

Yeovil Town Council



Town House
19 Union Street
Yeovil
Somerset
BA20 1PQ

Property & Community Committee

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Tuesday 9th June 2026

7:00pm

Hybrid Meeting:

Face-to-face at Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil

BA20 1PQ; and virtual using Zoom meeting software

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact town.clerk@yeovil.gov.uk.



Amanda Card, Chief Executive / Town Clerk

3rd June 2026

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Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

Tareth Casey

Karl Gill (Vice Chair)

Andy Kendall

Tony Lock (Ex-officio)

Jane Lowery

Wes Read (Ex-officio)

Ashley Richards

Andy Soughton

Rob Stickland (Chair)

Helen Stonier

Dave Woan

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- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

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Disability	Religion or Belief
Gender Reassignment	Sex
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Sexual Orientation
Pregnancy and Maternity	

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A G E N D A

Representatives from Avon and Somerset Police has been invited to give an update on community policing matters. Questions are welcome from both Councillors and members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

11/330 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

11/331 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

11/332 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 10th March 2026 and 12th May 2026.

11/333 DEFIBRILLATOR AND BLEEDKIT UPDATE

To note the report of the Admin Officer regarding defibrillators and bleed kits as attached at pages 6 to 10.

11/334 OUTTURN REPORT FOR 2025/26

To consider the outturn position for 2025/26; and to recommend to Executive transfers to and from reserves for Property and Community Committee attached at pages 11 to 12.

11/335 BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE

To consider the Budget Monitor Update Month 2 (April 2026 – May 26) attached at pages 13 to 15.

11/336 COMMUNITY WARDEN UPDATE

To consider the report of the Director of Property & Community regarding an update of the work of the Community Wardens as attached at pages 16 to 17.

11/337 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE SCHEDULE

To consider the report regarding the Speed Indicator Device Schedule attached at pages 18 to 19.

11/338 YMCA BRUNEL GROUP – YEOVIL YOUTH CLUBS

To consider the report from YMCA Brunel Group regarding their provision of Youth Clubs in Yeovil as attached at pages 20 to 29.

11/339 WESTFIELD YOUTH SERVICE

Members to consider the Youth Drop in Westfield update report as attached at pages 30 to 34.

11/340 ARMED FORCES COVENANT

To consider the report of the Director of Property & Community regarding the Armed Forces Covenant as attached at pages 35 to 38.

11/341 PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION - PETER'S STREET TOILETS

To consider the report of the Director of Property & Community regarding the public toilet provision as attached at pages 39 to 40.

11/342 PROPERTY UPDATE

To consider the report of the Property & Project Co-ordinator providing a property update as attached at pages 41 to 44.

11/343 HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

To consider the Health & Safety Policy (as attached at pages 45 to 82) and to recommend to Executive.

11/344 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee is requested to pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

11/345 ADDITIONAL WORKSPACE FOR YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL – UPDATE & REQUEST TO PROCEED (COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

To consider the report of Director of Infrastructure (Property & Assets) as attached at pages 83 to 87.

11/333 DEFIBRILLATOR AND BLEEDKIT UPDATE

Defibrillator Update

Yeovil Town Council are currently the guardians of 21 defibrillators across Yeovil (see below), with plans to increase this number continuing.

Accessed Defibrillators

Since May 2022, the defibrillators have been accessed 132 times:

Location	Go-Live Date	Frequency of access as at 10th March 2026	Frequency of access since 10th March 2026	Frequency of access to date
1. Nationwide	20/09/21	24	0	25
2. The Acorn	16/10/21	24	2	27
3. Ninesprings Café	14/01/22	3	1	4
4. St Andrew's Scout Group	23/04/22	3	0	3
5. St Peter's Church	12/03/22	10	0	10
6. Dunelm	19/07/22	3	0	3
7. Birchfield	09/12/22	10	0	10
8. The Quicksilver Mail	06/01/23	7	0	7
9. Milford Hall	18/01/18	9	0	11
10. Town House	19/01/23	6	1	7
11. Holy Trinity Church	29/07/23	4	2	7
12. Southville Elim Church	05/10/23	7	0	7
13. Maltravers House	11/03/24	2	0	2
14. Progress Gym	16/05/24	0	0	0
15. Yeovil Recreation Centre *1	01/08/24	1	0	1
16. The Bell Inn	15/10/24	4	1	6
17. Yeovil Amateur Boxing Club	03/12/25	0	1	1
18. Duke of York	17/12/25	1	0	1
19. St James Church	03/02/26	0	0	0
20. Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society	20/05/26	0	0	0
21. Holy Trinity Scout Hall *2	20/05/26	0	0	0
		124	8	132

*1 Inherited as part of devolution (installed on the Jon O'Donnell Pavilion)

New Installations

Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society have installed a new defibrillator and emergency bleed kit on the exterior wall of Edwards House. The equipment is now fully operational and available for public use in the event of an emergency.



Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society, Edwards House, 14 Buckland Rd, Yeovil BA21 5EA

*2 Due to insufficient funding, Holy Trinity Scout Hall, Yew Tree Park (BA20 2ND) has transferred guardianship of the on-site defibrillator to Yeovil Town Council. The Council will now be responsible for its ongoing maintenance, including the replacement and upkeep of pads and batteries, to ensure the device remains in good working order and fully accessible to the public.



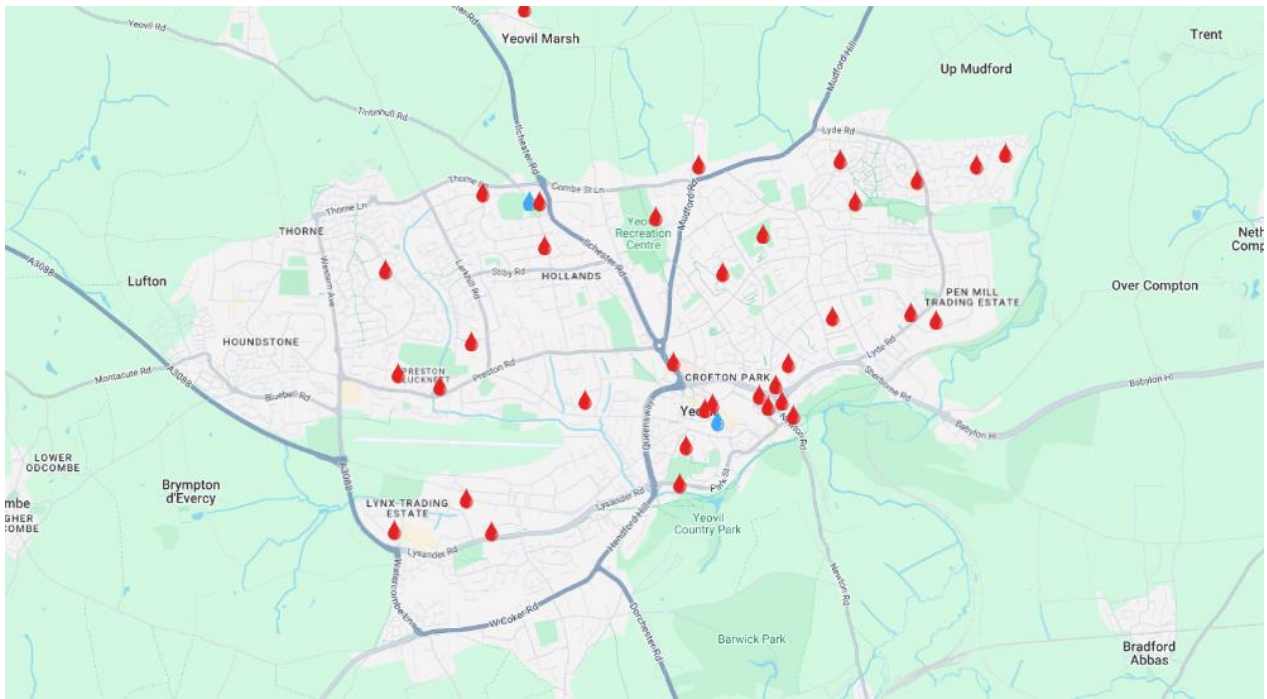
Holy Trinity Scout Hall, Yew Tree Park, Yeovil, BA20 2ND

Future Installations

Additional sites for installations are currently being explored. Discussions are still ongoing with Spirit Gymnastics Academy.

