



To All Credition Town Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Youth Committee**, which will be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 13:00, at Manor Office, North Street, Credition, EX17 2BT.**

This meeting may be livestreamed via Facebook in order to allow Members of the Public to watch the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the following business.

Rachel Avery FSLCC

Town Clerk

Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Please note that:

- Members of the Press & Public are invited to attend under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address councillors in attendance as part of the agenda.
- Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public or press are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public sections of the meeting.
- Under the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 Sch 12 10(2)(b), Credition Town Council is unable to make any decision on matters not listed within the agenda.
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AGENDA

68 / 2026 - Welcome and Introductions

Opening of meeting by the Chair and member introductions

69 / 2026 - Public Question Time

To receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the council (a maximum of 15 minutes is allowed for this item; verbal questions should not exceed 3 minutes)

70 / 2026 - Apologies

To receive and accept Town Councillor apologies (apologies should be made to the Town Clerk)

71 / 2026 - Declarations of Interest and Request for Dispensations

71.1 / 2026 - To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda

71.2 / 2026 - To consider any dispensation requests (requests should be made to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)

72 / 2026 - Order of Business

At the discretion of the Chair, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public

73 / 2026 - Chair's and Clerk's Announcements

To receive any announcements which the Chair and Town Clerk may wish to make (for information only)

74 / 2026 - Youth Committee Meetings

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 10 March 2026, as a correct record (minutes will be issued with the agenda)

75 / 2026 - Youth Work Action Plan

To review and discuss outcomes to date from the Youth Work Action Plan

76 / 2026 - Spring Term 2026 Update

To receive and note the Spring Term Update

77 / 2026 - Safeguarding Training Report

To receive and note the Safeguarding Training Report

78 / 2026 - Part II

To resolve that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information

79 / 2026 - Staffing Report

To receive the staffing report, and to consider the recommendations therein

80 / 2026 - Safeguarding Update

To receive any updates, if required

81 / 2026 - Reports Pack

Attachments – for internal use only

[2026-03-10 - Youth Committee - Minutes.pdf](#)

[DRAFT 2026 2027 YW Action Plan 2.docx](#)

[Youth Work Update Spring Term 2026.docx](#)

[Safeguarding training update.docx](#)



**Minutes of the Youth Committee held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 14:30
in Manor Office, 6 North Street, Credition, EX17 2BR**

Present: Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Steve Huxtable, Guy Cochran and Vix Frisby

Apologies: Cllr Giles Fawssett

In attendance: Cath Kelly, Lead Youth Worker

Minute Taker: Emily Armitage, Administrative Officer

MINUTES

56 / WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

2026 Cllr Brookes-Hocking opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

57 / PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

2026 No members of the public were present. Cllr Brookes-Hocking noted there had been some late questions received from a member of the public, which would be looked at after the meeting with answers supplied within the adopted timeframe.

58 / APOLOGIES

2026 **Decision:** It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Fawssett. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

59 / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

2026

**59.1 / TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE
2026 PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest.

**59.2 / TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE
2026 TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)**

No dispensation requests had been received prior to the meeting.

60 / ORDER OF BUSINESS

2026 There were no changes to the order of business.

61 / CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 There were no announcements.

62 / YOUTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

2026 **Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 27 January 2026. (Proposed by Cllr Frisby)

63 / YOUTH WORK DELIVERY

2026 The Autumn Youth Work report was presented and its contents were **noted**.

64 / ACTION PLAN 2026/27

2026 The committee discussed the action plan for the upcoming year.

- Cllr Frisby enquired if the Celebration of Youth event that was held in 2024 would be arranged for this year. The Lead Youth Worker confirmed it had not been arranged yet. QE School will host an event for families at the end of the summer term or first week of holidays at Barnfield campus, in partnership with Crediton Youth Service and community groups, but not specifically being a transition event. Cllr Frisby raised concerns about the timeframe with people going on holiday. The Lead Youth Worker will update members when she has heard from QE School about the outcome of their grant funding.
- Cllr Cochran advised S106 Money could be applied for now, which was critical before LGR. A particular focus was on the need for a better skatepark. It was agreed to bring funding as an item for Full Council.
- The plan to form a Youth Council, becoming a Youth Voice with a more informal and practical approach was discussed.
- There was also an emphasis on young people being more involved in photography at events and possibly putting on an exhibition of their work at the library.
- The Lead Youth Worker had recently attended the National Youth Agency Roadshow and plans to bring information gathered from the event to the committee.
- Cllr Brookes-Hocking noted the exciting projects ahead for the year, with partnership working being an important part.

