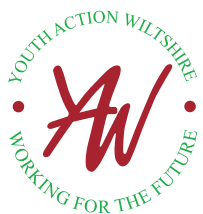
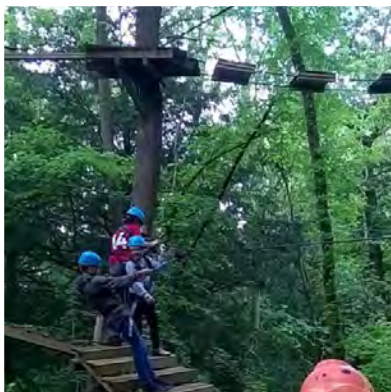


# Splash Annual Report



1st April 2019 - 31st March 2020



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## Foreword

2019 marked the 30th anniversary of Splash. During the past 30 years, Splash has constantly evolved to best meet the changing needs of Wiltshire's young people. 2019 was no different, as we launched our Young Victims of Crime Service. This new service focuses on the individual needs of each young victim of crime, by enabling them to co-create their own action plan, using self-reflection and evaluation tools and select from a menu of provision to best help and support them. This new element of Splash saw the Splash staff team grow with Ria, Yaz and Matt all joining us in the Spring of 2019. The service has exceeded initial expectations, with beneficiaries feeding back that working with Splash has enabled them to develop their confidence and self-esteem, form positive friendships and empowered them to cope with and recover from their experience of crime. This pilot service, part funded by The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, runs alongside our core Splash support offer, for young people facing challenges in their lives and has successfully expanded our provision for Wiltshire's young people.



**Dawn Whiting, Splash Coordinator**



**“Splash made me realise that everything was going to be OK.”**

**A Young Person**



# Splash Highlights

**551**  
Young people engaged in Splash

**119**  
Days of activities provided

**"Attending Splash made me feel better about myself."**



**1,184**  
Places on group work activities attended by young people

**468**  
Individual contact sessions attended by young people

**"Most fun I've had forever!"**



**256**  
Young people accessing one to one support

**134**  
Accredited awards achieved by young people

**"It was so much fun meeting new people, the staff were helpful and friendly."**

**91%**  
Reported improved self-esteem

**91%**  
Reported improved self-confidence



**89%**  
Said they felt happier

**89%**  
Saw improvements in their home life

**"I feel good when I'm with Splash"**



# Introduction



**Splash forms part of Youth Action Wiltshire, the youth arm of Wiltshire charity Community First (registered charity number 288117). The charity's aims and objectives are to Connect Communities and Tackle Disadvantage.**



**“Splash is great, I can be myself at Splash.”**

**A Young Person**



Splash provides free to access positive activities and youth worker support including, coaching, mentoring and counselling for young people who are facing challenges in their lives, including; Young people who are in care, young people with Special Educational Needs and young victims of crime. Often challenges such as isolation, mental health issues, family poverty or bullying can negatively impact a young person's confidence and self-esteem.

Without interventions, this can affect young people's attainment and future aspirations. Engaging with Splash provides fun opportunities where young people learn from each other, help and support one another and begin to see that they are liked, accepted and valued individuals. Our activities raise aspirations, increase confidence and self-esteem and empower young people to realise their own capabilities and potential.

## M's story

“I was bullied for ages at school. There was sniggering and giggling when I walked past some girls, then there was name calling and shoving. One day things just got really bad

and I was beaten up. It was so horrible. There was nothing I could do to stop it. I hadn't even done anything to make her start hitting me - not that I'm aware of anyway. I had marks on my face and when I looked in the mirror I just saw sadness. Everything hurt. My mum was so upset and angry and said we had to do something about this, so we called the police. I just don't understand why it had happened to me”. Young Victim of Crime M”

Following an initial phone call with mum our Splash Youth Support Worker visited M to begin to get to know her, understand how she had been affected from her experience of crime and take steps to begin to build a trusting relationship with her. It was important at this stage that we spent time explaining who we were, what we do and what support we could offer M, whilst also talking to her about herself and the things she likes to do. Using these discussions, together our Youth Support Worker and M created an action plan evaluating how M was feeling and agreeing how we could help M work towards overcoming the challenges and fears that she had as a result of the incident. M identified



that the incident had significantly impacted on her confidence, she felt unable to walk to school in case she got assaulted again, she no longer wanted to socialise with peers, she didn't want to go to school and she stated that she had lost all motivation to do anything.

