

Oxhill Youth Club



Annual Report 2024-2025

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Who's Who

Chairperson Mrs Gail Wilson

Vice Chair Mr Tom Harpe

Secretary Mr Kyle Stafford

Treasurer Mrs Laura Tweddle

Auditor: Mr Robert Dodds

Bank: Lloyds Stanley

Youth Workers: Joanne Charlton, Kyle Stafford, Megan Whetstone, Sarah Miller, Mark Charlton

Volunteers: Kate Mcguigan, Michelle Thompson, Alyssa Mckee, Niamh Orla Stewart, Erin Carnell, Amy Hughes, Megan Reed, Ryan Liddle, Kieron Mckee, Keegan Heslop, Logan Broderick, Kye Johnston, Myles Kirkup,

Young Volunteers: Erin Hodgson, Lacey Tupper, Josh Parry, Charlie Colwell, Joey Charlton

Who We Are

Oxhill Youth Club is situated at Kyo Lane, Oxhill, Stanley. The youth club is situated next to a central bus route and young people can access the youth club from neighbouring villages although a lot of young people are dropped off by parents. Young People travel from as far as Dipton, Annfield Plain, Stanley, South Moor, Catchgate, Lanchester, New Kyo and Stanley. We have members from 10 local primary schools and four secondary schools within our catchment area, who attend on a regular basis. The philosophy that it is more important to take part than to win is one embraced by the club. There are also opportunities for other groups to use the facilities. A variety of other community groups both for adults and young people use the facilities at Oxhill Youth Club, this includes, Shikkari karate Kai, Shikkari Tiger Cubs, Slimming World, Ladies walking netball, it is also used throughout the year by the Prince's Trust and on occasions by DABGC for training course for young people. Oxhill Youth Club has always operated a full and varied programme, trying out new initiatives alongside more traditional youth club activities. We have responded with enthusiasm and vigour to a changing world over the last few years, to be more inclusive and provide a safe and welcoming place for young people to thrive in. The youth club offers four full time sessions per week. Undertakes numerous activities outside of the four sessions, offered by outside agencies which enlighten, reinforce and stretch the young people to give of their best and build strong characters. Oxhill Youth Club continues to be associated with the Duke of Edinburgh Award program, and The Key, Fun and Food, Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs, North East Youth, Durham Youth Print all of which has been very supportive during the last year. We were part of Stanley Area Youth Consortium in response to finding funding and working together on projects for the 2024-2025 period

This year we celebrated 63 years as a youth club serving the young people of the community. A great achievement and a big thank you to everyone over the years who have helped make this possible.

Aims And Objectives

Oxhill Youth Club by Constitution is here: "to promote the benefit of the youth of the area without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating with the local authorities, voluntary organisations and t h e inhabitants of the area in a common effort to provide facilities for the educational, social and recreational leisure-time occupation of the young people served by the Centre".

Targets for 2025/2026

1. Increase presence in the local area
2. Continue to offer clubs and activities in all school holidays through the academic year for 2025/26
3. Look for opportunities to connect with global links and clubs interntonally

Staff training

Staff have undertaking numerous training activities over the past year. We continue to keep up to date with all necessary courses suitable for leaders and volunteers to keep our high standard of care to the community. We make sure that we keep up to date with all current and relevant and legislation.

Chairperson Report

A very warm welcome & thanks to last year's committee for their support throughout the year.

What a year it has been! We achieved the top accolade of being awarded the King's Award for volunteer service. This was a fantastic outcome for everyone, especially our volunteers, young and old, and this will make us stand out as an extremely competent, hard-working, supportive, caring and effective service within our community.

We received funding from the Lottery to refit our old kitchen into the modern, fully equipped, efficient working one we have today. This is only one of the many grants that Joanne & Kyle have successfully managed to secure for us over this year to help us continue our work at a high standard.

Our affiliation to Durham Association Boys and Girls Clubs (DABGC) continues to help us provide fantastic opportunities for our members at Oxhill to take part in. We have also worked with Fun & Food & other local & national organisations to help widen the young people's aspect on life.

My big thanks go to Joanne, Kyle, Sarah, Megan, our leaders and all our volunteers, who without them we would not have this hugely successful club that we have today, due to the tireless work they do. Their encouragement, friendship, hard work, dedication to their work ensures all our members are given equal opportunities to help them grow into the citizens of tomorrow.

We look forward to next year and continuing our work serving our community and young people.



