

# Trowbridge Future

Annual Report 2022/23



# Letter from CEO



The past year has seen Trowbridge Future continue to grow and increase its capacity to support the communities of Trowbridge and surrounding areas. It is clear people value the opportunity to access Trowbridge Future spaces as a way of connecting, building peer support and feeling part of a wider community. It has been a particularly difficult time for many people we support as they feel the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis and the continued retreating of statutory support services. Our team of staff and volunteers have worked extremely hard to respond to the needs of residents, children and young people in an inclusive and impartial way. People often describe Trowbridge Future as being like a family and value the opportunity to have safe space where they can meet. As one staff member noted: 'people arrive at Trowbridge Future as individuals and leave feeling part of a supportive family'.

The last 12 months has raised some wider challenges for our organisation. We have outgrown the current spaces where we operate, limiting our capacity to expand our work and help people reach their potential. As the county town of Wiltshire, Trowbridge has no centralised youth space and our modest Community Hub restricts our capacity to support a wider number of vulnerable visitors. We recognise that securing larger premises is a key strategic target for the next year.

2022/23 has been marked by some exciting partnership projects. A group of our young people have been able to participate in a National Theatre-led project, in partnership with Trowbridge Town Hall, working on a production retelling a modern version of the story of the Odyssey. We have continued to support TUGS: Trowbridge Mental Health Users Group and Brews & Wets Veteran Groups to meet in our premises. We have established a positive working relationship with three locally based corporate partners; Banner (national school uniform company), Nestle Cereal Partners and Apetito (Wiltshire Farm Foods). We are proud of the rich range of partnerships we have been able to develop and see this as an important part of our work to support other local charitable work and nurture positive relationships that helps consolidate our long-term sustainability.

Meg Aubrey



## OUR MISSION

Trowbridge Future aims to develop the skills and capacities of the residents of the disadvantaged communities of Trowbridge and surrounding areas.



### YOUTH

To provide sustainable, regular, and holistic youth activities in Trowbridge and encourage the young people of the town to reach their full potential in their personal and social development by means of informal learning and participating in empowering and constructive activities within a safe, non-judgemental environment.



### COMMUNITY

To support local residents to come together and respond to issues of concern to improve their lives and the area in which they live. Building relationships and peer support, to enable ongoing, positive journeys of change.

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Future*

## OUR VALUES



INCLUSIVE



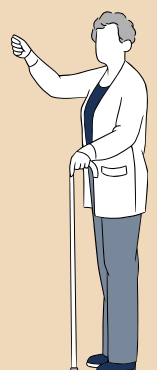
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# NEVER HAS SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY BEEN SO IMPORTANT

