



Impact Report

2025 - 2026

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Brockworth link

Our vision:
To help make Brockworth a
better place to live.

Brockworth Link is a registered charity located in the centre of Brockworth, providing a local hub which includes a community based library, education centre and youth services.

We offer advice and support services for all the community and a positive meeting place for young people in a fully inclusive way.

Inspiring Young Minds, Empowering Communities

Library, Community Engagement and Youth Statistics 2025 - 2026

Customer feedback is central to the growth and success of our charity. It enables us to understand what we're doing well and identify areas where we can improve, ensuring our services remain responsive to the needs of our community.

By actively listening to those who use our services, we can strengthen the support we offer, develop new initiatives and enhance the overall impact of our work. This insight plays a vital role in shaping our future direction and helps us continue to make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

Library Engagement

Total Library Footfall: **13,912** visitors

2,183 people used the Mood App

100% of participants gained new skills through language classes

98% of visitors feel the library has had a positive impact on their lives

98% would recommend in-house activities

(Book Club, Knit & Natter, Baby Bounce & Rhyme and more)

94% are satisfied with the book selection

92% are happy with the IT equipment available

98% rated customer service highly for friendliness and attentiveness

Youth Club Engagement

95% of young people said they enjoyed taking on new challenges

90% reported learning new things

90% feel more confident at the youth club

90% enjoy the workshops on offer

100% have made new friends at the youth club

100% feel that youth workers are supportive and friendly

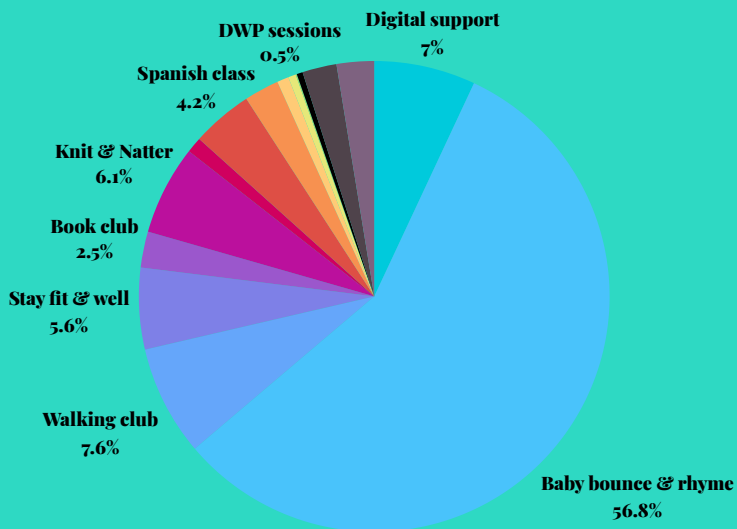
95% enjoyed the drinks, snacks and activities provided

Digital Hub & IT Learning

Digi Hub Learners Who Feel Their Skills Have Improved: **36%**

Library Activities

Activity attendance over the last 12 months



We've also offered:

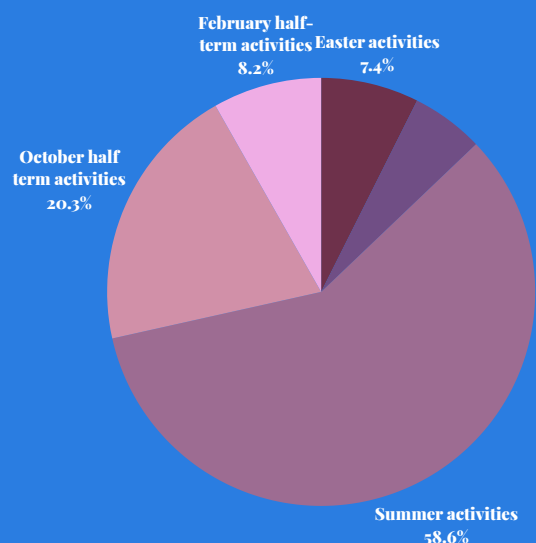
- Italian classes - 1.1%
- Afternoon teas for care home residents - 0.8%
- CCP sessions - 1%
- Blood Pressure checks - 0.4%
- Children's Mentoring - 1.4%
- French classes - 2.4%
- Rummikub sessions - 2.6%

Brockworth Community Library works to support and enrich the lives of local people through a varied programme of events, classes and activities held throughout the week.

Bringing people together, we help create a welcoming space that promotes connection and learning at every stage of life.

The statistics shown opposite illustrate the positive impact the library/hub has on our community.

