Room to grow

Hafway youth
Belong. Believe. Become.

A new home. More young people. Bigger possibilities.

HAFWAY Youth
Annual Report 2025



Registered Charity No. 1138279

A new chapter for HAFWAY



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Welcome to 2025

2025 was a special year for HAFWAY. After months of building work and time spent in temporary spaces, we finally opened the doors of our transformed Hub.

Young people helped us plan and design it, sharing what they wanted from a place of their own. Seeing them walk through the doors, explore the rooms and begin to make the space theirs has been one of the greatest joys of the year. The Hub has quickly filled with games, meals, laughter, honest conversations and the friendships that make HAFWAY what it is.

We are grateful to everyone who helped turn this long-held hope into a reality: our young people, staff, volunteers, trustees, funders and supporters. The new Hub has opened up so many possibilities, and we are excited to keep building a place where every young person can belong, believe in themselves and become all they can be.



"Young people helped imagine the Hub, helped shape it, and now they've made it their own."

Moira Frew, Project Manager

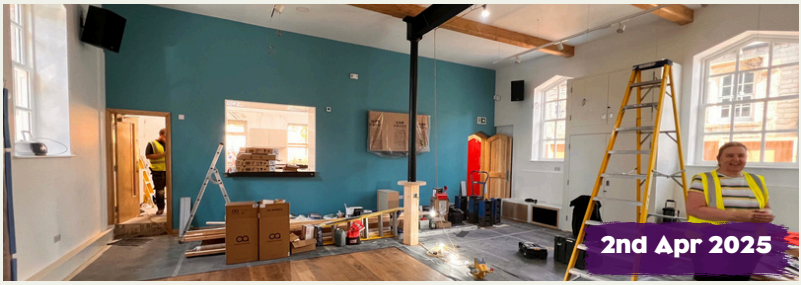
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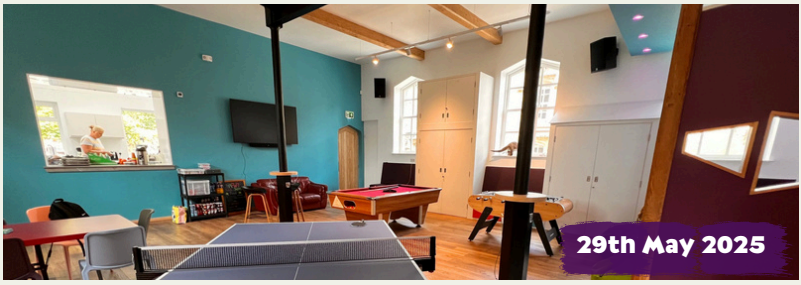
From building site to HAFWAY Hub...

2024









2025

A space of our own

2025 marked the completion of our building renovation and the start of a new chapter for HAFWAY.

Made possible

A successful grant of £1.3 million from the Youth Investment Fund enabled us to transform an old, run-down building into a warm, welcoming Hub completely dedicated to young people.

Youth Led

Young people helped plan and design the Hub, sharing ideas about the space they wanted and needed. Their voices helped shape a place they could call their own.

New space. New possibilities.

A dedicated space has given us more flexibility for activities, shared meals and targeted support. It has helped us welcome more young people and create opportunities to build community, confidence, friendships and skills.



A year of GROWTH

We supported **660** young people

through **326** sessions

leading to **6864** youth club visits

and over **3000** hot meals served

How does that compare to last year?

32% increase in Young People
501 → 660

42% increase in Youth Attendances
4831 → 6864

65% increase in Sessions delivered
197 → 326

Behind the numbers



2025 was a year of extraordinary growth. With our new Hub creating more space and more opportunities, we significantly increased both the number of young people we supported and the range of activities and support we could offer.

For those young people, this growth made a tangible difference. They discovered they could cook a meal, rise to a challenge or take the lead. They tackled homework with someone beside them, approached job interviews feeling better prepared and gained valuable experience through volunteering. Along the way, they built friendships, grew in confidence and had trusted adults to turn to when things were difficult.

Behind the numbers are young people taking steps forward, recognising what they are capable of and beginning to see new possibilities for their future.

A week inside the Hub














Inspire


Learn


Interact


Volunteer


A place to
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“I have a future to look forward to”



Maddie's Story

"HAFWAY has honestly changed my life in ways I never thought were possible. When things weren't good at home, they gave me a safe place where I could talk, be myself and feel supported without being judged.