Members are asked to consider whether Westlands Entertainment Venue would be an appropriate location for a new defibrillator and emergency bleed kit. A request has been received from a member of the public for equipment to be installed in this vicinity. Further information will be presented at future meetings of this committee.

Emergency Bleed Kits



Map of installed Bleed Kits around Yeovil via Heartsafe.org.uk

YTC locations

Birchfield Community Centre, Birchfield Road, Yeovil BA21 5R
Elim Church, 27 Brunswick St, Yeovil BA20 1QZ
Holy Trinity Church and Community Centre, Lysander Rd, Yeovil BA20 2BU
Milford Community Hall, Milford Hall BA21 4QD
Progress Gym, 3A & 3B Kingfisher Close, Lynx Trading Estate, BA20 2PJ
St Andrews Scout Hut, Preston Grove, Yeovil BA20 2BQ
Yeovil Town Council, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PQ
Yeovil Recreation Ground, Yeovil Recreation Centre, Chilton Grove, BA21 4AW
Country Park Café, 27 Brunswick St, Yeovil BA20 1QZ
Maltravers House, Maltravers House Petters Way, Yeovil BA20 1SH
Yeovil Amateur Boxing Club, St Micheal's Hall, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 5AG

1032 Yeovil Air Cadets Squadron, Railings outside:1032 Yeovil Air Cadets, Yeovil, BA21 4QW
Duke of York, 12 Kingston, Yeovil, BA20 2QL
Bell Inn, 207 Preston Road, Yeovil BA20 2EW
Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society, Edward House, 14 Buckland Rd, Yeovil BA21 5EA
Evans Cycles, 76 Lyde Road, Yeovil, BA21 5DW
Preston School, Railings outside: Preston School, Monks Dale, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 3JD
St James Church, Preston Road, Yeovil BA20 2EZ

Existing locations in Yeovil

HSBC 1 Middle Street, Yeovil, BA20 1LR
Outside Barolo Lounge on lamppost 17 & 18 High Street, Yeovil, BA20 1RQ
Lamppost on Central Road junction with Earle Street Earle Street, Yeovil, BA20 1JW
Dominos Pizza Wyndham Street, Yeovil, BA20 1JJ
Aplin House Newton Road Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1FF
Lamppost outside JD Wetherspoons 97 Middle Street, Yeovil, BA20 1LN
Yeovil Leisure Park Security Office, Yeo Leisure Park, Yeovil, BA20 1NP
Peters Community Centre, Coronation Avenue, Yeovil, BA21 3DY
Peugeot Howards, 1b Bympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HP
Vauxhall Howards, Lufton Way, Yeovil, BA22 8PT
Hundredstone Bus Shelter, Mudford Road, Yeovil, BA21 4NL
One Stop Shop, 2 -4 Runnymede Road, Yeovil, BA21 5RF
Yeovil Sports Club, Coronation Ave, Yeovil, BA21 3DY
Premier Stores, 87 Greenwood Road, Yeovil, BA21 3LF
The Great Lyde, Pub, 1 Cavalier Way, Yeovil, BA21 5UA
Wyndham Park Community Garden, 15 Shackleton Road, Yeovil, BA21 5EU
Wyndham Park Community Hub, 80 Great Mead, Yeovil, BA21 5EG

Recently installed

We have now successfully installed an emergency bleed kit on the railings outside Evans Cycles. This is fully accessible for the public in an event of an emergency.



Evans Cycles, 76 Lyde Road, Yeovil, BA21 5DW

To date, we are not aware of any of the YTC bleed kits being used.

Potential YTC Locations

The Acorn , 8-10 Church Street, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1HE
Spirit Gymnastics Academy , Unit 1, Seaton Mews West Hendford, Yeovil, BA20 2AG
Westlands Entertainment Venue , Westbourne Close, Yeovil BA20 2DD

