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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

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.

2016 Bristol University Innovation Team of 8 students work at Avon Club

2017 10 deserving young people supported to go on holiday at Barton Camp

2018 Developed our own up to date live website

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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)
- Steve Price (Trustee)
- Helen Price (Trustee)
- Lee Williams (Young Bristol)
- Mark Pepper (Lawrence Weston Ambition)

Staff Team

- Natasha Cumber (Club Leader)
- Corinne Ludwell (Deputy Club Leader)
- Hayley Dyte (Assistant Leader)
- Ethan Dyte (Assistant Leader)
- Oliver Farrell (Assistant Leader)
- Karen Jenkins (Domestic)
- Sue Jenkin (Volunteer)
- Mark Ludwell (Volunteer)

Club Supporters

- Young Bristol
- The Tudor Trust
- Lloyds TSB Foundation
- John James Foundation
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Henry Smith Charity
- Quartet Community Foundation
- Lawrence Weston Community Action Group
- High Sheriff's Bristol Youth and Community Action
- What Happens Next - Seed to Celebration
- Van Neste Foundation
- Bristol University Innovation Team
- Police Commissioner's Community Action Fund
- Clifton Rotary Club
- Clifton Inner Wheel
- Henbury Golf Club Ladies Section
- Bristol Severnside Inner Wheel
- The Bristol Lions
- Bristol Cabot Choir
- Pink Elephant Club
- Sebright Design & Print
- Cittie Lodge

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Chairman's Report

We are very pleased to report that Avon Youth Club continues to move forward and has had another successful year attracting a number of new members, from our locality of Lawrence Weston in the inner City of Bristol, which in these days of social media is very good news! Our focus has been in providing a wider range of activities, with indoor climbing, caving in the Mendips, Snow Boarding – where 3 of our members have received qualifications, many new games in the gymnasium and using Young Bristol and a group of local organisations to work with our outstanding young Leaders presenting new challenges and experiences.

We are once again indebted to our funders for supporting us in providing our exciting activities and operation of our Club. This year we would like to thank the Henry Smith Charity, Young Bristol, Brunel Lions Club, Clifton Inner Wheel and all our other supporters for their invaluable funding for the young members of Avon Youth Club, we are most grateful for their support. In addition for the new financial year we have also received funding from the John James Foundation. We also take every opportunity to raise our own funds with our annual Swimathon and Club raffles.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding Leadership Team; Natasha, Corinne, Hayley, Ethan and Ollie, who have been members of the Youth Club and continue to have real enthusiasm, boundless energy and commitment to an ever changing, interesting and challenging programme for the members, so that the members can develop and achieve their ambitions. In addition this year we have 3 Junior Leaders who help with activities and also through Young Bristol meet with other clubs to promote new ideas and open competitions with great enthusiasm and determination. All our activities now being shown on our excellent new web site

This year our Leader Natasha received a Vocational Award from Clifton Rotary Club, acknowledging her outstanding service to the local community, her leadership of the Youth Club of nearly 200 challenging young people over 4 nights a week and regular holiday clubs on a week day basis between school terms for over 20 youngsters.

Natasha and her team help provide:

- A successful £40k project yearly
- A Club which the Oasis Primary School regard as part of their curriculum
- A wide range of activities including creative art, healthy eating and sport
- Challenging water sports and high ropes activities run by Young Bristol
- Involvement by Bristol University Hub and other organisations.
- Quality processes judged by Ambition, Lawrence Weston
- Yearly Presentation Evenings supported by the Lord Mayor, Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and Police Commissioner.

Well done Natasha!

We have continued our project to provide holidays for deserving youngsters who will benefit from a break at Barton Camp in the hills of Somerset run by the Bristol Children's Help Society and sponsored by Clifton Rotary Club. The camp has many facilities with an outside swimming pool and a slide being a favourite, a gymnasium for many activities, a new study area and a local Outdoor Pursuits Centre, an outstanding position on a hillside with glorious views and walks but most importantly – wonderful care. 10 young members went last summer and again their letters tell the story.

It was really good, I enjoyed the walks and water slide. I got into the deep end and went down the slide with help and then I was brave enough to do it myself it was really fast. We took a 3 hour walk through forest and fields I have never walked for 3 hours at home. The dormitories were really comfy

The staff were very very very kind and did lots of fun stuff like talking to us in groups and setting tasks. The chef made the food and it was nice, we had roast dinners and I enjoyed making cakes. I made lots of new friends from other areas at Barton Camp.

