



ALL ABOUT YOUTH

# Annual General Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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# CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT



SYA emerged from the Covid pandemic with strong determination that young people would again have local youth clubs, wherever they lived in the County, and I am pleased to report that we are well on the way to achieving this ambition. 107 clubs are now up and running, which equates to 229 club sessions each week with several new clubs opening including Cheswardine, Newport, Highley and Madeley. Youth Clubs require leaders and of the 2094 youth leaders and support teams working in Shropshire, 1010 totally rely upon SYA for their support, with the Scout and Girl Guide movements covering the remainder. Over 6958 young people a week attend clubs run by, or supported by, SYA (6254 under 18's and 704 over 18's).

This year, 112 leaders have taken part in SYA training courses in youthwork, safeguarding and/or first aid which has demanded a high level of commitment with courses often taking place on Saturdays to facilitate those who work full-time. We are also delighted to see so many undertaking the Young Leaders' Training courses with 31 achieving a national award this year. They are the youth workers of the future.

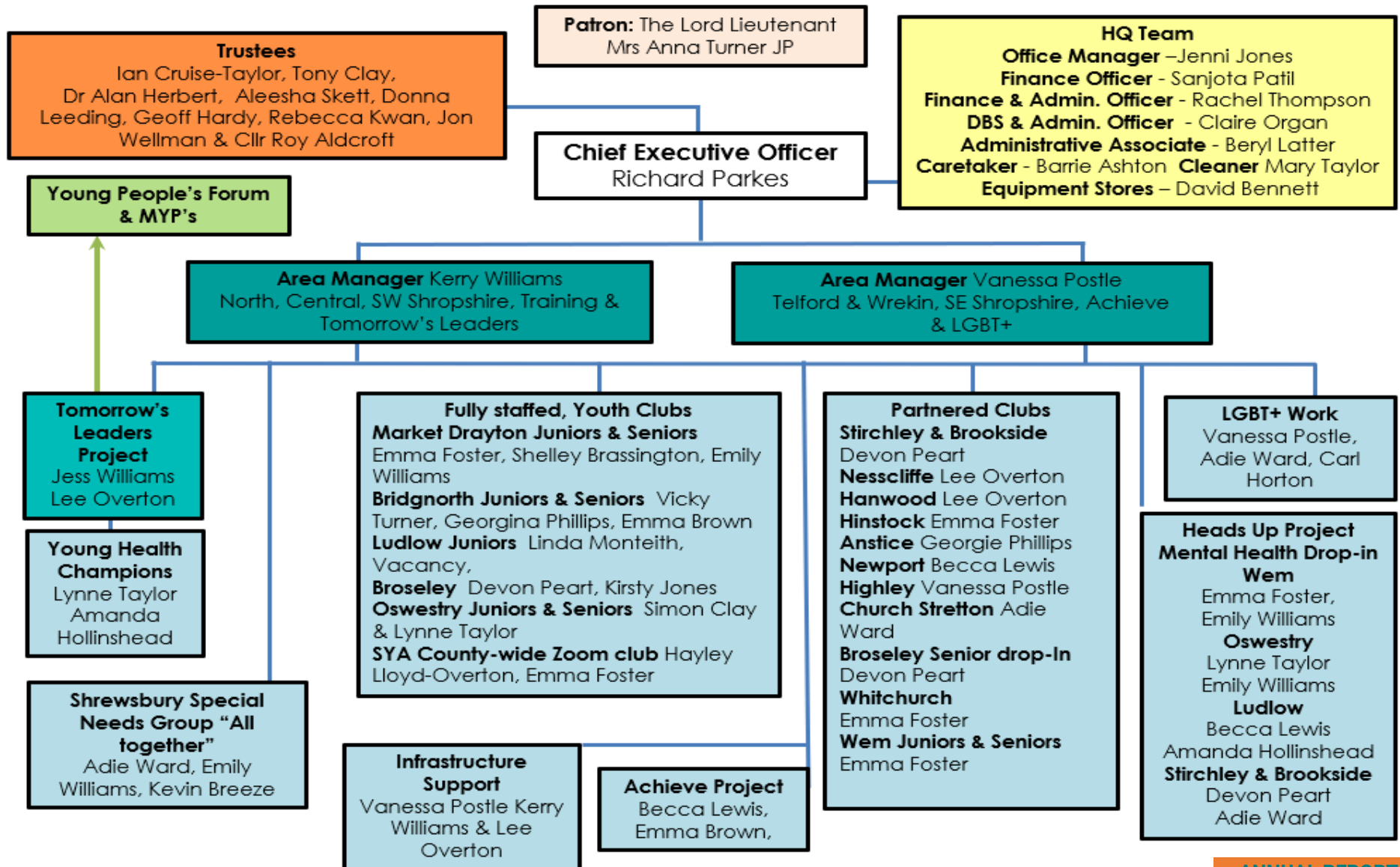
SYA's 'Health Champions' Project' supports students to help improve the health and wellbeing of their peers through health-related social action projects. Over the past few years, we have also developed a new initiative, the 'Heads Up Projects', which promote early intervention, offering mental health support through drop-ins and small group work in schools. Currently, there are projects in Oswestry, Ludlow, Stirchley and Wem. A very positive move for the future. It is also very pleasing to see the success of the Youth Forum and Shropshire fully represented in the Youth Parliament.

