



Community living,  
discovery and growth



# Annual Report 2017



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# Chair's report

Welcome to the Peak Centre at Champion House Annual Report

The year has been memorable in many ways.

Events and gatherings at the centre have continued to bring excitement and adventure to many young people, though we notice that some churches struggle to keep their young people's groups thriving. On quiet winter days the Centre offered a space for reflection and meditation to clergy and church workers, which they valued.

The manager and her team have worked hard and efficiently to keep the grounds, looking good, the Centre impeccably clean for the start of every visit, and to ensure that the offer is known about to groups around who might want to use it.

The trustees want to thank all those people, Chris, Don, Lesley, Sam and the cleaners for their hard work and commitment and for their energy and efficiency and for coping with the unexpected.

Early in 2018 the Manager decided to resign, so we thank her for the good things she did and wish her well for the future.

This time last year I was just getting my feet under the Trustees table, at a rather draughty meeting in St Peter's church. Bishop Alastair asked me to be temporary Chair in Sept 2016 and I am very pleased to say that a new Archdeacon of Chesterfield has been appointed and will take over the Chair in the summer when a new manager should be in post.

Christine McMullen



# Trustees Corner

The Peak Centre at Champion House is governed by a team of trustees.

## **Trustees during 2017:**

Christine McMullen- Chair

Aidan Giles – Vice Chair

Morgan Jackson - Treasurer

Dave Channon

Bethany Robson

Steve Richardson

Hannah Hawkins

Phil Selby

Janet Bradbury

Sarah Tennant - Secretary

We have on going advice and support from;

Alistair Langton – Derby Diocesan Youth Advisor

Lesley Ayers - Minutes

## **One of our trustees, Phil Selby writes:**

As a regular user of the Peak Centre, I am very grateful for the provision of such a great resource. The Peak Centre is a wonderful, well-equipped youth centre in the heart of the Peak District. Each year we bring a group of 20+ children aged 7-11 for a residential weekend with the joint aims of learning more about our wonderful Saviour Jesus, and having a great time together.

As a Trustee, it is my privilege to help steer the work of the Peak Centre. As a group of Trustees we are working very hard to ensure the continued success of the centre both now and in the future. We all have different areas of responsibility, and along with the Warden and one of the other Trustees, I work specifically to help shape the Christian ethos of the centre.

Please do pray for the continuing work and mission of the centre! Thanks,  
Phil Selby (Curate, Trinity Church Buxton)

## In House Events

Here at The Peak Centre we work alongside the Derby Diocese Youth Officer and a team of volunteer leaders to run a number of in-house events during the year. These weekend events have been running successfully for many years, and offer an important opportunity for young people to meet other young Christians from across the Diocese, to form new friendships and to explore their faith in a safe, temporary community, away from the expectations of others.

Special events in 2017 included “Time Out” in February a biennial event for children of vicars, youth workers, etc which was shared with Nottingham and Southall Diocese. “Stepping Up” in November and two “Keeping in Touch with God” weekends for those aged 11-17 (in October) and one for those aged 18+ (in January). The 18+ one exploring identity, mental health and mindfulness. Our fourth annual Messy Church Family Weekend in September was attended by over 30 adults and children had the theme “Becoming Disciples of Jesus” exploring ‘Following’, ‘Listening’ and ‘Changing’ .

We are indebted to our team of experienced leaders and our wonderful caterers, without whom these weekends would not provide the nourishment they do for many young people.



## Vision Update

“Community living, discovery and growth”, our strap line, drives us at the Peak Centre to strive to provide the very best we can for our guests, in terms of comfort and the opportunities available. We are constantly reviewing and improving our offer so we can better serve those who use the centre. In 2017 this has included refurbishment of the Grindslow Wing bathrooms, adding a new slate roof to the Broadlee wing entrance, and a new boiler. We have also carried out a refurbishment of the sports hall, to include new acoustic panels and new routes for our climbing wall. New activity equipment included new ropes, boots, harnesses and bouldering mats.

As a Christian Residential Centre we also place emphasis on reviewing and developing the opportunities to work with young people in their spiritual development. During the early part of 2017 we ran a successful series of primary school “Day Retreats”. Year 5 and 6 children from the Derby Diocese visited the Peak Centre for a day exploring their “place in God’s world”, what makes them unique, and how they can best work together with others. We plan to roll the Retreat Days out in 2018 and hope to welcome more children to our centre.

The centre was also offered to members of the clergy and lay teams within the Diocese to use the centre for a free day of retreats, training, team building or planning. Teams from 3 parishes and benefices made use of our facilities over 3 days, and greatly appreciated the centre, surroundings and hospitality.

## **Activities offered this year**

Archery

Indoor climbing

Abseiling

Circus skills

Wool spinning

Mini-orienteering

Orienteering

Led walks

Bushcraft

Rock Climbing

Fencing

Team Games

## **Our Core Values, reflecting our Christian Ethos:**

Community Living

Discovery and Spiritual Growth

Having Fun

Building Self-Confidence

Shaping Positive Relationships

Experiencing Challenge in the Outdoors

# Thank you for all your support

## Our thanks to Derby Diocese

Our work here at The Peak Centre is an important and recognised part of diocesan mission, and plays a significant role in the development of the young people who are fortunate enough to spend time here, to grow as individuals, and some in faith. We thank the Diocese of Derby for their ongoing support of the Peak Centre both financial and prayerful, without which we would not be able to continue to develop and thrive.



