very high on my list of priorities, due to losing our County grant and changes in criteria of many Trust funds this is becoming increasingly difficult, although we are a small project and have sustained our work for many years engaging with young people.

Another highlight of our year is being able to again present the Annual Christmas party for Senior citizens. Once again we had 45 guests attending. The young people plan, prepare and serve the food, a Christmas dinner. All guests are from the area and all look forward to the evening. After dinner they all took part in a game of prize bingo followed by a lovely performance by Consett school choir. The event was funded by the Bring Joy Foundation, as there was a small amount surplus this enabled us to present a "Valentines" afternoon tea. Unfortunately the very adverse weather, snow and ice, prevented some from attending although it was once again a great afternoon.



**Consett School Choir performing for the Senior Citizens**

Intergeneration activities are aimed at building bridges, improving communications between generation, breaking down barriers and prejudices

from both sides. The events show that everyone can enjoy themselves together regardless of age or background. It also gives the guests the opportunity to interact with others from different areas through a social gathering.



Work on the garden by a group of young people



**Jackie Forbes**  
**Project Manager**



## Consett Churches Detached Youth Project Accounts 2018

	2018			2017
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	£ 17,444.63	£ 14,466.15	£ 31,910.78	£ 86,260.80
Donations: Churches & Individuals	£ 220.50		£ 220.50	£ 277.00
Fund Raising			£ -	
Gift Aid Reclaim	£ 30.11		£ 30.11	
Interest	£ 22.79		£ 22.79	£ 62.39
Other income	£ 250.00		£ 250.00	£ 2,679.64
Bus Hires	£ 2,986.00		£ 2,986.00	£ 2,950.50
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£ 20,954.03</b>	<b>£ 14,466.15</b>	<b>£ 35,420.18</b>	<b>£ 92,230.33</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries & National Insurance	£ 25,249.30	£ 9,033.99	£ 34,283.29	£ 43,022.54
Staff Expenses	£ 277.00	£ 109.80	£ 386.80	£ 471.20
Staff Training	£ 82.00	£ 300.80	£ 382.80	£ 694.00
Activities	£ 528.40	£ 257.52	£ 785.92	£ 1,066.14
Activities Equipment & other costs	£ 74.84		£ 74.84	£ 221.97
Postage Print & Stationery	£ 583.72		£ 583.72	£ 453.10
Telephone	£ 701.28		£ 701.28	£ 657.76
Insurance	£ 495.92		£ 495.92	£ 470.00
Office Equipment & other costs	£ 415.87		£ 415.87	£ 266.90
Rent & rates	£ 3,000.00		£ 3,000.00	£ 2,500.00
Volunteer & Committee Expenses	£ 42.00		£ 42.00	£ 137.00
Bus Purchase			£ -	£ 40,759.00
Other Bus Costs	£ 1,340.88		£ 1,340.88	£ 1,818.03
Bank Charges	£ 120.00		£ 120.00	£ 50.00
Overpayment to Inland Revenue			£ -	£ 531.55
Miscellaneous	£ 11.00		£ 11.00	£ 20.15
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 32,922.21</b>	<b>£ 9,702.11</b>	<b>£ 42,624.32</b>	<b>£ 93,139.34</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-£ 11,968.18</b>	<b>£ 4,764.04</b>	<b>-£ 7,204.14</b>	<b>-£ 909.01</b>
Total Funds brought forward	£ 65,686.23	£ 3,503.28	£ 69,189.51	£ 70,098.52
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£ 53,718.05</b>	<b>£ 8,267.32</b>	<b>£ 61,985.37</b>	<b>£ 69,189.51</b>
Transfers and adjustments *	£ 168.30	-£ 168.30	£ -	
<b>CCDYP FUNDS AT YEAR END</b>	<b>£ 53,886.35</b>	<b>£ 8,099.02</b>	<b>£ 61,985.37</b>	<b>£ 69,189.51</b>

\* Transfers comprise:

£283.33 Transferred from Children in Need restricted fund to unrestricted funds following sign-off of completion of project.

£115.03 was transferred from unrestricted funds to restricted funds to correct a mis-statement in 2017 Accounts



**Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 March 2018**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Cash at Bank and in hand 31.3.17	65,686.23	3,503.28	<b>69,189.51</b>	70,098.52
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	-11,968.18	4,764.04		-909.01
Transfers	168.30	-168.30		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand 31.3.18</b>	<b>53,886.35</b>	<b>8,099.02</b>	<b>61,985.37</b>	<b>69,189.51</b>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>				
CAF Current Account			<b>14,906.32</b>	23,239.20
CAF Gold Account			<b>45,602.53</b>	45,579.74
CAF Cashcard Account			<b>1,399.63</b>	227.13
Cheques awaiting paying in				
Petty Cash			<b>76.89</b>	143.44
			<b>61,985.37</b>	<b>69,189.51</b>
<b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
Computers (estimated value)			<b>300.00</b>	450.00
Photocopier (estimated)			<b>825.00</b>	1,100.00
Office Furniture (estimated)			<b>300.00</b>	350.00
Youth Work Equipment (Estimated)			<b>500.00</b>	900.00
Overpayment To Inland Revenue				531.55
			<b>1,925.00</b>	<b>3,331.55</b>
<b>Other Assets (Restricted fund)</b>				
Minibus (Written down 20% current year)*			<b>32,607.00</b>	<b>40,759.00</b>

\* The SLA relating to the Minibus, purchased with the benefit of a Community Transport grant from Durham County Council, requires that in the event of its sale or disposal it must either be sold at a sum equal to best value and a proportionate amount returned to the Council, or the bus itself be returned to the council in good condition.

**Liabilities**

NIL

NIL

Approved by the Trustees on ..... 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



Rowena Plant  
Chair



Owen Temple  
Treasurer



## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONSETT CHURCHES' DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

This Report is on the Consett Churches' Detached Youth Project for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under 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;
- 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 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 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: K. Williamson  
Kenneth Williamson  
28 Wharnley Way, Castleside  
Consett, DH8 9QN

Dated 28/6/18

Approved at the a General Meeting of Consett Churches' Detached Youth Project on 17/7/2018

Signed: [Signature]

Dated 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018

Signed: [Signature]

Dated 17 JULY 2018



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The support we have received for the past 37 years has been amazing, allowing us to provide a valuable service in the community. From everyone at our Project we say a big thank you to all who have supported us over time. Some are listed below, some wish to remain anonymous.

The Hadrian Trust  
County Durham Foundation  
The Fitton Trust  
The Rothley Trust  
The Ballinger Trust  
The Children's Foundation  
The Bring Joy Foundation  
The Derwent Valley AAP

A big thank you also goes out to our volunteers who we rely on to work alongside youth workers and youth people. They give their time and commitment to our project, their support is immeasurable and appreciated.



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