As a sign that normality is returning, we were able to hold our first Annual Celebration Event since 2019. Young people and leaders came together at the Cavalier Centre for a Saturday afternoon of fun, food and, most importantly, to be recognised for their achievements in their clubs and communities with certificates presented by our Patron, Mrs Anna Turner the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire.

Looking forward, our bid to replace our current building with a new purpose-built youth centre in Monkmoor is very exciting and we are also looking to develop our work in Telford & Wrekin, having established new clubs in Newport, Madeley and XYZ in Oakengates with negotiations currently taking place at Leegomery. We are very aware of the need for more facilities for young people across Shropshire and are working hard to encourage and develop new clubs. We greatly value the co-operation and help received from town and parish councils and community groups across the geographical County who have recognised the importance of youth provision in their areas, and we look forward to increasing that provision as funding permits.

Overall, the Trustees have been impressed by what Richard and his team of 32 staff have accomplished since the Covid restrictions ended and we would like to thank staff and volunteers for all their inspiration, commitment and hard work as we look forward to a very positive future for SYA. As retiring Chairman, I would also like to thank trustees past and present for their commitment, energy and vision. They have helped steer SYA to this thriving and exciting position, which bodes well for the future of the organisation and the young people, volunteers and staff it serves.

# STAFFING STRUCTURE FOR 2022



# WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Supported  
**6254**  
young people  
(under 18) weekly  
receive informal  
education and  
support

**1537**  
in Girlguiding

Including

**2444**  
in  
Scouting

Provided  
**10**  
hours PW of Drop-in  
Mental Health  
support for young  
people

Provided  
**229**  
Safe places for young  
people, weekly

Enabled  
**471**  
young people with a  
disability to enjoy out of  
school activities