Decision: It was **resolved** to **approve** the Action Plan but agreed more detail regarding outcomes and how success is measured, be brought to the next meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

65 / PART II

2026 **Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the exclusion of the public and press were from the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

66 / SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

2026 The safeguarding update was provided.

67 / REPORTS PACK

2026 It was **agreed** to change the time of the next meeting being held on Tuesday 12 May to 13.30. The meeting was closed at 15.51.

SIGNED

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Youth Work ACTION PLAN

April 2026 – March 2027



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The Youth Work Action Plan is part of the work of Credition Town Council (CTC) and should be seen alongside the wider CTC Action Plan.

Key projects for 2026/2027 include:

- Continuing to work towards the Strategic Plan for youth work:
 - 1) To provide youth activities, projects and opportunities in Credition
 - 2) To foster and develop increased learning and development opportunities for young people by encouraging them and supporting them to contribute steer initiatives and lead their own youth led projects
 - 3) To work in partnership with the wider community, health and education organisations and other relevant groups that align with our aims and objectives
 - 4) To generate a sense of responsibility and ownership in young people through social action and to develop their citizenship and involvement in their communities
- Working with Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) on the delivery of projects via S106 funding, ensuring young people views and needs are heard and delivered e.g. Skate Park upgrade.
- Ensure that young people's views and needs are listened to in relation to the redevelopment of Old Landscore School. Or alternatively seek alternative longer-term premises that meet young people's needs (as per section 2.2 Credition Neighbourhood Plan).
- Work closely with Queen Elizabeths School, and other local schools, to ensure that our most vulnerable young people are identified, supported and safe, and that they have the opportunity to reach their full potential and become active citizens of Credition.
- Working closely with Credition Congregational Church and Credition Methodist Church Youth Clubs to look at the joint provision of trips, events and activities for young people to have time outside of Credition, building on the success of our summer trips in 2024 and 2025.

Crediton Town Council					
Action Plan 2026/2027					
Action (Objective in Strategic Plan 2024 -2027)	Responsible Committee and Officer	Timescale	Progress at	Brief/Community Engagement	Additional Budget Requirement

Objective 1:					
To continue to provide youth work in Crediton through Youth Work sessions, activities, and projects, and detached work.					
<u>1.1 Girls Group</u>	Youth Worker, Peer Educator (supported by Lead YW)	Ongoing	Ongoing. Based at Crediton Arts Centre	Girls Group projects Viability to be reviewed at each Youth Sub-Committee meeting (Includes Park Outreach during summer term)	£400 materials, £400 refreshments, £960 12-month rent = Total £1760 NB currently based at Crediton Arts Centre – savings in rent may be made if other venues become available.
Target outcomes:			Timescale and achieved:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up 15, average attendance 10 • Range of curriculum activities delivered • Recruit new young people to attend 			Report termly		
<u>1.2 Park outreach</u>	Lead Youth Worker Peer Ed	Ongoing to end July.	Starts end of April	Outreach, connection to other activities, education	£0
Target outcomes:			Timescale and achieved		
10 sessions (April, May, June and July), min 15 young people per session			to report in Autumn		
<u>1.3 QE School Outreach</u>	Lead YW & PE/YW Team	Term time only, ongoing.	Ongoing	Generic open access youth work promotion and support	£0
Target outcomes: 38 school visits across 12 months – term time only			Timescale and achieved:		
			Report termly		

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Action Plan 2026/2027					
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<u>1.4 Crediton Youth Clubs trips</u>	Lead YW & YW Team (bank as needed)	Ongoing	Ongoing	Work with CCC & Methodist Church YC to deliver trips and activities during school holidays	£650 Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) £125 & Lions Grant £115
Target outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Easter holiday trip – learning: navigating changing trains & travel, understanding departure boards, going to correct platform Summer holiday trip 			Crediton Youth Clubs trips – timescale and achieved <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Holiday Funder Park – 11 booked, 10 attended; young people learnt how to navigate and understand train travel; understood the responsibility of retaining tickets for travel, reading departure boards, alighting and exiting transport in an informal, enjoyable and safe manner Summer holiday trip – report Autumn 		

