

# hull yfc



annual report 2020

## Trustees Annual Report 2019-21

### **Time stopped; everything changed.**

Well that's not quite true of course. Time didn't stop. Everything didn't change.

But for nearly all of 2020 and half of 2021, Hull YFC couldn't do very much at all of what it exists to do and so nearly everyone was furloughed for nearly all of that time.

And during that time, and in the months leading up to it, not everything, but a very great deal changed. As you know, Chris had left to do something completely different, but was still around; and we'd ceased to be a British Youth for Christ 'centre' but we hadn't had a chance to really begin working at our relationship with Urban Expression. Ian and Iona had arrived... and then they became joint Team Leaders as Richard stepped down from that role. Meantime Anna had started being paid directly by Church Mission Society, rather than through HYFC. Richard started thinking in earnest about the local employment creation – now launched as Sycamore Gardening. And Emma decided to pursue a new avenue through learning about play therapy.



One of the affects of 'covid time' and its various restricted periods, was the inability to properly plan because of not knowing when the next lockdown might be and the situations with schools and public gatherings and so on and on and on... One of the effects is that one loses the chronology; events get mashed up together. And time gets distorted somehow.

Through this HYFC did maintain some means of connection with many of the children, young people and families we work with. Being so firmly and deeply embedded within the place we work has huge advantages in such a difficult time. And it seems from the way the work is now redeveloping that those close, enduring connections have and will 'pay off'. We haven't been able to work as we'd wish, but we haven't lost a great deal of ground. That is not to say that some people haven't suffered as a result of covid, and certainly as a result of our societal response to it. But it is true that our relationships have not

been lost.

We thank God for that. And we thank God for the gift of six people (and Jill too of course and others within our orbit locally), who, whatever their changed employment relationship with HYFC might be, are committed to making sense of what we have all just been through; to working alongside people to recover, grieve, throw off fear... do whatever is required to live fuller now than before.

Some of how we do that will be familiar; some of it will be new, like Sycamore is new. There are new relationships with partner organisations to explore; new opportunities we are faced with which we will share in due course. There is Matt's House to re-populate. Orts to see flourish in its wonderful refurbished surroundings. Certainly staff to recruit.

By God's grace we have emerged pretty well, financially stable, full of expectation for that which is already birthed will bring; needful as always of the human resources; equally hopeful about the possibilities that aren't yet quite in focus... but will be as we pray and listen and discern what salvation – which is a wide open space with room to grow and become what God always wanted for us together – will be like in the months and years ahead.

We are a massively blessed little organisation, which is to say little community – little expression of the body of Christ *with you* – being Jesus with people in and around the Boulevard. We know through a variety of contacts how many of you, our prayer and finance supporters, have been continuing in your active support of HYFC. Pray for workers, including home grown ones. Pray for healing of damage and abuse, familial and societal. Pray for miracles.

And always be full of gratitude, as we are to you.

**Andy Dorton for Hull YFC Trustees**

## Louise's story

### How long have you been coming to Hull YFC activities and how did you start?

Its been four years. I started coming with my uncle and his daughter. We joined them on one of the beach trips then started Breakfast Club when my son started school. I came to the youth club when was younger. I remember Anna's tuckshop and she made up my sweet bag with an 'L' on it with all my favourites and none of the ones I didn't like.

### What do you enjoy most? How do you benefit as a family?

Its about having communication with other people. Its nice to speak to someone else sometimes (when you're a mum). Only sanity I get! And it's the only chance I have for someone else to make the kids breakfast while I have a cup of tea made for me - I don't have to do anything! Some mornings I have come and been totally frustrated. That morning I came and walked out for a break - I was having an off day but knowing that Ian came over and said 'are you alright Louise?' made me feel better. Knowing I could go outside for 5 minutes and the boys were safe inside. It just helps knowing so many other people are going through the same trials of parenting too. At least I'm not the only one struggling. I enjoyed the parenting course until lockdown stopped it. It would be nice to do some courses and get training and certificate. Just something for yourself away from the children.

