



# Your Local Community Network

**Hestercombe LCN**

# Introductions

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- Housekeeping
- Actions from previous LCN Meeting

Actions table		
Date asked	Information	Responsibility
June 2024	If parishes wish to be more involved with FWAG please contact them directly.	Parishes
June 2024	Each Parish to research their area and find out all business within the Parish and bring the list to the next LCN meeting.	Parishes, link officer, chair & vice chair
June 2024	Ask the micro providers leader to come to the next meeting to give an overview of what they do.	Link
June 2024	Ask for Police to attend the LCN meeting.	Link

# Agenda

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1. **Introductions**
2. **Actions from AGM**
3. **Presentations and Discussion regarding Children and Young People and Anti-Social Behaviour**
4. **Highways Working Group Update**
5. **Theme for Next Meeting**
6. **Dates for future meetings**

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# **Update about Anti-Social Behaviour from Avon and Somerset Police**



# HESTERCOMBE LCN

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (CYP) GROUP



# BACKGROUND

- Children & Young People have been identified as a top priority for Hestercombe - and 3 other LCNs in Somerset
- Who makes up Hestercombe's CYP group?
- What is the aim of the group?
- What is the approach?
- Where have we got to so far - since March?

# Who makes up the CYP Group?

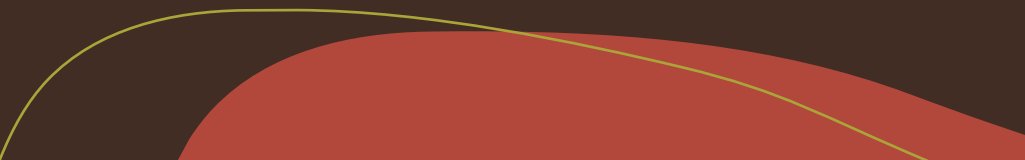
<b>Council Representatives:</b>		<b>Community Groups</b>	
Linda Hyde	North Petherton	Dave Mann	Charis Refugees
Andrew Pritchard	Creech St Michael	Craig Lloyd	Youth Unlimited
Kate Welsh	West Monkton	Elaine Harris	CYP
Cllr Norman Cavill	West Monkton	Hannah Snowden	Somerset Youth Work Alliance - SYWA
David Stripp	Kingston St Mary	Luke Jackson	Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership - SASP
Sammie Millard	Cheddon Fitzpaine	Matthew Giles	N Petherton Rugby Club
Co-ordinated by Alex Mountain		Somerset Council Link Officer	

# What's the Problem with Youth Work across Somerset?

- Lack of appropriately designed, resourced and joined-up youth provision for young people in Somerset.
- The youth work sector in Somerset has faced significant challenges since local government funding for youth work was cut over ten years ago and this has left patchy and uncoordinated groups across this large rural county
- Exacerbated by the pandemic and resulting mental health issues



# OUR AIM

- To improve the life chances of young people across the LCN, offering them opportunities to build resilience, enjoy informal learning and keep them safe, healthy and well-supported into adulthood
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# WHAT OUTCOMES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Young people feel that their voice is heard and that they can influence decisions that impact on them
- Young people feel a connection to their local community
- Young people achieve positive outcomes to support them achieve their potential, including improved communication skills, confidence, planning and problem solving skills, relationship and leadership skills, management of feelings, healthy choices, mental health and wellbeing, resilience and determination, positive behaviour including reduced anti-social behaviour

# WHAT OUTCOMES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Young people have improved social connections with their peers
- Young people participate in a wide range of activities that broaden their horizons
- Young people are physically active
- Young people develop resilience and feel able to cope with stressful situations



WHAT OUTCOMES FOR OUR  
COUNCILS ARE WE LOOKING FOR?