In November 2024 it was announced that Oxhill Youth Club had received The King's Award for Voluntary Service. This award is the highest and most prestigious award that can be awarded to any group in the UK. We celebrated this with our committee, staff and volunteers on the night it was awarded. Then in March 2025 an official presentation night was held at youth club and the award was presented to youth club by Mrs Sue Snowden Lord Lieutenant of County Durham. This night was attended by our young people, their families and our volunteers past and present. Also in attendance was Carole Hampson Mayor of Stanley, Joan Nicholson Chair of Durham County Council, Alan and Simon from the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs, many other dignitaries and a reporter from The Northern Echo. The night was a huge success and everyone enjoyed themselves. Kyle and Joanne will go the Buckingham Palace to attend a garden party in May 2025



Activities Throughout the Year

March 2024

We had some young people sit on a panel for Fun and Food to approve activities for groups over easter and give feedback. We made pancakes for our juniors and seniors, over 60 pancakes were made in one night. Niamh's hair salon returned, and Prince's Trust received money from the freemasons, they bought 3 gaming chairs, gaming lights, beanbags, a football, painted the corridor, new cloth for the pool table and pool cues. We were approached by Fiona from one point to develop a film about ASB with Creative Youth Opportunities. Racheal from Creative Youth Opportunities came and spoke to some of our young people to get ideas for the storyline some our young people took part in this project and helped write the script and starred in the video alongside young people from Creative Youth Opportunities. Joanne, Alyssa and Sydney attended the High Sherrif Awards on behalf of The Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs



April 2024

Some of our senior members started volunteering on junior nights. 2 young people and 1 of our volunteers attended a consultation event at pact house to discuss what would happen to the board school on Stanley front street. Our Fun and Food easter activities took place during March we had inflatable darts, football darts, bungee equaliser, gladiator jousting, human wrecking ball and Zorb football which was a huge hit with the young people and was what they had asked for. We did nerf wars, run a cooking session and a film night. Some young people attend a pool competition in Sunderland organised by Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs





May 2024

As SATS were coming up we gave our year 6s face masks and strawberries and chocolate to help settle their nerves and as a treat before starting them. Sharon from fearless attended a Friday night session to deliver a County Lines Awareness workshop to our young people, this was well attended. We had 6 young people attend the cinema to see IF as we received free tickets, we took 13 people to the women's England football match and had Nando's before the match they all had a great night despite the score. We also attended the Stanley Area Youth Consortium volunteering awards night 18 of our people received an award and were recognised for their hard work and dedication to Oxhill Youth Club.



June 2024

We had 2 young people attended Weardale activity centre which was organised by Durham association, they had a great time. This time they did tag archery, nightline, gauntlet challenge and floor is larva. We had 3 young people, and 2 volunteers attended the Durham association athletic competition at Shildon. They all did extremely well, the 3 boys came 3rd in their categories and Alyssa and Niamh came 1st and 2nd in the javelin resulting in winner for the under 20s team award. 2 of our volunteers attended the sailing weekend through the Durham association of boys and girls clubs they sailed from North Shields to Blyth, Amble and back to North shields. As always, a lovely weekend. We attended Seaham youth fest with 1 young person who sang on the outdoor stage, Seaham's mayor thought she was amazing. We attended 2 proms to see our year 11s, Kyle and Joanne took 2 young people for their 1st entrance. Everyone looked amazing. We had Sharon from fearless came in to do knife crime with the young people who didn't attend the first session we held.





July 2024



We held our kitchen opening day on July 20th it was attended by the deputy lord lieutenant, Alan and Anne from the Durham Association, our committee and parents/grandparents and carers. Everyone loved the videos we were sent especially James Corden and Ruth Jones. The day was a great success. We also attend Horden premier of the antisocial behaviour video our young people part in and we held our premier of the video, it was attend by the young people of creative youth opportunities, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Stanley's Mayor, Police, Wardens, Alan and Simon from the Durham Association, Anne Marie Lewis Headteacher from Greenland Community Primary, Jon and Rachel from NE youth, Sharon from fearless, Parents, Young people and our Committee Members. It was a great night and the video was success.