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<p><u>Crediton Youth Fringe</u> A 2-week festival of activities for young people in Crediton starting on 20th July. Activities to include, graffiti art, sports, creative art, performance art, battle of the bands – see details below. Delivered by Crediton Youth Council and partners including The Bookery, Crediton Heart Project, Crediton Arts Centre</p>					
<p><u>1.5 Fringe opening event: Festival in the Park</u></p>	<p>Lead YW, Peer Ed</p> <p>Supported by CAP and Space outreach team</p>	<p>20/07/2026</p>	<p>Ongoing planning</p>	<p>An afternoon of activities in Newcombes Meadow to include graffiti art, sports and drugs and alcohol awareness raising</p>	<p>Graffiti Art £350 Refreshments £50 (CAP grant received) Total £400 - £50 +£350 Supported by CAP and Space outreach team Lions Club BBQ</p>
<p>Target outcomes: Before:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner organisations involved and contributing • Widescale advertising leading to good attendance <p>On the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people attending and participating in the activities 			<p>Timescale and achieved: 20/07 – to report in Autumn</p>		
<p><u>1.6 Fringe event: T shirt and vinyl record art</u></p>	<p>Lead YW</p>	<p>Mon 20/07/2026</p>	<p>Ongoing planning</p>	<p>An evening of creative activities. Must be booked in advance</p>	<p>£190 Olas Art - grant funded by CAP. Room booking Arts centre £30</p>
<p>Target outcomes: 20 young people attend; booking only due to limited spaces</p>			<p>Timescale and achieved: 20/07 – to report in Autumn</p>		

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Action Plan 2026/2027					
Action (Objective in Strategic Plan 2024 -2027)	Responsible Committee and Officer	Timescale	Progress at	Brief/Community Engagement	Additional Budget Requirement
<u>1.7 Fringe event: Battle of the Bands</u>	Youth Council, Youth Worker, Peer Ed, supported by Lead YW.	29/07/2026	Planning. Grants pending	Battle of the bands evening at Crediton Arts Centre.	Room hire £54, technician £120, refreshments £50 CAP grant awarded £120 for technician and £50 for free non-alcoholic bar Total £224 - £170 = £54
Target outcomes: Before: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people develop skills and experience in planning an event. • Artists and bands register to perform • Community members come forward to be judges During: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance by young people and parents / carers as audience – 50 young people 			Timescale and achieved: 20/07 – to report in Autumn		
<u>1.8 Fringe Event: Year 6 Transition Art Project</u>	Youth Council, Youth Worker, Peer Ed, supported by Lead YW.	23/07/2026 & 30/07/2026	Planning Grants pending	2 transitions art days led by YC for Year 6 children. At Crediton Arts Centre	Room hire- £250 Materials & activities £250 Refreshments £200 Total £700
Year 6 Transition Art Project – target outcomes: Before the day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 peer educators and 4 youth voice volunteers plan and organise games activities and learning for the 2 days. • Maximum of 30 year 6 children enrolled (minimum of 18) On the day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance by a minimum of 18 young people each day • Activities delivered and learning measured (Clang before and after scores) 			Timescale & achieved to report in Autumn		

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Action (Objective in Strategic Plan 2024 -2027)	Responsible Committee and Officer	Timescale	Progress at	Brief/Community Engagement	Additional Budget Requirement

<u>1.9 Micro forest project</u>	Youth worker, Peer Ed Youth Council	November 2026	Planning Fundraising		£750
Micro forest - Target outcomes: Before planting: Build a travelling tree to raise awareness Tree on tour to multiple locations (Devon County Hall 28.03.2026, Youth Fringe July 2026, Crediton Green Fair September 2026, Devon Youth Parliament October 2026, Crediton Town Meeting TBC, Crediton Town Council Full Council TBC) Young people and adults reached and have an increased understanding of micro forest and its impact on the climate emergency via tree tour – Total 150 (CH 20; Youth Fringe 50, Green Fair 20, DYP 30, CTM meeting 20, Full TC meeting 10) Planting day: 15 young people involved on the day of planting micro-forest planting				Micro forest – Timescale & achieved Before planting: Tree Built - March 2026, 9 unique young people built the tree over 2 sessions Update termly, final report Spring 2027	
				TOTAL COST OBJECTIVE 1	£4704
				Possible grant and fee income	£560
				Balance	£4144

