



Monthly Summary Report

Overview – A busy month behind the scenes

June has been another productive month for the Youth Service, with a real focus on developing partnerships, creating new opportunities for young people planning exciting future projects!

We enjoyed supporting the Steyning Festival Warden's Day with a youth engagement stand, complete with games and a 'Guess the Number of Sweets' competition, sponsored by The Sussex Grocer. It was a great opportunity to meet families and raise awareness. One of our members created an excellent PowerPoint presentation all about youth club, which we hope to share at a future meeting as a wonderful example of young people's voice and participation.

A small group of our young people volunteered to support the Pop-Up Planetarium (see photo above), taking on responsibilities such as ticketing and welcoming visitors. Their commitment was entirely voluntary, and we were delighted to send letters to their schools recognising the responsibility and community spirit they demonstrated.

We also attended the Upper Beeding Primary School Summer Fair, where we spoke to many local families, including some who were hearing about the youth service for the first time. It was lovely to hear memories from residents about the days when youth club operated from a bus on Steyning High Street. Several of our young people also ran their own successful enterprise stalls at the fair, including a fantastic 3D printing business run by two of our regular members.

We were thrilled to receive a £500 grant from the Steyning Society, which will be used to purchase an iPad to support homework, research and digital learning opportunities for both our primary and senior youth clubs.

We also attended the Upper Beeding Parish Council meeting, where we made a valuable connection with Mr Timmons, Headteacher at Steyning Grammar School. This has already led to a meeting at the school and the development of a proposed 6 week detached youth work pilot, offering a weekly lunchtime and after-school session with appropriate safeguarding arrangements and regular feedback to the pastoral team. We are excited about the opportunity to strengthen support for young people within the school environment.

Alongside this, we submitted a funding application to the Police Property Act Fund (PPAF) to support our family sports celebration event at the end of July.

Planning has also continued for our Youth Activity Week in August, with some excellent new partnerships developing, including further work with our local Neighbourhood Wardens.

Looking ahead to September, we are delighted to be supporting the launch of a new Dungeons & Dragons group in partnership with the Family Worker at Steyning Parish Church, creating another inclusive space where young people can build friendships, confidence and creativity.

Thanks for your support in reading our report!



Lead Youth Worker



	Primary Youth	Junior Youth	Teens
04/05 June	2	26	9
11/12 June	4	25	7
18/19 June	4	Cancelled due to staff sickness	5
25/26 June	2	Cancelled due to extreme heat	4

Primary Youth Club 6-11 yrs

Attendance at our Primary Youth Club has been lower this month, and we are keen to welcome new members to help grow the group. The club has organically evolved into a supportive space for neurodivergent children, with the majority of attendees having additional needs.

We welcomed one new member this month, and families continue to be incredibly complimentary about the inclusive support their children receive.

It has been lovely to see the friendship between two of our regular members continue to flourish, highlighting the positive relationships being built through the club.

We have also made some valuable new parent connections, including one parent who works in Youth Justice and has expressed an interest in supporting our detached youth work.

The group is very much open to new members, and we look forward to welcoming more families over the coming months.

Teen Youth Club 13yrs+

Our Senior Youth Club has seen good attendance this month, although numbers dipped during the exam period and around prom events. As expected, these commitments temporarily affected attendance, but engagement from regular members has remained strong.

The group is currently going through a significant transition as older members from our junior club begin moving into the senior provision, with four young people trialling sessions so far.

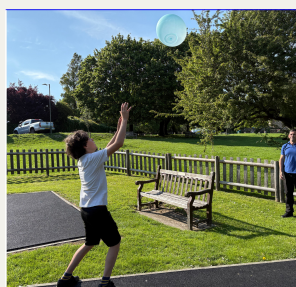
Understandably, both staff and young people are adapting to the changing group dynamics as new members settle into the more mature environment, and we are supporting this process carefully.

We are also delighted that one of our 16-year-old members has expressed an interest in volunteering with the Youth Service.

This is a fantastic example of progression, with the aim of supporting him into a paid youth work role in September.



Surviving the heatwave at Primary Club!



Primary Club at Fletcher's Croft park.



Celebrating Autistic Pride Day at Teens Club



New members at Teens Club

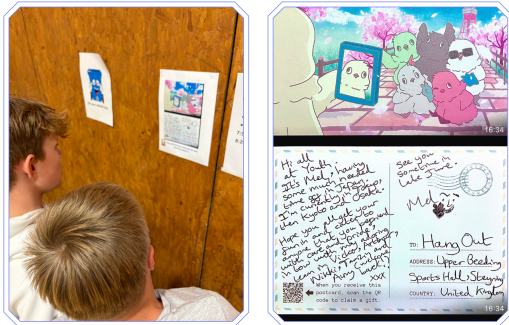
Junior Youth Club

Our Junior Youth Club continues to be our busiest provision, with attendance remaining consistently high despite some challenges with staffing levels and the recent heatwave.

The popularity of the club remains unchanged, and with the warmer weather we have made good use of the park. We were delighted to welcome two new members this month through word of mouth, demonstrating the club's continued positive reputation within the community. Young people have also been thoroughly enjoying our new tuck selection from Bookers, which has been a real hit.

Our young people particularly enjoyed hearing about Youth Worker Mel's recent travels to Japan, sparking lots of curiosity about different cultures.

We have supported a small number of young people in navigating changing friendships and relationships, maintaining a non-judgemental approach that has helped reinforce the trust young people place in our youth workers.



Reading Mel's postcard from Japan!

Summer Youth Activity Programme Proposal

- **Monday 17 August** – The Skate Club Introductory Workshop and design your own skate deck – Small Dole Skate Park. Focus on female empowerment.
- **Tuesday 18 August** – Excursion to Chessington World of Adventures
- **Wednesday 19 August** – Day at Steyning Downland Scheme
- **Thursday 20 August** – Allotment project at Upper Beeding with Grafitti Artist designing a mural.
- **Friday 21 August** – Trip to Gatwick Aviation Museum

All of the above is currently being costed and priced up, with proposed charges to families to be ready for discussion at the JPYC Committee meeting on 14 July. We have a number of budding aviation enthusiasts across two groups and would like to build on this interest through the visit to Gatwick Aviation Museum.

We are grateful for the support of the Wardens who have volunteered to drive buses for our excursions.

We are also exploring an additional sleepover opportunity ('Kip in a Ship' 12 August), which would offer valuable benefits in terms of independence, social development and extended experiential learning for our youth.

Goals for July 2026

Youth Development

Continue to look into ID membership options for club members.
Enrol our young person onto volunteering scheme and run a Case Study.
Develop the online youth group offer, consulting with staff, families, and young people.
Obtain approval from Joint Parish Youth Committee for our new name: *The Hangout* on 14 July.

Quality and Safety

JPYC Chair to sign off our outstanding Drugs Policy so staff can confirm they understand our policies.
Team to have completed First Aid training. Supervision meetings completed.
Safeguarding Training to be scheduled.
Recruit x1 additional Youth Worker – suggestions welcome on how to attract casual workers.

Community & Engagement

Evaluate impact of our input at the Steyning Festival Family Fun Day..

Engagement Growth

Increase attendance at Primary club through targeted activities and outreach.



Please join us on **Thursday 23 July** at Upper Beeding Memorial Fields, for our annual Youth Family Celebration Event from 4:30 – 7pm.

All families, local councillors and staff very welcome.