Our Youth Support Worker spent time talking to M, listening to her, and reassuring her that we could help her and she would be safe at Splash activities. With encouragement and reassurance, together they identified some Splash activities that M would like to attend over the summer holidays, with the understanding that she could cancel her place at any time if she didn't feel ready. This soft, understanding, and supportive approach helped to form a bond between our Youth Support Worker and M, and as the first activity date got closer M began to really look forward to her first Splash day but she was also very anxious and nervous as she didn't know who else would be there, would they like her, would they bully her, what if she didn't like Splash? She needn't have worried; she loved her first activity day. She said afterwards "Everyone was so nice and friendly it was great."

M got on really well with everyone and couldn't wait until her next Splash day. A couple of weeks later she attended her second Splash day and once again had a brilliant time. She said:

**"It was so much fun meeting new people, the staff were helpful and friendly and the two days made me realise that people do like me and not everyone I meet will be horrible to me."**

M has continued to work both on a 1:1 basis with her Splash Youth Support Worker and attend Splash

group activities. She has now been invited to enrol in our Young Leaders programme as she has shown real empathy and support to others and we think she will make a fabulous Peer Mentor in the future, whilst also continuing to develop her own skills and confidence. Mum maintains regular contact with the Splash team and has told us that Splash has been amazing for M;

**"She is always so happy when she returns from an activity and Splash has really helped her to cope and recover from what happened."**

M has since moved house and school and along with the confidence developed and positive experiences enjoyed with Splash is coping and recovering well.

### **C's story**

C's Autism and Asperger's makes it difficult for C to regulate, understand and manage her feelings. This makes maintaining friendships difficult and can often cause C to become very upset and frustrated. She also struggles to engage in the classroom for long periods of time and often gets into trouble for being disruptive.

At Splash we recognise C's needs and with appropriate adult ratios are able to welcome the excited, enthusiastic girl that arrives at our activities. Her bundles of energy get everyone up and moving; she's funny, polite and friendly and always makes others around her feel comfortable by including them in what she is doing. C thrives in outside environments, where she feels free and can begin to calm her emotions throughout the Splash day. It is really important for C to have these positive experiences with her peers, in an environment that meets her needs and in group sizes where she doesn't feel



**"She gets very excited every time she knows she is going to Splash."**

**A Parent**



overwhelmed and lost. C says that “Splash is so much fun and everyone likes me”.

## R's Story

R was referred to Splash by staff at his primary school, as they were concerned about his pending transition from primary to secondary school. R was very quiet and shy at school and although he wasn't bullied, he struggled to develop lasting friendships. School staff were worried that R would develop anxieties towards his transition to secondary school and would become further isolated from his peers.

R was initially reluctant to attend Splash as he had low confidence and self-esteem and the thought of going out on an activity with people he didn't know was extremely daunting. One of our Splash team members met with R in school with a member of school staff who R knew well. After having a chat about things that R liked, things that made him smile and things he would like to do, R agreed to give Splash a go.

A few weeks later R attended a local Splash activity day. Realising that many of the other young people present on that day hadn't already met and didn't know each other, R realised he wasn't the only one feeling out of their comfort zone. He found the courage to strike up a conversation with one of the other participants, they talked about it being their first time at Splash, talked about the activity they were doing

and before long R was smiling and looking much more relaxed and happy.

As the day progressed R found that he felt a bit more at ease and began talking to other young people that were there. When mum collected R at the end of the activity she could not believe how enthusiastic he was about his first Splash experience. As R attended more and more Splash sessions mum reported that R was developing his confidence massively. He seemed much happier at home and in school and had begun to talk about friends, which was not something R had previously felt he had.

