



# Tetbury Area Youth & Community Trust

## Annual Report 2023-24

TAYCT and Tetbury Youth Club have enjoyed another brilliant year! To make room for our ever-growing number of young people, we launched a third weekly youth club session for Year 7s and have been trialling a new after-school youth café for 11-16 year olds. Called Tea & Toast, this afternoon session offers young people a quiet place to be themselves, hang out with their friends, chat to our youth workers and grab a snack. We have also continued to learn and add to our calendar of holiday activities which was a project we first launched last year. We offer a variety of activities for children and young people of all ages, including youth drop-ins and family play sessions, cooking and craft workshops, family days out and supported youth trips on the public bus. We have been delighted by the numbers that come along to our sessions each holiday, and love hearing everyone's feedback about how fun and valued they are. The third part of our youth provision is mentoring, which is there to provide personal support, encourage and inspire young people to overcome challenges and to reach their goals and potential. This year, we have mentored 30 young people from Sir William Romney School and we are actively looking for further funding to continue this essential work next year.

We continue to apply for new sources of funding and have made great progress. TAYCT is primarily grant-funded, with money awarded by local government, community organisations and charitable foundations. The significant increase in our income this year enabled us to expand and deliver all the great new services mentioned. Local feedback is essential to the work we do. We work closely with young people, Tetbury Town Council, the Cotswold Youth Network and other local organisations to understand the needs in our community, and where TAYCT can make the greatest difference. We are a small charity with big ambitions for Tetbury and we hope to continue developing new and valuable services for the wider community, in addition to our youth work.

To close, I would like to say a special thank you to Lisa Hoult and our amazing team. I get to hear our youth workers observations behind the scenes, and Tetbury is so lucky to have a group of such caring adults who support our young people and really pay attention to what is going on for them in their world. Our young people are a valuable part of our community and we feel privileged to be a part of their journey.

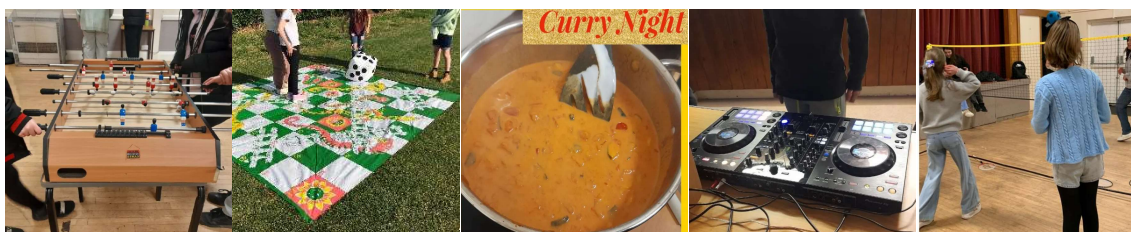
Suzie Drye, CEO

## OUR YOUTH WORK IN NUMBERS

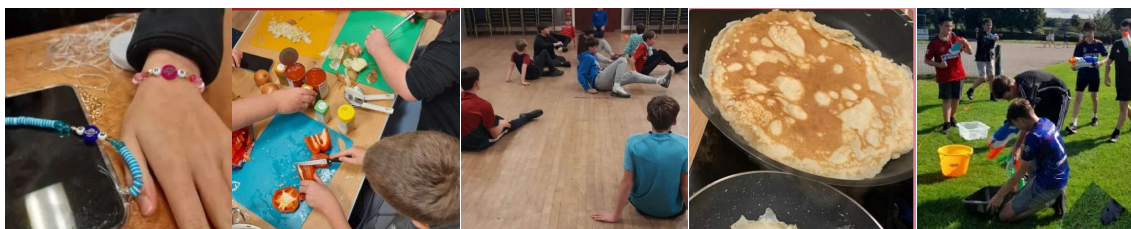
- 254 Youth club hours
- 120 young people regularly engaging with youth club sessions
- 120 hours of School Holiday activities
- Over 1000 holiday activity places for children and young people
- 250 volunteer hours
- 175 youth mentoring hours
- 30 young people engaged in youth mentoring
- 3 youth workers recently trained as minibus drivers to support youth trips

TETBURY YOUTH CLUB		
<b>Monday</b>	Main Hall or on the Rec	YEAR 8 6 - 8PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Group Projects	WILD WESTONBIRT EVENINGS @ THE ARBORETUM (FULLY BOOKED)
<b>Thursday</b>	Main Hall or on the Rec	YEAR 7 6 - 7.30PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Youth Club Room	YEAR 9-13 6 - 8PM

## A WHOLE LOT OF FUN



1000 shuttle cocks hit ♦ 300 pancakes flipped ♦ 50 bowls of slime made ♦ 500 football goals scored ♦ 100 rocks painted ♦ 2 water fights ♦ 200 bracelets beaded ♦ 1000 pieces of toast served ♦ 20 yoga poses perfected ♦ 200 games of Uno played ♦ 500 hot chocolates stirred ♦ 200 rolls of the dice for board games ♦ 100 Spins of the DJ decks ♦ 200 fajitas wrapped ♦ 200 muddy shoes coming off the Rec



## COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

“You can talk to the youth workers if you have had a bad day and you can meet your friends here and do the activities if you want to or just hang out”

“If it wasn't for youth club I wouldn't ever go out or make any friends”

“There is nowhere else safe to hang out in Tetbury”

“Making friends can be really hard, it helps coming here”

“I love the cooking because they have such good ideas for what to cook”

## FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES

“Thank you so much for letting N have this opportunity. He has come back telling us all about it and he can't wait for the next one”

“Very lucky to have these events organised and for free! Thank you”

“It was a lovely morning... great to get the kids out”  
 “it was lovely to see so many children of all ages”  
 “She absolutely enjoyed every minute of it, the cheese tart was amazing!  
 We can’t wait to make it again”

MONEY MATTERS	April 2023-March 2024 (not final figures 10/4)	April 2022-March 2023 PRIOR YEAR
Total Income	£56,202.17 (86% increase)	£30,122.82
Total Expenditure	£51,631.57	£32,480.28
Unrestricted Reserves	£0	£0

## WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Thank you so much to the below organisations for their support. Without their partnership and funding, TAYCT would not be able to offer the number and variety of sessions and activities that we have available for young people, children, and families in Tetbury.



A huge thank you also to the generous individuals who donated to support our work in Tetbury. Your contributions have raised £770 for TAYCT this year.

## OUR AMBITIONS FOR 2024

- To develop wider community projects in addition to our youth work
- To run targeted youth projects that support young people with confidence, resilience and wellbeing, trying new experiences and developing skills
- To relaunch our donations platform and raise funds within our community

To find out more about who we are and what we get up to throughout the year:

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