# What is our Approach

- Establish current provision
- Establish the barriers to Youth Work provision
- Identify gaps in provision – by activity and geography
- by listening to the member councils and the voice of young people
- Consider cross-LCN demographics
- Consider possible cross-LCN solutions
- Look at funding models

# Survey of Hestercombe Councils

<p>Do you currently fund any youth provision in your Parish/Town ?</p>	<p>Are you planning any new youth provision?</p>	<p>If so, please provide some details about this new youth provisions.</p>	<p>If not is this something that is on your agenda?</p>	<p>Are you aware of other youth provisions in your Parish/Town from other providers including sports, uniformed or church provisions?</p>	<p>If so, please provide some information about these provisions.</p>
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# Surveys - Councils

- Barriers:
  - Costs of provision for smaller councils against numbers of young people
  - Uncertainty over budget for devolution of services
  - Young people from outside the parish/town benefitting

# Surveys – Young People

- **Barriers:**
  - **Lack of local provision**
  - **Transport**

“I have no way to get to anything/ Cost of the activity and getting there/ I don't want to go to an activity on my own/ anxiety takes the best of me sometimes /

No spaces and a long waiting list - only 2 clubs that i know of and are all full ; There isn't a club/group/activity that I'm interested in”



**Are you  
11 - 16?**

**Want to have a say  
on activities that  
happen in your area?**

Local councils between Bridgwater & Taunton want to hear from young people - what activities/clubs do you love and what is missing? Use the QR code to take the 5 min survey. Help us understand how you currently spend your time, and what you'd love to be doing outside of school!

**Use me to complete  
the survey!**

Responses being collected by Hestercombe Local Community Network, a group of Town and Parish Councils covering Broomfield, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Creech St. Michael, Durston, Kingston St Mary, North Petherton, Thurloxton & West Monkton

# Surveys – Young People

## **Gaps** - What YP say they would like:

- Activities organised in my local park/community;
- A multi sport group (a group where you could play a different sport each week, rather than the same sport every week);
- Sessions to learn life skills;
- A club/group where I can help make decisions about my local area
- A minibus/van to visit my village so a youth worker can run activities close to me
- I don't need a club but it would be nice to talk to a youth worker outside of school
- arts/drama clubs

# What have we found?

Town/Parish	Provision	Funding	Run by
North Petherton	Term time Youth Club/ Summer projects/ Detached Youth Work	Council Funded	Youth Unlimited
West Monkton	Summer Food Project	Council Supported	Young people from Monkton Wood
Creech St Michael	Term time Youth Club	SCF Funded this year, previously Council funded	Community Youth Project
A number of activities have ceased post pandemic		West Monkton Youth Group / Kingston Community Partnership	

# Demographics

(2021 Census - ONS)

Parish	2021 Census Area	Population	Age Group 15 and under	15 and under as % population	AgeGroup 10-15	Age Group 10-15 as % population	AgeGroup 5-9	Age Group 5-9 as a % population
Broomfield	Parish	211	35	16.60%				
Cheddon Fitzpaine-	Parish	2560	599	23.40%	pre boundary changes			
Creech St. Michael	Parish	2981	534	17.90%				
Durston	Parish	128	11	8.60%				
Kingston St Mary	Parish	907	126	13.90%	57	6.3	31	3.40%
North Petherton	Parish	10,456 *	2,169	20.70%	763	7.3	725	6.90%
Thurloxtton	Parish	152	24	15.80%				
West Monkton	Parish	5918	1,353	22.90%				
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>23,313</b>	<b>4851</b>	<b>20.8%</b>				

# Priorities

- **Protect what we have got:**

- existing provision – Creech and North Petherton
- Support West Monkton Youth Café
- Transport for smaller parishes

- **Look at a cross LCN budget :**

- ahead of 2025 budget planning cycle

- **Further research on Voice of Young People:**

- **Children & Young People's Plan for Somerset 2024-2030 Survey**

- setting up an LCN Youth Forum, working with Youth Parliament, schools, clubs, detached street work, etc

our **SOMERSET**  
Together we Care

Somerset  
**CHILDREN  
& YOUNG  
PEOPLE'S**  
Plan  
2024-30

**What young people said**

School Survey 14 Focus Groups Make Your Mark Vote

Over 6,000 Children and young people's voices heard Countywide Survey

In collaboration with **SOMERSET YOUTH WORK ALLIANCE**

Thank you to the following organisations who held focus groups

**YOUTH FORUM** Somerset **YOUTH PARLIAMENT** (a voluntary group)  
Somerset Care Councils **THE UNITED OF PARTIES**  
**It's ok 2BU** **ARK**  
**TAUNTON BREWHOUSE**

# Funding models

- Model One : %age of previous year precept
  - eg 5% of precept would give a  
Total **£38,524**
  - eg West Monkton precept £172,995  
x5% = £8650
- Model Two : Required budget / 4850  
(i.e.LCN total age group 15 and under)  
x number of 15 and under by town/parish.  
eg West Monkton £38,524 / 4850 =  
£7.94 x 1353 = £10,743