Over  
**30**  
young people  
attend our bespoke  
LGBTQ clubs

Created opportunities  
for  
**95**  
Young people under  
18 to volunteer

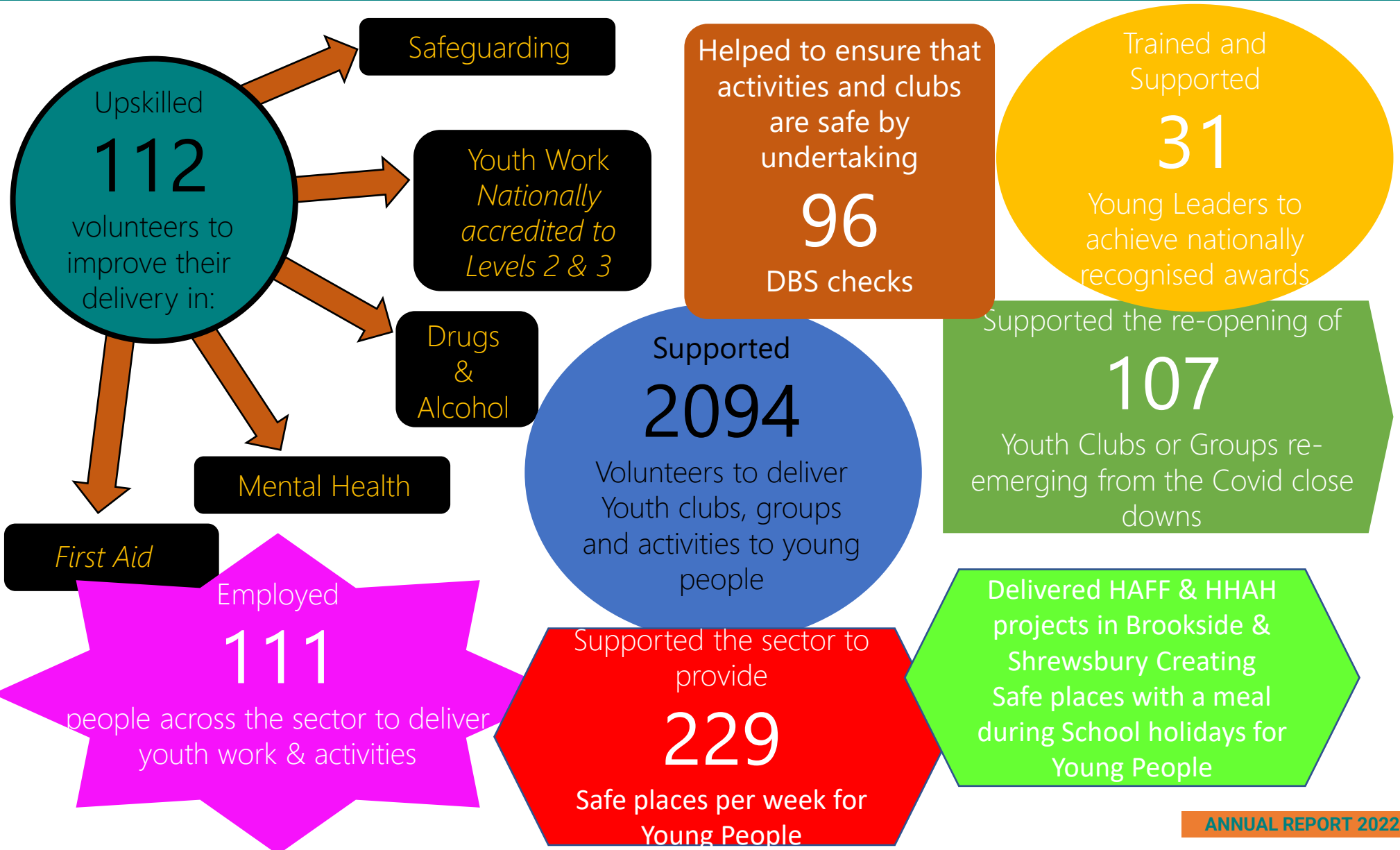
**800**  
Young people over 18 take  
part in youth activities

**317**  
of them with **Shropshire  
Federation of Young  
Farmers**

Delivered Alternative Curriculum  
work to young people on  
Education Health Care Plans  
(EHCP'S)



# WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR IN THE SECTOR



# SOCIAL VALUE GENERATED BY VOLUNTEERS



**147,112 HOURS OF VOLUNTEERING  
IN YOUTH CLUBS, PROJECTS AND GROUPS  
WORTH £3,021,744.00  
(If these were paid hours)**



# FINANCE: Balance sheet as of 31st March 2022



SYA  
(FORMERLY SHROPSHIRE YOUTH ASSOCIATION)  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Permanent Endowment Fund £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
<b>Incoming Resources from generated funds</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	11,371	68,260	-	79,631	188,296
Charitable activities	4	338,756	-	-	338,756	349,717
Other trading activities	5	22,152	680	-	22,832	3,665
Interest income		1,084	-	-	1,084	1,737
JRS Grants		3,420	-	-	3,420	47,934
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>376,783</b>	<b>68,940</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>445,723</b>	<b>591,349</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Governance costs	6	3,884	-	-	3,884	8,764
Raising funds		14,600	-	-	14,600	2,700
Charitable activities	7	318,126	114,541	-	432,667	381,372
Separate Material Items	8	24,076	11,562	-	35,638	26,564
Other	9	1,617	1,032	-	2,649	2,969
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>362,303</b>	<b>127,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>489,438</b>	<b>422,369</b>
<b>Net incoming resources/(resources expended)before revaluations and investment assets disposals</b>		<b>14,480</b>	<b>(58,195)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(43,715)</b>	<b>168,980</b>
<b>Gains and losses on revaluations and disposals of investment assets</b>						
(Loss)/Profit on investments sold		-	-	-	-	-
(Loss)/Profit on revaluation of investments		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>14,480</b>	<b>(58,195)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(43,715)</b>	<b>168,980</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>249,384</b>	<b>129,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>378,643</b>	<b>209,663</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>263,864</b>	<b>71,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>334,928</b>	<b>378,643</b>

