

Shrewton Youth Club - an evaluation for the Local Youth Network (LYN) - January 2017.

Shrewton Youth Club is an active club that has been running for a year. This was possible because of the initial financial support from the LYN, a grant which enabled the employment of a Youth Leader, some hall rent and other initial items. Aside from the financial support, the Club has been successful owing to the involvement of a small number of adult helpers and committee members.

In that time, 39 sessions have been recorded on the run-a-club monitoring session. This has included 30 members and others that have dipped in and out of sessions. Regular attendance each week is 15.

The activities provided have all got educational outcomes included. It is the ethos of the group to not only provide the traditional youth activities such as pool, table tennis and consoles but also the opportunity to learn something new.

The sessions organized and led by our youth leader have included quiz nights, cooking and craft. Outside speakers have also visited to provide sessions; the police on safety, a local guitar player giving a musical history, local artists teaching portrait drawing, sculpture and pottery and a local fly fisherman giving demonstrations.

The young people are becoming more involved in the group and are currently planning their first fundraiser which will consist of a cake sale alongside displaying their artwork. Four members have also attended the LYN and have expressed interest in attending further meetings.

We have also been lucky to run one trip to Freedog in Swindon. In this venture, we joined Durrington Youth Club to share resources. The young people really enjoyed this which was a great opportunity to share a positive leisure activity. Due to the success of this we are planning on our next trip for February half-term. We are now able to book a minibus and run it ourselves due to our Chairman plus another helper having received MIDAS training.

The plans for this year include a graffiti project, four fundraisers, two trips, organized sports activity and a cooking project.

Our Youth Leader and the Management Committee feel that it is important that we continue to engage with our group offering further diverse learning and positive activities and also attract other young people within the Shrewton community and surrounding area.