A great experience for everyone who went, we will do the same again next year.

As usual, we had a most enjoyable Presentation Evening for members and their parents, with the awards being made by the Lord Mayor and the Principal from the Oasis Primary School with the Lord Mayor engaging all the members with a splendid talk. Our own Steve Price from the Management Committee entertained us all singing to his guitar. A great time was had by everyone.

Finally, I would like to again thank all the Management Committee for all their efforts to ensure that the Club provides an exciting, safe and challenging centre with thanks to our Treasurer Ray for his successful fund raising to keep the Club viable into the future. Also our thanks to Helen, who has organised our interesting and important new website informing everyone about our club and forthcoming activities www.avonyouthclub.com

Thank you to all our supporters and especially Young Bristol for their much valued leadership and partnership. It is always good to see the local Community take an interest in the activities of their children, we would still like to see more of you at our open events. As always we will continue to maintain our excellent club for the benefit of all our Members.

David Sutton
Chairman



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Club Leader's Report

We are committed to providing an interesting and challenging programme for our members, so that they can develop and help achieve their ambitions and to learn and enjoy themselves in a community based environment.

In the year 2017/ 2018 we have continued to make changes to our programme to create interest and ensure that all our members are involved and participate on a daily basis and hence the year has flown by. We have again worked closely with the local Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the Community and gained new older members as a result.

The club has continued all the important activities with healthy eating, indoor and outdoor sports, creative arts and crafts, as well as introducing fitness and circuit training. 3 of our members have completed a snow camp course, learning how to snow board as well as skiing on the dry slopes, with 2 of the boys completing a 6 week course at weekends. The programme focussed on widening their knowledge of opportunities within the snow sports industries, with James completing his Excel course and learning to coach others!

We are delighted that 3 of our youngsters have become Junior Leaders and have been on an Induction and Development course with Young Bristol, where they have learnt communication skills, teamwork and decision making and awareness of equalities. They now work with other young people from different clubs through Young Bristol, to swap ideas and create competitions between clubs. The Youth Club with the Brunel lions have also been working within the local community and cleared an area of litter around the BMX tracks!

Our holiday clubs between school terms have been very successful, following our efforts to raise funds by holding raffles and cake sales and our Leader having her long hair cut, we have been able to go to the demanding Redpoint climbing centre, the local laser quest centre, Pooles Wharf sailing centre for canoeing and sailing, tree climbing

and abseiling, archery and caving and other day trips. We have engaged with a company called Feeding Bristol who kindly donated packed lunch supplies every day throughout the summer programme which benefitted the young people with a healthy and varied diet.

The young gardening group 'What happensnext' have continued replanting and maintaining the garden and producing a computer App to highlight each plant, herb, vegetable and fruit with their characteristics, growing cycles and monthly maintenance. They have also run various workshops to engage the young people in looking after the gardens and also encouraging them to eat the produce.

Finally we organised for 10 of our most deserving members to have a holiday at the wonderful Barton Camp where they had a great time and met lots of other children.

We would like to thank all the Leaders and volunteers and the committee for their hard work, dedication and professionalism in working with and caring for our members.

Natasha and Corinne
Leader and Deputy Leader



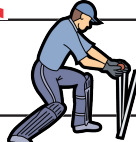



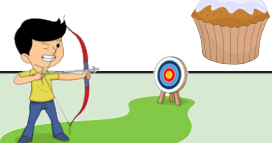





Natasha Cumber



Corinne Ludwell



HOLIDAY CLUB		MORNINGS	AFTERNOONS
Monday 24-07-2018	Breakfast Dodge Ball		Lunch - Painting Picture frames and money boxes 
Tuesday 25-07-2018	Breakfast Quick Cricket		Lunch Bingo 
Wednesday 26-07-2018	Breakfast Egg Game		Lunch Hamma Beads 
Thursday 27-07-2018	Breakfast Cake Making		Lunch Rounders 
Friday 28-07-2018	Breakfast Day Trip - Archery		Day Trip - Archery Pick up from the Youth Club 

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We look to managing our funds as effectively and efficiently as possible. Switching our heat and light to a single supplier and updating our heating system will help. We extend an enthusiastic welcome to all our supporters for whom a visit underlines the dedication and efficiency we constantly aim to achieve. So if you are interested in supporting our Avon Youth Club, please come along and see us.

