

IN THE LOOP

SPRING/SUMMER
EDITION 2026

Success Story

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP!



Our Easter Holiday Camp 2026 launched in the first week of the school break with a fantastic start, welcoming up to 30 young people daily for four hours of fun, creativity, and new experiences.

Activities included cooking and baking, where participants prepared lunches, learned skills, and built confidence. Sports like football and dodgeball kept energy high. A special jewellery workshop with artist Loucinda Nims used recycled cans to create unique pieces. The week ended with a swimming trip. Free places, for children in receipt of free school meals, are available through the West Berkshire HAF programme, supporting healthy eating, activity, and community connection. It was an engaging experience for everyone involved.



Special thanks to Arts for Hungerford for sponsoring the jewellery workshop.

Summer youth camp coming soon!



HYCC News

AWARD WINNING YOUTH CLUB!

A significant milestone in the centre's journey is its achievement of the National Youth Agency (NYA) Quality Mark at Advanced Level. This prestigious accreditation recognises excellence in youth work and highlights the organisation's commitment to empowering young people while fostering a safe and inspiring environment.

Laura Keegan, NYA Quality Practice Manager reported:

"During the onsite visit, it was a pleasure to observe young people actively and enthusiastically engaging in a diverse range of sessions at Hungerford Youth and Community Centre.

The environment was vibrant and inclusive, with young people fully immersed in activities that enabled them to learn new skills, take pride in their achievements, and rise to new and exciting challenges.

Activities such as cooking, arts and crafts, community engagement, sports, and association-based activity were not only varied but clearly designed to reflect the interests and aspirations of the young people involved. These sessions were expertly balanced between being youth-led and youth worker-facilitated, demonstrating a strong culture of mutual respect and co-creation."



YOUTH CLUBS AT HYCC

Mondays  **YOUNG CARERS** 3.15pm – 5.00pm

7&8s Years 7 & 8 on alternate weeks. 6pm – 7.30pm

Tuesdays **HOME ED** Year 5+ Home Educated Young People 11am – 12.30pm

 **SPILL THE TEA** Teen Cafe Year 9+ 3.15pm – 5.00pm

#ICE Additional Needs Youth Group 6pm – 7.30pm
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Wednesdays **11s** Years 5 & 6 on alternate weeks 6pm – 7.30pm

Sign-up for any of the youth clubs by scanning this QR code



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 26

Youth Forum Meeting

Join our Youth Forum Team and represent your session. Share ideas, give feedback, and help shape positive changes at the youth centre. Get involved in our current project transforming the courtyard into a tranquil wellbeing garden. Make your voice heard, build confidence, and create a space everyone can enjoy together. **Speak to your youth worker to sign up.**

18TH JULY 26

Hungerford Carnival

Be part of one of the most exciting community events of the year – full of music, colour, and amazing energy! We'd love to have you join our entry, get creative, and celebrate together. **Speak to your youth worker if you're interested in getting involved!**

JULY/AUG 26

Summer Holiday Youth Camp

Our Summer Holiday Camp days are coming back this year! Get ready for fun, friends, and plenty of activities to keep young people engaged all summer long. **More information coming soon – watch this space!**



Shining a light on **JOSIE BRIDGES**

Josie Bridges is an integral part of our team, working as the youth worker for our Year 5, 6 and 7 groups, as well as leading our holiday camp days. Since joining the project as a volunteer in 2022, Josie has grown into her role as a youth worker in 2023 with confidence and dedication.

Josie brings a natural skill and calm, reassuring presence that makes her perfectly suited to working with young people. She creates an environment where everyone feels welcome, supported and able to be themselves. Alongside her fantastic team of adult and young volunteers, Josie ensures that every youth session is full of engaging, fun activities while always keeping space for young people to relax, connect and chat with their friends.

Outside of youth club, Josie enjoys spending quality time with her family and her beloved sausage dog, Rolo.

Thank you, Josie, for everything you do—you truly are AMAZING.

