

YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN FIRST

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021



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NOTE FROM THE CEO

We are all well at YPACF and are enjoying the summer holidays.

We were blessed to be gifted, yet again, with a glamping holiday in Devon, by Claire Ranyard at Jurassic Glamping (www.jurassicglamping.co.uk). All our young people had a beautiful time and the sun shone every day. No-one wanted to go home as it was such a relaxing, fun time away. This time away means so much, and it itself, is therapy for us all.

One of our young men is in the process of taking his driving test and everything is crossed for him. Our new fundraiser Sarah is speaking to local car dealers and we are asking for their support in the form of a little car that we can use for our young people to learn to drive. Fingers crossed, you may see a little KA (or similar) pass you by with a young person driving with a rather nervous support worker next to him/her 😊.

We are just waiting to complete on our third house and should be moving into a lovely four bed house in a few weeks. I have also already visited a potential fourth house! This is so exciting as we are receiving lots of referrals from West Berks and surrounding areas and are desperate to give these young homeless and care leavers a loving home.

We welcome to the YPACF team, Scott Fraser, our new Support Manager as Rachel Wallace leaves for exciting times working for herself. We are also very pleased to welcome Sarah McGill, Fundraiser, Michele Parrett as a new Trustee.

We have had to make the decision to postpone our planned Autumn Ball until 2022 due to the uncertainty of Covid and the concerns of a large number of people being in one room. We would never want to put our treasured supporters in a room where they would feel uncomfortable, and we want everyone to be included. This was a difficult decision, but we feel the right one.

Last, but not least, thank you for your continued support of our charity, our young people and myself. I feel so much warmth from you all.

Tracy Underwood, CEO

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

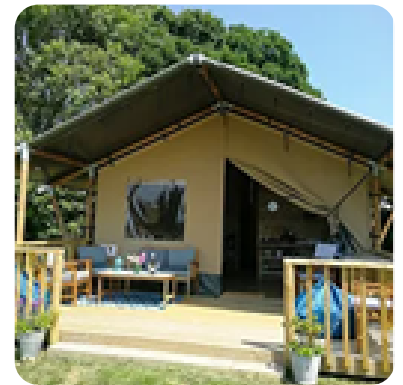
Residents have had time off from college over the summer, while others are still working or volunteering. We have a couple that are new to our houses, finding their feet and are still very anxious at the moment. They are settling in well and becoming closer and closer to us every day. They will soon be in a place where they are happy to 'dip their toe' into a situation that frightens them, but will succeed with us by their side.

Our young people wanted to share the results of the summer project they have been working on. They came up with the idea that they'd like to contribute some furniture to our current and new houses, and also a gift to a member of staff. With the help of donations and a lot of time and care, these are the fabulous results. A kitchen table for house number three next please!



Last month we took them to Lyme Regis camping and spent a wonderful few days on the beach, kayaking, walking, visiting tourist spots and just relaxing around the firepit singing and laughing together.

This is such an important time for both staff, volunteers and young people to relax and have fun together. This ensures our young people feel supported and cared for in all settings.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

What would we do without our volunteers? Thank you so much from us all at YPACF for our selfless volunteers, who give so much. From helping at events, washing cars, setting up gazebos, to helping in the office and in our houses. The empathy for our young people who they take out for dog walks, to braiding the girls' hair and helping with homework, for being a friend and listening without judgement. You are amazing and we couldn't do this without you.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If anyone would like to know more, we are currently seeking:

- Maintenance Volunteer, to help with general maintenance at our charity houses
- Office Admin Volunteer, to help with general administration.

For more details, please email Lynne at info@ypacf.org.uk, we'd love to hear from you.