School holiday activities



We've also offered:

May half-term activities - 5.5%

Language classes

Our weekly language sessions provide a welcoming space for both learning and social connection for several hours each week. Over the past year, we have continued to deliver Italian, French and Spanish classes, open to everyone in the community. For some participants, these sessions are their only opportunity for social interaction, which makes them especially important.



French class photo

The classes have grown steadily in popularity, with attendance increasing over the last year. The interactive screen and whiteboard has continued to enable tutors to deliver sessions more effectively and enhance the overall learning experience.

Events & Fundraising

As a charity, securing consistent funding is essential to enable us to continue delivering community events, whether in partnership with other organisations and the local parish council or independently. These events not only bring people together but also provide local stallholders with valuable opportunities to showcase and sell their products.



Christmas Fayre 2025

Our 2025 Christmas Fayre raised an amazing £1,135 on the day!



Feedback from library visitors

'The kids love stamping their books. The staff are really friendly and I love coming here!'

'Thank you for your wonderful service. I find your selection of books more comprehensive than other main libraries in the area. Keep up the good work!'

'This community library is an amazing place, with lovely and helpful people. I felt very at ease to come here and spend time with my little one. Thank you for all the assistance given.'

'First time coming here and I was very surprised. Lovely, helpful staff and what a fantastic selection of books! I will definitely be using this library going forward.'

'Although my home is in South East London, I spend significant periods of time in Brockworth, caring for my granddaughter. The library is an absolute God-send! Being able to spend a peaceful hour or so here, using one of the computers to research my family history is incredibly helpful for my mental and emotional wellbeing. The place is a real asset! Thank you.'

'I only have positive feedback for my time in the library. The staff and volunteers are friendly and helpful.'

'It is a very welcoming place, with lots of activities for young children to do. I love bringing my children here!'

Mood app



Over 93% of our library visitors were happy with the services provided.

Activities feedback



have learned new skills while attending our language classes



said that they have made new friends by attending library activities



recommend our in-house activities such as Book Club, Knit & Natter and Baby bounce & rhyme to others



feel satisfied with the books on offer



are happy with IT equipment on offer



rate our customer service in terms of friendliness and attentiveness

Kind words from our class/ activity attendees

'I attend the Knit&Natter group which I started 12 years ago. I have witnessed the impact of socialising this group has on those who are isolated through bereavement, divorce and the loneliness of the elderly. Brockworth Link provides an essential hub that is a source of companionship and information - and it's free! All the community can use it regardless of income.'

'I attend two groups at the library - they provide the opportunity to meet others with similar interests. It encourages me to go out and provides me with companionship.'

'I attend the French class once a week, which is excellent. The library is a wonderful resource not only for borrowing books but for the use of computers and the various community events they organise. The staff are very helpful!'

Feedback from our volunteers

Our volunteers are truly at the heart of the library, helping to create the warm, welcoming and supportive environment that our community values so highly.

Their time and dedication enable us to offer essential services — from assisting visitors and supporting events to helping with language classes and digital literacy sessions. Many of our activities and programmes simply wouldn't be possible without their enthusiasm and commitment.

Beyond the practical support they provide, our volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge, skills and lived experience that enrich the library every day, strengthening connections and nurturing a real sense of community.



Volunteers on reception desk

'Volunteering enables me to get out of the house and help my community, especially the children with their learning. I love encouraging children to read books.'

'After finishing my degree, I wanted to do something that involved meeting new people. I have previously worked in SEN education and enjoyed being part of the community. I thoroughly enjoy my volunteering role at Brockworth Library and working with such a great team!'

'I started volunteering at the library after I retired from owning a hair salon, as I missed the company. I wanted to be in an environment where I would meet new people and I also wanted to give something back to the village. I enjoy welcoming people to the library and helping with their queries.'

Community Library Case Study

Laura's Journey Back to Confidence Through Volunteering

In October 2024, Laura was admitted to hospital following a severe episode of bipolar disorder. After returning home, she faced a long and difficult period of depression. Simple daily tasks felt overwhelming and getting out of bed or leaving the house was often a real challenge.

Unable to work at the time, Laura began searching for gentle, meaningful ways to reconnect with people and bring some structure back into her life.

Finding a Way Back Through Volunteering

In April 2025, Laura started volunteering at our community library. She began by covering shifts for other volunteers during sickness or annual leave, sometimes for just a few hours, sometimes for a couple of days a week.

These small, manageable commitments became an important stepping stone. Over time, they helped her rebuild a sense of routine, purpose and responsibility — at a pace that felt right for her.