### What has been your favourite time?

Sundown Adventure Land this summer. The kids really enjoyed that, nice that they can go with friends and not just on their own. We had wanted to go but for all of us it was too expensive. Its great the kids are

## Activities during 2020



Orts Women's Sewing Collective



Cooked breakfast packs



Breakfast Club

with their friends as I get really nervous going out anywhere. Knowing all of you were around the park somewhere, I know I can come to you if I do need anything. I get anxiety leaving the house alone with the children and keeping an eye on them. Just the school run makes me anxious, if one of them runs off its really hard. Even the beach day I knew I could leave the boys playing and look after the baby as there's a big group. It just takes the stress away.

### **How was lockdown for you and the family? You seemed to grow in confidence...**

I'd been on my own so much in lockdown (with a new born son) that when I started seeing people I wanted to speak to them – talk to me somebody! It did give me the confidence to go and talk to people. I used to wait for people to approach me first.

I preferred it being a new mum too, it really gave me lots of time to bond with my son, that didn't happen with my others as people were always doing it all for me. I've had to do it myself and cope. My mother in law noticed this difference in me.

But it was lonely and people missed out on seeing my baby's first smile. I did used to sneak him into view during home schooling so Emma could see him!

### **Did you miss Breakfast Club?**

Oh yes we did! When we got our cooked breakfast pack at home, the kids sat round the table and we all said we miss it!

*Louise is now volunteering with us at Breakfast Club*



Advent windows



Home Craft & Activity packs

# Statement of Financial Activity 2020

Year Ending 31st December 2020

Income (£)	Total 2020	Total 2019	Expenditure (£)	Total 2020	Total 2019
Church Gifts	2,626	7,360	Wages	51,321	53,773
Individual Gifts	25,353	32,264	Other personnel	474	2,136
Trust Gifts	7,540	35,096	Office/Admin	3,159	3,544
Event Contributions	570	1,964	Activity Costs	2,854	8,915
Regular Activity Charges	98	590	Matt's House	6,000	6,000
Fundraised	187	422	Orts	15,952	31,218
Tax Reclaim	5,303	3,907	<b>Total</b>	<b>79,760</b>	<b>104,586</b>
Job Retention Scheme	16,795	0			
Matt's House	5,610	5,790			
Interest	621	568			
Orts	6,174	44,975			
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,877</b>	<b>132,936</b>			

	Total Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Funds Brought Forward (£)	43,052	50,844	93,896	65,546
Surplus / Deficit on year (£)	8,114	(16,997)	(8,883)	28,350
Funds Carried Forward (£)	51,116	33,847	85,013	93,896

Our reserves policy includes 6 months operational costs. Current reserves also cover restricted monies awarded to Sycamore gardening for running costs and funds set aside for recruiting new staff.

Special thanks to Andrew Pike for completing our audited accounts and contributing his time free of charge.

## Financial Report 2020

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone but God has blessed us throughout these troubling times and provided us with the means to see us through. Rich's hard work in fundraising towards the end of 2019 put us in a very secure position going in to lockdown - akin to Joseph during the years of plenty preparing the people for a time of famine. In addition, thanks to the generosity and support we have received from both individuals and churches over the year, this meant we have emerged from lockdown ready to go and looking forward to brighter days ahead.



We received grants from the Imagine Foundation and the Tribune Trust towards the ongoing Orts refurbishment project (pictured) which continued during the year and is almost complete. Grants have been received from the Holbeck Charitable Trust and the Rank Foundation towards our youth and family work.

Salaries continue to be our biggest expenditure, but this year we have been sustained through long periods of restrictions by the government's furlough scheme which has helped us through these challenging times.

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has supported us, without our family of supporters, churches and trusts we would be unable to provide support to young people, families and the wider community.

**Jill**

## Our Vision

A flourishing, resourced and resourceful, interdependent community where - out of their relationship with Jesus - people live a more expansive life, full of grace, peace, hope, purpose and love.

## Our Mission

To invest our lives in under-resourced, marginalised, urban communities, using Jesus' incarnation as our model. We look to nurture the assets of the community, working together to: address its needs, heal its wounds, pay particular regard to its often ignored young people, and attentively partner in God's transforming work.

## Core Values

To be Christ centered  
To live and work holistically  
To work relationally  
To promote justice  
To live simply  
To serve and be served  
Love!

### Staff Team

Ian and Iona Dyson - Team Leaders  
Richard Newby - Enterprise Worker  
Emma Newby - Family Worker  
Jill Keegan - Administrator

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