As R moved from primary to secondary school he continued to access Splash because Splash had become his 'Safe Space', where he truly felt at ease, liked and accepted. R has now been at secondary school for 7 months and has settled in very well. He has friends, goes to after school clubs and he feels part of his school community. R says that attending Splash was life changing and released a confidence in him that he did not realise he had. He says that the welcoming environment, the caring staff and the fun activities at Splash made him feel at ease straight away, which helped everything else fall into place.

R has decided he no longer needs to access Splash as he recognises that other young people 'like R used to be', would benefit from attending our activities, which is a wonderful, mature, caring decision to make.



**“I really appreciate the time Splash takes to meet with my daughter, listen to her and make her feel valued.”**

**A Parent**



# Splash Outputs

Splash is an early help intervention that is available to young people during the most challenging times in their lives. The data below refers to the 12-month period 1st of April 2019 to the 31st of March 2020.

Within our overall Splash cohort there are a significant group of vulnerable young people who we recognise need to continue to engage with & progress within our service over an extended period of time. From 2018 to 2020 this was the case for 129 young people (25% of our Splash cohort), who each accessed an average of 60+ hours of group work & individual support.

551

Number of young people engaged in Splash

119

Days of activities provided by Splash

1,184

Places on group work activities attended by young people

256

Number of young people accessing 1 to 1 support; coaching, mentoring and/or counselling

468

Number of individual contact sessions attended

134

Number of nationally recognised accredited awards achieved by young people attending Splash activities

21

Number of volunteers supporting Splash activities

*"Everyone is so kind at Splash"*  
A Young Person



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"I don't know how they did it, but my daughter's confidence went through the roof, she was a different girl when I picked her up."

A Parent

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## Splash Outputs

Activity Days Delivered	Number of Activity Days
Our Bright Future -Wildlife	30
Conservation	5
Cookery	7
Fishing	5
Water Sports	3
Multisport Including Swimming	5
Music Making	2
Mountain Biking	4
Outdoor Team Challenges	2
Magdalen Farm Residentials	6
Computer Coding	2
Animation	4
High Ropes	2
Sailing Residentials	13
Fun First Aid	2
Pony Club	3
Overnight Campout	2
Photo Club	4
Arts And Crafts	1
Young Victim of Crime Voice Group	3
Oxenwood Outdoor Education Activity Days	4
Media Mania	1
This is Your Land	4
COVID-19 Lockdown Online Activities	5



**“I haven’t got any friends, but today I’ve made four!”**

**A Young Person**





# Splash Activities Delivered



**Our Bright Future (Wildlife)**



**Conservation**



**Cookery**



**Fishing**



**Water Sports**



**Multi-sport (including Swimming)**



**Music Making**



**Mountain Biking**



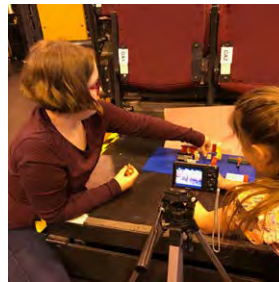
**Outdoor Team Challenges**



**Magdalen Farm Residentials**



**Computer Coding**



**Animation**



**“If I wasn’t here today, I would just be watching YouTube like every day.”**

**A Young Person**



# Splash Activities Delivered Continued



**“I wish I could come to Splash every day.”**

**A Young Person**



**High Ropes**



**Sailing  
Residential**



**Fun First Aid**



**Pony Club**



**Arts & Crafts**



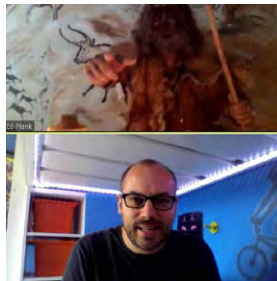
**This is Your Land**



**Oxenwood  
Outdoor  
Education  
Activity Days**



**Media Mania**



**Online Activities**



## New Activities Launched in 2019-2020

### Coaching, Mentoring, Action Planning and Counselling



Through Coaching our Splash youth support workers are able to empower young people to reflect on specific areas of their lives and breakdown seemingly big challenges into much smaller manageable challenges that they can work towards overcoming. Using our bespoke 'Splash Young People's Planning Tool' or if more appropriate a short Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (WEMWBS) together the youth support worker and the young person create an Action Plan identifying the challenges the young person is facing, the desired outcome the young person would like to achieve and the progression/self-development/actions required to achieve the identified goal(s). The Action Plans are regularly reviewed by the youth support worker and the young person together and remain fluid and flexible to cater for any changes in circumstance, focus or need.