Growing in Confidence

Laura's role includes supporting the day-to-day running of the library, welcoming visitors and helping with digital queries. More recently, she has taken on responsibility for covering the Digi Hub sessions every first and third Thursday morning.

In this role, she supports library users with digital tools such as the library app, the NHS app and online services for passport and driving licence renewals.

Taking on this responsibility has been a real boost to her confidence. It has allowed her to rediscover her own digital skills and use them to make a positive difference for others in the community.

Community Library case study

The Impact on Her Recovery

Volunteering has become a meaningful part of Laura's recovery journey. Having somewhere to be and people expecting her gives her the motivation to get up and leave the house. The regular routine and warm social interactions have helped reduce feelings of isolation and strengthened her sense of belonging.

Each volunteering session — no matter how long — feels like an achievement. It's a reminder that she can still contribute in valuable ways, even while continuing to manage her mental health.



Laura at Library reception desk

Looking Ahead

Through this experience, Laura has seen first-hand how important welcoming, inclusive community spaces can be for people living with mental illness. Looking ahead, she hopes to continue volunteering, build on her digital skills and gradually explore new opportunities as her confidence and wellbeing continue to grow.

Brook Academy visits

Brook Academy is a SEND school in Gloucester, supporting students with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. It is part of the Cabot Learning Federation, whose mission is to consistently deliver excellent educational experiences for young people aged 11–16, improving life chances and serving local communities.

Teachers from Brook Academy regularly visit the library with a small group of students who have a passion for reading. During these visits, students enjoy engaging with our volunteers, chatting about books and discovering new authors and titles.

Mentoring sessions

Our partnership with SV Mentoring has now continued into its second year. SV Mentoring is an organisation committed to supporting children to better understand and manage their emotions, build resilience and self-esteem and develop positive, healthy relationships.

Their trained mentors provide tailored one-to-one support, carefully responding to the individual needs of each young person. Children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs may present in a variety of ways — including anxiety, low mood, attachment or attention difficulties, withdrawal, isolation or at times more challenging behaviour.

Partnerships

Brockworth Link is proud to work in partnership with CCP (Caring for Communities and People) to deliver a regular drop-in service at the library, providing vital housing-related advice and support for those who need it.

We also collaborate with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to host a monthly drop-in session, supporting individuals with volunteering opportunities, job searching, CV development and other employability guidance.



DWP session photo

These partnerships reflect our ongoing commitment to empowering our community, ensuring local residents can access practical support and guidance to help them move towards a more stable and positive future.

Summer Activity Programme

Each summer holiday, Brockworth Link runs a free activity programme for local children, offering exciting and memorable experiences for everyone. With everything from arts and crafts to donkey rides and ice cream treats, there's plenty of fun for all to enjoy.

These sessions are consistently fully booked and much loved by children and their families, creating special memories and strengthening community connections.

For the third year in a row, we worked in partnership with St George's Church and the United Reformed Church to deliver a varied and engaging programme of activities.



**Over 214 children
attended our
activities!**



Summer Activities 2025 photos

Warm Space

For the third consecutive year, Brockworth Library has opened its doors as a warm and welcoming space, offering hot drinks, snacks and a cosy environment, alongside games and activities for all to enjoy.

For many in our community, particularly those facing financial hardship and rising energy costs, the library has been a vital lifeline — providing warmth, connection and opportunities to meet neighbours and make new friends. This winter, families have used the library as a gathering place, sharing special moments with their children, playing games and enjoying books together. Remote workers have also appreciated having a comfortable, quiet space to focus. **The library is much more than a building — it's a hub of support, belonging and community spirit when it's needed most.**



Warm Space photo

School visits

Brockworth Link continues to build strong links with local primary schools, welcoming students from Reception through Year 6 for regular library visits. Children explore the space, discover their favourite books, take part in Storytime sessions and borrow books to enjoy at home. These visits help support a lifelong love of reading and make the library an exciting, familiar space for young learners. Over the school year, we welcomed more than **310** individual school visits!



School visit photo

Digital support - DIGI hubs

The Digital Inclusion Gloucestershire Initiative (DIGI) is a partnership of eight community-based organisations across Gloucestershire, working to break down digital barriers and create inclusive, accessible spaces for people to develop their digital skills.