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Objective 2: To foster and develop increased learning opportunities for young people by encouraging them to contribute, steer initiatives and lead their own youth-led projects					
<u>2.1 Photography Internship</u>	Peer Educator (supported by Lead YW) Events and Town Centre Officer	May, June, July 2026	Planning	Work experience in Event Photography during CTC events (Boniface Bash & Food Festival) and at CYS Youth Fringe. Working with Crediton Courier to publish photos.	£0
Target outcomes: Min 5 young people offered internship opportunity			Timescale and achieved: June, July 2026 – to report in Autumn		
<u>2.2 Work experience</u>	Led by Lead youth Worker and supported by Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Events and Town Centre Manager and Administrative Assistant.	Saturday 11/07 to Thursday 16/07	Planning	Work experience activities: supporting the running and clean-up of BBB; youth work activities; Asset recordings; general council business.	£0
Target outcomes: 4 young people for one week			Timescale & achieved to report in Autumn		

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Action Plan 2026/2027					
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<u>2.3 Intensive work and statutory response work</u>	Lead YW. (Town Clerk in absence of Lead YW)	Term time only, ongoing		Work closely with Crediton schools, as well as other schools Crediton young people attend, to ensure that our most vulnerable Crediton young people are identified, supported and safe, and given the opportunity to reach their full potential and become active citizens of Crediton, through personalised and externally funded interventions. As appropriate and agreed, or in response to statutory requirements.	£0
Target outcomes:					
				TOTAL OBJECTIVE 2	£0

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<p>Objective 3: To work in partnership with the wider community, health and education organisations and other relevant groups that align with our aims and objectives</p>					
<p>3.1 Continue with the 5-year Youth Work Strategic Plan</p> <p>Develop a new 5-year plan</p>	<p>Youth Committee Town Clerk Lead YW</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>To work with our Devon wide, regional and national partners in youth work as well as our Crediton partners, in education, health, police and voluntary and community settings, to provide youth work to young people in Crediton.</p> <p>To continue to engage with the community and publicise youth work services available</p> <p>To work with our Devon wide, regional and national partners in youth work as well as our Crediton partners, in education, health, police and voluntary and community settings, to provide youth work to young people in Crediton.</p>	<p>£0</p>

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3.2 Annually review safeguarding processes and procedures	Youth Committee, Town Clerk, Lead YW, YW Team	Autumn 2026		Staff safeguarding team to meet 3 times per year	£0
				TOTAL OBJECTIVE 3	£0

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<p>Objective 4 To generate a sense of responsibility and ownership in young people through social action and to develop their citizenship and involvement in their communities</p>					
<p><u>4.1 Youth Voice (Youth Council)</u></p>	<p>Youth Worker Peer Ed (support from Lead YW)</p>	<p>Ongoing County Hall Day 28/03/2026 & 06/10/2026</p>		<p>Continue with the established Youth Council. Support Youth Council projects including a summer festival for young people & planting a micro forest. Encourage YC to be involved in other activities events & consultations by invitation. Continue to provide learning opportunities for young people, as per Objective 2</p>	<p>£400 materials £400 refreshments £700 rent Crediton library</p> <p>Total £1500</p> <p><i>Library Rent – grant received from Places to Go for £1000 to contribute to rent costs of venues</i></p>
<p>Target outcomes: Young people engaged and contributing weekly External visits Recruit more Youth Voice members during the Autumn term</p>			<p>Timescale and achieved: Report termly</p>		

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<u>4.2 Community Events</u> To work with the Events and Town Centre Officer to support young people involvement in community events.	Peer Educator (supported by Lead YW) Events and Town Centre Officer	Ongoing		To support young people involvement in a wide range of Crediton Town Council community events, including BBB, Food Festival, Christmas in Crediton.	£200
Target outcomes: Young people engaged and contributing			Reporting termly		
<u>4.3 Young people's involvement in Civic Events</u>	Town Clerk Lead YW YW Team Youth Voice	Ongoing		Work with the Town Clerk to involve young people in Civic Events such as Annual Town Meeting and Mayoral Reception, including the Youth Council organising and running 2026 Annual Town Meeting.	£0
Target outcomes: Young people engaged and contributing			Reporting termly		
<u>4.4 Lions Award</u>	Lead YW YW Team	Ongoing		To recognise young people for excellent service to Crediton through the Lions Award. Celebration Event / Awards evening as part of National Youth Work week	£100
Target outcomes: Young people engaged and achieving			Award ceremony to be advised		

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<u>4.5 Skate Park</u>	Lead YW Youth Voice Town Clerk	Ongoing		Work with young people and adults in the community to progress plans and fundraising, including research and commissioning plans and beginning fundraising.	£500 for trip
target outcomes:					
				TOTAL COSTS OBJECTIVE 4	£2300
				Predicted income and grants	£1000
				Balance	£1300