	Precept 2024	5% of precept	£38,524 /4850 x no of age 15 and under
Broomfield	£ 3,869	£ 195	£ 278
Cheddon Fitzpaine- pre boundary changes	£ 13,605	£ 680	£ 4,756
Creech St. Michael	£ 90,552	£ 4,528	£ 4,240
Durston	£ 2,030	£ 102	£ 87
Kingston St Mary	£ 19,570	£ 979	£ 1,000
North Petherton	£ 463,300	£ 23,165	£ 17,222
Thurloxtton	£ 4,500	£ 225	£ 191
West Monkton	£ 172,995	£ 8,650	£ 10,743
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£770,421</b>	<b>£ 38,524</b>	<b>£ 38,524</b>

# West Monkton Summer Food Project

Youth Cafe



WELCOME  
TO THE YOUTH  
CAFE

Free lunches for  
anyone!

Wednesday  
and  
Thursday

- Smoothies
- Ice cream
- Wraps
- Fruit + veg
- Crisps + sweets
- drinks
- hot + cold

# Community Fridge and Garden

Most of our food is provided by the community fridge, donations or the community garden.





## Food

For lunch, we make a variety of things. We have made wraps, sandwiches, hotdogs, and fruit pots throughout the holidays. We also provide drinks like milkshakes, juice, smoothies, and flavoured waters.

## Customers

We started by providing lunch to secondary school age; however, we welcome any age.

## What went well

- Used food from the community fridge and garden.
- Successful advertisement
- The food was made well and was healthy
- Range of activities and toys
- Worked together well
- Youth Volunteers ran the café mostly by themselves
- Baking

## Feedback from Adults

- When we started the project the young people waited to be told what to do next. They were encouraged to share their ideas and by the end of the project, the young people were independently running the café and confidently making changes to improve the project. They wrote the shopping lists and looked out recipes to order ingredients for the following week's bake project.
- I have found it really rewarding seeing the young people develop their skills and confidence.

## What could've been done better

- More hot meals
- More choice
- More activities for the younger people

# Feedback from the community and helpers

- The advertisement of the project was good because it encouraged people to come in and have a look at what we have to offer.
- A fun experience with friends as I'm homeschooled and don't get to see them often
- Getting food from the Community fridge and garden was good
- This project has helped to boost my daughter's confidence and self esteem
- Social skills have been developed during the summer project especially those that struggle with mainstream education.
- 'As a mom, I love coming here. In our calendar there is no Wednesday - It is only hot chocolate day. That is how my kids call it and so do I. I really like the people there, they are really nice and welcoming. I definitely love it, every time I come here the energy is always great and positive. I definitely recommend to come and give it a try.'

# Snack & Chat

After School on Wednesdays at the BACH, next to West Monkton Primary School until 5.30pm

Chill with Friends

OUR Youth Café

From Y7 to Y11  
only

Music

Tuck Shop

Bring £1

Free Entry



Safe Space

Plus free  
snack and  
drink

Contact: Kate Welsh - 07505 984006

[community@westmonktonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@westmonktonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Our New Youth Café

We have now started promoting our new Youth Café which runs at the BACH every Wednesday after school until 5.30pm.

# Hestercombe LCN - Next Steps

You have chosen CYP as one of your priorities, and we hope we have shown how important youth work is for young people across our LCN

We want to:

- Protect what we've got for now
- Do more background work with YP - street work etc - on what they want to see and how it can be provided within a budget for the future

While very aware of financial uncertainties we need to address the concerns the LCN has around youth provision, and hope you will take this back to your councils and agree a budget to do it.

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# Community Health and Wellbeing Projects

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# Highways Working Group Update

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- Recent agenda included:
  - Adoption of Highways from Development Companies
  - In Road Surface Lines, Speed and Writing
  - Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot
  - SIDs Insurance

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# Somerset Children and Young People's Plan

# Theme for Next Meeting

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- What actions can we take from this meeting?
- What do you think would be a valuable theme to look at?
- Is there any working group that you would be interested to run?

# Dates for Future Meetings

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## Dates for future meetings:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025- North Newton Village Hall at 7pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025- Creech St Michael
- 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – AGM- North Petherton RFC