



Bourton on the Water Youth Club – June 2019

SUMMARY (from Gemma – Project Manager):

This month has seen some changes, Lyam has handed back management of the youth club to Gemma and Ann has taken over as lead youth worker. Ann is a third-year student with the university of Gloucestershire and brings lots of fresh ideas and vitality to the role.

The young people are a great bunch and are really settled. Having lots of open conversations with the youth workers and building a safe and stable relationship with an adult they can trust. This safe and stable adult relationship is being found to be more and more important as academics have found that it is a protective factor for young people's mental health, can reduce likelihood of criminal and anti-social behaviour and can overcome poor outcomes associated with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Some young people do not have access to a safe and stable adult relationship at home and they may not find it at school. This is why I believe that youth clubs are so important as they give young people the chance of a safe stable adult relationship when they may not find it anywhere else.

Looking forward, we are excited to be progressing towards the new location and have beginning to put together publicity through various methods to be going out before September.

While the youth club pauses over the summer break the outreach will continue on Wednesdays 5:30 till 7:30 (except 21st Aug) until 18th September. The youth workers have been engaging with a few young people over recent weeks and the interactions have been positive. The main focus of the rounds is the cemetery but often they find evidence of young people but no actual young people. Gemma will have a chat with the local neighbourhood policing team to see if there is any pattern to calls about ASB in the area.

THIS MONTH'S SESSIONS:

3rd June: 7 Young People

10th June: 7 Young People

17th June: No session Safeguarding training

24th June: 8 Young People

STAFF IN OUR SESSIONS:

Lyam Galpin

Paula Burrell

Ann Hooper

ACTIVITY IN SESSIONS:

- Park
- Dominoes
- Milkshakes
- Table tennis
- Pool
- Catch

COMING UP:

In the weeks leading up to the summer holidays we will be tie dying tee-shirts among other exciting activities and free play suggested by the young people.

Change is afoot in Bourton on the water and that is a good thing. Gemma Hall has taken back the day to day management of the youth club, Ann Hooper is now lead youth worker and brings fresh ideas and vitality to the youth club. A new venue in September brings excitement and opportunities.

