

BYP
BANK SOUTH PROJECT



The Bank Youth Project
Ashburton, Devon

Charity no. 1075067



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Who we are and what we do

- The Bank Youth Project is an open -access youth centre for the young people of Ashburton and the surrounding area
- based in our own premises, formerly a branch of the Midland Bank, hence the name!
- Started in 1999, a registered charity, initially supported by Devon County Council youth service but since cuts financially independent
- We employ trained p/t youth workers to develop and run the programme of activities, supported by adult and young volunteers
- BYP is run by the Management Group comprising Trustees, Town Council representative, Lead Youth Support Worker, and p/t Administrator,



Goals & Objectives

Mission



BYP's mission is to empower and support children and young people to improve their life opportunities by helping them grow both as individuals and as members of the community, to help them reach their full potential .

Aims and Objectives

Our aim is to engage young people in purposeful activity in a safe space they can call their own, where they can relax, be creative, have fun, make friends, develop their interests and skills, talk and discuss, increase self-awareness, take on responsibility, seek advice and support, increase their understanding of the community around them and their involvement in it.

Our Values

- We support young people having the ability to express themselves freely within a safe space.
- We listen to, understand and promote young people's voice and view of the world.
- We treat young people with respect, respecting and valuing differences.
- We seek to develop young people's skills and attitudes rather than remedy 'problem behaviours'.
- We help young people develop stronger relationships and collective identities.

Activities



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Our regular activities



Healthy Eating - we offer free fruit and veg at each session to encourage healthier eating options . We don't offer fizzy drinks and raise awareness of the importance of a healthy , nutritious diet .

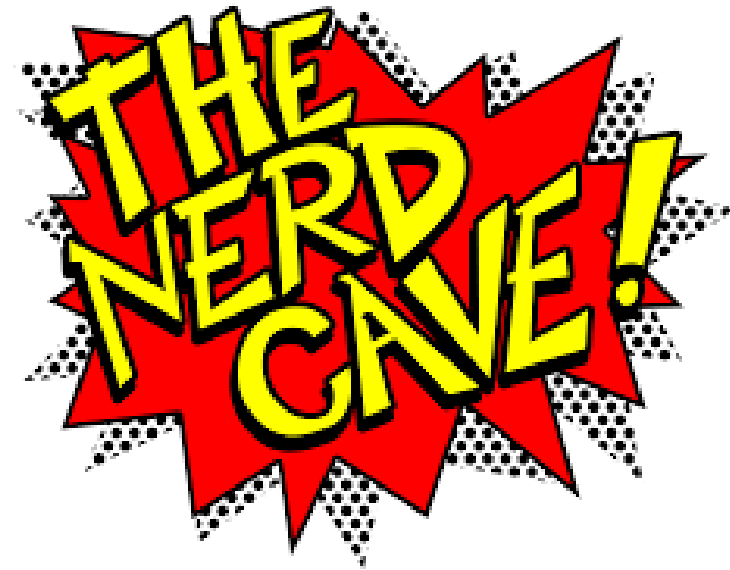


Healthy lifestyle - Our Lead Youth Worker is qualified and professionally experienced in Sports and Physical Activity . We offer a range of sports and physical activities throughout the Summer, making use of the Rec, the Pool, and trips to Dartmoor when possible . We also raise awareness of the importance of physical activity to young people throughout their lives such as eye coordination and mobility .



We offer different ways to be creative, through arts and crafts, play writing, story telling, Tik Tok, music and more .

Examples of special projects



The Nerd Cave is a club created and named by our neurodiverse members and is a safe space for them to interact, engage, and express themselves without the fear of being judged .

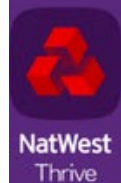
It involves funded Dungeons and Dragon sessions by Dungeon Master Vicki, Retro Gaming nights on the Nintendo and strategic board and card games for entertainment .

**Believe it.
Become it.**



NatWest Thrive is a programme set up to help young people develop their self-belief, confidence and money skills .

It is a great way to inspire young people to become who they want to be and to improve their financial wellbeing so they can feel more confident about their future .



NYA
National Youth Agency

TOMORROW BEGINS TODAY

Additional Services



Doink - Devon Sexual Health C-Card Scheme - Our youth workers are trained in educating sexual health. We raise awareness of healthy relationships, STI's, periods, safe sex and more.