In December 2022, Brockworth Link proudly joined this initiative, becoming a member of the Digi Hub network and now working alongside:

- Forest Voluntary Action Forum
- Creative Sustainability
- GL11 Community Hub
- Gloucester Community Building Collective
- The Churn Project
- Cotswold Friends
- Springbank Community Group

The vision of the Digi Hubs is to provide a welcoming ‘front door’ where individuals can gain confidence with technology in a safe, supportive and social environment.

At Brockworth Link, we are committed to this mission, offering digital support five days a week to help our community thrive in an increasingly digital world.

In 2025–2026, the library supported over **255** people, assisting with essential digital tasks such as printing, scanning, using Office 365, completing Universal Credit applications, online job searches, tax claims and heating allowance forms. We also helped individuals set up and navigate devices — from tablets and smartphones to laptops — and even send cherished digital photos to family abroad.

Brockworth Link is dedicated to bridging the digital divide, empowering people with the skills and confidence to use technology independently.

In June and October 2025, we expanded our reach by partnering with Winchcombe and Tewkesbury libraries to provide additional digital support.

As part of the DIGI Partnership, Brockworth Link also plays a key role in administrative support for these venues, producing detailed reports on attendance, the types of support provided and real-life case studies.



Digital support photo

36%

of digi hub learners have felt that their skills have improved (many of the other attendees required support for specific tasks such as printing a document)

By contributing valuable insights, we help shape and strengthen digital services, ensuring they continue to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Through these collaborations, we are ensuring that more people have access to essential digital assistance, helping them navigate technology with confidence.

Community Library Network

As a community library, we are proud members of the Community Libraries Network in Gloucestershire. Twice a year, we meet with fellow libraries to share ideas, knowledge and best practice, helping us to continue developing and responding effectively to the needs of our community.

Brockworth Community Library also plays an active role in supporting other libraries across the county. Through a successful book exchange initiative, we donate duplicate stock so that more communities can benefit from a wider range of reading materials.

The network also enables us to exchange items such as large print and audiobooks, helping us broaden our offer while making the best use of limited resources. These collaborative initiatives have proven highly beneficial for all involved, particularly as the cost of purchasing new books continues to increase each year.

NHS Blood Pressure Monitoring Initiative – Project Report

Thanks to funding provided by the National Health Service (NHS), our community library has been able to offer a free blood pressure monitoring service twice per week, specifically aimed at residents aged 40 and over.

The aim of this initiative is to make routine health checks more accessible and less intimidating for members of the community. Many people experience anxiety when attending medical settings such as GP surgeries, often referred to as “white coat syndrome”. By offering blood pressure checks within the familiar, welcoming environment of our library, we are able to help remove some of these barriers and encourage people to take a proactive approach to their health.

Our library provides a relaxed and friendly space where residents feel comfortable dropping in for a quick check, asking questions and receiving guidance if their readings suggest they should seek further advice from their GP. This informal setting has helped to start conversations about health and wellbeing that might not otherwise take place.

Regular blood pressure monitoring is extremely important, particularly for those over the age of 40. High blood pressure often has no noticeable symptoms but can significantly increase the risk of serious health conditions later in life, including heart disease, stroke, and kidney problems. Early detection allows individuals to seek medical advice, make lifestyle changes, and receive treatment where necessary before more serious complications develop.

Through this programme, we have been able to support local residents in taking small but important steps towards better long-term health. The initiative also reinforces the library’s role as a community hub that not only supports learning and social connection but also contributes to improving local health and wellbeing.

**We are grateful to the NHS for
their support in enabling us to
deliver this valuable service
to our community.**



Blood pressure check photo

Youth Services

Brockworth Link has been delivering a successful youth provision for many years and currently has over **430** young people registered across our services. In 2025, we were awarded a second three-year youth provision contract by Brockworth Parish Council, enabling us to deliver five weekly sessions across Brockworth Youth Centre and Pineholt Village Hall.

Our provision expanded into Churchdown in September 2023, where we now run an additional weekly session. We are currently in our third year of successfully delivering youth provision at GL3 Community Hub in Churchdown. In June 2025, our sessions at Pineholt Village Hall ceased, to make way for our new youth provision in the Coopers Edge area, where we now deliver two term-time only sessions each week at Coopers Edge School. This expansion was made possible through the collaboration of three local councils — Brockworth, Hucclecote and Upton St Leonards — who came together to ensure that all young people in Coopers Edge have access to a safe, welcoming space to meet, socialise and access support.