Through the Action Plan the Splash youth support worker and the young person may identify that mentoring or counselling would be beneficial. Mentoring is a tool which enables development and progression for an individual for example specific training or explanation of processes. An excellent example of the Mentoring we offer is our Young Leaders Programme.

Our counselling offer is delivered through our partners at Relate who provide talking therapy that involves

a trained therapist listening to the young person and helping them to find ways to deal with emotional issues, coping strategies and for our young victims of crime to come to terms with their experience of crime, as part of their journey in coping and recovering. Through Relate we offer individual and family counselling with both of these offers being well received by our Splash beneficiaries and their families.

### Oxenwood Outdoor Education Activity Days



In October 2019, Community First purchased Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre, providing a wonderful rural venue for Splash to deliver a wide range of exciting personal development activities.

Our first activity days at Oxenwood were Winter Bush-craft sessions, where the young people enjoyed making shelters, working together in teams to navigate a route around the site and cooking on the camp-fire.

In February 2020 we held our first weekend residential at Oxenwood, where the group took part in rifle shooting, archery and a 'Knight's School'. This residential was targeted at our younger splashers, who often do not get the opportunity to take part in residential. Oxenwood has been a fantastic addition to our resources and we look forward to running many more activities there over the coming years.



**"Splash has helped me find loads of things that I am good at & now enjoy doing, like arts & sports."**

**A Young Person**



## Media Mania



In 2019 we introduced a brand-new media-based activity, providing the opportunity for young people to experience many aspects of film, music making and directing. This was a great session, particularly for older teenagers and gave them an insight into the media industry and is something we certainly want to repeat in the future.

## This is Your Land



In 2019 we embarked on a year long partnership project with Magdalen Farm, The Ancient Technology Centre, Carrymoor Environmental Trust and Rodney Stoke Nature Reserve. The focus of this project was to celebrate, educate and experience the positives that humans have had on our environment, raising awareness of climate issues and enabling young people to have fun experiences whilst learning about these important and relevant issues. A group of twelve young people engaged in two residentials at Magdalen Farm taking on vital roles throughout their stay to ensure that the farm ran smoothly, and the animals were well looked after. They also carried out an insect survey during their first stay which gave them the information they needed to design and create insect houses during their second stay. This was a great way for the young people to grasp the important roles a whole variety of insects have on the environment and everyday

living. In addition to the residentials the group also attended four-day activities, visiting a number of out of county education centres, trying their hand at brick making, charcoal baking, fossil digging and wattle and daubing. This longer term project provided opportunities for young people to forge strong relationships, feel at ease with their peers and have shared positive experiences in a bid to develop their understanding and commitment to tackling climate issues as well as increasing their skills, confidence and self-esteem. Working as a group for a twelve month period, enabled the progress of each individual within the group to really show and enabled the rest of the group to give positive peer reinforcement throughout the duration of the project, which proved extremely powerful and empowering for those taking part.

## COVID-19 Lockdown Activities

Following Government guidance on 18th March and the subsequent temporary closure of schools, in order to restrict the spread of COVID-19, Community First suspended all face to face engagement across the organisation. Recognising the need to continue to engage with, and provide youth worker supporter for, young people facing challenges the Splash team quickly developed a programme of live, online, interactive fun activities for young people to participate in. These activities were delivered using Zoom and included themed quizzes, interactive games and scavenger hunts. As Lockdown continued and, in a bid to maintain engagement, we encouraged young people to suggest themes and activities they would like included in our ongoing online delivery. We also encouraged and supported young people to create their own activity sessions which with support they delivered to groups of Splash participants. This new form of youth engagement was extremely successful, worthwhile and valued by our beneficiaries and their families during a very uncertain and unsettling period of time.



