

Chairman's Report

14th April 2025

As we conclude this fiscal year, it is my honor to present the Chairman's Report for Pulham's Youth Engagement Project. We have now successfully completed 2 years for the Youth Club 11 to 17 year olds. We have over 70 members and 14 volunteers. Our Youth Club is a vital part of our village and recognised further afield. Our young people have shown a growth in their social confidence without the use of mobile phones although they are allowed their mobiles into the club.

Achievements

In March of this year, we introduced our Junior Club for 5- to 10-year-olds to replace Trailblazers Church Group in Pulham St Mary which had been running for 50 years. We felt it was important to continue a club for this age group which helps with their development socially and actively. We have over 20 members weekly attending the club to join in with crafts, Lego, table tennis, skipping, chess, colouring, drawing.

We have introduced a scheme for the 15 to 17 yr olds to gain volunteer hours for associations such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award or College/University etc.

Club Management

We have regular meetings to discuss training, DBS, checks, grants, volunteers. All our volunteers are safeguard trained, DBS checked and very enthusiastic giving their free time to us for the benefit of our children and future adults.

Funding

We are a non-profit making club therefore we are continually seeking funding for all aspects of the Pulham's Youth Engagement Project. Members fees of £1.00 per session cover their refreshments every week and cooking ingredients. We claim grants for the Pulham Market Hall fees and The Pennoyer Centre. Pulham St Mary Parish Council continue to support us. Ed's Plaice donation sugar free canned drinks. Sams Shopper have offered their charity collection pot to Pulham's Youth Engagement Project which could generate up to £200 per year. Smurfitt Westrock donated £100.

