CULLOMPTON YOUTH PROVISION

IMPACT REPORT 2024



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2024 has been a fantastic year for youth provision in Cullompton!

There is a lot to celebrate about youth provision in Cullompton this year. Cullompton Youth Club has continued to grow; increasing membership and developing provision. Having reached capacity at sessions, we successfully secured funding to employ a third member of staff; enabling us to increase the number of young people that can attend our busy youth club sessions. Young people have played an active role in their youth club; planning all youth club activities, evaluating provision and contributing to funding applications. Young people have received support and signposting from qualified staff, and enjoyed a fantastic array of activities, including cooking, crafts, sport, games, discussions, film nights and celebrations.

In addition to youth club sessions, the Cullompton youth work team have delivered a six month sport project for young people in Cullompton, and supported the delivery of the Resilient Young Minds project at Cullompton Community College. We have also worked with the Youth Social Prescriber from Young Devon to support access to the youth club for young people who may not otherwise attend.

This year saw the introduction of young people in year six welcomed to Junior sessions for their final half term of primary school. This was a great opportunity for young people to settle into youth club before joining secondary school and assist with their transition.

Cullompton Youth Club has also introduced volunteering opportunities for young people. Senior youth club members are able to volunteer at Junior sessions to support session delivery and gain valuable skills.

During the year, we have worked with numerous community partners for the benefit of young people. These have included Cullompton Town Council, Cullompton Community College, Devon and Cornwall Police, The Hayridge, National Trust - Killerton House, Young Devon, The Eddystone Trust and Active Devon. Working with Cullompton Town Council, members of Cullompton Youth Club have played an active role in civic life through taking part in Town Council consultations in relation to the development of Cullompton, including outdoor spaces and council expenditure.

Previously a hotspot for anti-social behaviour, there has been a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour in the area surrounding The John Tallack Youth and Community Centre since the introduction of regular youth club sessions.



CULLOMPTON YOUTH WORK TEAM



Sophia Roper
Senior Community Youth Worker

Sophia is passionate about supporting young people's personal, social and educational development and enabling young people to develop their voice, influence and place in society. Sophia is a professionally qualified youth worker who has been delivering youth work for over 15 years.



George Munn
Youth Support Worker

George enjoys delivering youth sessions that engage, support, listen to, and empower young people; working with them as they navigate their teenage years, grow their personalities, boost their confidence, and develop skills for adulthood.



Dominic Bennett
Youth Support Worker

Dominic started as a young volunteer in 2010 and has since gone on to qualify as a Youth Support Worker and deliver youth provision across Devon.



Maisie Earle
Young Volunteer

Maisie is member of Cullompton Youth Club and volunteers at Junior sessions to support session activities.



“Youth Club gives children a safe space and helps people to socialise”

Grace, aged 12



CULLOMPTON YOUTH CLUB

Launched in August 2023, Cullompton Youth Club offers two universal access, open door sessions per week during term time, to young people aged 11 to 18 years, at the John Tallack Youth and Community Centre in Cullompton. Sessions offer young people a safe space to engage in activities, explore their identity, increase their confidence, and develop inter-personal skills. Activities are planned and, where possible, led by young people.
Junior sessions, for young people in years 7 and 8, take place on Mondays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Senior sessions, for young people in year 9 to 18 years, take place on Wednesdays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

June saw the introduction of young people in year 6 welcomed to Junior sessions for their final half term of primary school. This was a great opportunity for young people to settle into youth club before joining secondary school and support their transition from primary to secondary education.

The summer holidays saw the delivery of Cullompton Youth Club Summer Sessions. This consisted of four universal access sessions for young people in years 7 to 18 years old. Activities were planned by young people and included games, sport on the astro pitch, water balloons, movie night and a summer party. Young people enjoyed summer activities and plan to include youth club trips away in next years summer itinerary.

The start of the new academic year in September saw a significant increase in new members at Junior sessions; with sessions regularly reaching full capacity. We have been actively recruiting volunteers to assist with the delivery of youth club sessions in order to further develop our curriculum and increase the number of young people who can attend. We are incredibly pleased that we will be welcoming a new volunteer to the Cullompton Youth Work Team in January.

