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## Milestones

Avon Club is a voluntary Organisation and registered Charity, established to give young people further opportunities of increasing their potential through effective use of their leisure time.

Through a structured programme of positive activities, the Club strives for high standards of behaviour, encouraging self awareness in a caring environment. In this environment members can broaden their horizons, be challenged about their attitudes and undertake new experiences to assist with their social awareness, development and role in the Community.

**1953** Founded as Avon boys club and opened by the Duke of Gloucester

**1978** Extended the club house with the addition of a sports hall

**1990** Introduced girl members becoming Avon Club for Young People

**1995** Outdoor sports court constructed, shared with neighbouring primary school

**2003** With £50k Neighbourhood Regeneration Funding, complete refurbishment of clubhouse

**2005** With £10k from Prince's Trust, leaders, members and probationers built new garden on disused land

**2007** Joe Lee, as leader of ACYP elected 1 of 5 'UK Young Citizens of the year' by Rotary with a documentary of the Club appearing on BBC Newsround Chairman and Leader invited to the Queen's Garden Party at the Palace.

**2007** Letitia McCabe, Junior Leader, elected to Junior Youth Parliament

**2009** Clubhouse further developed to include : Training kitchen, art room, dance and fitness centre, and learning centre.

**2009** Holiday Clubs started, with first open access summer club being used by the police making 300 referrals in 6 weeks and reducing incidents in the community by 75%

**2010** Avon Club awarded unique Quality Mark

**2011** Oasis Academy Brightstowe start to use Avon Club as a means of less formal structure of education with good results

**2013** Avon Club becomes a participating partner of Young Bristol

**2014** Two members went on a Tall Ships voyage

**2015** Natasha Cumber becomes Club Leader. Club creates a new vegetable and herb garden.



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## Committee

### Management Committee Members

- Delphine Lyddall (President)
- David Sutton (Chairman)
- David Addison (Vice Chairman)
- Ray Anstice (Hon Treasurer)
- Brian Dunster (Hon Secretary)
- Natasha Cumber (Club Leader)
- David Enticknap (Trustee)
- Martin Sisman (Trustee)
- Lee Williams (Young Bristol)
- Mark Pepper (Lawrence Weston Ambition)
- Joe Lee

### Staff Team

- Natasha Cumber (Club Leader)
- Corinne Ludwell (Deputy Club Leader)
- Hayley Dyte (Assistant Leader)
- Billy-Jay Long (Assistant Leader)
- Ben Doherty (Assistant Leader)
- Barrie Williams (Assistant Leader)
- Jim Allmark (Pastor, LW Christian Fellowship)
- Jordan James (Assistant Leader)
- Karen Jenkins (Domestic)

### Club Supporters

- Young Bristol
- The Tudor Trust
- Lloyds TSB Foundation
- John James Foundation
- Quartet Community Foundation
- Lawrence Weston Community Action Group
- High Sheriff's Bristol Youth and Community Action
- Grow Wild - Kew Gardens
- What Happens Next - Seed to Celebration
- Bristol University Innovation Team
- Police Commissioner's Community Action Fund
- Clifton Rotary Club
- Henbury Golf Club Ladies Section
- Bristol Severnside Inner Wheel
- Severnsiders
- Bristol Cabot Choir
- Pink Elephant Club
- Sebright Printers

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### Chairmans Report

We are pleased to report that Avon Club has had another successful year, with an attendance of over 100 challenging young members, from socially deprived areas during our 4 evenings each week, involved in a series of new innovations to our programme, in spite of many changes to the Club's Leadership team.

But first we must thank the John James Foundation, the Tudor Trust and Lloyds TSB Foundation once again for their invaluable funding to ensure that we are able to carry out the essential work with the Young People of Lawrence Weston. Also the High Sheriff's BYCA Fund and the Police Commissioner's Community Action Fund have enabled us to run important Holiday Clubs between school terms. We are very fortunate to have such good supporters for our special Avon Club for Young People.

We had a very rewarding reception for our supporters in September, where they were able to meet 40 of our young members involved in their various activities and witness the changeover of our Leaders-in-charge.

Joe Lee has been an outstanding leader for 12 years and Club Manager for 10 years. He brought a great sense of energy, drive and sporting ability, as Club Leader he grew the membership, introduced new activities and successfully ran the Club business. He was responsible for BBC Newsround producing an Avon Club Documentary. We all thank him for his enormous contribution, and wish him well in his new appointment.

