



**MINEHEAD
EYE
YOUTH SERVICES**

PORLOCK YOUTH CLUB

Porlock Parish Council Meeting
14th May 2025

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Porlock
Parish Council



WHO WE ARE



OUR MISSION

Ensure that young people and communities disadvantaged by rural isolation have access to the same opportunities for development, personal growth and support that exist in more urban areas.

INCLUSIVE APPROACH

We believe that disadvantaged young people and their communities should not be, however unintentionally, separated from their peers, as can be the case with traditional youth work. Therefore, we provide universally subsidised access to all local children and their families across the very rural district of West Somerset.

INSPIRING FUTURES

We offer engaging, fun, and instructive leisure and diversionary activities in both formal and informal settings, as well as with wellbeing, mental health support and community support. Through music, media, counselling, sports, and the arts, we encourage creativity, aspirations, resilience, and well-being among young people.



OUR COURSES

EYE HAVE RESILIENCE

This is our 6 week wellbeing course on becoming more resilient. Each student will learn positive thought processes to help get them through hard times.

EYE CAN CONTROL MY ANGER

This is our 6 week wellbeing course on managing your anger. Each student will be given coping mechanisms and strategies to help them walk away from a life of anger.

EYE HAVE EMPATHY

This is our 6 week wellbeing course on empathy. Each student will learn the power of kindness, thinking of others and the impact your actions have on others.

EYE CAN LOOK AFTER MYSELF

This is our 6 week wellbeing course to work on our strengths, build our confidence and learn to be happy in who we are.

EYE CAN LOOK AFTER MYSELF JUNIOR EDITION

A 6 week course aimed at first school age children. This covers understanding our emotions, feelings, healthy relationships, staying safe and healthy, coping with anger and building resilience. Suitable for first school aged children.

EYE AM ON A JOURNEY

This is our 3 week wellbeing course on transition to a new school, including move up day support for first school age children.



AQA
Questions matter

Living Better
Supporting Independence



MOORLAND FEDERATION
BRIDGWATER & TAUNTON COLLEGE
BEACON EDUCATION
AMBITION RESPECT EXCELLENCE

YOUNG CARERS GROUP

A FREE GROUP FOR YOUNG CARERS
SCHOOL YEARS 5 & UPWARDS
TRANSPORT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Climbing | Movie Nights
Pizza Making | Scooting
Skating | and a lot more...

MINEHEAD EYE
YOUTH SERVICES

NEET SUPPORT PROGRAMME

CYP HEALTH COACH

WELLBEING COURSES

COUNSELLING

YOUTH INTERVENTION

WELLBEING OUTREACH

YOUNG CARERS



BLOOM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Bloom After School club is a new group providing young people after school activities aimed at aiding them to unwind and decompress after a school day.

There will be a different main activity every week focused around building their community, engagement and understanding. This could come in the form of arts, sports or music etc. There will be an additional solitary activity every week for those who need it.

As part of the Community inclusion and activity programme, this session is aimed at children with special needs or those with a BIPOLAR and their siblings.

WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM - 5PM
£1 PER WEEK
BOOK NOW AT MINEHEADEYE.CO.UK

FIRST SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs offer a chance to stay active, build confidence, and have fun with friends! We pick children up from school and transport them to the EYE. Each week brings a new activity, from scooting, skating, and climbing to circus skills, and more! Every session includes a warm-up, an exciting activity, and a fun team challenge - at the end of the half-term, the school that wins the most challenges receive a certificate and a prize!

DUNSTER MONDAYS
Years 3 & 4 | Starting 24th February

ST MICHAEL'S TUESDAYS
Years 2, 3 & 4 | Starting 25th February

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR & OLD CLEEVE WEDNESDAYS
Years 2, 3 & 4 | Starting 26th February

MINEHEAD FIRST THURSDAYS
Years 2, 3 & 4 | Starting 27th February

£3.50 PER WEEK - PICK UP FROM MINEHEAD EYE AT 5PM
BOOK NOW AT MINEHEADEYE.CO.UK

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SKATEBOARD SCHOOLS

STREET ART WORKSHOPS

HOME ED GROUPS

SEND SESSIONS

HOLIDAY CLUBS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

TODDLER GROUPS

SKATE SCHOOL
6 WEEK COURSES - 4 LEVELS
SKATE TUTOR: ALBERT

Our Skate School courses ensure every student learns skateboard etiquette, techniques of safe falling, the components of a skateboard and the importance of helmet, self expression and positivity within the community of skateboarding.

