

John Tallack Youth and Community Centre

2019 Annual Report – Chair of the Trustees

Youth Work

YMCA Dulverton has continued with a programme of Youth Work under the terms of an annual contract with Cullompton Town Council from April to March.

50 sessions each for Junior group (Monday – average 12 attendees) and Senior Group (Thursday – average 20 attendees) and 30 sessions of outreach are on schedule. Activities include Segways, live music, life skills – cooking, graffiti stencilling, nerf guns, jewellery making, sensory work – slime and stress ball making, art and crafts, fresh fruit & vegetables and dips as well as informal activities with pool, table football, BBQ and basketball have been enjoyed.

Discussions initiated by the young people have been wide ranging including drug use & abuse, healthy relationships, sexual orientation arising from Pride rallies, careers advice and a Youth Council. Staffing changes settled down towards the end of the year with Huw Hides being the Lead worker for Cullompton.

Lisa Oxford-Booth led some excellent sessions to develop a Cullompton Youth Strategy, involving youth service providers from all over the area. The Strategy and Action plan were published in November 2019.

Devon County Council via John Berry provided a grant for renewing outdated sound equipment and electronics.

Action for Children

Action for Children continued to use the Centre as a satellite office and drop in Centre. Over 900 children and parents attended various sessions with additional 1:1 visits throughout the year.

Other Centre users

The main hall was used for the Boxing Club, Devon Young Carers, Zumba classes, Kettlebells, Devon CC Health visitors, Exeter Theatertrain and an Indian dance group.

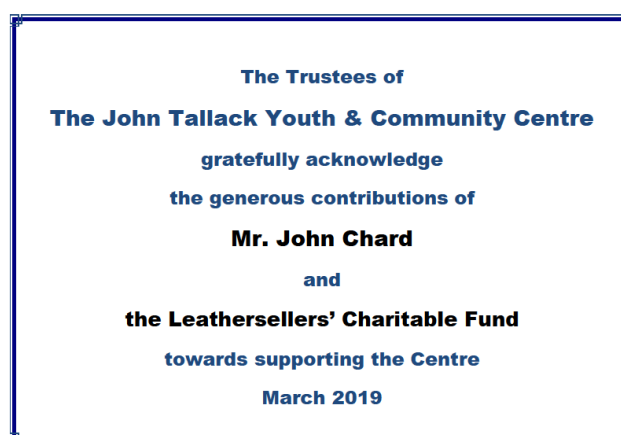
The building

Through the amazing generosity of one of our Trustees, the long-needed refurbishment of the Centre was commenced. Double glazing units were fitted in January, and in May, a new boiler and piping to supply the radiators were fitted to reduce the annual costs of heating. The piping was needed because the underfloor pipes had been leaking. The Trustees agreed to continue the refurbishment into 2020 to make the Centre more broadly attractive as a Community Centre. The kitchen and the flooring in the main hall need attention next year. The external appearance also needs improving in order to complete the refurbishment.

An A4 plaque illustrated here was put in the main foyer in acknowledgement.

Martin Smith

Chair of trustees



Income	
Boxing Club	750.00
Carers	170.00
Culompton Town Council - reimbursement for paying Professional Hygiene	122.40
Leathersellers	3,500.00
Zumba	30.00
Action for Children	7,020.00
Young Devon	60.00
Birthday party	30.00
John Chard - donation	6,965.00
Kettlebells	300.00
Devon County Council - Health Visitors	2830.00
Theatre train	80.00
Indian Dance	50.00
Total Income	21,907.40

Expenditure	
Professional Hygiene	125.27
Fridge Freeezer	229.00
Electricity	942.68
Gas	1,345.15
MDDC - Rates	263.38
Double glazing	6,296.63
South West Water	247.50
Maintenance & Repairs	508.50
Buildings Insurance	678.28
Management Protection Insurance	184.48
Key Safe	33.96
Plaque - to thank leathersellers & John Chard	42.98
Boiler	4,638.00
Radiators	2,327.00
Bins	39.98
Replacement keys	56.57
Total	17,959.36