

WILLINGHAM YOUTH TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17





CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

This year has been busy for the Youth Trust. We have been working hard to deliver some fun and educational activities for young people in Willingham and the surrounding areas combined with trying to raise funds and a route for delivering a Youth Club for young teenagers to enjoy a wide range of activities. In doing so we have offered fun family discos, supported the summer Fen Edge Festival in Cottenham offering our coconut shy and Juice Bike to add to the fun and were chosen as one of four local charities to be financial beneficiaries of the event.

The Coding Club established this year has been a huge success that would not have been possible without the volunteering efforts of some local

'coders' and we are very grateful for their time and continued support.

We have recruited and lost some Trustees and Management Committee members over the period and have been fortunate to strengthen some invaluable relationships with local partners such as Willingham Action Group, Fen Edge Community Association, the Co-Operative and the members of the Parish Council who continue to support the Trust in all that we do to deliver fun inclusive activities for the community.

We are looking forward to 2017/18 and the relaunch of the Youth Club in April.

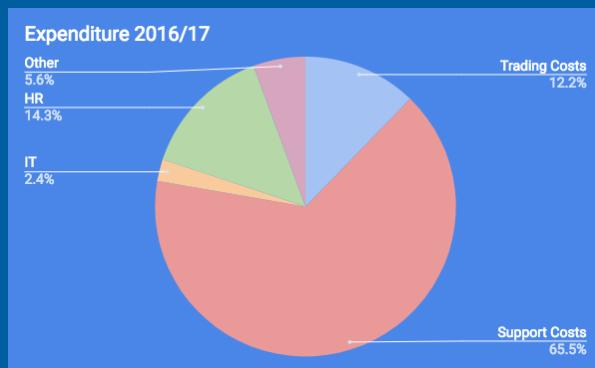
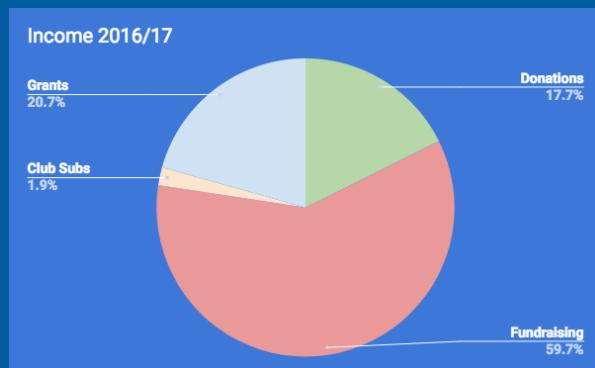
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Willingham Youth Trust's Chairperson