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

*(Tabetha Short, Admin Officer – 01935 382424
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2024/25													2025/26												
Budget	Month 1 - 12 spent	(Over) / Under Spend	Earmarked Reserve Contribution	(Over) / Under after Earmarked Reserve Contribution	Budget Title	Original Budget	Budget Virement	Revised budget	Month 1 - 12 spent	(Over) / Under Spend	To/(From) Earmarked Reserve Contribution	(Over) / Under after Earmarked Reserve Contribution	Notes												
£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	31/03/2026	£	£	£													
					EXPENDITURE																				
					Director of IPA																				
0	0	0	0	0	Salaries - Basic & NI	0	0	0	53,277	(53,277)		(53,277)													
0	0	0	0	0	Salaries - Pension	0	0	0	11,458	(11,458)		(11,458)													
					Property Management																				
0	0	0	0	0	Salaries - Basic & NI	0	0	0	20,032	(20,032)		(20,032)													
0	0	0	0	0	Salaries - Pension	0	0	0	3,957	(3,957)		(3,957)													
					Community Wardens:																				
63,000	40,554	22,446	0	22,446	Salaries - Basic & NI	66,530	0	66,530	28,267	38,263		38,263													
12,000	5,494	6,506	0	6,506	Salaries - Pension	13,190	0	13,190	4,521	8,669		8,669													
900	734	166	0	166	Other Staff Costs	0	0	0	51	(51)		(51)													
					Facility Officer:																				
27,000	27,288	(288)	0	(288)	Salaries - Basic & NI	0	29,400	29,400	32,368	(2,968)		(2,968)													
6,000	5,446	554	0	554	Salaries - Pension	0	5,850	5,850	6,582	(732)		(732)													
0	94	(94)	0	(94)	Other Costs	0	0	0	763	(763)		(763)													
					YTC Van																				
0	0	0	0	0	Fuel / EV charge	0	0	0	394	(394)		(394)													
8,000	0	8,000	0	8,000	Electric Van	0	8,000	8,000	0	8,000		8,000													
1,800	2,165	(365)	0	(365)	Repair & Maintenance	0	2,000	2,000	(84)	2,084		2,084													
0	0	0	0	0	Staff Training																				
0	80	(80)	0	(80)	Advertising for Staff	0	0	0	460	(460)		(460)													
0	0	0	0	0	Health & Safety at Work																				
100	134	(34)	0	(34)	Uniform / PPE	0	100	100	347	(247)		(247)													
0	155	(155)	0	(155)	Phones & Mobile																				
0	0	0	0	0	Radio	0	0	0	1,336	854		854													
0	0	0	0	0	IT	0	730	730	0	0		0													
0	0	0	0	0	IT Hardware	0	0	0	3,797	(3,067)		(3,067)													
					Subscriptions																				
9,100	(3,588)	12,688	12,500	188	Other Subscriptions	0	0	0	869	(869)		(869)													
0	0	0	0	0	YCRT	1,000	0	1,000	16	(16)		(16)													
0	0	0	0	0	Equipment, Tools & Material																				
11,400	1,000	10,400	0	10,400	Holiday Playscheme contribution	0	11,800	11,800	2,473	(1,473)		(1,473)													
570	0	570	0	570	Millennium Clock	570	0	570	3,954	(3,954)		(3,954)													
60,000	(59,957)	119,957	119,957	0	Capital Building Project																				
1,000	2,029	(1,029)	0	(1,029)	Public Noticeboards	500	0	500	0	11,800	11,800	0	under spend transfer to reserve												
0	1,785	(1,785)	0	(1,785)	Bus Shelter																				
12,420	22,292	(9,872)	(7,759)	(2,113)	Defibrillator & Bleed Kits	9,000	0	9,000	511	59		59													
700	0	700	0	700	Litter/Grit bins	500	0	500	0	500		500													
32,490	49,669	(17,179)	0	(17,179)	CCTV																				
1,250	0	1,250	0	1,250	Speed Indicator Device Installations	51,000	0	51,000	142	59,858	59,858	(0)	under spend transfer to reserve												
100	100	0	0	0	St Georges Day Parade	1,300	0	1,300	0	0		0													
750	(743)	1,493	1,500	(7)	War memorials																				
					Goar Knap - Building																				
90	1,028	(938)	0	(938)	Building	750	0	750	750	0		0													
	126	(126)	0	(126)	Other Costs	0	200	200	0	200		200	Moved from L & E												
700	750	(50)	0	(50)	Electricity	0	0	0	3,256	(3,256)		(3,256)													
1,410	1,412	(2)	0	(2)	Business Rates	0	750	750	206	544		544													
					Milford Hall:																				
1,000	2,223	(1,223)	0	(1,223)	Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	0	1,460	1,460	0	1,460		1,460													
5,700	6,196	(496)	0	(496)	Milford Hall - Business Rates	1,000	0	1,000	6,480	(5,480)		(5,480)	Automatic door issue; minor flooring damage												
30,000	20,846	9,154	0	9,154	Electricity	6,200	0	6,200	7,745	(1,545)		(1,545)													
12,770	19,182	(6,412)	0	(6,412)	Milford Hall - Running Costs	20,000	0	20,000	18,437	1,563		1,563													
1,000	696	305	0	305	CCTV	13,660	0	13,660	19,922	(6,262)		(6,262)													
460	1,305	(845)	0	(845)	Milford Hall - Security	500	0	500	0	500		500													
13,070	11,138	1,932	0	1,932	Salaries - Basic & NI	1,000	0	1,000	1,601	(601)		(601)													
						11,170	0	11,170	12,174	(1,004)		(1,004)	3.2% payaward for 2025/26												

	2,429	(2,429)	0	(2,429)	Salaries - Pension	0	0	0	2,506	(2,506)		(2,506)	Employee has elected to be entered to pension schem
					Peter Street Public Toilets:								
0	3,725	(3,725)	0	(3,725)	Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000	1,645	(645)		(645)	
8,300	8,686	(386)	0	(386)	Cleaning (inc toilet rolls)	8,590	0	8,590	10,263	(1,673)		(1,673)	National Living Wage increase as per contract
7,680	7,680	0	0	0	Security	7,950	0	7,950	7,680	270		270	
9,990	3,381	6,609	0	6,609	Other Running costs (electric/water)	7,000	0	7,000	2,519	4,481		4,481	
10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	Refurbishment	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	under spend transfer to reserve
					Peters Way Public Toilets:								
0	884	(884)	0	(884)	Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000	5,201	(4,201)		(4,201)	
6,810	1,295	5,515	0	5,515	Other Running costs (electric/water)	7,000	0	7,000	98	6,902		6,902	
7,680	7,680	0	0	0	Security	7,950	0	7,950	7,680	270		270	
8,300	308	7,992	0	7,992	Cleaning (inc toilet rolls)	8,590	0	8,590	11,091	(2,501)		(2,501)	National Living Wage increase as per contract
					Town House								
3,750	3,958	(208)	0	(208)	Salaries - Basic & NI (Cleaning)	4,050	0	4,050	4,084	(34)		(34)	3.2% payaward for 2025/26
10,000	3,997	6,003	0	6,003	Repairs and Maintenance	10,000	0	10,000	3,421	6,579		6,579	Replacement flag pole
500	(500)	1,000	1,000	0	CCTV Reserve	500	0	500	0	500		500	
12,000	11,602	398	0	398	Business rates	12,420	0	12,420	11,602	818		818	
800	2,151	(1,351)	0	(1,351)	Security - Fire & Intruder	1,000	0	1,000	2,356	(1,356)		(1,356)	
3,500	3,722	(222)	0	(222)	Electricity	3,000	0	3,000	2,835	165		165	
2,200	1,509	691	0	691	Gas	2,000	0	2,000	2,730	(730)		(730)	
400	239	161	0	161	Water charges	400	0	400	394	6		6	
2,450	2,900	(450)	0	(450)	Other costs	2,500	0	2,500	3,346	(846)		(846)	
409,140	225,276	183,864	137,198	46,666	Total Expenditure	352,820	62,480	415,300	393,990	21,310	89,476	(68,166)	
					INCOME								
0	(1,600)	1,600	0	1,600	Defibrillator & Bleed Kits	0	0	0	(3,000)	3,000		3,000	
					Milford Hall								
(18,070)	(17,873)	(197)	0	(197)	Anchor Tenant	(18,070)	0	(18,070)	(16,597)	(1,473)		(1,473)	
(14,890)	(18,462)	3,572	0	3,572	Hall Bookings	(17,260)	0	(17,260)	(18,822)	1,562		1,562	
0	(368)	368	0	368	Town House	0	0	0	0	0		0	
(32,960)	(38,302)	5,342	0	5,342	Total Income	(35,330)	0	(35,330)	(38,419)	3,089	0	3,089	
376,180	186,974	189,206	137,198	52,008	Net Expenditure	317,490	62,480	379,970	355,571	24,399	89,476	(65,077)	

Reserves as at 31/03/26

Earmarked Reserve	Balance as at 31/03/23 (£)	Movement in Year In (£)	Balance as at 31/03/24 (£)	Movement in Year In (£)	Balance as at 31/03/25 (£)	Movement in Year In (£)	Balance as at 31/03/26 (£)
Capital Building Project	275,494	59,957	335,451	60,000	395,451	(167,867)	227,584
War Memorial	2,209	750	2,959	743	3,702	0	3,702
Defibrillators & Bleed kits	6,779	950	7,729	(7,729)	0	7,818	7,818
CCTV	1,000	500	1,500	500	2,000	0	2,000
Community Safety	17,500	12,500	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
Public Toilet Refurbishment	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000
Holiday Play Scheme*	0	0	0	0	0	11,800	11,800