Impact Reporting

YOUTH WORK IS VITAL IN HUNGERFORD!

£1,035

RAISED

Thank you to our Chair of trustees, Charlie Barr who, with support from fellow trustees, staff, volunteers and friends, walked the Ridgeway to raise an impressive £460. With gift aid and match funding (thanks to Greenham Trust) the amount over doubled.

151.5 hrs

OF YOUTH PROVISION

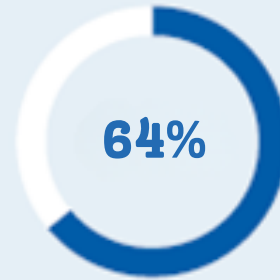
We have opened our doors to an impressive 80 youth sessions since 1st Jan 2026. On average 101 members access a trusted adult outside of their home each week thanks to HYCC.

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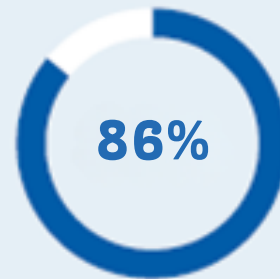
YOUTH MEMBERS

From school years 5 and above, we have a youth club suitable for everyone. Many of our youth members attend more than one of our weekly youth sessions or holiday camp days.

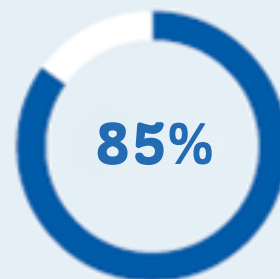
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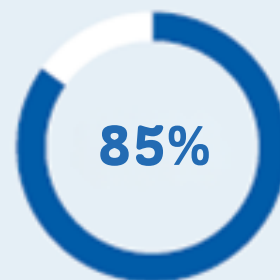
of members said that at HYCC they felt part of a team



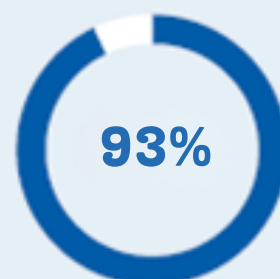
of members said that youth club has helped them make friends



of members said the sports offered at youth club made them feel healthier



of members said they feel happier and less stressed at youth club



of members said they felt everyone had equal chances at youth club

With thanks to:





HIRING THE HALL

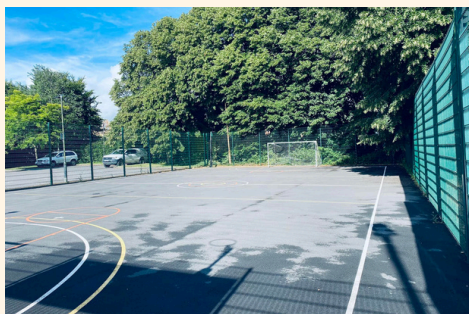
Looking for the perfect space to bring people together?

Hungerford Community Centre is available to hire for all kinds of occasions, whether you're running a regular group, planning a private party, or just catching up with friends.

Our welcoming, flexible space is ideal for:

- Community groups & classes
- Birthday celebrations & special events
- Meetings & social gatherings
- Sports matches or a friendly kick around

With affordable rates and a friendly atmosphere at the heart of the community, it's the perfect place to make things happen. **Get in touch today to check availability and book your space!**



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO GET INVOLVED.



JOIN OUR FAMILY

We'd be lost without our dedicated team of volunteers, who support the youth centre through our weekly sessions and by serving on our board of trustees.

We're always looking for new helpers to join our family. Whether you want to share a skill or bring a passion for sports, cooking, or something else entirely, there's a place for you here.

FUNDRAISING FOR HYCC

We rely on the energy and creativity of supporters who help us raise vital funds.

Fancy organising a work cake sale, taking on a quirky challenge, or even sitting in a bath of beans to raise money for our great cause?

No donation is too small and the best part, Greenham Trust will match fund your efforts!

Scan the QR code to donate today!



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