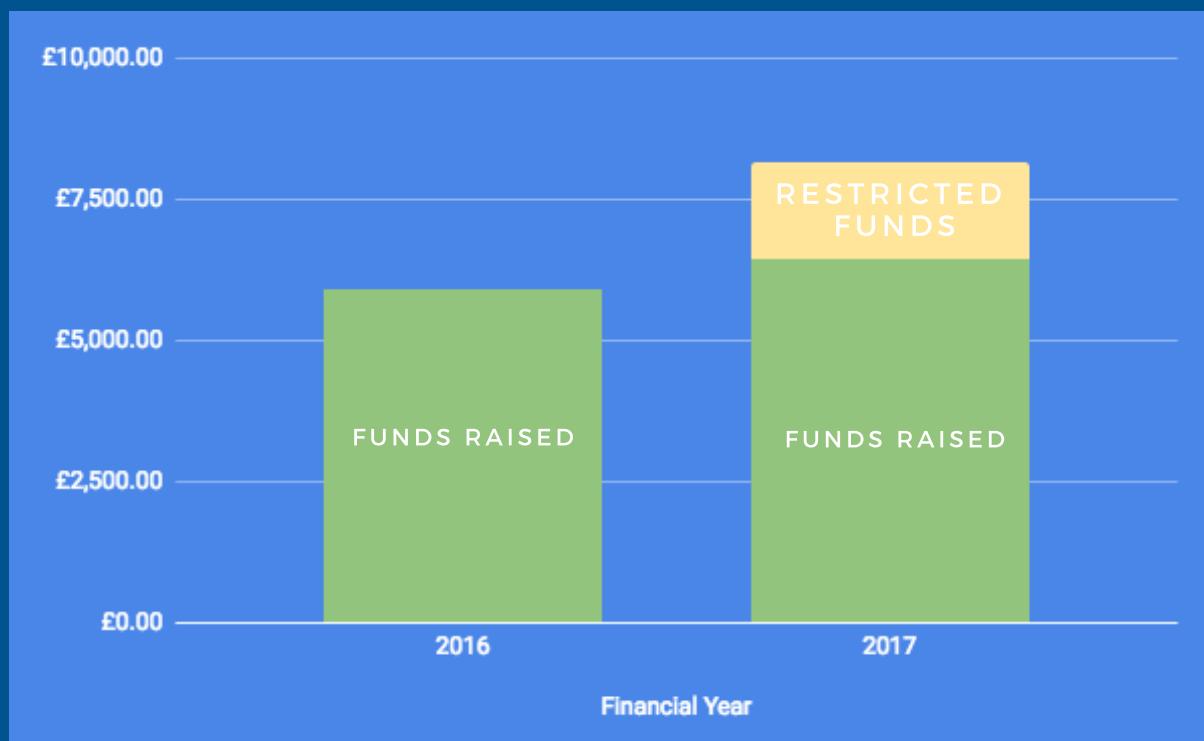
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This year's funds came mainly from our fundraising activities such as It's A Knock Out, the resulting income of which however will fall into the 2017/18 financial year, while the expense was felt in the 2016/17 financial year.



IMPROVEMENT IN FUNDS

Below offers an overview of the increased efforts in bringing in new funds to support the delivery of exciting activities for the community (there were no restricted funds raised in 2015/16).



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The 2016/17 Financial Account Year for Willingham Youth Trust runs from 1st August 2016 - 31st July 2017. We have filed our accounts at Company House and the Charity Commission up to our Financial Year ending 31st July 2017. The 2016-2017 accounts have kindly been prepared by Uttridge Accounting.

Revenue and Operating grants for 2016-2017 have come from fundraising, donations and grants.

The funds include cumulative fundraising through LocalGiving as well as grants from the Co-Operative and Fen Edge Community Association.

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

Successful Fundraising

This year we were successful in our bid to the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) and to the local Co-operative Community Fund, both of which have enabled us to offer some exciting opportunities to our community.

We now run a local Computer Coding Club, the computers for which were purchased using the CCF grant, which has brought an exciting opportunity for over 30 children aged between 7-14 locally and has also provided volunteering opportunities for some local adults too.

The club has now run four times (six week blocks) and has reached out to individuals as far as Longstanton and Bar Hill. The majority of children have come back to each block to continue learning how to design and create computer games.

The success of the club has rippled throughout the village and has led to expanding the offering to the local Cub and Scout groups and engagement with the local Primary School in the support of their own computing course.

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS CONT...

Always A Silver Lining

One thing we really struggled with this year was the continuing delivery of a Youth Club. With the loss of our Lead Youth Worker we were unable, despite active recruiting efforts, to recruit and were forced to put the Youth Club on hold until we found another solution.

We are pleased to announce however, that after our efforts raising funds and looking for new partnerships with other local agencies we are able to once again offer a Youth Club for young people on a Wednesday night as of the 18th April 2018. This exciting opportunity for young people will be delivered in partnership with the Connections Bus Project who have a strong reputation in this area for delivering high quality staff to support local youth clubs.

Other Exciting Offerings

We hosted our Family Discos in the autumn, in support of the Willingham Feast and the spring offering local families the opportunity to let their hair down, enjoy some great food, music and lots of fun. The funds raised from these events will go towards the continuation of the youth club going forward.

At Christmas we were excited to offer a for all ages family Christmas Crafting morning, that was well attended and provided some fun and inspirational crafting opportunities building on skills and imagination of the young people who came along.

CONTACT INFO

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