



Bourton on the Water – November 2019

SUMMARY (from Gemma Hall – Youth Work Manager):

This month began with National youth work week and we got the young people to reflect on what youth work means to them. Perhaps the most heart-warming response was from a young person who said he wouldn't have made friends if it wasn't for youth club. As can be seen in the picture below.

We also discussed what remembrance means to us and made some poppies to add to the towns war memorial. Lots of interesting discussions and young people sharing how their family members were involved in the wars.

We also had PCSO Allen drop in to say hi this month. Gemma has a strong working relationship with lots of the neighbourhood policing team through her work in Moreton and Blockley and her attendance at conferences on ACEs. She has been keen to replicate this with the Neighbourhood policing team in Bourton and through these links we are beginning to build the same in Bourton as we have elsewhere. PCSO Allen seemed very impressed with our chat on Anxiety and what it does to the brain.

The seniors have been enrolled as 'Little Leaders' (their choice of title) and are showing excellent progress in leading sessions with the juniors and reflecting on their practice with support of Gemma and Ann. Even though Gemma will no longer be face to face in Bourton soon, she will continue to support these little leaders in the New Year through dropping in to sessions once a half term to meet with them and discuss how they are finding things as well as delivering on going training for the little leaders.

The youth council project, funded by CDC and Bourton Health Connect will be launching in January with lots of interest already from young people in the youth club.

THIS MONTH'S SESSIONS:

4 th	13	Juniors
	5	Seniors
11 th	17	Juniors
	5	Seniors
18 th	22	Juniors
	5	Seniors
25 th	16	Juniors
	6	Seniors

STAFF IN OUR SESSIONS:

Ann Hooper
Gemma Hall

ACTIVITY IN SESSIONS:

- Remembrance
- Glow Stick Photos
- Youth Work Week
- Pizza
- Card games

Coming up:

Next month things will be getting festive at Bourton Youth Club. We will be taking the young people on an outing to Airborne in Cheltenham, doing Christmas crafts and having a party.

THINGS WE NEED TO WORK ON:

The seniors have expressed an interest in being young leaders. The team are facilitating this with a training and support programme to develop the young leader's leadership and communication skills.

Photos



COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER:

We are very pleased with how the numbers have grown this term in Bourton and we hope to sustain these numbers going forwards.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH CLUB:

The recruitment of a permanent member of staff for Bourton youth club is continuing and we are hoping to interview candidates in early December to be in post for the beginning of Jan. Gemma has begun preparing the young people for her moving on.