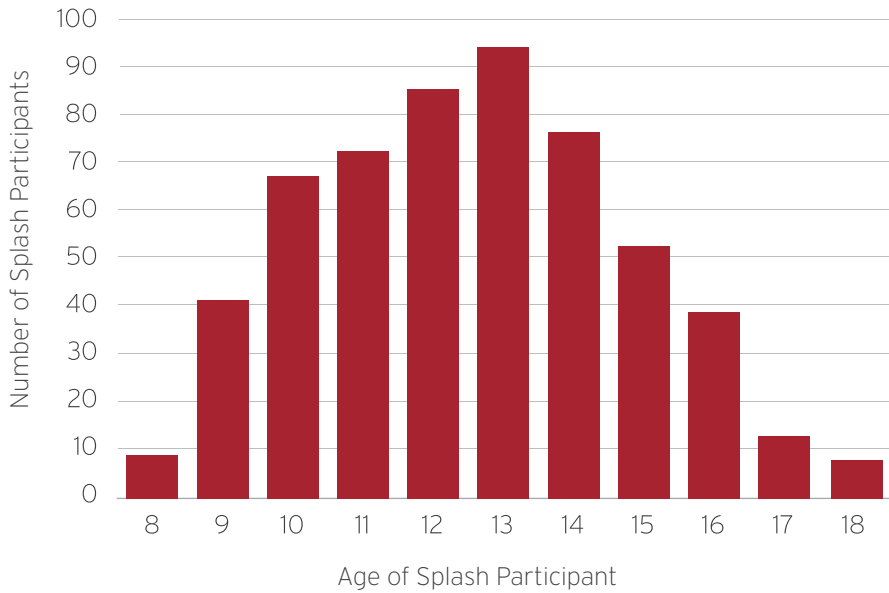
**“Attending Splash made me feel better about myself.”**

**A Young Person**

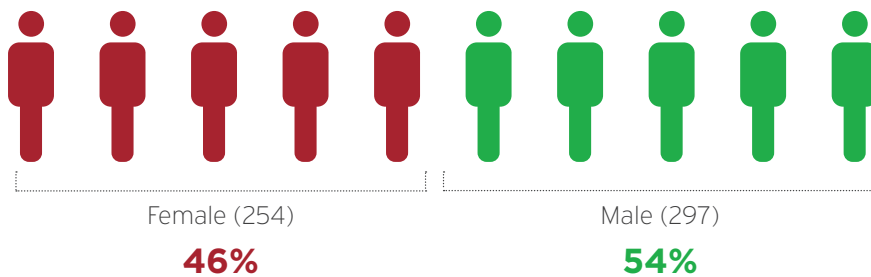


# Participant Demographics

## Young People Age Breakdown:

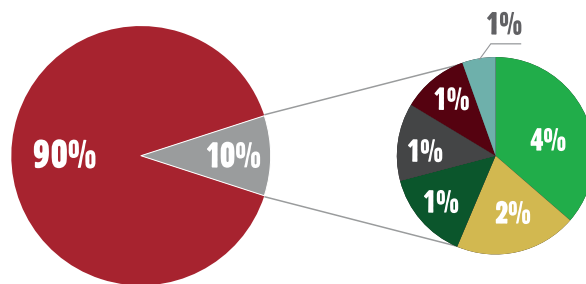


## Young People Gender Breakdown:



## Young People Ethnicity:

- White/White British 496
- Undisclosed 20
- Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups 11
- Asian/Asian British 8
- Black/Black British 7
- Other 6
- Afro-Caribbean 3



“Talking things through with my Splash support worker enabled me to get things off my chest and helped me to realise I was not the only person going through this kind of thing. Attending Splash has really helped me a lot.”

