



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2021 Period start date To 31/12/2021  
Period end date

Charity name: Exmoor Young Voices

Charity registration number: Exmoor Young Voices

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>For the public benefit, to develop the capacity and skills of members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Exmoor, with particular reference to capacity and skills among young adults under the age of 30: providing opportunities for learning through experience; working to provide opportunities to raise issues and suggest solutions to stakeholders; involving young adults in collaborative effort so that they gain confidence in their own ability and the ability to influence decisions that affect them. By helping young adults living in or near the rural areas of Exmoor to develop their social and economic potential through participating in a range of educational and recreational activities.</p> <p>By enabling young adults to use their expertise to improve their communities, to share best practice and advise organisations on how young adults can be heard.</p> <p>The promotion for the benefit of the public of rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in Exmoor) by all or any of the following means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the relief of financial hardship:</li><li>(b) the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among young disadvantaged adults, and providing young disadvantaged adults with work experience, including informal training that supports young adults and those who work with young adults to realise their potential and enhance their employability, enterprise, financial literacy and life skills.</li></ul>

<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain and support 626 young adult followers, helping young residents and workers to stay on Exmoor, contributing to population balance, environment, and caring</li> <li>2. Educate 9 public authorities, Consultative Forums, and Parish Councils, about the needs of Exmoor young people re: housing, rents, mortgages, finance, planning, sites, section 106, digital inclusion, travel costs, wages</li> <li>3. Partner Exmoor National Park, Somerset West and Taunton Council, Caractacus, other councils and housing authorities</li> <li>4. Raise funds for developmental activities</li> <li>5. Communicate regularly across Exmoor National Park and its fringes to reduce rural isolation</li> <li>6. Inform Housing Associations of the shared housing need</li> <li>7. Win further Foundation Grants to establish a small loan fund for housing young people</li> <li>8. Continue negotiations with a loans and grants organisation</li> <li>9. Maintain the promise of three Exmoor cottages as legacies</li> <li>10. Support cases for housing young people</li> <li>11. Plan a follow up Summit of the major authorities to seek promises of how they will prioritise the needs of young people, once C19 restrictions allow for an effective, attended event</li> <li>12. Maintain pro bono advisory services for self build, finance, fund raising, housing</li> <li>13. Create a self build project for young people in housing need</li> <li>14. Conduct seminars, Members meetings, Parliamentary, ITV, and BBC presentations, as C19 restrictions allow</li> <li>15. Identify potential self build sites</li> <li>16. Ensure the Trustees have and understand the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit</li> <li>17. Appoint a new Young Coordinator</li> </ol>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	<p>SORP reference</p>	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No action to date. Under consideration at present with partner agency Lendology
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None formal, though have established a self build pilot project for young residents
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Substantial, almost total throughout lockdowns and C19 restrictions
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>EYV has been active throughout the C19 crisis as the Members, Trustees, and Advisors have been keeping the 626 followers in touch with regular information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• housing opportunities,</li> <li>• job vacancies,</li> <li>• business grants,</li> <li>• business openings,</li> <li>• accessing services,</li> <li>• National Park information,</li> <li>• support groups during and after the crisis,</li> <li>• volunteering opportunities,</li> <li>• caring for the vulnerable,</li> <li>• schooling and at home assistance,</li> <li>• activities for younger children,</li> <li>• support to young parents,</li> <li>• finance support,</li> <li>• EYV's Facebook and website, including the most recent broadcast interviews.</li> </ul> <p>EYV's immediate C19 recovery schedule has included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Zoom AGM of the Trustees</li> <li>2. An Executive Meeting via Zoom</li> <li>3. Establishing a Zoom account</li> <li>4. Annual Report and Accounts to the Charity Commission</li> <li>5. Regular Updates to members and providers</li> <li>6. Appointing a new Coordinator</li> </ol> <p>Priority work that has made a difference included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launching the self build project</li> <li>• Winning a self build project award and funding</li> <li>• Homefinder consultations, website advice to Council, recommending application form revisions</li> <li>• Seeking housing priority for young adults and families with children</li> <li>• Conducting a housing needs survey</li> <li>• Advising and working with the Rural Housing Enabler</li> <li>• Case study involving plot, architects, and builders</li> <li>• Seeking Section 106 self build mortgage lenders (without success)</li> <li>• Prince's Countryside Fund application (unsuccessful)</li> <li>• Lendology - plan for grants and loans to young self builders</li> <li>• Plan Summit follow-up seminar for Exmoor Partners' Pledges to enable young adults to continue living and working in the National Park</li> <li>• Advised Park and others on affordable housing sites</li> <li>• Monitoring property prices and rents with local providers</li> <li>• Published rural enterprise activities</li> <li>• Maintaining information and pressure to increase broadband speeds</li> <li>• Appointed a Communications coordinator</li> <li>• West Somerset Opportunity Area: continuing negotiations.</li> <li>• Maintaining information flow, across Exmoor, to young people, authorities and voluntary organisations about opportunities and changes.</li> <li>• Funding future development.</li> <li>• Publishing EYV's housing research and casestudies</li> <li>• Council for the Preservation of Rural England responses</li> </ul> <p>Priorities for information and updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exmoor National Park;</li> <li>• Wessex Resolutions;</li> <li>• Community Development Foundation;</li> <li>• West Somerset Opportunity Area;</li> <li>• Somerset and Devon County Councils;</li> <li>• Somerset West and Taunton and North Devon Councils;</li> <li>• Exmoor Trust;</li> <li>• Exmoor Hill Farming Network;</li> <li>• Caractus, Magna, Falcon, LiveWest, and Hastoe Housing Trusts;</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Strong, though negotiating Covid 'holiday' for annual grant with one organisation was difficult and delayed development
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The accounts hold a Foundation Grant from another charity, reserved in preparation for the self build project
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Public authorities and charitable foundations; pro bono services amounting to considerable resources in kind from professional advisers and funders
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Geographical spread of catchment area; lack of public and other transport; low wages; poor digital connectivity; the C19 pause on face to face contact; the heavy burden on young members to sustain work, incomes, travel and young families
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity's organisational structure is: 4 Trustees; a Committee of 14 young adults; A Young Coordinator; seven professional (pro bono) advisors; quarterly meetings of the Membership (suspended during C19 lockdowns); 24 public bodies as supporters.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	24 public organisations support Exmoor Young Voices
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Exmoor Young Voices
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	118 2091

Charity's principal address	The Old Post Office, Hawkrige, Dulverton, Somerset, TA 22 9QW



**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	William Lock	Chair		
2	Marion Silverlock	Secretary		
3	Justin Tyers	Trustee		
4	Magdalena Harding	Treasurer		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Marion Silverlock	
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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary	
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Date

11/7/22
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