2025/26							2026/27							Notes
Original Budget	Budget Virement	Revised Budget	Month 1 - 12 spent 31/03/2026	(Over) / Under Spend	Earmarked Reserve Contribution	(Over) / Under after Earmarked Reserve	Budget Title	Original Budget	Budget Virement	Revised budget	Month 1 - 2 spent 31/05/2026	Full Year estimated to 31/03/2027	Estimated (over) / under spend	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	
							EXPENDITURE							
							Director of P&C							
0	0	0	53,277	(53,277)		(53,277)	Salaries - Basic & NI	65,320	0	65,320	10,570	63,420	1,900	
0	0	0	11,458	(11,458)		(11,458)	Salaries - Pension	11,500	0	11,500	1,665	9,988	1,512	
							Property Management							
0	0	0	20,032	(20,032)		(20,032)	Salaries - Basic & NI	41,170	0	41,170	6,662	39,973	1,197	
0	0	0	3,957	(3,957)		(3,957)	Salaries - Pension	7,300	0	7,300	1,056	6,339	961	
							Community Wardens:							
66,530	0	66,530	28,267	38,263		38,263	Salaries - Basic & NI	98,770	0	98,770	15,833	95,000	3,770	
13,190	0	13,190	4,521	8,669		8,669	Salaries - Pension	17,580	0	17,580	2,523	15,138	2,442	
0	0	0	51	(51)		(51)	Other Staff Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	
							Facility Officer:							
0	29,400	29,400	32,368	(32,368)		(32,368)	Salaries - Basic & NI	27,180	0	27,180	5,145	30,871	(3,691)	
0	5,850	5,850	6,582	(6,582)		(6,582)	Salaries - Pension	5,440	0	5,440	820	4,922	518	
0	0	0	763	(763)		(763)	Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	
							YTC Van							
0	0	0	394	(394)		(394)	Fuel / EV charge	0	0	0	65	393	(393)	
0	8,000	8,000	0	(0)		(0)	Electric Van	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	
0	2,000	2,000	(84)	84		84	Repair & Maintenance	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	
0	0	0	2,827	(2,827)		(2,827)	Staff Training	3,000	0	3,000	470	3,000	0	
0	0	0	460	(460)		(460)	Advertising for Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	8,780	(8,780)		(8,780)	Health & Safety at Work	1,000	0	1,000	66	1,000	0	
0	100	100	347	(347)		(347)	Uniform / PPE	1,000	0	1,000	5	1,000	0	
0	2,190	2,190	1,336	(1,336)		(1,336)	Phones & Mobile	3,110	0	3,110	192	3,110	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Radio	11,000	0	11,000	0	11,000	0	
0	730	730	3,797	(3,797)		(3,797)	IT	4,910	0	4,910	414	4,910	0	
0	0	0	869	(869)		(869)	IT Hardware	0	0	0	0	0	0	
							Subscriptions							
0	0	0	16	(16)		(16)	Other Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1,000	0	1,000	2,473	(1,473)		(1,473)	YCRT	1,000	0	1,000	975	1,000	0	
0	0	0	3,954	(3,954)		(3,954)	Equipment, Tools & Material	0	0	0	216	216	(216)	
11,800	0	11,800	0	11,800	11,800	0	Holiday Playscheme contribution	11,800	0	11,800	0	11,800	0	
570	0	570	511	59		59	Millennium Clock	570	0	570	0	570	0	
60,000	0	60,000	142	59,858	59,858	(0)	Building Project capital	60,000	0	60,000	0	60,000	0	
500	0	500	0	500		500	Public Noticeboards	500	0	500	0	500	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	Bus Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9,000	0	9,000	1,182	7,818	7,818	0	Defibrillator & Bleed Kits	4,500	0	4,500	1,729	4,500	0	
500	0	500	0	500		500	Litter/Grit bins	500	0	500	0	500	0	
51,000	0	51,000	53,167	(2,167)		(2,167)	CCTV	53,170	0	53,170	0	53,170	0	
1,300	0	1,300	2,520	(1,220)		(1,220)	Speed Indicator Device Installations	1,300	0	1,300	0	1,300	0	
750	0	750	750	0		0	War memorials	750	0	750	0	750	0	
							Youth & Community							Risk assessed and cleaned every 2 years. Budget to collect 1/2 each year and add to reserve to cover charge every 2 years *£750 technical adjustment
4,000	0	4,000	0	0		0	Youth Council	2,000	0	2,000	378	2,000	0	
40,600	0	40,600	36,588	36,588		36,588	Youth Services - YMCA	40,600	0	40,600	0	40,600	0	
15,000	0	15,000	13,750	13,750		13,750	Youth Services - Youth Drop In	25,000	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	
							Goar Knap - Building							
0	200	200	0	0		0	Building	0	0	0	147	147	(147)	
0	0	0	3,256	(3,256)		(3,256)	Other Costs	0	0	0	1,725	1,725	(1,725)	
0	750	750	206	(206)		(206)	Electricity	770	0	770	214	770	0	
0	1,460	1,460	0	0		0	Business Rates	1,820	0	1,820	0	1,820	0	
							Milford Hall:							
1,000	0	1,000	6,480	(5,480)		(5,480)	Repairs and Maintenance Buildings	1,030	0	1,030	588	1,030	0	

6,200	0	6,200	7,745	(1,545)		(1,545)	Milford Hall - Business Rates	6,390	0	6,390	7,514	7,514	(1,124)	
20,000	0	20,000	18,437	1,563		1,563	Electricity	20,600	0	20,600	1,064	20,600	0	
0	0	0	0	0		0	PV Panel installation	0	0	0	9,848	9,848	(9,848)	Funded from Carbaon Management Fund
13,660	0	13,660	19,922	(6,262)		(6,262)	Milford Hall - Running Costs	14,070	0	14,070	3,210	14,070	0	
500	0	500	0	500		500	CCTV	500	0	500	0	500	0	
1,000	0	1,000	1,601	(601)		(601)	Milford Hall - Security	1,030	0	1,030	150	1,030	0	
11,170	0	11,170	12,174	(1,004)		(1,004)	Salaries - Basic & NI	12,540	0	12,540	2,029	12,174	366	
0	0	0	2,506	(2,506)		(2,506)	Salaries - Pension	2,320	0	2,320	335	2,012	308	
							Peter Street Public Toilets:							
1,000	0	1,000	1,645	(645)		(645)	Repairs & Maintenance	1,030	0	1,030	0	1,030	0	
8,590	0	8,590	10,263	(1,673)		(1,673)	Cleaning (inc toilet rolls)	8,850	0	8,850	907	8,850	0	
7,950	0	7,950	7,680	270		270	Security	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	
7,000	0	7,000	2,519	4,481		4,481	Other Running costs (electric/water)	7,210	0	7,210	113	7,210	0	
10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0	Refurbishment	0	0	0	0	0	0	
							Petters Way Public Toilets:							
1,000	0	1,000	5,201	(4,201)		(4,201)	Repairs & Maintenance	1,030	0	1,030	56	1,030	0	
7,000	0	7,000	98	6,902		6,902	Other Running costs (electric/water)	7,210	0	7,210	127	7,210	0	
7,950	0	7,950	7,680	270		270	Security	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	
8,590	0	8,590	11,091	(2,501)		(2,501)	Cleaning (inc toilet rolls)	8,850	0	8,850	1,187	8,850	0	
							Town House							
4,050	0	4,050	4,084	(34)		(34)	Salaries - Basic & NI (Cleaning)	4,210	0	4,210	681	4,084	126	
10,000	0	10,000	3,421	6,579		6,579	Repairs and Maintenance	5,000	0	5,000	91	5,000	0	
500	0	500	0	500		500	CCTV Reserve	500	0	500	0	500	0	
12,420	0	12,420	11,602	818		818	Business rates	12,420	0	12,420	0	12,420	0	
1,000	0	1,000	2,356	(1,356)		(1,356)	Security - Fire & Intruder	1,030	0	1,030	0	1,030	0	
3,000	0	3,000	2,835	165		165	Electricity	3,000	0	3,000	260	3,000	0	
2,000	0	2,000	2,730	(730)		(730)	Gas	2,000	0	2,000	196	2,000	0	
400	0	400	394	6		6	Water charges	400	0	400	8	400	0	
2,500	0	2,500	3,346	(846)		(846)	Other costs	2,580	0	2,580	751	2,580	0	
424,220	50,680	474,900	444,328	20,967	89,476	(68,509)	Total Expenditure	641,360	0	641,360	79,987	645,405	(4,045)	
							INCOME							
0	0	0	(3,000)	3,000		3,000	Defibrillator & Bleed Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	
							Milford Hall							
(18,070)	0	(18,070)	(16,597)	(1,473)		(1,473)	Anchor Tenant	(18,070)	0	(18,070)	0	(18,070)	0	
(17,260)	0	(17,260)	(18,822)	1,562		1,562	Hall Bookings	(17,260)	0	(17,260)	(3,750)	(17,260)	0	
0	0	0	(5)	5		5	Town House	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(35,330)	0	(35,330)	(38,424)	3,094	0	3,094	Total Income	(35,330)	0	(35,330)	(3,750)	(35,330)	0	
388,890	50,680	439,570	405,904	24,061	89,476	(65,415)	Net Expenditure	606,030	0	606,030	76,237	610,075	(4,045)	

