



Monthly Report –November/December

Monthly update on our consistent activities

Trawden Youth Club, Wednesdays 17:30 – 19:00

We have recruited some new members to Trawden Youth Club. This continues to be a more traditional youth club, with games, arts and crafts and an opportunity for young people to 'let off steam' about their week with trusted adults who will listen and provide guidance where needed.

However, now funding from Trawden Parish Council has been withdrawn, CYAG will no longer be able to run this club, sadly.

Football, Fridays 17:45 – 20:00

This continues to be incredibly popular. We have a register with over 100 members attending this activity. We have extended this activity until 8 p.m.

Drama, Tuesdays 16:00 – 17:00

Now that we can use the building again following the renovation works, we will restart our popular Drama Club on 6th February.

Cricket, Thursdays 15:30 – 16:30

Cricket is still incredibly popular with the cohort at Primet and we are grateful to the support from Colne Cricket Club.

Forest School, Mondays 16:30 – 18:30

Forest school continued to be popular. However, as the nights began to drop in temperature, both our volunteers and children were beginning to struggle with remaining outdoors. After speaking with our young people, who voted for an indoor youth club, we started a Monday night youth club in our Byron Road Venue. This is popular, and we usually have between 10 and 15 young people attending. This week we received two new membership forms, and these members will be starting next week.

Forestry Sessions with Pennine Oaks, Sundays 09:30 – 12:30

During these sessions our members are kept busy with air rifle shooting, archery, and fishing. Our members love it. We partner with PAC in Waterside, and Maj brings some of his members. All the young people get along very well. Currently, Pennine Oaks is changing venues so we are on hold with this activity until February when this will begin again.

Detached Working

Bradley and I have been continuing with the detached and walk around for approximately three miles. We tend to catch Skipton Road Park, North Valley Retail Park, Alkincoates Park and Waterside. It has been rather quiet, and we are hoping to find different ways of engaging young people in the areas we travel.

Bradley and I are discussing taking equipment out with us and setting up activities at local ASB hot spots.

Community Networking

I have been working on a project with Anne (trustee) which is a partnership between Colne Youth Action Group and a charity called Genuine Futures.

Anne and I have been supporting them to put in a large BID to the national lottery for three years of funding for their project.

Sam Smith is the founder of Genuine futures and he started with a vision to improve the prospects for young people who have fallen through the cracks in education, those who may be on the cusp of criminal behaviour and those who we would classify as NEETs. He has delivered a handful of 12-week programmes to improve the wellbeing of young people and get them ready for the world of work. He engages them through an entrepreneurship scheme in which they undertake domestic services such as car cleaning. Building trust between them and their local communities through upskilling the young people to provide a trustworthy service to community members.

After successfully delivering a couple of these programmes and having positive outcomes for some of their participants, what they realised is there was a gap for support afterwards.

For example, a handful of young people start a car wash business but then lose motivation or fall back into old habits once the support is withdrawn. However, what they are proposing is to develop a partner organisation called Your Potential CIC and providing a 12-month programme of coaching and wrap around support to continue the development of these young people and the businesses or roles developed as a direct result of this intervention.

Lately, we have been approached by Pendle Leisure Trust to involve our young people in a Beat the Streets initiative.

Bradley and I attended a Family Hub workshop where we were able to take part in developing a more multi agency support to young people and their family's needs - whether that is through providing activities for young people or both young people and their families, providing support groups for specific community issues, such as obesity, physical activity, educational attainment, etc.

We are working as part of a multi-agency youth panel to create solution-based projects for young people who are on the cusp of anti-social behaviour as part of an early intervention approach.

We have seen PCSOs as part of OP Centurion regularly at CYAG and they drop in whenever they are in the area and see we are open. This is good and helps to break down the barriers between our young people and local police.

Staff/Helpers/volunteers/etc

■■■■, our volunteer, has helped every week on our Forest School sessions and in spring is going to coach our weekly netball activities as well.

Bradley has been working hard on his personal development and is now a qualified mental health first aider. He has gained his level 2 in Food Hygiene and safety for catering. He has also completed a suicide awareness workshop and has received his certificate. As part of furthering Bradley's development, I would like to look for some more training around managing challenging behaviour, as we get busier, we are experiencing additional behavioural challenges. Especially with our SEND cohort.

Bradley has been working hard on a flyer to advertise the Forest School Training that Karen will be delivering. We are hoping to roll the first training out in Easter if we receive enough interest.

We have had more volunteering enquiries too.

Karen continues to support us and work with us. She is looking forward to training people to be forest school leaders. She is also integral to the running of our holiday clubs, helping with planning, prepping, and delivering the holiday programmes.

We have taken on ■■■■ who is completing her work experience with us as part of her university degree course in Working with Children and Families. She is volunteering on a Monday night; she also volunteered for two days over Christmas and will be working the February half term holiday club with us.

Our four volunteers for drama will hopefully be back with us soon.

Current timetable

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Mondays 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Byron Road Youth Hub, Colne, BB8 0BQ. Ongoing.	Drama 4pm – 5pm, Byron Road Youth Hub, Colne, BB8 0BQ. Starting 6 th February	Trawden Youth Club 5.30pm - 7pm, Trawden Community Centre, Church Street, Trawden, BB8 8RZ. Closing soon.	Cricket/ 3.30pm – 4.30pm, Primet Academy, Dent Street, Colne, BB8 8JF. Ongoing	Football 5.45pm – 8pm, FisherMore 3G Pitch, Gibfield Road, Colne, BB8 8JF. Ongoing	Karate 12pm - 1.30pm Konukwai Budo Renmei Dojo Behind LBS Starting March	Forestry 10:00am – 12:00pm, Boothman Park, Barley Starts back in Feb

Holiday Clubs

Over Christmas we ran two holiday clubs.

The first week was our PCC holiday club, funded by Andrew Snowden. This was very successful, full of Christmas activities and fun.

The Second week was our HAF Programme, which again was very successful and full of fun.

During this time, we had a range of indoor activities planned for our members, but also separate trips for different age groups were planned. We used Kermit to take groups of young people out to low-cost activities where possible such as parks and hiking. Our young people hiked miles and miles over those holiday clubs. We also took the whole cohort on one occasion to the Fun House for roller skating.

On one of the days, Lancashire boys' and girls' groups came and provided an afternoon of exciting activities. They took part in group challenges, and they even brought inflatable equipment so that they could try pillow bashing!

Our holiday club for February is almost full already! I have already begun to contact external agencies to book activities for all of our holiday clubs for this next year.

Any Other Business.

Send Welcoming morning – an opportunity for SEND families to come and discuss local SEND needs and how CYAG can support that.

We held the SEND welcoming morning on 2nd December which only a small number of people came to. After we reflected on this, we took the decision to send out a survey. 29 people responded. We had 27 who were interested in further SEND clubs hosted by CYAG. The most popular activity suggestions were cooking at 71%, crafts at 65%, outdoor activities at 67%, games groups at 53%.

Potential collaborative working with the diabetes team at Burnley General to put on a peer support group. I am working with a lady who wants to see the venue and organise the peer support group too decide a start date and get it organised.

Bradley is working on setting up a homework club when we have the Hub fully open.