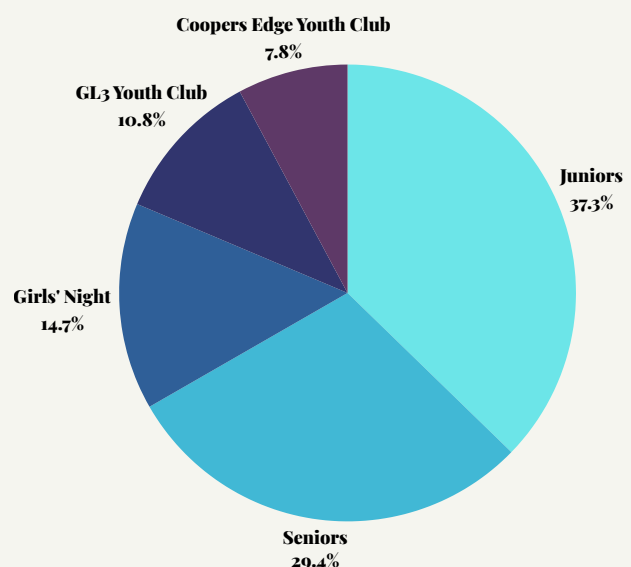
Our youth clubs provide a vital, safe space for local young people aged 10–18, many from diverse backgrounds and some living in the most deprived areas of Tewkesbury Borough. **65.58%** of our members are eligible for free school meals and many face complex challenges, including being in care, experiencing family instability or exclusion from mainstream education.

We are fully committed to inclusivity and ensure that all young people, including those with disabilities, can actively participate in every activity we provide. Our mission is to create a safe, supportive and empowering environment where every young person has the opportunity to thrive.

Attendance over the last 12 months across all provisions



Youth Club team



Across all areas of delivery, Brockworth Youth Club has supported young people to:

- Increase confidence and self-esteem
- Build positive peer and adult relationships
- Improve physical and emotional wellbeing
- Develop practical life and leadership skills
- Engage positively with education and the wider community

Young people consistently report feeling safe, valued and listened to and the youth club continues to be a trusted and essential service within Brockworth.

Success story

One of our young people, Ruby, achieved a fantastic milestone this year by being shortlisted as one of the four finalists for the **Gloucestershire Young Heroes Award** for her dedication in helping with litter picks, planting projects, while also supporting her peers with challenges such as bullying and homework.

This recognition came from hundreds of nominations submitted from across the county, making her achievement particularly special.

Ruby attended the official awards and celebration event alongside her family and the Youth Manager, where her efforts and accomplishments were celebrated among many inspiring young people from across Gloucestershire.

Being shortlisted for such a prestigious award is a wonderful reflection of Ruby's dedication, personal growth and the positive impact of the support and opportunities provided through the youth club.



Gloucestershire Young Heroes Award 2025

Educational and recreational workshops and in-house activities

A wide range of engaging workshops and activities have been delivered, including:

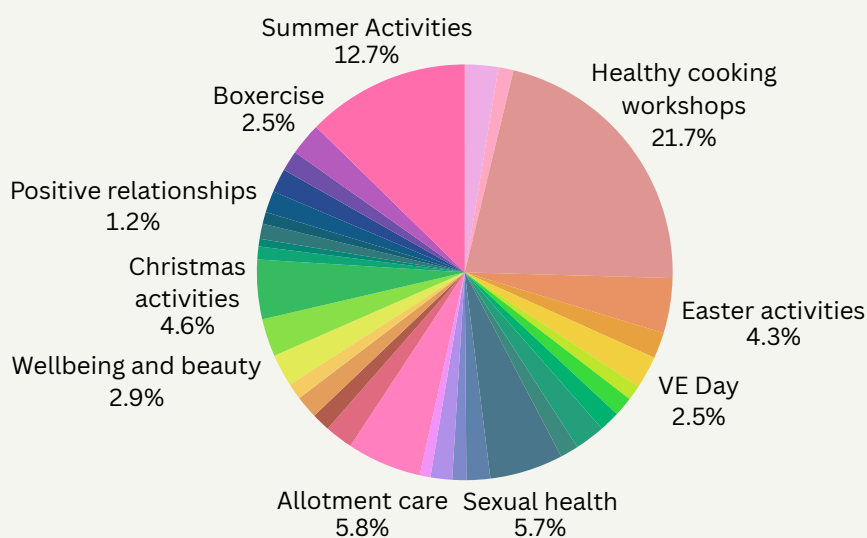
- Creative sessions such as jewellery making, painting workshops, fashion shows and art activities
- Cooking workshops, including pancake making and healthy meal preparation
- Movie nights and themed social evenings
- Discos - encouraging confidence, inclusion and social interaction
- Football, sports, games and fitness circuits delivered in the MUGA
- Board games and group activities supporting teamwork and communication

These activities have supported young people to develop creativity, confidence, teamwork skills, and positive peer relationships in a relaxed, non-formal setting.