Natasha Cumber, our Deputy Leader with 15 years in Avon Club, has made an immediate impact as Club Leader, belonging to the local community, understanding the needs of the members, working closely with the Lawrence Weston Ambition Group has already changed and developed the Club Programme. Whilst Natasha has recently given birth to Sienna, Corinne Ludwell, her sister has taken over the Leadership of the Club and made a number of her own innovations in running the Club more effectively

Young Bristol's Creative Team led by Gemma Adams have been providing a programme to introduce our young members to arts and design techniques, the creation of wall murals, and a good look at basic photography and appreciation of music.

The club were awarded a small fund through Grow Wild at Kew Gardens which has allowed us to work with an exciting young business, called 'What happens next' to create a new vegetable garden and learn more about healthy eating and cooking at the Club and our young members running our own Summer Party for the community. So few of our members have ever had a garden.

Finally, through Ben Doherty, one of our assistant leaders, whilst completing his degree course at Bristol University has introduced us to a team of University Students who run Social Innovation Programmes in the Inner City of Bristol. They have carried out an in depth study of the workings of Avon Club and come up with a number of recommendations in conjunction with the members and leaders, including a volunteering programme run by the students introducing the members to new sports starting in October.

Congratulations to the local Oasis Brightstowe Academy who continue to use the club facilities for its less formal daily classes and this year have received an outstanding Ofsted rating. Our next door neighbours Longcross Primary School are now also an Oasis school providing a large percentage of our members, sharing our sporting facilities and using the clubhouse as a reward centre.

Corinne and Hayley and their helpers have worked tirelessly to keep our holiday clubs interesting for the young people and providing the most complete programme since their inception with dodge ball, quick cricket, archery arts and crafts, origami and much more.

I would like to thank our new leadership team, Natasha and Corinne for their inspirational start to their new roles who with their dedicated assistant leaders, Hayley, Ben, Billy, Barry, always giving total commitment, boundless energy and enthusiasm, to challenge and develop all our members to achieve their ambitions and above all to learn and enjoy themselves.

Finally, I would also like to say a big thanks to our highly involved Management Committee, each with an essential role to ensure that Avon Club remains viable, providing our young members with a safe, challenging and engaging second home. Thank you to all our generous supporters and especially Young Bristol for their valuable partnership for our Club. It is also gratifying to see more parents and carers gradually taking more interest in our work – Do come and see us! We will continue to maintain our excellent club for the benefit of all our members.



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## Club Leader's Report

In the year 2014 / 2015 there have been many changes. Joe Lee, the Club Manager moved on and his deputy Natasha Cumber is the new Club Leader, and we have a new Deputy Leader, Corinne Ludwell.

The year has flown by and all the leaders have been busy making changes to the activities that the young people participate in on a daily basis.

There has been an increase in membership with a good variety of ages due to us promoting the club to local primary and secondary schools as well as the local community. The Club has continued all the important activities such as indoor & outdoor sports as well as arts and crafts sessions and the healthy eating project.

We have worked closely with Young Bristol whose team delivered some excellent creative arts sessions, educating our members about the environment and the importance of recycling and keeping Bristol green. We have also used Young Bristol's facilities at Poole's Wharf for canoeing / sailing and archery at Leighwoods.

We have worked with outside organisations (What happens Next?) a young gardening team who revamped the Club's garden using recycled materials they have worked closely with our young people planting seeds, maintaining the garden then cooking with the ingredients that they had grown. We celebrated this with a garden party which was a great success and all the young people enjoyed themselves.

We have also continued to work closely with Oasis Academy Brightstowe who lease the building during the daytime to educate some of their students who find attending the main site difficult, with very good results. We have continued on running half term drop in sessions for the local schools and police, with a full and interesting programme. The leaders have been obtaining qualifications in areas, which will help them develop in their specific role such as (First aid and food hygiene level 2 and child protection)

We celebrated the achievements of our young people, with a Presentation Evening in December where I made presentations to the clubs competition winners and runners up. We made a special award to the Clubs Person of the Year. This year I would like to thank all the leaders and volunteers and the committee for their hard work, dedication and professionalism in dealing with our members. This is what makes our club a fun, safe place for all our young people to attend.