Introduction

This report provides an overview of the work of the Community Warden Service over the past 3 months. A detailed verbal report will be given at the meeting.

Update

The Community Warden service has been in operation since October 2025 with a full complement of Wardens in post for the last 3 months.

The original intention was for all three posts to cover all aspects of the warden role. However, early experience has led to a change of approach and lead roles have emerged which take advantage of the knowledge, skills and experience of the team.

Emma Marsh is the lead for Community. This includes working closely with partner organisations, attending community events and organising a programme of holiday activities (Playdays).

The Playday programme is taking shape, and publicity has started to be circulated.

Playdays

Dates for Yeovil Town Council Playdays have been agreed.

- Yew Tree Park - Friday 7th August
- Ninesprings - Wednesday 12th August
- Milford Park - Friday 21st August
- Birchfield - Monday 24th

Playdays will run from 10am - 2pm and will be themed around the venue/location. Set and support for the events will be provided by teams from across the organisation.

The programme includes a visit from Devito's Circus who will be offering circus skills workshops and performances in the run up to the Playday at Milford Park.

Chris Norman is the lead for Town Centre with a focus on community safety. Chris works closely with Yeovil Crime Reduction Team and the Neighbourhood Policing team to increase presence in the town centre and YTC sites. He is essentially acting as a professional witness and reports and evidences Anti-Social Behaviour. Chris has had success in the following areas :

- disrupting theft and unwanted behaviour in the town centre,
- tackling dog related ASB at Ninesprings
- supporting numerous vulnerable people to get help in times of crisis.

Lindey Tailby's role is evolving but is focussing on maintaining and improving the built environment through providing support to residents and working with partners to local highways team to address issues raised at allotment sites or referrals from Highways.

Lindsey will be working closely with the Parks Engagement Officer to develop the YTC approach to managing dog fouling and littering in our open spaces.

The Wardens work together on all of these areas with the lead role taking a special interest in the more specialist area of work.

The service is still in the process of developing and will continue to evolve in line with the needs of the community and Yeovil Town Council.

A Community Warden will attend the meeting to give a brief verbal update.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications related to this report.

The committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

(Tim Cook, Director, Property & Community) – tim.cook@yeovil.gov.uk

11/337 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE SCHEDULE

Yeovil Town Council owns two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which are installed on a rota at sites around the town (agreed by the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee). The list of locations from 24 May 2024 to date as shown below.

The posts for the SIDs must be installed by Somerset Council as the Highways Authority.

24 May 24	Milford Rd	Lysander Rd
7 June 24	St Michaels Ave	Sherborne Rd
21 June 24	Lyde Rd	Goldcroft
5 July 24	St Johns Rd	Preston Rd
19 July 24	Lyde Rd	Goldcroft
2 August 24	Rosebery Ave	Milford Rd
23 August 24	Preston Rd	Lysander Rd
30 August 24	West Coker Rd	Sherborne Rd
13 September 24	St Michaels Ave	Preston Rd
27 September 24	Goldcroft	Rosebery Ave
11 October 24	Lysander Rd	Milford Rd
25 October 24	St Johns Rd	Preston Rd
15 November 24	Lyde Rd	Lysander Road
29 November 24	St Johns Rd	Sherborne Rd
13 December 24	St Michaels Ave	West Coker Rd

Removed over Christmas Period 2024

13 January 25	West Coker Road	Sherborne Rd
24 January 25	Preston Road	Lyde Road
7 February 25	West Coker Road	St Johns Rd
21 February 25	Goldcroft	Rosebery Ave
7 March 25	Lysander Rd	Milford Rd
21 March 25	St Michaels Ave	West Coker Rd
4 April 25	St Johns Road	Preston Road
18 April 25	Lyde Road	Goldcroft
6 May 25	Milford Road	Rosebery Avenue

22 May 25	West Coker Rd	Sherborne Rd	
5 June 25	Goldcroft	Lysander Road	
19 June 25	Preston Road	Lyde Road	
30 June 25	**Removed from above but problem with padlocks, so new Padlocks on order**		
14 July 25	West Coker Rd	St Johns Road	
28 July 25	Goldcroft	Rosebery Avenue	
11 August 25	Milford Rd	Preston Road	
26 August 25	St Johns Road	Mudford Road	
8 September 25	West Coker Road	Sherborne Rd	
22 September 25	Preston Road	Lyde Road	
6 October 25	West Coker Road	St Johns Rd	
20 October 25	Goldcroft	Rosebery Ave	
3 November 25	Lysander Rd	Milford Rd	
17 November 25	St Michaels Ave	West Coker Rd	
1 December 25	Milford Rd	Lysander Rd	
18 December 25	Removed over Christmas period 2025		
9 January 26	St Michaels Ave	Sherborne Road	
23 January 26	St Johns Road	Preston Road	
6 February 26	Lyde Road	Goldcroft	
20 February 26	Rosebery Avenue	Milford Road	
6 March 26	West Coker Rd	Sherborne Road	
20 March 26	Preston Rd	Lyde Rd	
2 April 26	West Coker Rd	St Johns Road	
17 April 26	Goldcroft	Rosebery Avenue	
1 May 26	Milford Rd	Lysander Rd	T

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report.

Yeovil
Youth Clubs
April 2026
REPORT

YMCA BRUNEL GROUP YEOVIL YOUTH CLUBS

Report for Yeovil Town Council

Department: Youth and Community

Dated: JAN - MAR 2026

Team Leader: Rhi Cross

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.

We believe every young person in Yeovil deserves to feel they belong, are valued, and have space to grow. Our youth service is grounded in relationships, walking alongside young people in their everyday lives, building trust over time, and creating safe, welcoming environments where they can be themselves.

We listen first and respond early, offering support before challenges become crises. By being a consistent and steady presence, we create spaces where young people feel seen and heard, without pressure or judgement. Our work sits alongside statutory services, offering something distinct: time, attention, and connection.