Brockworth Youth Club activity attendance over the last 12 months

We've also offered workshops on:

Lego
Environmental workshop
Drugs & Alcohol
Mini golf
Slime workshop
Sexual health
Friendships & relationships
Remembrance Day
Puberty & self care
Dance workshop
Internet safety
Money & budgeting
Future & aspirations
Halloween activities
Mental health
Community engagement sessions
Forest School
Trampoline sessions
International Women's Day workshop



Card making
Knife workshop
Creative writing workshop

Girls' Sessions and Targeted Support

Brockworth Youth Club runs a dedicated Girls' Night, which has had a strong positive impact on young girls' confidence, wellbeing and relationships. These sessions provide a safe and supportive space where young people can build friendships, resolve conflict and learn to support one another.

Girls' Night sessions include age-appropriate learning around female puberty, personal hygiene and menstrual health, helping to normalise conversations and reduce stigma. By ensuring access to free sanitary products, we help address period poverty among young people in Brockworth.

Young people have also taken part in animal therapy sessions with horses, which were extremely well received. These sessions provided a calm and nurturing environment that many young people found relaxing and empowering.

Additional workshops covered consent, healthy and respectful relationships, pregnancy and personal safety. Where appropriate, emotional wellbeing and self-harm awareness were discussed within clear safeguarding boundaries, with signposting to further support when needed. Sessions also included crafting, cooking, singing, dancing and games, ensuring a positive and enjoyable balance between learning and fun.



Girls' Session photos

Youth Council

In 2022, we established a Youth Council to give young people a meaningful voice within their youth club and the wider community. Since its creation, the Youth Council has gone from strength to strength, with young people becoming increasingly engaged, confident and proactive in shaping activities and contributing to community life.

The Youth Council meets every two months and provides young people with opportunities to influence decision-making, develop leadership skills and take on responsibility within both the club and the wider community.

A key focus has been recycling and environmental responsibility. Youth Council members have worked to improve recycling practices at the youth club and in the areas where they live, encouraging peers to use the correct bins and being visibly active in promoting environmentally responsible behaviour within the community.

The Youth Council has also engaged with local shops, speaking directly with shop owners to help address concerns around challenging behaviour and reduce shoplifting by young people. Through positive and constructive dialogue, the Youth Council are helping to strengthen relationships between local businesses and young people, while promoting accountability, mutual understanding and respect.

Community Engagement and Local Events

Community involvement is a core part of Brockworth Youth Club's work.

Young people have actively participated in:

- Planting and environmental projects within the local community
- Community walks, supporting physical and emotional wellbeing
- Celebrating local traditions, including Cheese Rolling Day in Brockworth
- Celebrating many cultures, through themed sessions, music, food and discussions

These activities have helped young people feel more connected to their community, develop pride in their local area and build positive relationships with community members.

Coopers Edge Youth Club began as an outreach initiative in the Coopers Edge area. Our aim was to connect with young people in the community, build positive relationships and create safe, engaging opportunities for them to socialise, learn and develop new skills. Through consistent outreach work, we were able to build trust with local young people and identify their interests and needs.

Following the success of our outreach sessions, we launched a summer scheme packed with exciting and engaging activities. The programme included:

- Music workshops
- Hockey sessions
- Football sessions
- A trip to Alton Towers
- Arts and crafts sessions
- Crazy golf
- Team games and group challenges

The summer activity programme was a huge success. The young people had an amazing time, developed new friendships and built confidence through trying new experiences. The trip to Alton Towers was a particular highlight, giving many young people the opportunity to experience a theme park visit that they may not otherwise have had.

Since gaining access to the school building, Coopers Edge Youth Club has been able to expand and develop a wider range of regular activities and workshops. Having a safe and welcoming indoor space has allowed us to provide consistent support and structured sessions throughout the year.

Activities include:

- Arts and crafts
- Games/ activities
- Friendship and wellbeing workshops
- Singing and dancing sessions/ workshops
- Army-themed workshops focused on teamwork and leadership
- Painting workshops
- Sexual health workshops and awareness sessions as well as many other educational workshops and activities.

These sessions not only provide fun and creativity but also support young people's personal development, mental wellbeing and life skills.

Coopers Edge Youth Club has created a positive and inclusive environment where young people feel safe, valued and heard.