Natasha Cumber – Club Manager



Natasha Cumber



Corinne Ludwell

HOLIDAY CLUB	MORNINGS	AFTERNOONS
Monday 03-08-2015	Breakfast 10.30-11.00 Free Play - Dodge Ball 	Free Play Table Tennis Tournament 
Tuesday 03-08-2015	Breakfast 10.30-11.00 Free Play - Quick Cricket 	Free Play - Hamma Beads Who can make the best design 
Wednesday 03-08-2015	Breakfast 10.30-11.00 Free Play - Obstacle Course 	Free Play Smoothie Making 
Thursday 03-08-2015	Breakfast 10.30-11.00 Free Play - Rounders 	Free Play Arts and Crafts 
Friday 03-08-2015	<b>Day Trip</b> - Canoeing Meet at Youth Centre 9.30am ready for the coach	Pick up from Youth Centre 



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## Financial Report

In financial terms 2014/15 was a very encouraging year thanks to the continuing major support from The Tudor Trust, Lloyds Bank Foundation and the John James Foundation. In addition the Bristol Cabot Choir raised £1351 for us and we received grants from the Bristol Port Authority and Bristol Pink Elephant group.

Groundwork UK also gave us £775 towards the cost of developing the garden at the rear of the Club premises where the members are cultivating vegetables and herbs. The grants enabled us to continue all the regular activities of the Club and in particular the daily opening of the Club with organised activities during school holidays. We are especially pleased and proud to continue this.

Our Reception for all our funders and supporters last year was well received and enabled the John James Foundation to increase their financial support. It is vital for organisations such as ours to always look to the future and for the first time in several years we have been able to build financial reserves for the immediate coming years.

It is an essential part of our policy if we are to continue to serve as effectively as possible the young people in the local community and preserve the facilities on offer to them. The annual cost of running the Club remains around £35/37000 and the actual expenditure last year at £35437 was over £900 less than the previous 12 months due to savings in several areas and in particular in the annual insurance premium where through a change of insurers we were able to reduce this from £2659 to £1903.

Although we finished the year with a surplus of £24415, we need, as I have mentioned above, to ensure we have sufficient funds to carry us through the immediate future. We earnestly hope therefore our funders will not abandon us but continue with the support we need.

**Ray Anstice Hon Treasurer**





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HERBS WHAT GARDEN HAPPENS SEEDS SUSTAINABLE YOUNG SUMMER EDIBLE NEXT

THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT AVON CLUB HAVE BUILT AN EDIBLE GARDEN AND GROWN A HARVEST OF FRESH FOOD.

HELP US CELEBRATE BY VISITING THE GARDEN AND TRYING OUT OUR TASTY CREATIONS

- 🍴 FOOD COOKED FROM AVON CLUB'S VEG
- 🍴 GUIDED TOUR OF THE GARDEN
- 🍴 MEET THE YOUNG PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROJECT

## AVON CLUB SUMMER PARTY

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2015  
6PM- 8PM



THE EVENT IS FREE AND THE FOOD WILL BE FOR SALE. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO AVON CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITY.

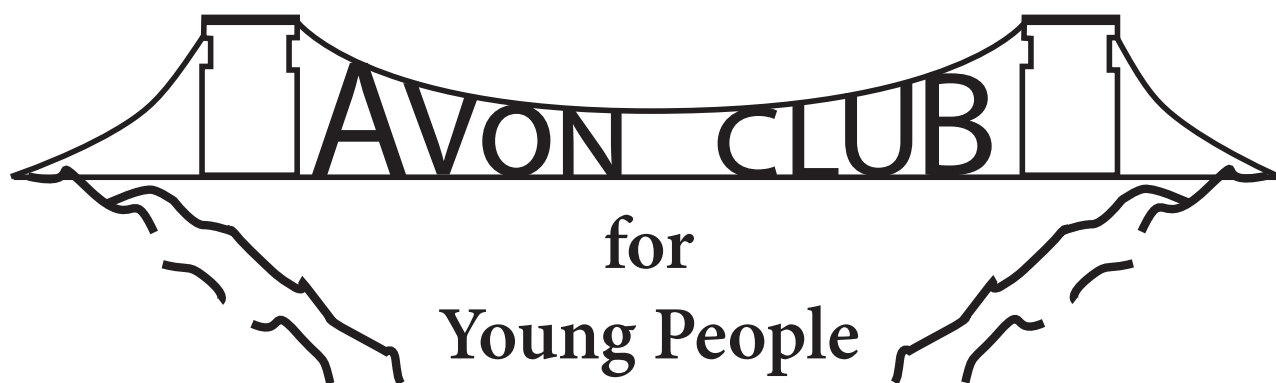
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2015 EUROPEAN  
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