## Donations received during 2017

St John the Evangelist, Newbold

St Mark's, Brampton

Eyam Parish Church

# Financial Review 2017

The Peak Centre at Champion House income from the use of the Centre:

Income for the Year £176,237

Expenditure £184,458

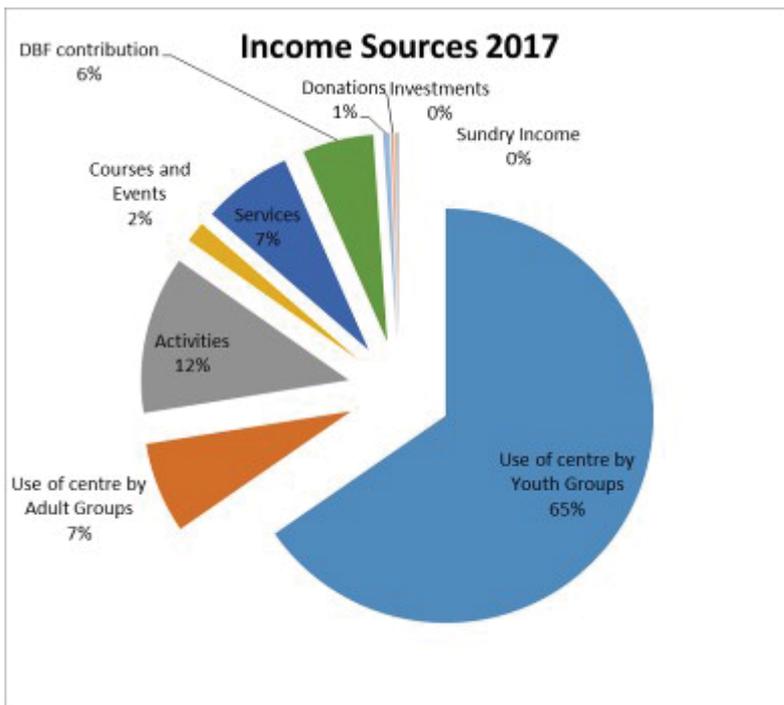
Loss £8,221

Included in the income figure are donations/grants

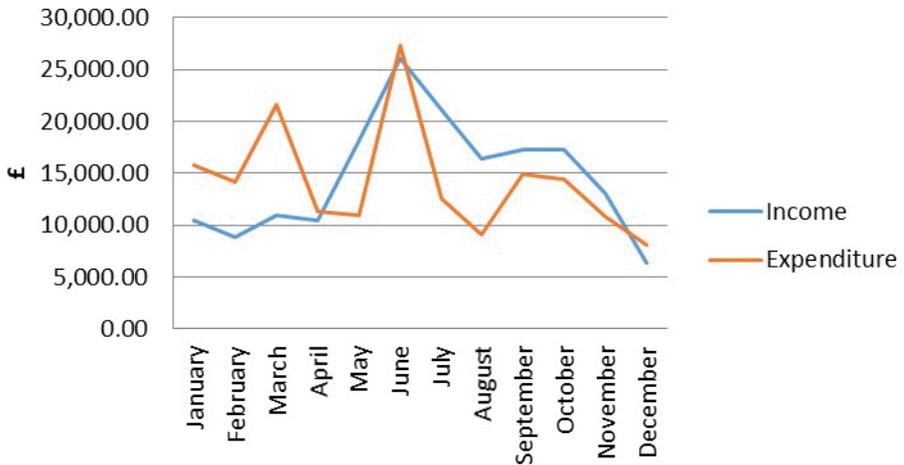
Individual donations £902

Derby Diocese Grant £9,760

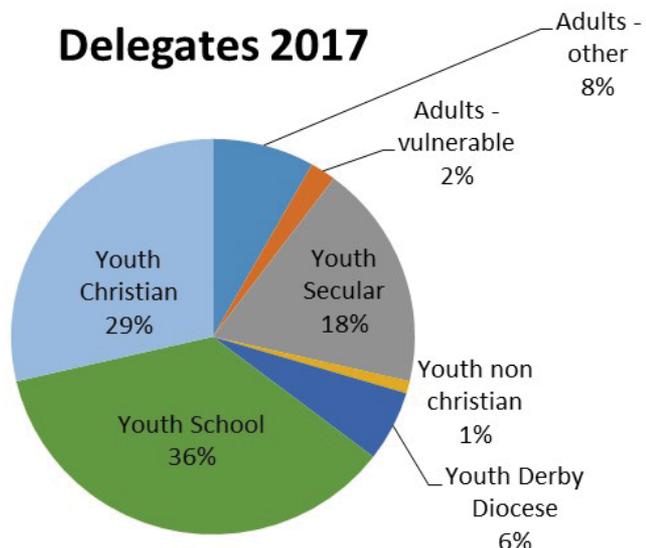
We thank those churches who continue to show us support through their donations, and to the Derby Diocese Board of Finance for their generous and valuable financial support.



## Income vs Expenditure 2017



## Delegates 2017



# Financial Summary 2017

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2017

	Total	Total
	2017	2016
	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Donations and grants (including transfer of assets)	902	822
Fees for provision of services	164,616	187,062
Investment income – UK bank interest receivable	435	652
Diocesan contribution to Warden’s salary	9,760	14,244
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>176,237</b>	<b>207,067</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Charitable activities	182,718	175,359
Governance costs	1,740	1,320
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>184,458</b>	<b>176,679</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(8,221)</b>	<b>30,388</b>
Total funds brought forward	565,648	535,260
Total funds carried forward	557,427	565,648