Coopers Edge Youth Club photo

Participation levels have grown steadily for the Juniors sessions and feedback from young people and families has been extremely positive.

Attendance for the Seniors sessions is currently an area for growth. Brockworth Link is actively developing a plan to explore new approaches and opportunities to increase engagement and boost participation.



Coopers Edge Youth Club workshop photo

Many young people report improved confidence, stronger friendships and a greater sense of belonging within their community.

We have also seen a reduction in anti-social behaviour in the area since the youth club sessions began on the school premises, something that has also been noted by the local police.

GL3 Youth Club provides a welcoming and engaging environment for children and young people aged 9–13. The club focuses on personal development, creativity, health and social skills through a wide range of interactive workshops and activities.



GL3 Youth Club photos

Workshops and Activities

Over the past year, GL3 Youth Club has delivered a variety of workshops and events designed to support both personal growth and community engagement:

- **Arts and Crafts & Painting:** Encouraged creativity and self-expression through hands-on projects.
- **Sports and Fitness:** Promoted physical health, teamwork and perseverance.
- **Dancing:** Built confidence, coordination and self-expression.
- **Friendships & Confidence Workshops:** Helped young people develop positive relationships and self-esteem.
- **Healthy Eating:** Taught the importance of nutrition and making healthy lifestyle choices.
- **Christmas Card making for local care homes:** Encouraged community engagement and a sense of social responsibility.
- **Forest School:** Supported outdoor learning, environmental awareness and practical skills.
- **Discos, Trampolining and Fun Evenings:** Provided social opportunities, exercise and enjoyment in a safe environment.

Feedback from our young people across all youth provisions

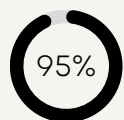
"I love the youth club because I see my friends, play games and have yummy snacks. The staff are really nice and make me feel safe." Male, age 10

"It's a great place to hang out. The staff listen to me and the trips and food are really good." Female, age 13

"Youth club is so fun! We do cool activities and the leaders always help us. I feel happy here." Male, age 11

"I like coming here to chill with friends and play games. The staff respect me and make sure everyone feels involved in stuff we do here." Male, age 15

"The youth club gives us something positive to do. It's welcoming, safe and always a good place. I love girls' night, cooking and doing my hair." Female, age 17



of young people loved taking part in new challenges



of young people learned new things



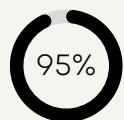
of young people feel confident at the youth club



of young people enjoy the workshops offered



of young people have made new friends by attending the youth club sessions



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of young people felt that the youth workers are supportive and friendly

Youth Providers' Multi-Service Meetings

We currently hold multi-service meetings twice a year, bringing together local parish councillors, police representatives, schools and professionals who work with children and young people aged 10 to 18 within the local authority area. These meetings focus on strengthening multi-agency collaboration to safeguard, support and promote the wellbeing of children and young people in the community.

Key Topics Discussed during the Year

Digital Engagement – Social Media and Online Platforms -A key topic of discussion focused on digital engagement and how young people use social media and online platforms.

Community Involvement and Youth Pride - The conversation explored ways young people can positively contribute to the area, including participating in community projects, supporting local events and showing respect for shared spaces.

C-Card Scheme (Condoms) & Access to Contraception - Partners discussed the C-Card scheme and clarified where young people can access free contraception locally. This ensured that all providers are equipped with accurate information to signpost young people appropriately and confidentially.

Male and Female Violence Among Young People - There was an open and constructive discussion about violence between young people, including both male and female peer conflict. Attendees explored preventative approaches, early intervention strategies and the importance of consistent messaging around healthy relationships and respectful behaviour.

Teen Homelessness Prevention - Nightstop delivered an informative presentation focused on preventing youth homelessness. They outlined the support available for young people at risk, early referral pathways and how professionals can work together to reduce housing crises among teenagers.

Duke of Edinburgh Opportunities & Outdoor Engagement - The group also discussed local opportunities linked to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the positive outcomes associated with young people spending time outdoors.

Benefits highlighted included improved mental wellbeing, resilience, teamwork skills and increased confidence.

Action Points

- Continue promoting online safety awareness with young people.
- Display and share the digital safety poster within youth club spaces.
- Encourage young people to think about the apps and platforms they use.
- Explore further opportunities for youth involvement in community activities.