Young people are at the heart of what we do. We work with them to shape the services they use, ensuring provision reflects their experiences, ideas, and hopes. Through accessible local opportunities, supportive relationships, and space to reflect and grow, we aim to nurture confidence, resilience, and a sense of possibility.

In doing so, we seek to support not only individual young people, but the wellbeing and strength of the wider community.

Yeovil Youth Clubs Report by Rhi Cross Report January – March 2026

Overview

Milford

Numbers of individual young people 67

Numbers of attendance 292 over the quarter

Average number each session 26

Milford continues to see consistently enthusiastic and high attendance, and whilst this remains a challenge for staff, recent changes to session structure have helped, with reviews on set up and logistics, to be well discussed at the next planning meeting.

The introduction of young volunteers taking turns to support with tuck shop in pairs, has continued to have a positive impact, improving efficiency while giving YP a sense of ownership and responsibility within the club. They take pride in the role and are excited to run the sales, not just for their sweet reward at the end! We have had several discussions about potentially running a fund-raising stall over the summer, at local events as several young people would like to get involved in making wares and being involved in business mind set development.

The demographic trend remains largely unchanged, with most attendees aged 14 and under. Engagement with older male young people continues to be sporadic; they often attend briefly but do not fully access the delivery. This remains an area for development, with ongoing consideration around how to create a safe, appealing offer that does not negatively impact the experience of younger attendees. We have experienced large congregations in the car park and on the door, which has caused several issues. Now the CCTV is running again, this may disperse the volume and length of the gatherings, as it is often for the majority of the evening. This is usually a collection of non-registered YP, ages of 13-17, and whilst likely intimidating for some, is overly exciting for other members in club, which has led to noisy and volatile situations. Some of the YP, both members and non-members, refuse to leave even when asked politely but firmly to, and this has been testing to manage some weeks.

Impression from staff is that some are curious of our service, but don't show this due to peer judgement, and some are unfortunately, are aware of their presence being 'exciting' for the younger impressionable members.

At present, this matter is being managed in response to the presenting needs and behaviours each session.

It is recognised that contributory factors may include seasonal changes, such as darker evenings and increased attendance, and it is anticipated that the frequency and intensity of incidents may reduce over the remainder of the academic year. This will continue to be monitored and reviewed as part of ongoing risk assessment.

Positive relationships remain in place with local PCSOs, and consideration has been given to implementing a visible, preventative presence through brief, but increased visits. This approach may support early intervention, reinforce behavioural expectations, and provide reassurance to young people, staff, and the wider community.

However, we are aware this must be carefully balanced to avoid creating an environment that could be perceived as enforcement-led or intimidating, which may impact engagement. Some members have said their parents would prefer they not attend if police and older teens are regularly in the area- however they are still happy to be outside until late hours. Reasons for the contradictory feedback are not clear; several parents are not open to discussion, and have at times been known to be aggressive. At present we have decided to respect their decisions and use our time to build on positive session development internally.

The decided approach will be agreed following further staff and club discussion, with any actions considered alongside safeguarding principles, and the promotion of a safe and inclusive environment. No formal request for increased police presence has been made at this stage.

Goldenstones

Numbers of individual young people 20

Numbers of attendance over the quarter 69

Average number each session 6

Goldenstones' attendance is steadily increasing, to a form a happy and sustainable club dynamic, with a noticeable increase in engagement following a very quiet period in January. We have a focus on developing a consistent core group of young people, whilst encouraging new attendees to integrate safely and confidently into the provision. The quieter, more contained environment remains beneficial, particularly for those who may find larger settings overwhelming, contributing to a more regulated and inclusive space.

This quarter, delivery has prioritised relationship-building both with current members, the venue staff, and young people in the area. There has been slow interest despite making connections with schools, local services as well as Yeovil's Connect Somerset Champion support, but emails from curious parents are starting to come in. We are planning to secure larger advertisement in the form of an A-board outside the centre, for clear visibility of the club's presence; now we are more secure in the space, this can be invested in, with the hopeful support of the manager.

We are hopeful that our presence at Goldenstones, can be viewed as an opportunity for the centre, as well as the centre known as valued to ourselves. We have of course explained the need for respectful behaviour to the members, but have also explained the nature of our deliveries, and varied, often complex needs and backgrounds of the young people we cater to. We have requested any upset to be discussed with staff directly, to ensure attendance continues at this early stage.

The outdoor space continues to be a valuable asset, supporting physical activity and positive engagement, and strongly hope management is happy to continue with our using this, whilst being respectful of the built-in outside gym. Actions have been taken with management to make this as safe as possible, with YP taking responsibility for sensible, but reasonable behaviour.

Local engagement will be key to sustaining this growth and presence, whilst ensuring the provision remains inclusive, safe, and responsive to a range of young people. We hope to advertise to villages outside this area of Yeovil, as well as further encouragement to young people that congregate at the bottom of the town centre.

It has recently come to our attention that YCC delivers a Wednesday provision at a similar time, in addition to their existing Friday sessions. While this initially raised some concern regarding overlap, it is now being viewed as an opportunity to develop a more collaborative approach to meeting the needs of young people across both services.

We recognise that the delivery models may differ, which presents an opportunity to offer a broader and more inclusive range of support. It is hoped that The Gateway shares a mutual desire for supportive working, enabling both provisions to complement one another, rather than operate in competition.

A coordinated approach would strengthen outcomes for young people by widening access, responding to diverse needs, and enhancing the overall support network through shared knowledge, resources, and professional expertise between the two teams.

We have recently reached out to their service with an explanatory and kind email, expressive our intention of support and potential future collaborations.

Detached Youth Work (Yeovil)

A key focus this quarter has been to raise the awareness of our Goldenstones sessions, largely targeting young people that gather at the bottom of town by Weatherspoon's, At times they are considered potentially antisocial by local businesses; PCSO's detailed this during our 'Walk & Talk' session, where we also had discussions with several young people that attend and congregate at Milford club. They were cautious, querying our involvement with the PCSO's, but this proved to be a going point of discussion about community relationships and the 'Why's' and 'What's' of our Detached role.

Weather has been a challenge for a large part of this quarter, but hours have been used between after school advertising of Goldenstones, planning for further outreach, and networking. We were very inspired by the morning at MIND in February, and have formed and built good relationships from this.

The Detached Lead Role has recently been made available for a new applicant, with the support YW continuing for continued integration with the clubs. Whilst I have decided to step back and focus on the development and progress of the clubs themselves, I am still happy to support the new detached lead with community events and general support where needed, and will encourage a group approach, where our services will feed each other, perhaps more effectively.

Young People's involvement

Milford

Milford YP continue to be largely keen to use the space for a warm, dry social 'hang out', using the time to talk with friends and decompress after school. We also have several YP that do not regularly attend educational platforms, and this time is there for beneficial for their interaction skills in peer relationship building.

Arts and crafts usually prove popular to a core group, some enjoyed as a hobby, some participate as means of icebreakers. The 'Art Cart' is always well used.

Our lively group of boys, do still make the most of the benefits of a gym, very much enjoying the new basketball net, but we are looking forward to the noise being taken into the outside area! We did have to have a ban for some of the male YP in this group for one session, as behaviour was becoming out of control, often related to football, but this seems to have improved somewhat.

We work hard to ensure nobody is left on their own or feeling too overwhelmed by the noise volume, and generally, despite external excitements at the entrance, all YP appear engaged in conversations, games, of featured activities. Shyness does not last long amongst the clubs many big personalities, and are pleased to say we often see new members returning with their new friends.