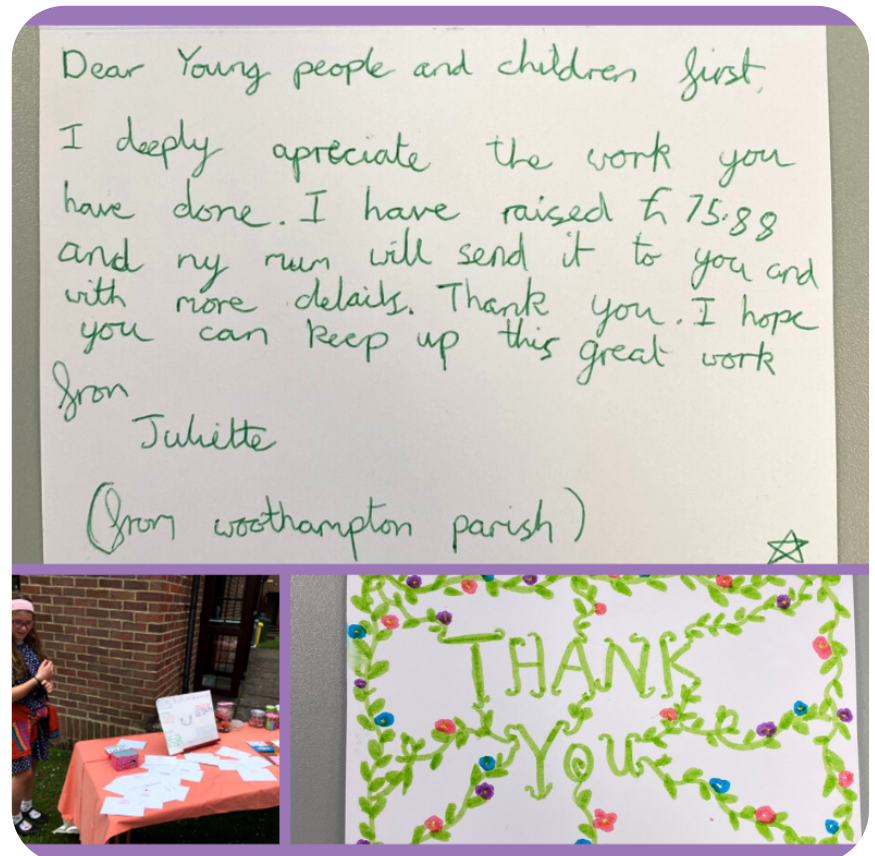
OUR SUPPORTERS

As always, our supporters continue to come up trumps for us time and time again, whether fundraising by completing 10k runs, donating new household goods for our houses, or providing grants and donations. Our company supporters go above and beyond by providing volunteering and employment opportunities, along with training and mentoring. This is so rewarding for our young people to have professionals take an interest in them and their future. Thank you to all our our supporters. We would not be able to keep our charity going without your input.

Special thanks to the lovely Juliette from Woolhampton Parish. Juliette designed and sold beautiful postcards and jars full of chocolates. She told us "I chose this Charity because I think all people should have a chance to learn important things and have a future".

Thank you Juliette, you are a star!

With thanks also to Greenham Trust, Foundation IT, J Finance, Thatcham and Hungerford Town Council, Englefield Trust, Waitrose, Reading Abbey Rotary Club, Manning UK and Sandra Hope.



FUNDRAISING

I would like to introduce our new Fundraiser, Sarah McGill. This wonderful lady has been here, there and everywhere with us and our gazebo this year; family fun days, market days, classic car shows and much more. It has been lovely catching up with our volunteers and supporters face to face. We have also raised much needed funds at these events.

We have also launched our regular giving campaign, where supporters can sign up to giving as little as £5 a month to ensure we can continue to providing a home and support to our young people. Click here for more details:

www.youngpeopleandchildrenfirst.org.uk/donate-2/



£10.00 / month

£10 per month could fund group 'life skills' sessions to aid independent living. Budget cooking with home grown ingredients, money management, CV writing, and much more.

RAFFLE PRIZE!



Win!

A cruise for 6 people on a private boat on the Thames with a bubbly afternoon tea

Picture this ... a beautiful sunny day, sitting on a 38ft motor boat on the River Thames. A glass of bubbly in your hands, laughing with friends and family.

If you would like a chance of winning this wonderful prize, can I invite you to purchase a raffle ticket, online? We have many wonderful prizes including Glamping in Wales in beautiful Pods, Highclere Castle signed gifts, Afternoon Tea at Cobbs Hungerford and much more.

Go to <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/ypacf> to find out more and purchase a ticket.

Good luck!

Are you free on Sunday 5th September?

We are thrilled to have been chosen by Thatcham Rotary as the target charity for their 2021 Duck Race.

It's a great fun family event with hundreds of ducks all racing to win wonderful prizes.

Pop it in your diary and come and join us at The Rowbarge in Woolhampton on Sunday 5th September, 10:45am until 1pm.
@therowbargewoolhampton.



STAY IN TOUCH



We would love to hear from you. If you would like to get in touch at any time please email us at info@ypacf.org.uk.

To keep up to date on all the goings on at the charity, follow us on [Facebook](#) (@YPACF) and [Instagram](#) (@YPACF_) where you will find lots of photos and fun activities.

Please visit our website for up to date news and activities: www.youngpeopleandchildrenfirst.org.uk. Our website will also give details of any job vacancies, volunteering opportunities and how to donate.

We hope to see you soon. Take care and be safe. With kind regards from us all at YPACF.