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Wells Youth Club
September 2025
REPORT

YMCA BRUNEL GROUP WELLS YOUTH CLUB

Report for Wells Town Council

Department: Youth and Community

Dated: July 2025 – September 2025

Team Leader: Abigail David

Director of Youth & Community: Mark Willcox



YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and Spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian Values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

Our youth work at YMCA Brunel Group

YMCA Brunel Group delivers universal Youth Work for young people 10-19 (25 years additional needs). Operating in 8 youth clubs, project work across Mendip & South Somerset; Frome, Coleford, Glastonbury, Shepton Mallet, Street and Yeovil. We have worked with 1200+ young people over the past year.

YMCA Brunel Group is a charitable organisation providing a service and activities for young people and their communities.

Our aim is for all our young people to have ambitions for themselves, to be confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens; and to be nurtured, safe, active, healthy, achieving, included, respected and responsible in their communities. We want to encourage young people to connect creatively with their community and learn how to become better neighbours through that connection.

Wells Youth Club Report by Abigail David

Report July 2025 – September 2025

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From July to September 2025, 6 club sessions took place (3 in July and 3 in September). In addition, there were four summer activities during the week of 4th August which were financed through fundraising activities. 50 young people have registered for the club and the usual number of participants for each club is about 19 people. We have been offering a range of activities. Some highlights are offered below:

Photography Workshop at Bishop's Palace – the last session for the summer term took place at the Bishop's Palace where we were kindly offered a free photography workshop led by a professional photographer. 15 young people joined the session. One of our members won a category in the Bishop's Palace photography competition.

Relaxation Workshop – Bishop's Palace kindly offered to host this workshop. We discussed relaxation tips, took a mindfulness walk around the garden, and then did a yoga session. 10 young people joined the session.

Creative Communication Workshop – after doing a series of warm up exercises, the young people who joined the session created a dynamic performance based on experimenting with different characters and role play. 5 young people joined this session.

Climbing at Mendip Outdoor Activity Centre – 10 young people joined the climbing activity; everyone gave it a go and it was amazing how quickly everyone became comfortable in going up and down the rock face. We hired a mini-bus to take us there, and we also had a picnic lunch when we finished climbing.

Film-making Workshop – We invited Somerset Films to facilitate a workshop on film-making for our members. 12 young people joined the session, everyone was assigned a different role, and the result was a 90 second film called "The Envelope". Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/LgkzWwtDx2A>

Young People's Participation

- Members shared their interests and the activities they would like to do. The team then use this for planning.
- We have regular '*talking circles*' where we discuss what the club is doing and make plans for future sessions.
- Members decide which group games we play at the end of the sessions.
- Members run the tuck shop.

Focus

- We continue to build positive relationships with our members and for the young people to build positive relationships with each other.
- To support young people and build confidence and personal autonomy, as well as curiosity.
- To adapt plans and activities as the club evolves and new needs come to light.
- To signpost young people where needed

Highs

- Refer to activities listed above.
- Bishops Palace photography workshop
- Climbing trip
- Film making workshop
- Communication creative expression workshop
- Relaxation workshop

Lows

- Limited storage space
- No cooker in the kitchen
- Unable to do large scale physical activities in the space as it is too small. We need to find an outdoor space close by for physical activities

Case Study

Nothing to report this term as the summer term is short

Staffing:

- TL Abigail David
- YW Kanisia Mounty
- YW Lucia Harley
- RYW Orran Druit has been providing cover.
- VYW Siobhan Goodwin

Supported by Mark Willcox, Director of Youth & Community

What are the aims of the club for the next 3 months, what's important?

- Bat walking trip on 6 October.
- Halloween party on 20 October

Priorities for next 3 months

- Continue to develop the club and members' interests through providing a varied programme of activities
- Build in more Oracy opportunities

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK WELLS TOWN COUNCIL FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT IN SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE AND YMCA BRUNEL GROUP WELLS YOUTH CLUB.

Please see pictures below