BEGINNERS	BASICS
1 HOUR EACH WEEK TUESDAYS 5PM - 7PM If you've never stepped on a skateboard and are totally new to the sport or have a very small amount of ability, this is the right course for you to learn the ropes.	1 HOUR EACH WEEK TUESDAYS 7PM - 8PM If you're starting to push on flat ground and want to attempt a few basic tricks and stunts, this is for you.
MEMBERS £6 PER WEEK GUESTS £8 PER WEEK	MEMBERS £6 PER WEEK GUESTS £8 PER WEEK

PROGRESSIVE	INTERMEDIATE
1 HOUR EACH WEEK WEDNESDAYS 5PM - 6PM This group is aimed at skaters who have attended the beginner and basics groups. You'll be dedicated to pushing your limits and focusing on skill progression.	2 HOURS EACH WEEK WEDNESDAYS 6PM - 8PM Ready to take your abilities to the next level? This course will help you in expanding your bag of tricks, looking towards improving and learning technical skills in transition and street.
MEMBERS £6 PER WEEK GUESTS £8 PER WEEK	MEMBERS £8 PER WEEK GUESTS £11 PER WEEK

HOME ED WEEKLY SESSIONS

A WEEKLY 2 HOUR SESSION FULL OF ACTIVITIES TO EXPERIENCE AND FOR FAMILIES TO SOCIALISE

11.30AM - 1.30PM

EVERY FRIDAY DURING TERM TIME

£2.50
BOOK ONLINE AT MINEHEADEYE.CO.UK

OUR PARTNERS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

NHS Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

happy healthy holidays SOMERSET

Green Days Day Care

Rethink Mental Illness

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MINDFUL MAYHEM

SAS

Open Mental Health

THE MINEHEAD SHED

SomerSET Village Agents

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CCS YMCA

FareShare

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK

CONNECTION SAFE

Mind

West Somerset WelcomeHub

WELA

POPPINS

BRIDGWATER & TAUNTON COLLEGE

Living Better

SomerSET Council

APEX centre

Watchet Town Council

FOXES

YOUNG MINDS SOMERSET

SPARK SOMERSET

West Somerset Food Cupboard

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HISTORY OF YOUTH CLUB FUNDING

Minehead EYE opened in September 2010. At this point the youth clubs across the County were run by the County Council Youth Service team. We worked alongside the youth clubs and they made use of the facilities at Minehead EYE. In 2012 Somerset County Council withdrew from delivery of the youth clubs across the district. At this point we moved the existing youth workers to the Minehead EYE team and continued to deliver the clubs to ensure continuity. For the first few years the County Council contributed funding towards the clubs with match funding coming from Town and Parish councils. Funding from Somerset County Council gradually reduced and for the past 7 years the funding for the clubs has come from a combination of Town and Parish Councils, other local funders such as Magna and from Minehead EYE which has provided match funding where necessary to ensure that the clubs continue to run.

Whilst we are able to access funding for specific projects funded by Somerset County Council such as Young Carers there is no longer any Youth Club targeted funding and indeed the Youth Services team at County no longer exists. We continue to work with Town and Parish councils and other local funders to provide contributions towards the Youth Clubs. In some towns and villages the funding we can secure covers most of the cost of the club, but in others, particularly smaller villages where the amount that can be raised through the precept is limited Minehead EYE funds a much greater portion of the costs.



SEP 24 - MARCH 25

RECAP

Since September, Porlock Youth Club has continued to provide a safe and engaging environment for young people to socialise, enjoy a range of activities, and develop positive relationships. Attendance has remained steady, with a peak of 21 attendees in one session.

Some of our favourite activities have been the conker competition, which all the children got really into. Halloween face painting, which was a big hit, bracelet-making and of course our fun and festive Christmas party.

