

Ilton youth club

Ilton youth club meets weekly during term time for one hour on Monday evenings, 5:30-6:30pm for children 8yrs and above.

The club is run regularly by three volunteers who work with children and families and are all qualified in Childcare and education, safeguarding and first aid.

We have over 40 children aged 8 and above registered with us and each week between 16-25 children attend. We try to offer a variety of activities and sports to suit the varying ages from 8-15yrs and encourage skills such as independence with cooking and baking. The children have enjoyed games of football, pool, lego and arts and craft, drama workshops to name a few. They celebrated Chinese New Year with an array of food earlier in the year and loved meeting reptiles from Phelsuma Farm reptile shop.

The youth club holds a monthly fundraising Tombola at the village market thanks to kind donations that fund cooking ingredients, activities, drinks and most importantly insurance for each year.

The Parish Council kindly funds the hall hire charges meaning that village children are never excluded from joining if there are financial restrictions within families, as there is now no charge for entry.

Since we changed the youth club to a 'free' club we have seen an increase in numbers, more regular attendance and older children who may not attend regularly as they have outgrown us, feel confident to pop in when passing, they might stay for a drink but most importantly have a chat and check in.

Going forward, as in the past, we aim to offer the children opportunities to try new things, meet new people and offer support, education and a safe space during challenging times.