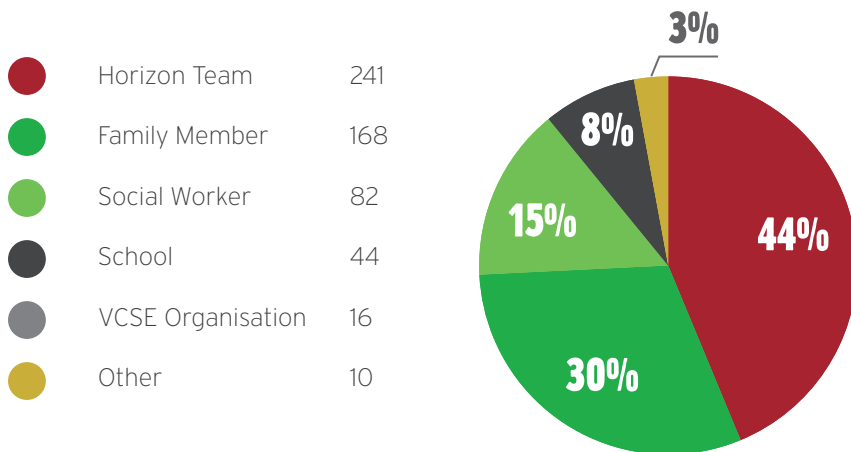
A Young Person



## Young People Towns:

Swindon	101	Corsham	19
Trowbridge	67	Ludgershall Area	17
Salisbury	51	Marlborough	12
Chippenham	46	Bradford on Avon	8
Warminster	42	Lyneham	7
Melksham	41	Royal Wootton Bassett	7
Calne	36	Malmesbury	7
Amesbury Area	32	Pewsey	6
Devizes	31		
Westbury	21		

## Young People Referral Sources:



## Young People Referral Categories:

Victim of crime/bullying	275
Emotional Support	167
Statement of Educational Needs	125
Free School meals	114
Not Supplied	110
Mental Health Support	89
Behavioural Support	88
Young Carer	70
Non/Low Attendance at school	36
Child Protection Plan /Child in Need	23
Child Looked After (In Care)	17
Parent in Prison	8

*Note: Young people can be referred under multiple categories.*



**“I feel I can talk and be myself at Splash, no-one criticises me or makes fun of me.”**

**A Young Person**



# Evaluation

We carry out 6 monthly parent/carer/referrer feedback surveys. The latest results, from our March 2020 survey recorded the following increases for Splash beneficiaries:

91%

Self-Esteem - Feeling of pride and self worth

91%

Self-Confidence - belief in themselves and their abilities

88%

Attitude & Behaviour - towards yourself and others

88%

Knowledge - level of learning

89%

Social Skills - communication and interaction with yourself and others

89%

Happiness

89%

Home Life

76%

Attendance at School

91%

Improved mental health and wellbeing

89%

Feelings of inclusion



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“My Splash youth support worker is so friendly. He listens, he helps me work things out and he cares, It's like having a big brother I can call on.”

A Young Person

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## Progression

It is really important to us to offer progression for Splash participants. For some young people, when they are ready, this is via supported signposting to external local youth clubs and groups where they can enjoy regular contact and engagement in positive activities. For others this includes a variety of additional provision from our internal targeted support services; Wiltshire Young Carers Service and Project Inspire. We also offer young people progression to our Young Leaders and Ambassador programmes. During 2019 to 2020, 16 young people from Splash progressed onto our volunteering programmes to become Peer Mentors, Young Leaders and Ambassadors. This involves a fun but comprehensive training scheme to develop knowledge and skills in Safeguarding, first aid, sports leadership, risk assessment, positive mental health, group management and peer mentoring.

On completion of training sessions our Peer Mentors, Young Leaders and Ambassadors support our Splash delivery. This year these young people were as outstanding as ever and have continued their own personal development, as well as positively impacting and inspiring the hundreds of other Splash participants that they have worked with.

## Voice Group

As part of our Young Victims of Crime Service, this year we launched our Young Victims of Crime Voice Group, giving young people a platform where they can provide feedback on their experience of crime and the support services they have been in contact with. From Police, schools and Splash, to courts, Restorative Justice and specialist services. Our voice group meets quarterly and has continued to meet virtually during Lockdown. The participants have been extremely

brave in sharing their experiences within the group and we have been able to provide valuable feedback to the Victim and Witness team and the Victims Commissioning Manager at Wiltshire Police.