Goldenstones

The club is a new growing group so we have far more time to engage with the young people, either directly in activities, or with more in depth conversation than we are able to attain in Milford. We are however mindful to give them space to talk amongst their selves however, not wanting to make them feel over staffed. The members especially enjoyed a film evening, where we created a mini cinema amongst the soft play at their request.

We were very lucky to have a fully funded Wassail costume workshop delivered by Yeovil Art Space, where community artists 'Jeneau Project', supplied materials and time to create wearable art used in the Ninesprings historic event, as well as the Yeovil Art Weekender procession at the end of this month. We had 10 attendees for this, after a previous month

of low attendance, and all involved had a very enjoyable evening, with a supporting spread of tasty nibbles!

It seems it is a club that enjoys music, and so we encourage their requests to liven up their time, and make the atmosphere more welcoming.

We will be having further chats with our current visitors, to help build a program for our planning over the upcoming months; hopefully making use of the wider park.

Programme

For both clubs included :

- Safety outside at night- lots of young YP walk home on own
- Language and its effects on others, relating to...
- Respect- for themselves, staff, each other

Case Study

Kevin, 15

Since joining, Kevin's confidence appears to have improved dramatically, as they are finding themselves amongst their family challenges, peers, and identity. Initially very quiet, visits are increasing, along with voluntary engagement in conversation, help for staff, and relationship building. Always a face we are very happy to see!

Highs

Lots of smiley faces awaiting us before opening time!

Hopeful interest from older years

Confidence building for several YP is a theme.

Excited for progression of club development

A team dynamic- supportive, understanding and open workforce

Lows

Milford

Congregations outside door and refusal to disperse

Littering in club

At times, respect for staff has been poor

Need for greater staff/volunteer support due to the interest in the club. Reducing numbers will cause upset and potentially greater issues.

Goldenstones

It's a growing club and slowing growing

Teething issues with Venue inter communications can be tricky

Priorities for next period

Milford

Encouraging support of YP in taking more ownership in club running, for the benefit of themselves, as well as quality of overall delivery.

Goldenstones

Ensuring engaging delivery for our current members to enjoy, to sustain the roots we are building here. Also, to continue efforts to inform management of our work, and how and why we operate.

Staffing

Rhiannon Cross – Clubs Team Lead

Cortney Bolton – Youth Worker & Detached Engagement

Amy Francis-Chidgey Youth worker

Supported by Mark Willcox – Director of Youth & Community and Chiara Docherty Senior youth work practitioner





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

Westfield Youth Report, June 2026



The Hangout



The Hangout

(Weds evening, 4-5.30pm for school years 4-7, 6-7.30 for school years 7+)

Over the last year the younger hangout has changed a little over the last year. We ended up only having 3 or 4 regulars a week and when that dropped to one we knew we had to do something. We originally started this group to meet the young people earlier and give them a space to hang out. This group was not meeting that objective, either due to people not knowing about it or people not wanting to attend. Each year we ask both Preston Primary and Oaklands to hand out our flyers with no avail so I thought maybe best to try something different. I reached out to Oaklands and asked if I could do an assembly with year 4 – year 6. This was a massive success and had 20 plus attend that same night. This has levelled out to 10-15 attending each week. We have started to build some good relationships with these children especially the group of year 6's we have, with many discussions regarding SATS and transition to secondary school.



The older hangout has been going very well it is probably the best attended with not just our core group of teenagers attending. We have some extra young people attend some who are part of their core groups friends who can't attend other nights, then a few others who have just heard about the group elsewhere. The young people like the freedom to do what activities they like with the various equipment we have out. We find this group is where we bond most with the young people and have those important one to one or group chats with them about life.



Drop into

(4-5.30pm Thurs evening for school years 7-13)

Drop into has changed a bit since last school year, before the summer holidays we were really into having different activities each week which the young people were really keen in joining in with. The young people especially enjoyed the baking that we were doing, since the change of leaders we have not done as much as it isn't one of our current leaders' strengths. After the summer we very much lost our rhythm with this group and struggling to



get set activities going. We have managed to do some but not as many as we like. However, this has given us more time to sit and chat with the young people and let them run off some of the energy in the hall. We have also seen more creativity from the group with them asking to do certain things and take lead in that. A couple of weeks ago we got asked to play a game called imposter, everyone took part including PCSO John when he popped in. It was great time and enjoyed by all, we got

to know each other a lot more. It has been great to see more organic moments come from this lack of rhythm. Another session the young people love to do is a music session where we provide instruments and let the young people have a go. Some of our young people are very talented, and can play a variety of instruments and want to learn more from our musical volunteers.



Trips

Each year we take the young people away camping for a weekend at an event called Spree SW. It was two nights away camping at Westpoint Exeter, where there were lots of activities, including fairground rides, workshops, archery, axe throwing, 'Spree's got Talent' and much more. This was our third year of taking a group, like the previous two years we took 15 young people. Each year we ask our



volunteers their favourite part of the weekend, one reported that she really enjoyed a spontaneous moment with the young people. Normally we ask the young people to wash up their own plates etc, however, one night one of our lads offered to wash everything up and recruited two others to help him. The volunteer said this was an amazing time for them as the young people started to really open up and take an interest in the volunteers and they had great conversation whilst doing the washing up.



As well as a time to make memories that will stick with them for a long time. One memory made for one of our young people last year was making it to the final of Spree's got talent, she narrowly missed the winning spot but got chosen to be in the final 6 out of 50+ acts. She did two amazing dances both not choreographed but made up as she went along, which you would not have known when watching. All the other young people chose to go and watch the final in support of this young person and rallied round her when the result came through.

We are currently in the process of booking and planning for this year.

At the moment we have 21 young people booked on to go, nine of which have not attended spree before.

This year we have managed to take the young people on a few different outings locally. We took 21 young people bowling. Thanks to a New Year deal we managed to get two games and a free drink for each young person for only £10. For many of our young people this was the first time they had been bowling in a number of years due to the cost.

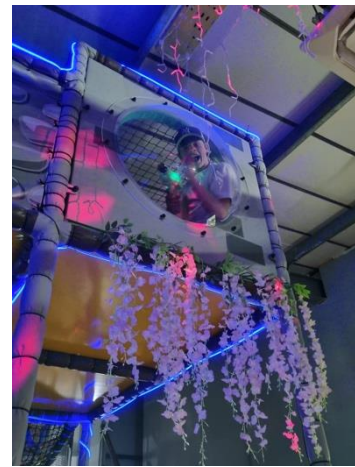
The young people had a great time and even started to get a little creative with how they bowled, many trying to recreate ones they



have seen on TikTok. They were even more delighted when they found out that they could get slushies with the free drinks voucher which is a massive treat. PCSO's Amy and Stuart joined us half way through and had a few goes themselves which was highly encouraged and enjoyed by the young people.



We also managed to take 18 young people with two leaders to Kaspas. We gave the young people a budget of £10 to buy whatever they wanted, many opted for a desert choosing from either a waffle, crepes or ice cream Sundae. Unfortunately, due to the number of us we were not able to sit together on one table, but were offered two big booths to sit on. As per usual there was a lot of swapping and changing to sit with different people. The young people were so excited when the food started to come out, we had to remind them to quieten down. Fortunately, there was not many other people in there so we did not disrupt many people. All the food was eaten very quickly and there was even some negotiations on where the little left overs went, with one of our lads managing to get most of them.

