


# Community Youth Work Quarterly Report Form



<b>Youth Worker(s)</b>	Ben Sheldon, Allan Taylor, Dani Woolley
<b>Area</b>	Billingshurst & Pulborough
<b>Date</b>	08/12/16

<p><b>The Weald</b></p>	<p>Ben continues to go into the school on a Tuesday lunchtime, using the library as a drop in space for young people to gain advice, guidance, signposting and a listening ear.</p> <p>Relationships within The Weald school continue to grow with staff. The young people all value the opportunity to talk to someone who isn't a teacher, even if that conversation results in the youth worker speaking with a head of house on their behalf or raising concerns. The work that takes place is important in the formation of these young people. Sadly the school counsellor left after the summer holidays, which has meant one less resource for Ben to signpost on to and has meant finding other external agencies. Ben is yet to hear whether the school will reinstate the school counselling service in the future.</p> <p>Some of the issues that have been discussed with the group of young people during this session this quarter have been; mental health, home relationships, bullying and general friendship issues. On some occasions the team have been able to follow up issues raised by young people during BYC in the youth club setting.</p>
<p><b>PYC</b></p>	<p>This term we have continued to maintain good numbers. We hope that as the club develops we will also increase in engagement.</p> <p>The young people are really enjoying the space we have created for them, and are grateful for the re-decoration that has been taking place. The energy within the club is fantastic, and we have young people who trust the youth workers, and will come and talk to us if they feel there is an issue; likewise relationships are being built with parents as well.</p> <p>We have had great fun this term doing things like cake decorating, American flag making (for the election), biscuits, smoothies, milk shakes, and dodge ball all of which have gone down really well with the young people.</p> <p>Ben and Allan have been running this with the help of our volunteer who has been brilliant at getting alongside our young people and getting stuck in with lots of different games and activities. We did lose one volunteer this year, as she moved on to get a job that she had been wanting and had been studying towards for a long time. Through her volunteering with the club we were able to write a reference for her to aid this move in her career.</p> <p>In January we welcome Dani Woolley into our team as we say goodbye to Allan with thanks for the work he has achieved in Pulborough.</p>
<p><b>BYC</b></p> 	<p>Following our decision to run the youth club as a split aged Juniors and Senior session we have created two sessions on a Tuesday; years 7-9 from 6pm-7:15pm, and then years 10-11 from 7:30-9pm. Our plan is to increase the age group of the second session to include year 12 when our year 11s move up in September, this would enable us to keep working with these young people who we have seen a huge change in over the past 6 months.</p> <p>The attendance at the club is relatively small but consistent. We are hoping to</p>

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	<p>increase this number as the school year progresses, through advertising at The Weald and encouraging young people to invite friends. Due to the smaller numbers attending we have been able to talk about deeper topics with the young people, with issues around sex and the pressure within relationships, smoking and ill health coming up during the youth club sessions.</p> <p>This term we have had some great activities and games on offer for the young people including Bush Tucker Trials (similar to I'm a Celebrity), Poi skills, Card games and many more.</p> <p>We have welcomed Dani to the team this term as Allan has left, and as a result have seen a difference in attitude among the young people now that there is a strong female leader involved. We have three volunteers who come along and help on different weeks; our newest volunteer is studying for a degree in youth work as well, so it has been a good opportunity to provide him with valuable learning seeing different aspects of youth work, the young people will also benefit from his relevant and up to date training.</p> <p>At the moment the decision has been taken to not open BYC until we know there is a phone line within the building; This has been an on-going issue for us in regards to health and safety guidelines and despite numerous conversations has yet to be resolved. As a result we have endeavoured to find alternative premises to continue running this facility for young people. We will keep you up to date as this progresses and welcome any suggestions as to how we can develop this club further or of alternative local premises to create a safe environment for young people.</p>
<p><b>U-Nite</b></p>	<p>This term we have had an increased membership, of up to 18 young people each week. With a good number of new members this year, all of whom seem to be benefitting from attending the youth club. There is a good energy in the building when U-Nite is running, and all the young people say how much they enjoy and value the youth club.</p> <p>We have run a range of different activities including food and cooking related activity, and also games. At the end of term as our social we ran a Christmas dinner for our young people. 10 young people came along and joined us to celebrate.</p>
<p><b>Christmas Plans</b></p> 	<p><b><u>PYC Open 2-4pm 20<sup>th</sup> December</u></b>          Having experienced what our young people are like at handing in forms for trips, we decided to open up the youth centre on the Tuesday within the holidays and allow them to just come in and relax, giving them the space to play games, or chat with friends; and making sure that we provided some great Christmas activities for them as well. We welcomed 10 young people during the session.</p> <p><b><u>Bowling Trip (BYC) 20<sup>th</sup> December</u></b>          To reward the older young people who have really improved with behaviour since the different age ranges in the youth club we decided to organise a trip ten pin bowling; we had 3 young people come along with us; and it was a fantastic evening of fun and laughter. The young people really got to know Dani and Ben better and through this solidified the young people's trust in the team.</p>
<p><b>Future Plans for development</b></p>	<p>We are looking into providing a second youth club session in Pulborough for young people in year 10 and 11 similar to in Billingshurst; due to the benefits we have experienced through BYC. We are confident that we can provide a similar service</p>