Ray Anstice

Hon Treasurer

Financial Report

The financial repercussions of expanding and introducing the varied activities of any youth club are such that greater pressures are placed on available funds. These commendable activities such as Snow Camp, kayaking etc. together with the inevitable catching up on much needed maintenance work resulted in a rise of around £12,000 in expenses, mainly spent on a renewed heating system, for the Club last year compared with the previous 12 months. Thankfully with the financial support we gained in recent years, we were able to meet these commitments. However it has meant a reduction in our available funds and although our grants and donations for 2017/18 were not far short of the figure for the previous year, we will need to give renewed attention to this over the coming months. We have in fact in the new financial year received funding from The John James Foundation for which we are very grateful.

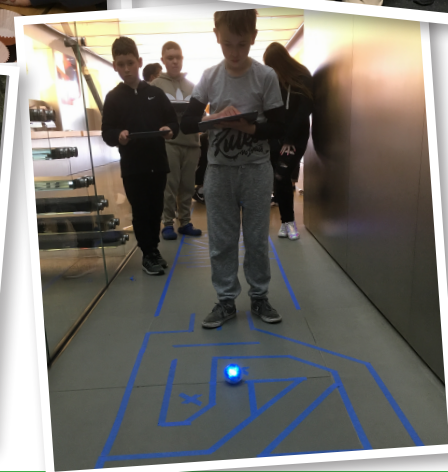
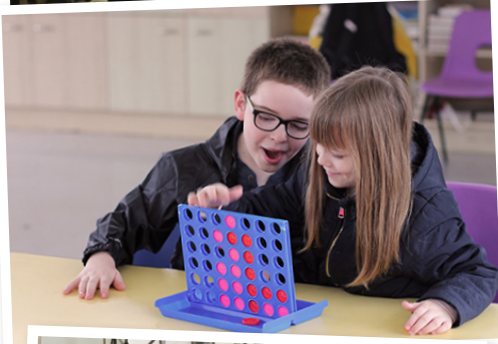
Although attendance figures were down as reflected in the total subscriptions received the Club remains in good spirit with dedicated Leadership and a strong Management Committee and already in the new year numbers have started to increase. We remain committed to a varied and beneficial program of activities and our Youth Club is not alone in facing difficulties in maintaining and growing membership and our history has shown dips and peaks in attendance figures from time to time in the past.

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive without which we would be unable to do half the activities we provide. The beneficiaries of this support are the youngsters who come along regularly and take part in the varied programme.



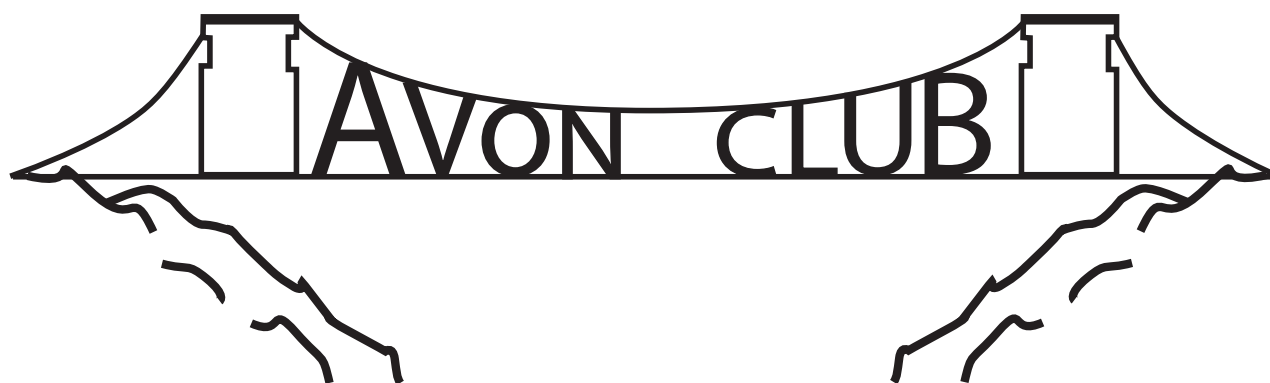
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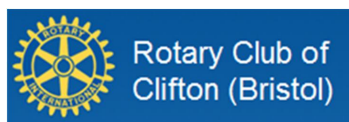


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