Outcomes

The meetings have strengthened communication between local agencies and reinforced a shared commitment to:

- Improving access to information and support services
- Reducing youth violence and preventing homelessness
- Expanding positive activities and outdoor opportunities



Youth Providers' Network meeting photo

Digital Support for Youth Clubs

The youth club actively supports digital inclusion by providing access to laptops and tablets during quieter sessions. This allows young people to complete homework, coursework and revision in a calm, non-formal learning environment.

This support is particularly valuable for young people who may lack access to technology or quiet study space at home. Informal guidance from youth workers helps build confidence, improve digital skills and encourage positive engagement with education.



Digital support photo

Between April 2025 and March 2026, we recorded a total of **1,125** digital support interactions delivered during our youth club sessions.

Social Value Grant – Travis Perkins

We were delighted to have received a Social Value Grant from Travis Perkins via Bromford Housing, supporting both the safety and professional development of our youth provision at Brockworth Link.

Through this grant, we have been able to introduce Solo Protect safety devices for our youth workers. These devices provide an additional layer of safeguarding for staff delivering sessions and undertaking outreach work within the community. Youth work can, at times, involve managing challenging situations or working in isolated environments. The Solo Protect system offers real-time monitoring and emergency response capability, ensuring staff feel supported and protected while carrying out their duties.

This investment not only improves staff safety, but also strengthens our overall safeguarding framework. When youth workers feel secure and supported, they are better able to focus on building positive relationships with young people and manage sessions confidently and effectively. The presence of appropriate safety measures also reassures parents, partners and the wider community that we take our duty of care extremely seriously.

In addition to safety equipment, the grant has funded accredited training for two key members of our youth team:

- **Level 2 Award in Youth Work Principles**
- **Level 3 Award in Youth Work Principles**

These qualifications enhance the knowledge, skills and professional practice of our staff, ensuring that our youth provision continues to meet high standards. The training covers areas such as safeguarding, communication, adolescent development, boundaries, equality and reflective practice — all of which directly benefit the young people we support.

By investing in both workforce safety and professional development, this Social Value Grant has had a dual impact: strengthening operational resilience while improving the quality and consistency of youth delivery.

We are extremely grateful to Travis Perkins for recognising the value of grassroots youth work and for supporting both the wellbeing of our staff and the long-term outcomes for young people in our community.

Asda Foundation Grant

Between April 2025 and the end of March 2026, Brockworth Youth Club was successful in securing a grant from Asda Foundation to support the provision of healthy food for young people attending the club.

This funding enabled the delivery of regular healthy cooking sessions, allowing young people to prepare nutritious meals such as homemade soup, spaghetti bolognese and other balanced dishes. These sessions supported life skills development, teamwork, budgeting awareness and understanding of healthy eating, while also ensuring young people had access to nourishing food during sessions.

The food provision has helped create a welcoming environment, increased attendance and supported young people who may experience food insecurity.

Thanks to the generous support from the Asda funding programme, we have been able to:

- Purchase fresh, nutritious food for our youth sessions
- Buy essential cooking ingredients for structured recipe-based activities
- Provide hands-on cooking experiences led by trained youth workers
- Promote healthy eating habits in a practical and engaging way

This funding has directly improved both the quality and consistency of our food-based activities.

A key aim of the funding was not just to provide food, but to build life skills. Youth workers used the ingredients to teach young people how to:

- Follow step-by-step recipes
- Measure and prepare ingredients safely
- Understand portion sizes
- Practice food hygiene
- Cook balanced meals from scratch

Sessions included preparing dishes such as:

- Vegetable stir-fries with brown rice
- Homemade pasta dishes with fresh tomato sauce
- Healthy wraps and salads
- Fruit bowls, smoothies and healthy snacks



Healthy cooking session photo

These activities helped young people develop confidence in the kitchen and improved their understanding of nutrition.

Trustee Statement

At Brockworth Link, we are committed to reaching as many people in our community as possible. This year, we have expanded our reach by bringing our services to neighbouring communities, allowing even more people to access the support we provide.

Everyone involved with the charity works incredibly hard, with many generously giving their time for free.

I believe I speak for all at Brockworth Link when I say that every effort is worthwhile when we receive a simple 'thank you' or see the smile of someone we've helped.

Our goal is to not only maintain but, where possible, expand our services and activities. With the ongoing support of our valued partners, we are confident that we can continue making a positive impact.

Nina Walsh - Chair of trustees

The logo for Brockworth Link features the word "Brockworth" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "link" is written in a similar font, but with a stylized horizontal line that starts under the 'B', goes under the 'r', and then curves around the 'l' and 'i' to underline the word "link".

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