Devon MASH and Childline - BYP's staff are all qualified in Child protection and have a dedicated Safeguarding Lead and Policy to help support any situation or concern.



Pause for Thought - mental health service. One-to-one support and group work to listen, engage, and support our young members' mental health and wellbeing.

BYP is popular! This year to date....



2062 attendances

338 registered members

171 regular session members

68 recorded SEND members

37 attending Nat West's Thrive Programme

5 NEET/at risk attended Employment workshops

10 Young Volunteers

4 Work Experience Placements



“ I really enjoy it here, just wish it was open everyday though .” Calum, age 12

What do members say about BYP?



“ I wouldn't see my friends if I didn't come here”

Joshua, age 10

“I feel like I can talk to you guys about anything, no one listens to me at school and I'd rather not talk to my mum about stuff”

Young person, age 13

“We love coming here as we can talk to you about anything !”

Laila, age 15

“ I wouldn't bother coming out if it wasn't open, I would be so bored”

Samara, age 14

“ I can be myself here and it makes me feel less depressed ”

H, age 13



What do parents and former members say?

*“ I used to go to **BYP** when I was little, it's the heart of the town, I would have been lost without it ” - Resident*

“ Made him much more sociable ” - Parent

“Violet seems more confident and social ” – Parent

“ It's a great way for our daughter to gain some independence in a safe environment ” - Parent

“ Seeing my child happy and making friends brings me contentment and confidence in their development ” - Parent

*“ **BYP** was such an era in my life, I feel so blessed to have come here ” - Resident*



What does BYP do for our community, and why should we all contribute to the cost?



- We all want to see Ashburton thrive, as a well -functioning, vibrant, resilient and safe community.
- Our young people are essential to this. We must not take them for granted.
- Young people suffered greatly as a result of the pandemic, through missed schooling and opportunities to socialise . We know that for many this has also had consequences for their mental health, with raised levels of anxiety and depression. It's important to rebuild self-esteem and resilience.
- Schools and many families are under pressure, both financially and in other ways.
- Out of school activities that are accessible and affordable are crucial for young people's development – socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually – and not all families have the resources to provide these.
- For young people Ashburton can feel isolated, as a small rural town with limited public transport. Many never visit Dartmoor, for example.
- BYP offers an affordable solution, together with support for those who are struggling or may feel excluded in some way. A safe space with trusted adults is so important.

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We are filling a crucial gap! Without BYP there would very likely be:

- An increase in antisocial behaviour / low level damage to property.
- Less community spirit amongst the young, willingness to engage with the town and volunteer leading to reduced community cohesion.
- More serious instances of poor mental health, requiring intervention (while formal services are already stretched)
- Instances of vulnerable young people getting drawn into criminal activity, county lines etc.

All of which are costly and hard to deal with!

Investment equivalent to less than a cup of coffee per month for Band D council taxpayers would secure about 50% of BYPs annual funding and give us a secure base to fundraise from .

NB we are also in support of the Pool's fundraising efforts – BYP members love using it in the summer, and some have learnt to swim at specially funded BYP swim sessions there!

Finances

Joe Elston
Treasurer, BYP



FINANCES FOR 2025-6, projected (at 1 Dec 24)



EXPENDITURE in 2025/26	£
Salaries*	41,870
Staff and volunteer expenses	150
Recruitment and training	500
Maintenance and repairs	3,700
Utilities and insurance	7,150
Activity consumables, equipment and projects	2,000
Licences and subscriptions	460
Admin costs	220
Professional fees (accountancy)	1,800
Publicity/marketing	500
Catering supplies and petty cash	1,650
Total	60,000

Bank Youth Project funding plan 2025-26

INCOME in 2025/26	So far secured £	Anticipated £	Notes
Local authority (Ashburton TC)	0	30,000	Precept
Trusts and Foundations	0	24,000	Applications to be made
Donations Unrestricted	0	2,000	Local business, Rotary etc
Restricted grants	0	1,450	Special projects
Earned Income	0	2,500	Subs and cafe
Other	0	650	Buckfast Abbey/ lottery
Total	0	60,600	

Current shortfall £60,000

Thank You for listening



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