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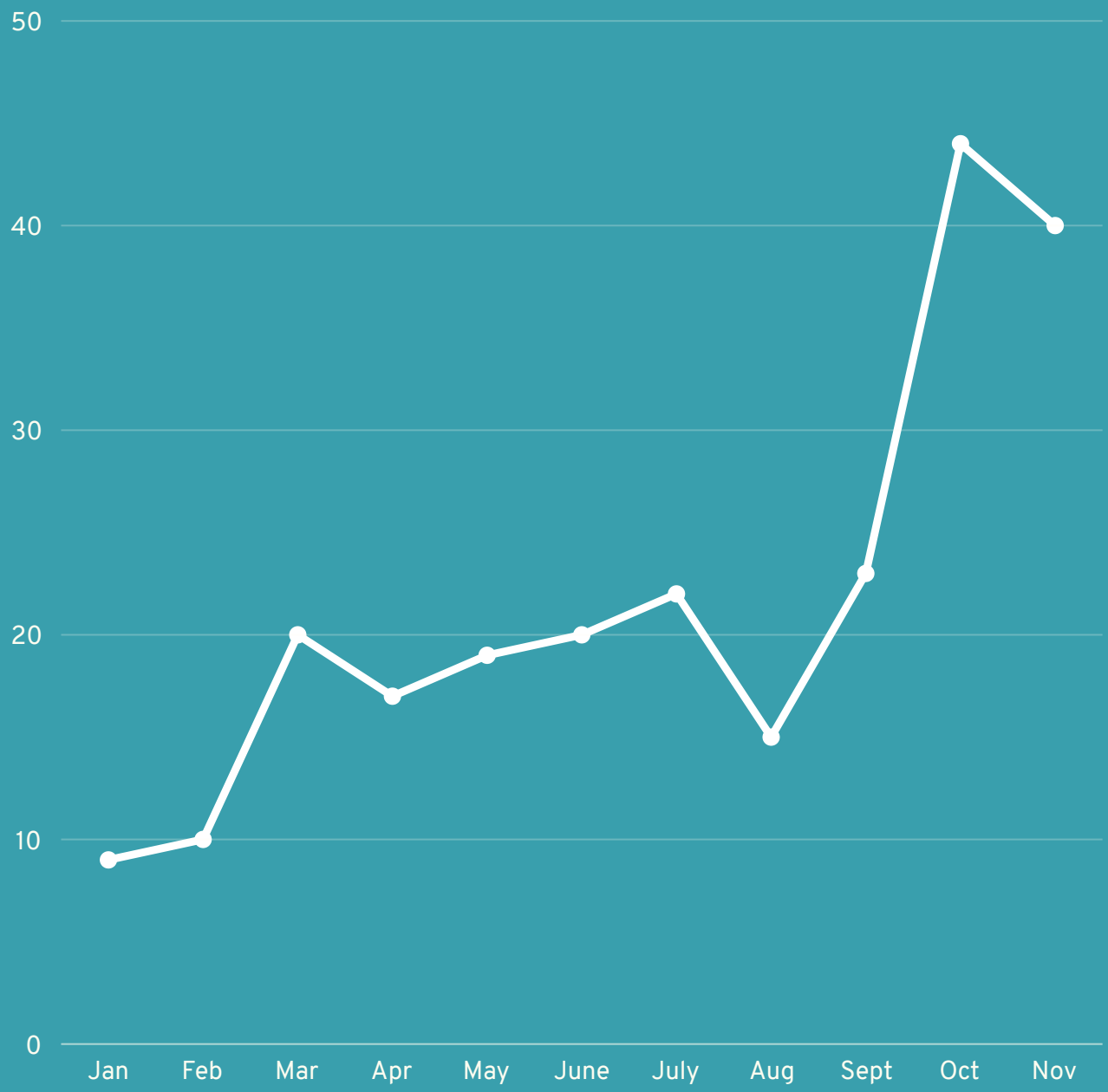
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members at
Cullompton Youth Club

78

Cullompton Youth Club
sessions in 2024

Average youth club attendances per week in 2024



Cullompton Youth Club sessions have continued to increase membership and attendances throughout 2024. At present, there are 122 young people registered as members, with new members joining steadily.
As of November 2024, an average of 40 young people attended youth club sessions per week.

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“I love going to youth club because everyone comes together and has a great time”

Maisie, aged 17

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The Cullompton youth work team delivered a six month project to provide physical activity opportunities for young people in Cullompton.

The project aimed to increase the opportunity for young people to be active in the town, try a range of activities, develop skills and build their connection with their community.

Sessions were non-competitive and delivered within Cullompton by local sports coaches and the youth work team.

Sports included:

Boxing
Yoga
Pickleball
Frisbee
Badminton
Football

Young people responded positively to the project and have requested to have access to similar sports provision in the future.

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Funding

Cullompton Youth Club is predominantly funded by Cullompton Town Council. Funds have also been secured from Devon Community Foundation and SPACE. John Tallack Youth and Community Centre provide facilities for Cullompton Youth Club and youth provision, as well as office and meeting space for the youth work team, at no cost.

Cullompton Youth Club is entirely reliant upon external funding to continue youth provision in Cullompton.

Cullompton Town Council

Devon Community Foundation
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The Future

Cullompton Youth Club is intended as a long term service to provide local, sustainable youth work. In the future, we plan to secure funding to increase provision, with additional sessions to further support young people.
We intend to develop capacity and curriculum through recruitment of more volunteers.

We look forward to continuing to deliver and develop youth provision in Cullompton in 2025.



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