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



YOUTH SESSIONS DELIVERED

175



2,043

NO OF YOUTH SESSION PLACES PROVIDED



317 YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



375

NO. OF ACTIVITY GROUPS PROVIDED

THE SHIRES VISITORS  
1,886



COMMUNITY HUB DROP-IN  
192 DAYS



96  
NO. OF KINDNESS CAFES

CRAFT CAFES



91

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITIES



475

NO OF FOOD COLLECTIONS



116

NO OF COMMUNITY FRIDGES



2,800

SEYMOUR FRIDGE VISITORS



STUDLEY GREEN FRIDGE VISITORS

1,400



950

LONGFIELD FRIDGE VISITORS



## In the Spotlight: Youth

### **Over the past 12 months we have delivered the following key activities:**

- Weekly Youth Sessions at Seymour Hub, Seymour Cabin & Studley Green.
- Arranged alternate provision and worked in Partnership with the Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team (WOLT) when our spaces became too small. This meant that we could still provide activities for our young people.
- 1:1 Befriending for young people that required some time with a trusted adult.
- Held a Halloween Party and a Christmas Awards evening.
- Continued to work with our Youth Ambassadors to give our young people choice and a voice.
- Our young people worked with Wiltshire Rural Music & Gecko to make a song all about their experiences of youth sessions at Trowbridge Future.
- Provided activities for young people in academic years 5 & 6 at Summer School at the John of Gaunt School.
- Visited other youth provisions in the area to carry out research, including Creative Youth Network in Bristol. This was hugely helpful to us and for getting our future street based work right.
- 2 members of our team completed their youth work qualifications and are now JNC qualified through the National Youth Agency (NYA).
- It has been a busy year for training and our team were externally trained in mental health first aid, safeguarding, fire extinguishers, gambling awareness and healthy relationships.
- We worked in partnership with Trowbridge Town Hall and the National Theatre Public Acts team to take part in a retelling of the Odyssey. This included 6 months of supporting young people to participate in weekly rehearsals, 4 performances and a trip to London.
- Worked with trustees and staff to problem solve and strategically plan for a new dedicated space for young people in Trowbridge.
- Provided a work experience placement for 1 young person.

### **Key Outcomes:**

- A safe space and engaging activities provided for young people.
- Support in many different forms given to young people and their families from foodbank referrals, to being a listening ear.
- Advice and signposting.
- Trowbridge Future gave opportunity for youth voice and choice.
- Upskilled our staff to be able to support young people with any problems they may be facing.
- Professional working relationships formed with young people.
- Helped to transition young people from primary school to secondary school.



## In the Spotlight: Community

### **Over the past 12 months we have delivered the following key activities:**

- Providing practical advice, support and signposting at our central Hub.
- Three Community Fridges on the Seymour, Studley Green and Longfield estates, distributing unsold food items from local supermarkets and a bakery. We also received additional funding to purchase supplementary food items to support residents with the cost of living.
- Two Kindness Cafes on the Studley Green and Seymour Estates, where people can come together in a warm, safe space, helping to alleviate social isolation.
- Two weekly craft groups in the Shires Shopping Centre Hub and The Seymour Hub. Local residents can come together and join a common activity, promoting wellbeing and peer to peer support.
- A day trip to Weston-Super-Mare for the Seymour Kindness Café attendees.

### **Key Outcomes:**

- Offering substantial help through fresh food and personal hygiene product donations.
- Preventing large amounts of food waste on a weekly basis.
- Engaging with particularly vulnerable audiences to support them with specific signposting and support around issues such as accessing employment, benefit advice, tackling loneliness and mental health needs.
- Helping combat the feeling of helplessness and isolation, particularly for the ageing population and those with significant mental health concerns.
- Giving recipients a sense of belonging and self-importance as they develop new friends and feel connected with the local community.
- Making community members feel part of a family.
- Building positive relationships with people on the road to recovery from addiction, rough sleeping, and mental health breakdowns to support them on to positive journeys of change.
- Prevent isolated people entering high-end crisis medical care and prevent suicide.
- Providing positive progression routes and training opportunities for volunteers.
- Responding flexibly to the changing needs of the community.

# Trowbridge Future

## Legacy Project

This year our Legacy project was carried out in partnership with Trowbridge Town Hall and The National Theatre Public Acts. 5 young people, TF staff and Trustees all took part in a modern re-telling of Homer's Odyssey poem by local playwright Florence Espeut-Nickless.

Our Odyssey journey began in September 2022 and we began weekly rehearsals, where young people learned about stage direction, lighting, sound and wardrobe, conveying emotion, audience engagement, timing and delivering lines.

Throughout the journey, we forged friendships, built a community of passionate people who love the theatre and arts. We grew in confidence and worked together as a company from young, to senior, from a first acting role to experienced actors and we all worked in partnership, holding each others hands to successfully to deliver a fantastic set of performances over one weekend in April 2023.

It was Electric! It was a moment in time that we will always remember. The shows sold out in minutes ... It was filmed by the National Theatre! It was made even more exciting by cheering on and interacting the other towns and cities taking part. Doncaster, Stoke on Trent, Sunderland and London. We played our parts and then passed the baton on to the next town, knowing that we were giving them something so incredibly special. The shows were accompanied by the Galley, a 10 metre long ship made from Bamboo that carried messages to our lost loved ones.

