



Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period

From **22 May 2020 to 30 June 2021**

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	York Fighting Coronavirus Together
Other name the charity uses	YFCT
Registered charity number	1189632
Charity's principal address	21 Fenwick Street York YO23 1JR

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	YFCT's purpose is to develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of those in and around York who have been affected by coronavirus and its consequences, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs, and to participate more fully in society.
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>YFCT supports local action by working with public bodies including the councils, businesses, charities and community-led organisations. YFCT is an apolitical and independent body, and our set-up allows us to be agile and react quickly to changing needs.</p> <p>We work to create and share information with people in the York area, providing updates, signposting to official services, and offering an open community forum for feedback and questions. Accurate, timely information is essential to support our beneficiaries. We combat misinformation by engaging with commentators, promoting discussion and providing factually correct responses.</p> <p>In planning our activities for the reporting period, the trustees had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.^[1]</p>

Achievements and Performance

<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>YFCT grew from a desire to support local communities during the pandemic, growing from small local groups in the spring of 2020 into a city-wide network. At the height of the first lockdown, the network comprised over 60 volunteer administrators and moderators. By the end of the reporting period, the need for this level of support had reduced, and the network settled into a core of 10-15 volunteer administrators.</p> <p>The organisation owes its existence to the founding volunteers. We are enormously grateful for the work and commitment of our volunteers, without whom YFCT would not be able to support local communities through the pandemic.</p> <p>In April/May 2020, we undertook a leafleting campaign in York, in conjunction with council wards. Our flyer campaign (from 'the York COVID-19 Community' in conjunction with the City of York Council) in 2020 reached 31,500 households, at a critical early stage of the pandemic, sharing up to date information on support and services available to York residents.</p>
<p>Future plans</p>	<p>We regularly shared information on our website and social media pages, in particular Facebook, monitoring and responding to comments and questions. Some of our Facebook Page's posts had thousands of engagements and tens of thousands of views. The largest Facebook Group (of two dozen Groups) has over 2,500 members, has averaged over 500 active members per day over the last year, and has had over 1,000 posts in total. In total we have over 12,000 members and followers, contributing an approximate 2 million views of our content on Facebook (which is equivalent to everyone in York seeing 10 of our posts).</p> <p>As well as sharing useful and accurate information from other reliable sources, we have occasionally produced our own reports and videos, and particularly held a number of widely-viewed Q&A sessions with trustees, local higher education leaders, representatives of York Public Health and others. In total our videos have had over 20,000 views.</p> <p>The pandemic landscape has changed significantly since YFCT was founded, with the advent of effective vaccines and further scientific research into the coronavirus. The UK is now facing new variants of the virus and an emerging understanding of the debilitating effects of long Covid. YFCT will continue to provide accurate and timely information online, to support local communities.</p>

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p> <p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p> <p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>During YFCT's first period of operation from 22 May 2020 to 30 June 2021, the charity received income of £1,595. YFCT generates funds through donations and associated gift aid, and grants from other organisations. YFCT holds CAF and Facebook donation accounts. The charity runs occasional online appeals to fund running costs and campaigns.</p> <p>Expenditure totalled £1,484, comprising leaflet and website costs, governance costs and fundraising advertising. Most of the charity's work is carried out online and by volunteers, which supports low-cost service provision.</p> <p>As at 30 June 2021, the charity held reserves of £111, represented by cash at bank. The target minimum for unrestricted general fund reserves is calculated as six months of forecast running costs. This equates to £400 for 2021-22. The charity currently holds a lower level of reserves and will raise funds through further online appeals.</p> <p>The trustees intend YFCT to continue in operation for as long as our services are required to support beneficiaries affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We anticipate that the charity will operate for at least one year from the date of this report.</p>
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Structure, Governance and Management

<p>How is the charity constituted?</p> <p>Type of governing document</p> <p>Trustee selection methods</p>	<p>YFCT sought charitable status to underpin and formalise its activities and fundraising, in recognition that coronavirus will have long-lasting impacts on local communities.</p> <p>On 22 May 2020 YFCT was registered as a Community Interest Organisation (CIO). The charity's governing document is its Constitution.</p> <p>Trustees are elected by the charity's members at the annual general meeting (AGM) or may be appointed by existing trustees in between AGMs.</p> <p>YFCT's interim trustees retired and new trustees were elected at the charity's first AGM in September 2020. At least one third of the trustees will retire at each subsequent AGM.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

<p>The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works</p>	<p>YFCT's trustees set the charity's strategy, meeting monthly to review activities and governance. The Executive Director manages the charity's operations and oversees volunteer staff, reporting to the trustee board. The current Executive Director, Jason Rose, is also a trustee.</p> <p>The charity liaises closely with local public sector and charitable organisations, including the City of York Council and York Centre for Voluntary Service.</p>
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Relationship with any related parties	YFCT received one-off grants from local council wards and donations from trustees.
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Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted
Jason Rose	Chair	Until 17 September 2020
	Trustee and Executive Director	From 17 September 2020
Rachel Bateson	Trustee*	Until 17 September 2020
	Chair and Acting Treasurer	From 17 September 2020
Hannah Swierstra	Trustee*	Until 17 September 2020
	Trustee	From 17 September 2020
Alice Williams	Trustee	Until 17 September 2020
	Secretary	From 17 September 2020
<i>Former trustees:</i>		
Mark Kingaby-Daly	Trustee and Treasurer	Until 17 September 2020
Jane Hamilton	Trustee*	Until 17 September 2020
Arif Khalfe	Trustee*	Until 17 September 2020
* denotes Interim Trustees, who joined the board to support the registered Trustees until the first AGM. Trustee elections were held at the AGM on 17 September 2020.		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)		
Date		

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name York Fighting Coronavirus Together	No. 1189632
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	22-May-20	To	30-Jun-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations including Gift Aid	877	-	-	877	-
Grants from local authorities	-	718	-	718	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	877	718	-	1,595	-
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	877	718	-	1,595	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities - leaflets	355	718	-	1,073	-
Charitable activities - website domain	67	-	-	67	-
Governance - insurance	292	-	-	292	-
Governance - AGM	14	-	-	14	-
Fundraising - advertising	38	-	-	38	-
Sub total	766	718	-	1,484	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	766	718	-	1,484	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	111	-	-	111	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	111	-	-	111	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	111	-	-
	Total cash funds	111	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None		Cost (optional) -	Current value (optional) -
	None		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	None			
B5 Liabilities	None	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional) -	When due (optional)
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	