

Youth Services

There have been 13 sessions run this term, and we have seen 105 young people.

Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18+
Number Female		5	12	24	9	4		
Number Male		3	8	19	14	4	2	1

Week Commencing	Number	Notes
13 Apr	38	A busy evening with lots of coming and going, enjoying food and chatting with the youth workers about school, relationships, hair colours, making up after arguments, medical condition and effect on sleeping, parents arguing at football training. Some one-to-ones about vaping and use of snus. Visit from Parish Councillor.
20 Apr	40	busy session including some new members from Generation Game. All a bit wild and had to be told to calm down and to clear up litter. Enjoyed Toastie wraps. Conversations about problem with emetophobia and seeking medical help, self-harm, seeking support for mental health.
27 Apr	47	Again, very busy session with waffle making popular. Some YP appeared to be under the influence of a substance, kept them safe and made sure they left with others. Conversations about a fight over the weekend, care plan reviewed and support offered at school. One-to-ones: 1. trouble with peers at school, possibly being followed at school, disappointed by lack of action from school but not wanting parent to know or support from us – gave advice. 2. YP admitted to carrying razor blades with intent to harm themselves later, emergency services were called and followed up with call to parents – YP went home with support of friend and parents grateful for call, ambulance said they would probably call in at home anyway.
04 May	46	Busy session enjoying toast and noodles and playing football and tabletop games. Some did craft and several did the sun awareness quiz. Conversations about feeling faint, career choices, volunteering, parent meeting at school and possible mental health referral, home life (not good), relationship struggles. Had to confiscate alcohol from group of males.
11 May	38	Sunny evening enjoying biscuit decorating and toast plus lots of singing along to music, and boys a bit rowdy. Also played some tabletop games. Conversations about starting counselling worries, family situation, difficulties with siblings, issue with treatment by other girls at school.
18 May	36	calmer session this week with pasta being very popular along with nail painting and facials. 2 YP appeared to be under the influence of something and had been seen vaping outside earlier, kept a safety eye on them and they left with friends. Conversations about school wanting to take family issue further, favouritism at home, sharing bedroom issues, bedtimes.
25 May		Half-term
01 Jun	26	Muggy session with football rounders, games, and social time on/off the bus. Conversations included friendship issues, social media incidents, health concerns, and hospital treatment delays. Some young people are fundraising for a dementia charity.
08 Jun	33	Lively session with good attendance, several new sign-ups and strong engagement with activities and refreshments. Conversations focused on

		education, future career plans and employment opportunities, with young people discussing GCSEs, college aspirations and work experience. Staff managed some concerns around smoking and vaping, responding appropriately. A welfare concern regarding a young person not attending the session was discussed, and it was subsequently confirmed that they had returned home safely with family support.
15 Jun	38	Very warm, busy session. Free food enjoyed. A few new members. Some yp appeared to be 'stoned' on arrival. Sports Centre staff visited to request yp not to use their facilities (on-going issue). Safe relationships, sibling rivalry and parental response to fighting at home. Worry for a female who has ongoing health issues – but parents aware. Father day cards and quiz completed.
22 Jun	30	Very hot and sunny. YP's on and off all evening, PlayStation used alongside yw, concerns for mental health welfare of yp, holidays, red balloon, MVC, medications and how they make you feel, yp feeling upset with dad who makes excuses not to host them on the agreed day each week – yp believe dad has a new girlfriend. Chatted through safe sex with a couple.
29 Jun	37	Warm, dry evening, many enjoyed the fruit salad on offer. Conversations about school, cadets, party at weekend, nasty things being said and leading to a fight at school, being bipolar and on medication, Facebook post referring to the young people and who was involved, being drunk, homelife, not being at school, not wanting to take medication as does not like, sexual relationships and precautions, stick n poke tattoo and dangers (advised blood test). Finishing mocks.
06 Jul	25	Dry and very hot evening. Vice principle from school came on to get managers contact details due apparently to an incident last week after the session involving long blade knife – this did not involve YP from the youth bus. Also said that Snus had been offered to someone. Youth workers have previously warned young people about having or using this. One-to-one about seeming under the influence of drugs and general warnings. Conversations about physical contact with others, leaving college and working for Dad.
13 Jul	28	Warm evening enjoying ice creams! Long one-to-one following request from parent: ADHD diagnosis, not in school, difficulties at home – appropriate referrals have been made. Other conversations about being adopted, being grounded due to carrying Snus, struggles with school, autism diagnosis, use of weed and dangers.