

Bridgnorth Club for Young People. Charity Commission registration number 522479

Its primary purpose is, or was: **To provide support to young people through physical recreation, education and training.** It ceased operating as an active youth club around the year 2000, and since then does not appear to have undertaken any form of activity involving young people.

The Club was registered as a charity in January 1964. Because no annual returns had been submitted for 10 years, the Charity Commission removed the Club's registration on the 27th August 2009, giving the reason – DOES NOT OPERATE. On being informed that the Club may have cash and property assets, the Charity Commission became involved, resulting in annual returns for the previous 10 years being submitted and the club being re-registered on 29th October 2009.

In 2003 the club sold by Informal Tender their main building, the Grade 1 listed building, Bishop Percy's House, and in 2004 the Club sold their Foster's Sport Field, a football field, to the Bridgnorth Rugby Club.

The Mill Street Studios, located between Mill Street and the river Severn in Low Town was purchased in 2003, and planning permission obtained in 2005 to convert this building for use as a youth club. At that time it was intended that refurbishment would be completed in 2006 and the building to be known as The Riverside Centre. However, it would appear that no work was carried out on that property. This planning permission was renewed in 2010, but again it appears that nothing has been done. The building now looks abandoned and derelict, is deteriorating, and seems to be full of rubbish.

Based on information submitted in the annual returns and published by the Charity Commission, there are three Trustees, and at least in the last few years, expenditure has been greater than income.

	Income	Spending
31 March 2011	0	3,449
31 March 2012	719	7,408
31 March 2013	537	5,561
31 March 2014	1,309	5,250
31 March 2015	524	5,321
31 March 2016	0	1,360
TOTAL	3,089	28,349

The normal perception of a charity is that it should carry out the functions and purpose for which it was established. Apart from information that has to be provided by law to the Charity Commission, there is no recent up to date information about assets, activities, future plans or intentions. It would seem that this charity is not currently involved in any activities involving young people or doing anything with the Mill Street Studios. In effect it appears to be dormant, and this has been the case for the many years.

Numerous enquiries by different people and organisations requesting information from the trustees about this charity have not received a reply.

The present severe pressures on public finances has resulted in significantly reduced funding for youth activities in the Bridgnorth area, and even this reduced level of funding may not continue. If there are possible suitable alternative unused resources that may be available, is it appropriate for responsible public bodies representing the local populace to seek out and encourage the use of such sources for the purpose for which they were intended? Hopefully, the answer to this question should be that they have a duty to do this.

NOTE: By law, every charity must prepare a set of annual accounts and a trustees' annual report. Furthermore, every charity must make their annual accounts available to the public on request.