



Centre-based youth work has resumed. Our young people are coping really well with the changes to the layout and the fact that we are only able to use half of the building at the moment. As Youth Work has now been classified as an essential service it means that we have a lot more leeway with what we can do despite the regular changes the country sees with rules and lockdowns. As such, for the foreseeable, there is no change to what we are able to offer and we can keep running, providing a key support provision for our young people. Good news for all.

Pre-Covid, we met once a week with everybody but we now have two bubbles running, which is quite exciting as the smaller groupings allow us to focus on the young people's needs more. The bubbles run consecutively and are mixed with children from St Swithun's and Matthew Arnold, which is also great for allowing younger ones to learn from their older peers. It's interesting to hear how our young people are coping with school now that they have returned.

All of the usual equipment is out with many games of darts, table football, table tennis, and air hockey being played. Tuck shop has returned too. We have learnt some basic sewing skills, tried map work, answered some tricky conundrums, played cards, evaluated what the youth club offers and made plans together for the future. This has been led by our young people, feeding in ideas based on the new national youth work curriculum so we're hoping we can really offer some great activities as we go forward.

Our hall hirers are back with a bang and it's great to see the space getting so much use. As things settle Covid paperwork wise, we're able to focus on developing the space further and we have some exciting plans ahead. We've also been told that there are some young carers in the village and we would like to reach out to them. We're hoping to set up a youth club slot just for them to provide a safe space that they can enjoy. If you know of a young carer who might be interested, please do let us know by emailing [youthclubkennington@gmail.com](mailto:youthclubkennington@gmail.com).

Finally, a lot of our regular volunteers are either more 'mature' or in quite high-risk health-wise categories, and they have naturally had to revert to ploughing their time and energy into more 'behind the scenes' roles. As we now run two youth clubs a week, and as we continue to expand, we'd be really keen to hear from any adults 18+ willing to offer an hour or two to ensure we can actually open the doors. That's right, we need bodies in the building. Please do get in touch.

### **50:50 Draw Winners October**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ball 25 (£36.40)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ball 7 (£10.40)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ball 8 (£5.20)

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