



**MINEHEAD
EYE
YOUTH SERVICES**

PORLOCK YOUTH CLUB

Porlock Parish Council Meeting
14th October 2026

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Attendance at Porlock Youth Club was lower during July 2026, largely due to the temporary relocation of the session and a number of end-of-year school events. Despite the reduced attendance, young people continued to engage positively with the final sessions of the term, including an end of year celebration before the summer break.

During the summer holidays, the youth work team continued to engage with young people through a range of local community events, as well as a special youth club event hosted at Minehead EYE. The team also delivered a busy programme of Happy Healthy Holidays activities, which provided further opportunities for young people to engage with youth workers and peers during the school holidays. The programme also saw familiar faces from Porlock Youth Club attending, helping to maintain positive relationships and continuity of support outside of the regular weekly sessions.

September 2026 has seen a particularly positive return to the new academic year. Young people have been very pleased to return to the youth club at its usual location at the recreation ground, with the return to the venue helping to re-establish a strong sense of familiarity and community. Attendance has been particularly encouraging, with 19 new members joining in the first four sessions of the term. Overall attendance has reached its highest level for a considerable period, with one session welcoming almost 30 young people.





The strong attendance and engagement demonstrate the continued value of the youth club as a safe, accessible and welcoming space for local young people. The team has focused on creating a positive environment where young people can socialise with their peers, take part in activities and develop positive relationships with trusted youth workers. The return to the recreation ground was marked with a “Back to the Rec” celebration, giving young people an opportunity to reconnect with the club and each other following the summer break.



The team has continued to make use of the outdoor space while the weather allows, incorporating outdoor games and physical activities into sessions. These activities provide opportunities for young people to be active, work together and develop social skills in an informal setting, while ensuring that young people have choice in how they spend their time at the club.

We are also looking forward to welcoming the Somerset Wildlife Trust to an upcoming session, providing young people with an opportunity to explore local wildlife and the natural environment through an engaging activity.



The positive start to the new academic year, including the significant number of new members and increased attendance, reflects strong local engagement with Porlock Youth Club. The team will continue to build on these positive relationships, providing consistent opportunities for young people to socialise, develop skills, build confidence and access trusted support within their local community.

STATISTICS

	JULY 2026
SESSIONS DELIVERED	3
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	18* RESET FOR NEW YEAR FROM APRIL 2026
TOTAL ATTENDANCES	17
AVERAGE ATTENDANCES PER SESSION	6

	SEPTEMBER 2026
SESSIONS DELIVERED	4
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	37* RESET FOR NEW YEAR FROM APRIL 2026
TOTAL ATTENDANCES	84
AVERAGE ATTENDANCES PER SESSION	21

LOOKING FORWARD

Over the next three months, we will continue to provide a varied programme of activities at Porlock Youth Club, responding to the interests and ideas of the young people who attend.

Our plans for October to December include:

- Continuing to build relationships with the 19 new members who have joined this term and supporting them to become settled and confident within the club.
- Making the most of the remaining opportunities for outdoor play and activities before the winter weather, alongside a varied programme of indoor activities.
- Welcoming Somerset Wildlife Trust to deliver an environmental and wildlife-focused session.
- Providing a range of creative, physical, social and recreational activities, ensuring young people have choice in how they spend their time at the club.
- Planning activities around Halloween and Bonfire Night, alongside seasonal activities in the lead-up to Christmas.
- Continuing to provide opportunities for young people to contribute ideas and influence the activities and development of their youth club.
- Maintaining a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where young people can socialise, develop positive relationships and access support from trusted youth workers.
- Continuing to monitor attendance and engagement, with a focus on ensuring the club remains accessible and responsive to the needs of local young people.



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising continues to play an important role in supporting the sustainability of Porlock Youth Club, and we remain committed to contributing towards the Parish Council's fundraising ambitions throughout the year.

So far this year, £1279.33 has been raised through the following events:

- Easter Cupcake Sale
- Party in the Park
- Porlock Fayre
- Williton Fete
- Roadwater Fete
- Watchet Fete
- Carhampton Carboot Sale
- Exmoor Young Voices Fun Day

Our youth workers enjoyed attending these local events throughout the summer to raise funds, promote our services and engage with families.

These events are a valuable opportunity not only to generate additional income but also to raise awareness of Porlock Youth Club, promote the work of Minehead EYE Youth Services, and encourage new families and young people to engage with our provisions.