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	<p>for those young people in Pulborough. The intention is to have this running from Easter with all supporting paperwork and advertising taking place prior to launch.</p>
<p><b>Billifest</b></p>	<p>Billifest went well this year; Ben attended providing a presence and made some very helpful contacts within the village, including from The Weald, local PSCO's, parents and residents. It was also a good opportunity to speak with young people in the local community. This meant Ben was also on hand to provide any assistance should anything negative have happened with young people, which thankfully was not required.</p>
<p><b>Snack Wagon</b></p> 	<p>The Snack Wagon has been coming to Billingshurst on a Thursday afternoon this term; sadly the team from WSCC had some illnesses and so we were unable to get the van down every week, whilst the van was available we had some great sessions with young people from both Billingshurst and Pulborough. It was brilliant to see young people engaging with a service, and receiving advice, information and guidance that they might not feel comfortable to ask for from school.</p> <p>Within this work we identified the young people's desire to have flood lights at the Natts Lane Skate Park, which Ben spoke to Greg about; unfortunately we have not seen this young person again since, so no follow up has been possible, but it was great to hear young people's views on how Billingshurst could be developed and is something we wish to encourage.</p> <p>Unfortunately this provision is unable to be offered going forward due to lack of capacity and staffing from WSCC</p>
<p><b>PYC Renovation</b></p>	<p>We now have Wi-Fi and a phone line!! This is excellent news meaning that we can rent out the building more freely, and it can be used as a more attractive training venue than before for other agencies. Also we have a solid line of contact should a parent need to call us when club is running which is excellent.</p> <p>The decoration has been put on hold while we are running sessions, but we are currently waiting to hear back from a grant to resurface the floor in the rear hall.</p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>In September Ben and the team including volunteers updated their safe guarding training.</p> <p>In October during the half term Ben attended Mental health awareness training, provided by MIND and included awareness of terms and helpful terminology, mental health first aid and helpful agencies for sign posting, this training was hosted at Pulborough Youth Centre with a large number of youth professionals from the local area attending.</p> <p>Dani has also been attending training and completing her induction into the organisation, including keeping up to date with policy and procedures, safe guarding and health and safety.</p>
<p><b>Staff Changes</b></p> 	<p>We would like to formally introduce Dani Woolley to our team as she takes on the role of sessional youth worker for Billingshurst and Pulborough.</p> <p>Dani joined the Youth Work team at Horsham Matters in October 2016. She has a degree in Primary Education and is a fully qualified Primary School Teacher. Dani grew up in Horsham and has worked in schools across West Sussex for the last 6 years. Dani plays Ten Pin Bowling regularly and although she has played at county level, just enjoys the social side of the sport nowadays! She is passionate about providing exciting opportunities and experiences for young people and is thoroughly enjoying her role as Youth Worker.</p>

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**Work to focus on next quarter**

This coming quarter our aim is to increase numbers in Billingshurst at both the Juniors and Seniors clubs.

To let Dani feel comfortable and at home in Pulborough and to support her strives towards making this new club a reality.

To continue links within the Weald, and to follow up on the lack of Counsellor / YES team.

Continue the work started by the Snack Wagon, and see where this can lead in terms of work with the school.

**Feedback from young people/ Community**

“It’s really great having youth workers in the village and knowing we can call you” – Parent (BilliFest)

“I really like coming to Youth Club, I feel really supported and welcome here” – Young Person

Ben & Matt (Volunteer) both received cards from a young person during our craft evening to say that they valued the work of the youth club.

“It’s great to see more going on for young people in the area, and I am glad that young people are being supported” – Resident of Billingshurst