

## Wool Youth Club Autumn Term Report. 2018.

Having enjoyed a fantastic summer with weather that meant we could use the recreation ground at Wool every Thursday evening the early autumn was just as good with good weather on Thursdays right up until the October half term, With our average attendance each Thursday being 38.7 for the autumn term most of these are in the first session in the evening, the darker evenings put us under real pressure when we all had to be indoors each week. Wool parish council were very supportive booking us the lower hall as well as the upstairs room and also getting a television fitted in the lower hall which increased significantly the number of activities we could offer.

The high numbers have also required three staff for the early session however with the number of older ones tailing off as the term progressed this has not significantly increased staffing costs. The high numbers will also require some restructuring for next year ,with our highest attendance on a single night coming out at 47.0 clearly we could not have any real increase on this without causing significant problems.

Activities have been varied ,mostly outside based until the darker evenings .We ran a trip to splashdown at half term and then with the darker evenings we have had some creative sessions designing and painting banners to decorate the club room. We have had a whole range of competitions and games together with a fund raising evening for children in need with the young people baking cakes and selling them during the evening. We also had a film night although I have since banned pop corn since I still seem to be able to find bits of pop corn wherever I look.

Dance activities are very popular with Just Dance occupying many of the young people through much of the evening.

We ended the term with a Christmas party which was very well received by the young people.

We are still desperate for a reliable volunteer ,we have a number of young people who help out during the evening but a reliable older volunteer would be a real boost.

We successfully applied to the Wool and East Stoke Community Chest for funding for some sumo suits and were awarded £595.00 which will be another help in extending the activities we can offer.

Wool Youth Club is grateful for all the help given by staff at PYCF and Wool Parish Council for their fantastic support.

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