They helped me step away from the wrong people, taught me skills that I never thought I would have, and supported me in getting a job with the local council.

Now, I have an apprenticeship with HAFWAY as a youth worker and, most importantly, I have a future to look forward to. I would still be going down the wrong path if I didn't have HAFWAY."

HAFWAY young person and youth work apprentice

Beyond the Hub



Adventure and new experiences

Trips and residentials gave young people time away from their usual routines and the chance to try something different. Through outdoor activities and shared challenges, they practised working together, built friendships and grew in confidence. Taking on a new activity or helping their group succeed gave them opportunities to recognise what they were capable of.







Making a difference

Throughout 2025 young people contributed through community projects, volunteering and helping at events. They gained practical experience, took responsibility and developed communication and teamwork skills. Seeing the results of their efforts helped them recognise that they had something valuable to offer their community.



Our Work in Schools

Our schools work helped us build relationships with young people beyond the Hub. Through activities and support with the move to high school, young people had opportunities to ask questions, get to know trusted adults and feel more prepared for the next stage. These connections also helped introduce them to the support available at HAFWAY.

In their words



HAFWAY has given me the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds and they make sure everybody feels welcome. HAFWAY has given me the chance to try new experiences and see things from different perspectives, which has been important to my own development in all aspects of life.

– J aged 19

> HAFWAY has helped me by giving me a comfortable place away from home.
>
> – C aged 15



> Without HAFWAY I honestly think I would have no friends and I'd still be sat in my room not seeing the outside world as much as I should.
>
> – M aged 18



> HAFWAY has always, and will always go above and beyond to help in any situation.
>
> – L aged 24



The People behind it all



Our Staff

Moira Frew - Project Manager
Esther Peggs - Lead Youth Worker
Becky Fraser - Youth Worker
Charlie Ashworth - Youth Worker
Chelsea McDonald - Youth Worker
Maddie Sewastianow - Apprentice
Fiona Harris - Administrator

Our Volunteers

We have a team of dedicated volunteers who work alongside our staff to help make HAFWAY happen.



Our Trustees

Sue Pilling - Chair
Deen Ishmaaeel - Vice Chair
Amanda Rushton
Rodger Petch
Ross Pilling
Ian Greenhalgh
Elisabeth Ashton
Kelly Sullivan
Poppy Haslam
Susie Mapledoram

Our Finances

2025 Financial overview

In 2025, our finances reflected both the completion of the Hub renovation and the continued delivery of our work with young people. The one-off Youth Investment Fund grant accounted for a substantial part of our income and expenditure, making the totals significantly higher than in a typical year. This capital funding was specifically ring-fenced for the building; our day-to-day youth work continued to depend on separate grants, donations and fundraising to cover staff, activities, food and running costs.

Building Renovation Costs

£508,619

Youth Work and Running Costs

£190,985

2025 Total income

£729,156

2025 Total Expenditure

£699,604

Thank you to our funders and supporters

We are grateful to all those who supported our work in 2025 through grant funding, gifts in kind, partnership working and personal donations. Here are some of our main contributors:

YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND

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HENRY SMITH FOUNDATION

UK YOUTH

Warburtons

St. THOMAS C.E. PRIMARY, HALLIWELL

WEST BOLTON TEAM

in the community

What comes next

Our renovated Hub has opened up new possibilities and enabled us to support more young people. As we grow, our priority is to ensure that every young person continues to receive the care, trusted relationships and opportunities that are at the heart of HAFWAY.



Reach more Young People

Help more young people who need our support discover HAFWAY, and listen to their experiences and ideas to ensure our activities and services meet their needs.

Keep Support Personal

Ensure every young person has trusted adults who know them, make time for them and help them build confidence, develop skills and take their next steps.

Build a Sustainable Future

Secure reliable long-term funding for staff, food, activities and running costs, so we can continue responding to the needs of our community and plan strategically for further growth.

Help shape the next chapter

We have an amazing building. Help us fund the vital youth work that brings it to life and makes a real difference in the lives of young people every day.

Give regularly

Monthly donations help us plan ahead.

Become a Business Champion

Invest in young people and our community.

Share your time and skills

Help young people learn, try and achieve.

Spread the word

Introduce HAFWAY to others who could support us.

Be part of what comes next.

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Thank you for helping young people find their place, discover their potential and build their future.



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