We ended our journey in August by joining our Trowbridge four winds company to watch the final part of the Odyssey: The Underworld in London at the National Theatre, which was mind blowing. We all enjoyed it and felt incredibly proud of all that we have achieved. We said goodbye to the Galley at its final resting place, we hugged our company, laughed, smiled and cried. The experience has been intense, but life changing. The difference it has made to our young people is amazing, they are happy and confident. They have embraced the community and achieved things they never thought possible.



# Financial Summary



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trowbridge Community Area Future

No (if any)  
1165254

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants & Donations	16,700	207,669	-	224,369	179,049
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,700	207,669	-	224,369	179,049
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
n/a	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>207,669</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>224,369</b>	<b>179,049</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages, Salaries & NI	-	168,901	-	168,901	137,240
Admin Costs	16,224	31,770	-	47,994	30,994
	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	1,189	-	1,189	1,020
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,224	201,860	-	218,084	169,254
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
n/a	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16,224</b>	<b>201,860 - 218,084</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>169,254</b>
Net of receipts/(payments)	476	-	-	5,809 - 6,285	9,795
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,031	31,025 - 49,056	-	-	39,261
Cash funds this year end	18,507	36,834 - 55,341	-	-	49,056



# Partnerships

We continue to work and build on our partnerships with other agencies in Trowbridge and Wiltshire.

## Trowbridge Future Working Partnerships

### DELIVERY

- WILTSHIRE HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES
- TUGS
- BREWS & WETS
- MIGHTY GIRLS
- TROWBRIDGE ECO
- ACTIVE TROWBRIDGE
- WIG IN A BOX
- WILTSHIRE RURAL MUSIC
- EDUCARE
- NATIONAL THEATRE & PUBLIC ACTS
- WOLT

### NETWORK

- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- MULTI FAITH FORUM
- TROWBRIDGE PRIDE
- CELEBRATING AGE
- WILTSHIRE YOUTH FOR CHRIST
- 4YOUTH
- THE BANK OF ENGLAND
- MENS & WOMENS SHED
- BIBO STUDIOS
- YOUTH ACTION WILTSHIRE
- TROWBRIDGE LIONS
- INNER FLAME
- SUSTRANS
- WILTSHIRE SIGHT
- NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE
- LOCAL SCHOOLS
- ALABARE
- AMBER HOUSING
- STOREHOUSE NEXUS
- ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT
- HAINES & SMITH
- WILTSHIRE & SWINDON YOUTH NETWORK
- TROWBRIDGE MOSQUE
- BLUE CROSS
- PETS AT HOME

### REFERRAL

- RUKSAK4528
- FEARLESS/SPLITZ
- STOREHOUSE FOODBANK
- WILTSHIRE MASH HUB
- WILTSHIRE ADULT SOCIAL CARE
- MOTIV8
- HELPING THE HOMELESS IN THE SOUTH WEST
- TURNING POINT
- YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM
- JULIAN HOUSE
- FAMILIES OUT LOUD

### KEY

- SELWOOD HOUSING
- TROWBRIDGE COUNCIL
- SOVEREIGN HOUSING
- NATIONAL LOTTERY
- WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- NEIGHBOURLY
- GREGGS
- CO-OP
- SAINSBURYS
- MARKS & SPENCER'S
- NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY
- TROWBRIDGE TOWN HALL
- UNIVERSITY OF BATH
- ST JAMES TRUST
- THE JOHN OF GAUNT ACADEMY

### ADVISORY

- TROWBRIDGE POLICE
- RACIAL EQUALITY COUNCIL
- TROWBRIDGE CHILD WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP
- NVOO
- CHARITY COMMISSION
- DEBT ADVISORY SERVICE
- CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- WILTSHIRE HOUSING
- WILTSHIRE MONEY
- GP PRACTICES
- WILTSHIRE COUNCIL



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