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Action Plan 2026/2027					
Action (Objective in Strategic Plan 2024 -2027)	Responsible Committee and Officer	Timescale	Progress at	Brief/Community Engagement	Additional Budget Requirement

<u>Training</u>					
To continue to provide appropriate training to staff	Lead YW Town Clerk	Ongoing		Appropriate Continual Professional Development made available to staff members, including but not limited to DBS processes, Safeguarding, First Aid, training and mentoring (as indicated through appraisals)	£300
First Aid	YW staff			1 qualified first aiders currently	£500
To continue to provide appropriate training to Youth Sub Committee members	Town Clerk Lead YW Youth Sub Committee Members	Ongoing		Provide councillors with the appropriate training to undertake their role successfully, Youth Sub Committee members safeguarding training; Inform members of relevant courses and encourage to attend	£200
				Total costs	£1000

Area of work	Anticipated costs	Anticipated grant income	Balance
Objective 1	4704	560	3664
Objective 2	0	0	0
Objective 3	0	0	0
Objective 4	2300	1000	1300
Training	1000	0	1000
Total	8174	1660	5764



CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

Youth Work Update Report

Report by: Cath Kelly, Lead Youth Worker
To: Youth Committee
Date: For consideration on 05 May 2026

Recommendation

Members are requested to note the contents of the report

1. Purpose

1.1 This report sets out an update on youth work delivery during the Spring term 2026.

2. Background

Objective 1

To provide youth activities, projects and opportunities in Credition

- Girls Group: continued at Credition Arts Centre in the Spring Term.
- Art workshops: The Heart Project and Credition Arts Centre hosted 2 arts workshops in March 2026 at Credition Library, this saw the creation of the Travelling Tree. The funding for these was raised by the Heart Project with the aim of getting young people involved in the arts.
- Youth Voice and Wednesday Activity night continued Wednesday evenings at Credition Library
- Youth Voice has two projects that are being organised and helped by its members. The first project being the Youth Fringe event in late July, in which the members of Youth Voice have contacted workshops and prepared activities to be hosted in Youth Fringe. The other is the planting of the Microforest in the Autumn. In preparation for the event, these projects involve engaging activities that the members of Youth Voice can use to hone their skills and reflect on their experiences afterwards. This experience equips them with knowledge on how to plan and prepare projects, both large and small, giving them the opportunity to plan their own projects, not only for the future of Youth Voice, but also their personal endeavours in their own lives.
- Wednesday project night continuing at the library alongside youth voice, with a range of activities taking place, as well as the young people supporting Youth Voice by acting as members of the public in some debates and answering questions.
- Membership: 68 different young people were members of Credition Youth Club during the Spring, all visited at least once during the year, but some young people attend multiple times. An estimated further 10 contacts who were not members visiting sessions. NB. Contacts at QE and in the park were generally new contacts and not existing members of the youth club.

Objective 2

To foster and develop increased learning and development opportunities for young people by encouraging and supporting them to contribute, steer initiatives and lead their own youth-led projects

Youth Voice

- Nine members of Youth Voice (contributing 81 total hours of volunteering over 9 sessions) have been regularly attending meetings every Wednesday evening at the Credition Library, (with additional 2 member of the public involved in some meetings of interest to them). They have given up an hour and a half of their free time to discuss with other like-minded young people on how to improve the lives and wellbeing of young people living in Credition.
- Youth Voice has been at the centre of planning and development of Youth Fringe, contacting potential workshop instructors and planning their own activities such as crochet and the construction of cardboard box houses. Youth Voice was consistently encouraged to make

suggestions on what Youth Fringe should include and how these things should be delivered, and many of the workshops were original ideas from members.

- The members of the Youth Voice have also developed a range of skills during their time at Youth Voice: they helped to plan, write and ask questions at an interview for new Peer Educators, learning the nuances of the recruitment process and reflecting on their own experiences asking questions; they have also learned about the process of writing proposals to be voted on in the Youth Voice meetings, giving them the opportunity to forward their own ideas and to see them agreed to in a semi-official manner; they also learned the process and methodology of planting Microforests, learning the complexities of ecological work; members of Youth Voice are also assigned to designated roles, such as Chair or as a member of the Treasury, learning about the responsibilities of specialised positions within a decision making group; finally, they have also learned the process of applying for a grant.
- Two members of Youth Voice were originally very shy and only really interacted with each other, but as time has continued, they have become far more confident in speaking to other members of Youth Voice and discussing ideas. One of this pair has become confident in talking to attendees of Project Night.
- This month, thanks to the community-building potential of the Youth Voice's current projects, we have been awarded a £1000 grant by Places To Go, Things To Do (Devon County Council).
- Finally, there has been a drive to recruit more members, with a Peer Educator speaking to Young People in QE about the opportunity to take part in the Youth Voice. This will continue in the summer term.

