

LOCKLEAZE YOUTH AND PLAY SPACE RECEIVES GRANT TO EXTEND THEIR SUPPORT TO CHILDREN THROUGH SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

THE IMPACT

Children in Lockleaze have been able to attend weekday play sessions and receive a hot meal during school holidays at the Lockleaze Youth and Play Space (The Vench), thanks to a Bristol Youth and Community Action (BYCA) grant.

"Since I have discovered the Vench my children have wanted to come every day, everyone is so friendly, and the activities are fun."

– Parent of 4 children



THE STORY

The Vench offers a wide range of activities to children, including baking, arts and crafts, lost property fashion shows, drama workshops, gardening club, and more. In addition to this, they have recently opened as a warm and welcoming space on Tuesdays to keep the community warm, fed and socialising with peers. In collaboration with the Avon and Somerset Police, money raised by the High Sheriff was allocated to the Vench in the form of a £300 BYCA grant. This has supported them in continuing to provide their services through the school holidays, keeping children warm, fed, and engaged in activities that will build their confidence, improve their communication skills, and play in a safe environment.

"BYCA funding has allowed us to open play sessions Monday to Friday in school holidays, feed the children a warm and healthy meal and provide activities we may not be able to afford without their support such as baking, arts and crafts, lost property fashion shows, drama workshops and more."

– Lisa Jimenez, Lockleaze Youth and Play Space

This match was made in a collaboration between the Avon and Somerset Police and the Bristol High Sheriff's Fund before the AskingBristol project had been founded. The story was an initial inspiration for the project, particularly in the handling of 'Things', and has been posted as an example of the kinds of matches that AskingBristol aims to facilitate.



Lockleaze Youth and Play space (The Vench) is a much loved well used community center based in Lockleaze for over 50 years. We support children, young people their families and the community by offering a wide range of services.

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