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	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets		-	-
Investments		-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	12	84,188	21,308
Cash at Bank and in hand	13	345,709	425,518
		<u>429,897</u>	<u>446,826</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	94,969	68,183
		<u>94,969</u>	<u>68,183</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>334,928</b>	<b>378,643</b>
<b>Total assets less current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b><u>334,928</u></b>	<b><u>378,643</u></b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Permanent Endowment Funds	15,16	-	-
Restricted Funds		71,064	129,259
Unrestricted Funds		263,864	249,384
		<u>334,928</u>	<u>378,643</u>



# BRINGING US UP TO DATE AND THE FUTURE

As we emerged from the pandemic, our youth clubs and groups started the road to recovery. For many, this meant recruiting and training new volunteers and saying 'hello' to a whole new cohort of children and young people. Many clubs didn't re-open as they predicted because volunteers, buildings and funds all conspired against them, but we have been pleasantly surprised that many communities have seen the value of youth clubs and youth work and have started clubs in areas where, previously, there were none.

Central Government continues to acknowledge that youth work is valued and maintains its investment in training, whilst releasing a small amount of promised funding through the Youth Investment Fund (YIF) Round 1. This was targeted at certain post code areas and for SYA these areas included the whole of Telford & Wrekin and 5 wards in Shropshire. Bidding was limited to repairs, maintenance and vehicles so SYA submitted a bid for a minibus but, regrettably, was unsuccessful. At the time of writing, YIF Round 2 is open for funding to refurbish or replace current youth centres. Our bid for funding in this round has passed the initial stages. If successful, Shropshire Council will grant us a Community Asset Transfer on the hand, and we will replace the current demountable building with a two story permanent structure. With the help of R1 Construction, we have created an initial plan for a 400sqm building that will serve us as a youth club and centre of operations in the years to come.

Our Lottery funded project, Tomorrow's Leaders, really picked up momentum this year with SYA Young Health Champions, Young Leader Training, Youth Forums and Members of Youth Parliament (MYP's), becoming firmly established. Shropshire now has members of the Youth Parliament again, strengthening the youth voice in the County, alongside Telford & Wrekin's MYP.

As we move through 2022-23, we will continue to support clubs, helping them with our support packages, training, access to equipment and resources, as well as the highly valued one-to-one visits. The volunteers and staff have a huge impact on young people's lives, keeping them safe, giving them excitement, adventure, new skills & interests in a safe place. By building strong appropriate relationships, we are best placed to make early interventions and help young people overcome worries, fears and anxieties. This in turn results in a reduction of referrals to local authorities, health and police services. What we do keeps young people safe, helping them to develop a moral code, enabling them to have a voice and empowering them to reach their goals and often to go beyond.

I want to thank all the fantastic youth workers and committee members both paid and voluntary for their commitment and enthusiasm, for helping us to support the great clubs and projects now up and running again in the wonderful County of Shropshire.

Richard Parkes

*Chief Executive Officer*



The infographic features the SYA logo and the slogan 'Make Your Mark' at the top. It lists the following members:

- Shropshire's Members of Youth Parliament:**
  - Skye Hunt, Hindstock, Market Drayton
  - Frilay Power, Broseley
- Shropshire's Deputy Members of Youth Parliament:**
  - Narah Lorraine-Hughes, Hindstock, Market Drayton
  - Eime Link, Broseley
- Shropshire's Assistant Members of Youth Parliament:**
  - Lily Foster, Higley, Bridgnorth
  - Mischa Gafar, Bridgnorth

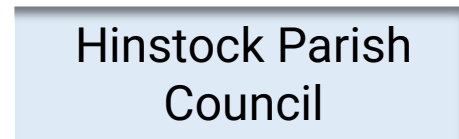
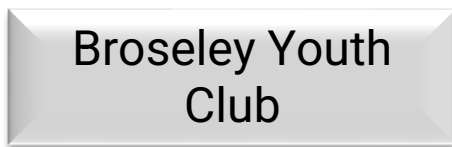
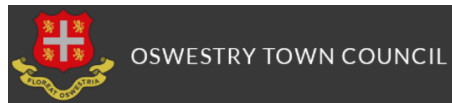
Congratulations to all the young people who took part in this election!



# SUPPORT & FUNDING



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