August 2024



We took 8 young people to Weardale activity centre with the Durham Association, and they had a great time the weather was lovely too making it more enjoyable. We took 8 young people surfing at South Shields with the Durham Association they loved it. 44 of us went to Flamingo Land, we had a great day the young people didn't want to leave. We took 8 young people to Catterick for an army experience day with the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. They all enjoyed it and gave everything a go. We attended the Durham Youth Council Awards at the Chester Le Street cricket ground and had a lovely afternoon. We received an award for the anti-social behaviour video group, Ryan received the sports person of the year award for his motorcross, Keiron received the role model award and Joey received young superstar award for his swimming. We took a group of young people Sunderland aquatics inflatable course. We took another group Inflatospace. Everyone had great fun lots of happy sweaty young people and staff. Our last summer trip was to Whickham Thorns Activity Centre, activities we did included snow tubing, vivo climbing wall, vertical challenge, assault course and laser tag. We took our older members to the Hilltop

for a meal as they helped plan all the trips but couldn't attend due to work commitments. We also went to the beach afterwards and had a great night chilling. As well as all these trips we kept normal youth club open as much as possible including nightline, nerf wars and Sphero balls. It was a busy, busy, busy action-packed summer of fun.



September 2024

We attended the National Association of Boys and Girls Club's pool competition in Wales with Kieron, Ryan and Logan. They all did extremely well, and Logan came 4th. After the competition we went to Barry Island where they film Gavin and Stacey. The lads enjoyed the funfair while we were there. On the way home we visited Diddly Squat Farm owned by Jeremy Clarkson. We attended the Durham Association of Boys and Girls Club's presentation night at Ramside Hall. Alyssa and Amy collected their Ocean Youth Sailing certificates. Erin, Amy, Sydney and Alyssa collected their pool medals, Ryan, Kieron and Logan received their pool medals and their national pool certificates. Niamh collected her athletics medal and the girls under 20s team award Alyssa and Logan was nominated for the Betty Woodward award for all their hard work volunteering and Alyssa won the award. We received the J.J Griffiths participation award. A big surprise for Gail as she received the president medal for her long service to our youth club, hugely well-deserved and a well-kept secret. We received a thriving in the Northumbria in Bloom awards. We also picked the vegetables that we grew as part of this competition and the juniors enjoyed trying them. We held planning sessions for both juniors and seniors and there was some good ideas. Kyle and Joanne attended a designated safeguarding officer course and Kyle and Sarah attend a 4-day CBT Therapy foundation course in Dunston.



October 2024

Started the month off well by watching the northern lights above youth club. Our juniors decorated the building for Halloween, we held our juniors Halloween fun night with music, dances, apple bobbing, trick or treating indoors. We had our now annual scare maze with delegate times for juniors and seniors. It went well and once again requested to do again next year. The Durham Association of Boys and Girls Club's held their junior first aid course at our youth club, we had 5 young people attend most of them were our younger volunteers which will give them a great skill. We also attended the Durham Youth Print trip to Hollywood Bowling with about 10 different youth projects. We had 11 young people, and they all enjoyed bowling and the arcades afterwards.



November 2024



We had a fire pit for our juniors' toasting marshmallows and watching the fireworks. We attended the NE youth impact awards with our anti-social behaviour awareness group, we didn't win but had a enjoyed celebrating with everyone there. We had a junior and senior Children in Need night this involved the young people wore their pjs. We were able to share the most amazing news with everyone this month, we were awarded The Kings Award for Voluntary Service. We could not have been prouder and happier to be awarded this prestigious award. We held little celebration night on the day it was announced with our staff, volunteers, young volunteers and committee and read out some supporting letters that had been wrote to support



The King's Award for Voluntary Service

the nomination.



December 2024



We held a Christmas nativity performance and had a raffle and tombola the young people had fun performing. We had Christmas party with funding from Fun and Food. We had over 100 young people attend, they all enjoyed the Christmas pudding rodeo and inflatable assault course. Our young people enjoyed making hot chocolate reindeer and cookies. Our volunteers and staff had a takeaway night for Christmas as a thank you for all their hard work throughout the year. New arts and crafts items were bought with money from Lee Ferry from Stanley Town Council. We closed for two weeks over Christmas to give everyone a chance to have a rest and spend time with family and loved ones.