We have rotated some of our Youth Workers across different clubs, allowing them to gain new experiences and introduce fresh activities. Since February, Gareth (Level 3 Youth Worker) has been working alongside Juls to run the Youth Club. Gareth and the clubs members are thoroughly enjoying his time at Porlock.

Additionally, we have new team members at Minehead EYE who are currently in training and have been shadowing our Youth Clubs. This has resulted in three staff members being present at most sessions, improving supervision and support for young people.



STATISTICS

	APRIL 2023 - MARCH 2024	APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025	COMPARISON
SESSIONS DELIVERED	33	36	9% INCREASE ON PREVIOUS YEAR
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	45	51	13% INCREASE ON PREVIOUS YEAR
TOTAL ATTENDANCES	468	479	2% INCREASE ON PREVIOUS YEAR



SEPTEMBER 2024 - £500 RAISED

TESCO STRONGER STARTS CAMPAIGN



Time is running out, and we need **your help!** When you shop at Tesco in Minehead, use your blue token to vote for us in the Tesco 'Stronger Starts' campaign.

The funding will be used to provide much-needed sports, musical, and digital equipment, along with exciting activities for our youth club. Every vote counts—let's give our young people the opportunities they deserve!

Thank you for your support!

**VOTING CLOSES
30TH SEPTEMBER**

Stronger Starts  **TESCO**
Every little helps



LOOKING FORWARD

Q1: APRIL 25 - JUNE 25

PROGRAMME PLAN

28TH APRIL	TAGGAGEDON
12TH MAY	TARGET SPORTS
19TH MAY	DIY CRAZY GOLF
2ND JUNE	HOMEMADE STOMP ROCKETS
9TH JUNE	DEN BUILDING
16TH JUNE	SPIKE BALL
23RD JUNE	BUSHCRAFT SKILLS AND FIRE PIT
30TH JUNE	WATER FIGHT

As the evenings are drawing out and getting lighter, we are looking forward to the Summer Term and making the most of our time outdoors and nicer weather. After discussing plans with the club members, we have an exciting line up of activities ahead. In July, we are looking forward to a firepit evening and a beach walk. We'll also plan to bring out our portable skate ramp for a fun session, and of course, we'll end the Summer Term with our traditional BBQ night!

FUNDRAISING TARGET

YEAR 1 - £400

In line with our service level agreement, we recognise the importance of meeting our fundraising target of £250 to support the sustainability of Porlock Youth Club. We have set a higher internal target of £400 to further strengthen the club's future and enhance the services we provide to local young people

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

1) XMOOR ROX FESTIVAL

We have secured a spot at a local festival - Xmoor Rox. Our Youth Workers will attend the festival on Saturday 12th July.

In the lead-up to the event, we will work closely with our Youth Club members to explore creative fundraising ideas and prepare items or activities for sale. Potential fundraising activities include offering glitter tattoos or face painting for a small fee, and selling craft packs made by the young people themselves. This initiative not only contributes to our fundraising target but also provides a valuable opportunity for young people to develop skills, express creativity, and be a part of their club's success.

2) SUMMER RAFFLE

We are organising a summer raffle that will be run across all six of our youth clubs. This initiative not only encourages community engagement but also strengthens collaboration across our clubs. All proceeds from the raffle will be divided equally between the six clubs, ensuring that each benefits from the collective effort.

IDEAS FOR FUTURE FUNDRAISING



PORLOCK



YOUTH CLUB



MINEHEAD EYE YOUTH SERVICES

MONDAY

18:00 - 20:00

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 5 +
TERM TIME ONLY

PORLOCK RECREATION GROUND

Your youth workers are:



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PorlockYouthClub*



Delivering youth work locally, for over 10 years!

HOCKEY
GAMES

ARTS AND
CRAFT

GIANT
PARACHUTE

MOBILE
SKATE RAMP

ARCHERY
GAMES

NERF
GAMES

DODGE
BALL

POOL
TABLE

TABLE
TENNIS

FOOTBALL
GAMES

CIRCUS
SKILLS

INDOOR
CURLING

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