Objective 3

To work in partnership with the wider community, health and education organisations and other relevant groups that align with our aims and objectives

- Working with partners across Cridton as part of the Community Alcohol Partnership to understand the needs of young people, families and the community in relation to alcohol use. CAP has awarded CTC a grant of £836 to support the Youth Fringe activities. The Festival in the Park is being supported by Cridton Lions and Space Youth Services (other partners still TBC).

Objective 4

To generate a sense of responsibility and ownership in young people through social action and to develop their citizenship and involvement in their communities

- *See also Youth Voice above.*
- *Members of Cridton Youth Voice attended Devon County Hall as part of a celebration event, recognising youth organisation across the county.*

3. Actions for noting

3.1 To deliver Youth Work in Cridton as per the published Youth Action Plan

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are financial implications due to the loss of The Hub and the inability to house the youth work staff team or the Youth Service at Manor Office.

4.2 The cost of hiring venues for youth work is outlined in the Action Plan.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Members are requested to note the above report and to acknowledge that staff remain committed to the delivery plan as set out.

Spring Term Stats

WEDNESDAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Numbers of Attendees per day</u>	<u>Affecting Factors</u>
07/01/2026	8	Peer Educator interviews, not open for a regular session
14/01/2026	14	
21/01/2026	4	Many members were not present due to commitment to their school progression.
28/01/2026	15	
04/02/2026	11	
11/02/2026	13	
18/02/2026		HALF TERM
25/02/2026	15	
04/03/2026	13	
11/03/2026	12	
18/03/2026	13	
25/03/2026	13	
01/04/2026	11	
Total number of sessions = 12	142	Average attendees per week is 12
15/04/2026	10	Dawlish Warren trip during Easter Holiday

12-week term - Average attendees per week is 12, with a total of 142 attendees. Easter Holiday day trip has not been included in the average and total.

THURSDAYS GIRLS GROUP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Numbers of Attendees per day</u>	<u>Affecting Factors</u>
08/01/2026		No session, Arts Centre Closed
15/01/2026	12	First day back
22/01/2026	3	Lots of heavy rain
29/01/2026	3	Very heavy rain with a weather warning
05/02/2026	7+2	
12/02/2026	6	QE Trip to the zoo
19/02/2026		February half term
26/02/2026	6	
05/03/2026	4	Year 6 haywards School residential
12/03/2026	11	
19/03/2026	3	
26/03/2026	7	
02/04/2026	6	
Total number of sessions = 11	Total number of young people attended = 70	Average number of attendees at Girls Group is 6.4

Average number of attendees at Girls Group is 6.4, with a total number attended in Spring term = 70 (across 11 sessions).

Youth Work Staffing has been reduced to reflect the reduced number of young people attending.



CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL

Safeguarding Training Update Report

Report by: Cath Kelly, Lead Youth Worker
To: Youth Committee
Date: For consideration on 05 May 2026

Recommendation

Members are requested to note the contents of the report.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To receive and note the report on the Level 2 Safeguarding Training Course

2. Background

- 2.1. CTC hosted a Level 2 Safeguarding course on Tuesday 10 March 2026.
- 2.2. The training was delivered by Tom Coulthard (VOYC).
- 2.3. 17 participants enrolled on the course.
- 2.4. 15 attended: 5 staff, 4 councillors, 6 people from external organisations.
- 2.5. The course was well received by participants, with one saying that *'in 12 years of working with schools, this was the most informative safeguarding course they have ever attended'*.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 To run this course biannually.
- 3.2 All staff and councillors to be aware that the training operates in conjunction with CTC safeguarding policy, available on the CTC website, which they should read annually. Link here: [Youth Policies](#)
- 3.3 All staff and councillors to be familiar with the safeguarding area of CTC website, which is currently being updated in line with CTC policy to show further information as well as photos of staff and their safeguarding roles. Link here: [Crediton Town Council > Youth Work > Safeguarding](#)

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Youth Committee to be advised of cost for 2027 training when this is released in Autumn.

5. Climate Implications

- 5.1. None,

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 To note and approve the contents of the report.