

PSALMS Beacon Report – Parish Council May 2021

**PSALMS has recently merged with a similar but bigger charity, and so will be changing its official name in the near future, but the same high quality sport provision, community influence and open conversations about faith will remain.*



PSALMS has had a tumultuous year, just like everyone, I am sure. With many of us still working we have tried our best to provide opportunities for children and young people to remain connected with each other, to engage with sport and remain in a good mental state during a tough time for many.

During the first lockdown we remained meeting with many of the youth in the Beacon area through online youth clubs and games nights, aimed at meeting the immediate needs of connection that were lost so quickly. We also ran weekly quizzes and interactive online activities for families to attend, but it was hard to engage people on a weekly basis.

During the summer of 2020, we were able to run some one-off activity days (Pictured right), that we took 15 different young people from the Beacon area to, across 2 days in August and Oct half term. It involved, paddleboarding, archery and we ensured we ran everything with COVID protocols in check.



Due to a demand for families who would normally have free school meals, over the summer we also ran a Sports Lunchtime Club, which was very popular also, and saw regular

attendances of over 30 children per week. (Pictured below)



Prior to the 2nd wave in Nov, we were able to meet back in person with many of the young people and were allowed into to run ACTIVE RE and various clubs to support the local schools. However, it was hard to maintain momentum – and again we ventured back online for the remainder of the year. We have again provided creative and exciting events and activities online, alongside fundraising for some of the work we do in fun ways but are looking forward to getting back outside once again.

We are incredible grateful for the openness and clarity of the local council in allowing us to use the pavilion and the facilities around the area – and for all parents, schools, churches in supporting the work we do.

Going forward we are exciting to see the following available either right now or into the future months

- **Ultimate Frisbee Clubs in Cranham & Croft Schools**
- **Providing Inclusive sports session in both schools**
- **Secondary school Youth Club every Monday**
- **Primary School Sports Hangout every Monday**
- **5 day residential in the summer**
- **Sports Breakfast once a month on a Sunday for children**