January 2025

We had No More Nowt in to talk to our young people about a drama project which is starting this week they will work together organising parts for each person, storyline and then they will write their script as a group with the result to perform their own work to an audience. We had young people completed the consortium mental health art project on a canvas. The young people chose staying connected as topic they wanted to do, they made self-portraits of themselves on paper people and stuck them all together with words around connection and what connects people. We had all our normal activities on as normal throughout January



February 2025

We had a fun and food session in February half term, this was held by big science UK all the young people loved it and want to do more science days. The young people who are currently working towards their No more nowt performance have their performance on Saturday 22nd march at



Beamish Museum. We have 9 young people taken part in the Durham association pool competition at Sunderland. We were asked by Creative Youth Opportunities for group of young people to take part in an antisocial behaviour video at Horden again.



March 2025

We made pancakes for the juniors and made over 80. We had 3 young people to Horden to start work on another antisocial behaviour video which will begin filming in the easter holidays. We had 10 young people take part in a pool competition at Sunderland. We had 3 winners and 4 runner ups with some making the finals at Wales. We had 7 young people take part in a play with No More Nowt at Beamish Museum they did well. We had our Kings award celebration night our young people did really well and all enjoyed the night.



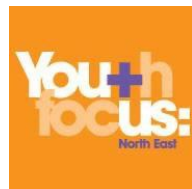
Thank You!

Over the last year we have worked with amazing organisations that have offered fantastic opportunities to our young people and staff by providing free training sessions, events, information, advice and conferences. This has helped us provide a better service for young people in County Durham and the North East. We would like to say thank you to them for their support and we look forward to continuing to work with them again.

A lot of the work we do would not be possible at all without the support of funders that fund our projects, and we would like to say a huge thank you to them for their generosity and kindness that enables us to grow, adapt and provide the services we do to our young people and the community.



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Our Weekly Timetable

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	Contact	
Monday				
	Kings Trust	9-4pm	Shaun Redmond	shaun.redmond@deltanorthconsett.com
	Slimming World	5:30-7pm	Nadine Reay	07551006427
	Karate	6-7pm	Brett Wilkinson	shikkarikaratekai@hotmail.co.uk
Tuesday				
	Kings Trust	9-4pm	Shaun Redmond	shaun.redmond@deltanorthconsett.com
	Junior Youth Club Year 3-6	6:30-8:30pm	Oxhill Youth Club	Info@oxhillyc.com 07564854474
Wednesday				
	Kings Trust	9-4pm	Shaun Redmond	shaun.redmond@deltanorthconsett.com
	Karate	6:30-7:30pm	Brett Wilkinson	shikkarikaratekai@hotmail.co.uk
Thursday				
	Kings Trust	9-4pm	Shaun Redmond	shaun.redmond@deltanorthconsett.com
	Karate	6-7pm	Brett Wilkinson	shikkarikaratekai@hotmail.co.uk
	Senior Youth Club Year 7-11	7-9pm	Oxhill Youth Club	Info@oxhillyc.com 07564854474
Friday				
	Kings Trust	9-4pm	Shaun Redmond	shaun.redmond@deltanorthconsett.com
	Intermediates Youth Club Year 6-19	7-9pm	Oxhill Youth Club	Info@oxhillyc.com 07564854474
Saturday				
	Karate	10-11am	Brett Wilkinson	shikkarikaratekai@hotmail.co.uk
Sunday				
	Karate	4-5pm	Brett Wilkinson	shikkarikaratekai@hotmail.co.uk
	Junior Youth Club Year 3-6	6-8pm	Oxhill Youth Club	Info@oxhillyc.com 07564854474

For any information on the building please contact Oxhill Youth Club directly on 07564854474 or info@oxhillyc.com