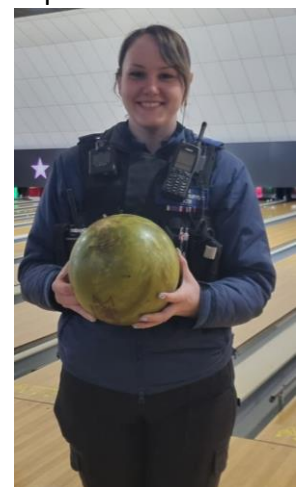


Lastly, we took 16 young people to Laser Tag at Mini Kingdoms in Yeovil. We were limited to 16 due to the amount of equipment they have. Fortunately,



some of our young people were away on a school trip so that helped us with the issue of having to choose who to take. The young people were particularly excited by this activity as only one or two had done laser tag before. Also, because this was in a soft play and this was one of the suggestions they had when looking at what activities to do. The young people had 4 games with drink breaks in between each and after two games they had pizza and chips. The first two games they decided to play in teams, the red and the green. They were given 30 seconds to go and hide before the game was started. The young people could use anywhere in

the building to hide and use to build bases etc. In the first game they all seemed to go to the same area and was very close to each other, despite this Red team won by a significant amount. The second game we gave them the chance to swap teams but they were determined not to as the green team had a new strategy, with one of our leaders who had to step in shooting then hiding their gun completely to avoid being hit. Sadly, their new tactic did not work and they still lost to the reds.



After sitting and having their food they decided that they wanted to give a go at solo mode where everyone is against everyone. The young people did not seem to enjoy this round as much as the team's role, so they formed little teams themselves. The last round they decided to go back to the team game, this time they swapped colours but not

the teams themselves. Again, the original red team dominated the round winning the evening. I think partly because most of them were absolutely knackered by that point.

This was the best trip by far enjoyed by the whole group and will definitely be a place we will return to if and when we can.

Holiday Activities

Over the summer we put on various activities for the young people to attend which including our usual session of: arts and crafts (where the air-dry clay was a big hit), Bake off, Movie night and sports. We also had a few different activities one was fire warden training run by a volunteer. They went through basic fire training, showing the young people what extinguisher to use when and even taught them how to use fire extinguishers by letting them use out of date extinguishers. The second different activity was when we joined the 999 day where the young people could explore the police vans and cars. This summer was not as well attended as previous but with the increased number to the young hangout we hope for an increase in attendance.



We have just held four activity sessions over the Easter holidays, we did an Easter egg hunt, crafts, sports and made Easter egg nests. These were very well attended mainly by our usual group of young people who enjoyed having something to do during the holidays.

Youth Funding Impact Summary

The impact of these activities has been significant.

By providing structured activities during evenings and weekends — times when young people are more vulnerable to anti-social behaviour — we have been able to offer positive alternatives that reduce risk and promote safer choices.

Across all activities, we observed:

Increased confidence and willingness to try new things

Improved friendships and stronger peer relationships

Positive teamwork, communication, and problem-solving

Greater respect for others and improved behaviour

Increased engagement with trusted adults

The bowling trip demonstrated inclusion on a large scale, allowing over 20 young people to participate together, many for the first time in years. The presence of PCSOs helped break down barriers and build trust between young people and local services.

During laser tag, young people showed teamwork and resilience, adapting strategies and supporting one another. At Kaspas, they demonstrated independence and social confidence.

The residential experience provided deeper impact. A simple but powerful moment came when one young person took the initiative to organise others to help with washing up. This created an opportunity for meaningful conversations, where young people opened up and built stronger relationships with volunteers. These moments reflect growing maturity, responsibility, and trust.

Building Confidence, Aspirations and Positive Futures

This funding has enabled us to go beyond activities and support long-term development.

Through shared experiences and informal conversations, young people are beginning to:

Build confidence and self-belief

Develop social and communication skills

Show leadership and take responsibility

Reflect on their choices and future goals

A powerful example of this was a young person reaching the final of “Spree’s Got Talent,” placing in the top 6 out of over 50 acts. Her performance showed courage and confidence, and the support from her peers demonstrated strong friendships and encouragement within the group.

These experiences help young people recognise their potential and understand that they can achieve positive outcomes, which is key in reducing the likelihood of negative behaviours or involvement in crime.

Young People’s Voice

Feedback from the young people has been overwhelmingly positive. Activities such as laser tag have been described as “the best trip by far,” and the residential continues to be a highlight of the year.

Their enthusiasm, increased participation, and willingness to engage in new opportunities show the real value of providing accessible, meaningful activities.

11/340 ARMED FORCES COVENANT

Introduction

This report provides an update on proposal for Yeovil Town Council to become a signatory to the United Kingdom Armed Forces Covenant, demonstrating its commitment to supporting members of the Armed Forces community. It is proposed that the signing of the Covenant takes place on or around Armed Forces Day in June 2026, date to be confirmed.

Update

Members will recall that the principle of signing the Armed Forces Covenant was agreed by the IPA committee at the January meeting.

The Director of Property & Community has been working on drafting the pledge which will detail the YTC commitments to the Armed Forces. A draft of the pledge is attached at appendix A.

The National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services' national agreement (also known as the Green book) does not contain specific provisions on reservists employees nor those who support local cadet units — arrangements such as training leave or mobilisation support are normally set out in local policy, alongside statutory protections. If member agree the recommendation, further work will be required to amend and adopt the policies to enable the pledge to be implemented fully.

The intention is for the formal signing of the covenant to take place on Super Saturday on 4th July.

Financial Implications

None as a direct result of this report.

Additional Annual Leave provision under the circumstances outlined in the draft pledge will have indirect financial implications.

The reception for Armed Forces representatives will be funded by the existing budget for Super Saturday although there may be external funding available for some elements.

Recommendation

1. That members consider and agree the draft pledge commitments.
2. That members recommend the pledges for adoption by the Executive

APPENDIX A – Draft Armed Forces Covenant Pledges

For Adoption by Council

1. Introduction

1.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is a national pledge recognising that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities they serve with their lives.

1.2 **Yeovil Town Council** affirms its commitment to upholding the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant and supporting the Armed Forces community within Yeovil.

2. Principles of the Covenant

2.1 Yeovil Town Council commits to the following core principles:

- **No member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage** in accessing public or commercial services compared with any other citizen.
- **Special consideration may be appropriate** in some cases, particularly for those who have given the most, such as the injured or bereaved.

3. Our Commitment

3.1 Yeovil Town Council recognises the contribution and sacrifices made by serving personnel, veterans, reservists, and their families. The Council will work with Somerset Council, local NHS partners, charities, and community organisations to ensure that members of the Armed Forces community receive fair and consistent support.

3.2 To demonstrate our commitment, Yeovil Town Council will undertake the following actions:

A. Supporting Access to Local Services

- Provide clear signposting and guidance to help serving personnel, veterans, and their families access relevant support services delivered by Somerset Council, the NHS, charities, and national organisations.
- Accept UK Armed Forces Veteran ID Cards as proof of Veteran status.
- Promote awareness of local and national support available to the Armed Forces community.

B. Being an Armed Forces-Friendly Organisation

- Promote Armed Forces-related activities, events, and information through the Council's website, social media channels, and local press.
- Publish this Covenant on a dedicated page of the Council's website.

C. Employment Support for Veterans

