

Monthly Summary Report September 2026

September – Settling back in

This will be a short report, as we have only had three weeks back of the new term, with seven sessions delivered so far. Across these sessions, we have engaged with 48 individual young people.

Teens

We took the decision to pause our teens session on 18 September as a safeguarding precaution, following some friendship difficulties and threatening behaviour taking place both outside of school and the club. As a result, we did not go ahead with our planned trip to Gamesrow in Worthing. We intend to revisit this trip later in the term.

The pause has also given us an opportunity to put some additional measures in place to support a safe and positive environment for everyone. This has included establishing links with the pastoral care team at Steyning Grammar School, introducing a new Young Person's Agreement for attendees to sign, and strengthening our behaviour expectations within the club.

Alongside this, we have undertaken a significant promotional push for the teens provision. We have been working with Steyning Grammar School and the boarding school to ensure information about the club reaches young people across both communities, and we are continuing to look at ways to grow the group.

Our detached youth work has been delayed, although I am now in regular dialogue with Steyning Grammar School, which is a positive development and a first for the project. We hope to have a new date agreed early next month to discuss both the detached work and opportunities to grow our teens provision.





First Aid session with SAFeR Steyning

Junior and Primary Clubs

We have welcomed at least six new young people across our junior and primary groups this term.

The groups have also begun to change, particularly the junior group, as a new cohort has joined and new friendships are starting to form. It has been positive to see the groups settling into the new term and developing their own dynamics.

Dungeons+Dragons

Our first Dungeons & Dragons session on 12 September was a full house! This is a joint project between the Youth Service, Neighbourhood Wardens and Steyning Parish Church.

The group had a fantastic time, and we're already fully booked for the next session on 10 October, with a waiting list now in place.

The sessions are donation-only, with monies raised going towards the venue hire costs at Penfold Hall. Of the 12 participants at our first session, six came directly through our youth clubs, demonstrating the value of the partnership in providing new opportunities for young people already engaged with our provision.

First Aid & Community Links

We were thrilled to welcome Steyning Area First Responders to two of our sessions this month. They delivered valuable CPR and AED training to 12 young people, giving them the opportunity to learn important lifesaving skills through practical, hands-on experience.

Policies & Safeguarding

This month we have also completed an update of all of our policies, alongside reviewing and updating our independent journey home permissions. These updates help ensure that our procedures continue to reflect the needs of the young people attending the project and provide a clear framework for staff, volunteers, young people and parents/carers. Staff will review and sign this over the next couple of weeks.





Call to Action

Funding & Future Projects

We are currently preparing an application to the Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund, with a deadline in November. We are currently bouncing ideas around for a potential project and **would love to hear from partners and committee members who have ideas for something we could develop around waste reduction, reuse, repair, recycling or engaging young people in environmental action.**

If you have an idea that you think could work, please do get in touch — we would be very happy to explore it.

Overall, although September has been a shorter month for delivery, it has been a productive period. We have welcomed new young people, strengthened our links with Steyning Grammar School, put additional safeguarding measures in place for the teens provision, updated our policies and created some exciting opportunities for young people to develop practical skills and engage with the wider community.

Our logo competition has now concluded, and we look forward to reviewing all of our club members' designs. We will then bring our preferred design to the Joint Parish Youth Committee for approval, with the aim of launching our new branding as soon as possible.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to the Steyning Society for their generous grant, which has enabled us to purchase a brand-new iPad for our youth groups. It has already been put to good use, with our primary club members using it to complete homework and carry out research during sessions.

Thanks for your continued support.



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