2024/25	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
Income													
Subs	670.00	838.00	635.00	710.00	471.00	452.00	587.00	727.00	477.00	592.00	711.00	666.00	7,536.00
Canteen	985.08	1,217.71	867.80	1,285.85	732.46	674.80	776.75	1,026.65	678.80	916.55	1,045.05	975.11	11,182.61
Karate	487.50	475.00	500.00	487.50	500.00	475.00	500.00	500.00		775.00	475.00	450.00	5,625.00
Slimming World	90.00	150.00	90.00	150.00	60.00	150.00	120.00	140.00		150.00	90.00	150.00	1,340.00
Grants	18,548.16						10,400.00	1,108.00			991.00	2,750.00	33,797.16
Hall Hire	2,080.00	180.00			2,160.00				2,080.00				6,500.00
Sundries	24.00	1.65	107.59	24.65	111.40	18.77	200.77	32.42	72.00	80.54	62.15	66.56	802.50
Donations	66.50			266.00			60.00			497.50			890.00
Interest received		1,851.37							528.71				2,380.08
Total	22,951.24	4,713.73	2,200.39	2,924.00	4,034.86	1,770.57	12,644.52	3,534.07	3,836.51	3,011.59	3,374.20	5,057.67	70,053.35
Expenses													
Salaries	4,189.51	1,991.01	1,940.53	1,866.91	1,822.76	1,841.43	1,973.65	2,626.77	2,217.44	2,390.35	2,533.98	2,732.66	28,127.00
HMRC	117.31		15.00			0.80		8.20	61.40		65.60	63.23	331.54
Water Rates	63.58	57.65	56.12	71.95	111.28	74.75	70.27	74.75	74.75	66.89	81.84	68.85	872.68
Power, Light and Heat	308.32	275.61	670.09				28.91	153.41	438.78	377.47	278.43	1,046.68	3,577.70
Canteen	820.62	1,178.64	754.95	927.91	544.47	613.55	1,370.02	377.08	613.25	1,484.13	639.45	630.17	9,954.24
Activities	1,326.01	39.68	329.60	1,164.56	4,157.92	503.53	124.59	193.50	942.75	214.05	396.00	3,959.38	13,351.57
Telecommunications								32.45	43.08	42.29	56.57	167.98	342.37
Repairs and Maintenance	254.75	354.80	328.28	323.52			12.99	226.67	113.45	147.79	-		1,762.25
Equipment	1,011.49	314.27	391.41	203.90			40.10	60.44	180.84	66.68	208.98	22.99	2,501.10
Stationary	68.46	74.97	11.99	11.99	11.99	52.13	11.99	38.46	11.99	280.24	11.99	11.99	598.19
Cleaning	33.31	12.19	44.97	92.27	3.24	54.80	3.00			34.77	11.72	34.77	325.04
Sundry Expenses	5.00	7.34	38.75	180.35	15.80		8.10	17.65	61.20	115.00			449.19
Licences & Subscriptions	582.80		20.00							249.49	20.00	35.00	907.29
Insurance	1,346.58												1,346.58
Training		100.00											100.00
Bank Charges											10.69	11.24	21.93
Misc - Grant Expenditure	1,517.04	13,420.87	297.00										15,234.91
Total	11,644.78	17,827.03	4,898.69	4,843.36	6,667.46	3,140.99	3,643.62	3,809.38	4,758.93	5,469.15	4,315.25	8,784.94	79,803.58
Closing Bank Balance	61,773.21	116,659.91	38,961.61	37,042.25	34,409.66	33,039.24	42,040.14	41,764.83	65,752.40	63,384.84	62,443.79	58,716.52	
Savings - Fixed Term 1	48,000.00		50,000.00										
Savings - Fixed Term 2	20,000.00		25,000.00						25,438.70				
Total	129,773.21	116,659.91	113,961.61	37,042.25	34,409.66	33,039.24	42,040.14	41,764.83	91,191.10	63,384.84	62,443.79	58,716.52	

Oxhill Youth Club
Accounts for 01/04/2024-31/03/2025

	£	£
Income		
Balance in current account 01/04/2024		50,466.75
Balance in savings account 01/04/2024		68,000.00
Subs		7,536.00
Canteen		11,182.61
Slimming World		1,340.00
Grants		33,797.16
Hall hire		6,500.00
Karate		5,625.00
Donations		890.00
Sundry		802.50
Interest Received		2,380.08
		188,520.10
Expenditure		
Salaries	28,127.00	
HMRC	331.54	
Water Rates	872.68	
Power, Light and Heat	3,577.70	
Canteen	9,954.24	
Activities	13,351.57	
Telecommunications	342.37	
Repairs and Maintenance	1,762.25	
Equipment	2,501.10	
Stationary	598.19	
Cleaning	325.04	
Sundry Expenses	449.19	
Licences & Subscriptions	907.29	
Insurance	1,346.58	
Training	100.00	
Bank Charges	21.93	
Misc - Grant Expenditure	15,234.91	
	79,803.58	
Balance in current account 31/03/2025		58,716.52
Balance in savings account 31/03/2025		50,000.00
Expenditure		79,803.58
Total		188,520.10

	Signitures	Date
Treasurer:		
L.A. TWEDDLE	<i>L.A. Tweddle</i>	23.6.25
Auditor:		
R. DODD	<i>R. Dodd</i>	22.6.25
Chairperson:		
C. E. WILSON	<i>C. E. Wilson</i>	23.6.25