## Equality of Opportunity

We continue to work hard to ensure that Splash remains accessible to those young people that need to access our service. All activities, transport provision and youth worker support is free to access. In addition, the team work flexibly to ensure they are available when young people need them, often carrying out one to one work during evenings when young people and families are home from school and work. We always put the young person, their needs and their circumstances first and think outside the box, to do everything possible to accommodate a young person's needs and enable them to successfully access Splash and to make them feel valued.

## Fundraising

Our wonderful Youth Action Wiltshire team of fundraising volunteers have again worked tirelessly this year to deliver a varied programme of fundraising activities and events. From sporting challenges to non-uniform days, garden parties to our amazing annual carol service. We cannot thank the team enough. Details of upcoming fundraising events can be found on our website:

[www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/fundraising](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/yaw/fundraising)

In addition to our own fundraising events, Splash is funded through the support of many different supporters, donors and charitable trusts and foundations. This support is crucial to enabling Splash to best support young people in our county.

For anyone interested in supporting Splash in the future please contact Dawn:

[dwhiting@splash-wiltshire.org.uk](mailto:dwhiting@splash-wiltshire.org.uk)



**“I feel really calm at Splash, less stressed about things.”**

**A Young Person**





# Accounts

Splash Brought/Forward Restricted Funding  
1st April 2019

**£52,271.75** following audited  
and signed accounts at the  
Community First AGM on 9th  
October 2019

## Income 2019 - 2020

Fundraising Activities, Events and Donations	£31,767.97
Grants, Charitable Trusts And Foundations and the National Lottery	£30,607.50
Contract for Support Services for Young Victims of Crime through the Office of the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	£104,292.50
Miscellaneous Income	£1.02

**Total Income** **£166,668.99**

**Total Expenditure** **£180,940.74**

Splash Brought/Forward Restricted Funding  
1st of April 2018 **£38,000.00**

Our Splash programme benefits from a wide range of in-kind activities from partners including Tall Ships Adventures, Westbury Town Council, The Ancient Technology Centre, Magdalen Environmental Farm, Carrymoor Environmental Trust, Rodney Stoke Reserve, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, ASDA Trowbridge, St Marys School, St Marys Sports Centre, Pewsey Vale School and UK Youth. This in-kind support amounted to £30,000+ during 2019-2020

This summary was taken from the full Annual Report and Accounts for Community First for the financial year ended 31st March 2020, prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice

(SORP) " Accounting and Reporting by Charities" 2005 and with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This information may not contain sufficient detail to enable a full understanding of the financial affairs of Splash. For further information the full Community First Annual Report and Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report can be obtained from the Company Secretary. The full Annual Report and Accounts were presented to our Board of Trustees at the Community First AGM on Wednesday 14th October 2020 and will be submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies in due course.



**“Going to places with  
Splash away from  
where I live means  
I don't worry about  
bumping into the  
bullies that make  
school so horrible.”**

**A Young Person**



# Thanks

**Splash could not successfully operate or have the positive impact that it has on Wiltshire young people without the support, commitment and partnerships of many individuals and organisations. Thank you to the following for their support during 2019 to 2020, who are all a fundamental part of Splash and we couldn't do what we do without them:**

Andrew Sells Trust	St Marys School
ASDA Trowbridge	Tesco Groundwork UK
Bradford On Avon Lions	The Canal and River Trust
Caen Hill Farm	The Finlay Foundation
Chaloners Lodge	The Laverton The National Lottery Relate
Childrens Chance Greensquare Housing Association	The Magdalen Environmental Trust
Chippenham Borough Lands Charity	The Photo Club
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	Trowbridge Local Youth Network
Easterton Village Hall	UK Youth
Farm Cookery School	Walker Logistics
Five Rivers Sports Centre	Warminster Lions Salisbury City Council
GUL	West Lavington Village Hall
Henry Hoare	Westbury Town Council
Hugo Halkes Charitable Trust Tall Ships Adventures	Wiltshire College
Jamie McDine	Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Julius Silman Trust	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team
Landsdowne Lodge of unity	Witherington Farm Fisheries
Melksham Police HQ The Blagrave Trust	The YAW Committee and Community First Board members
Milestones	Our Friends of Splash
Partners of the This is Your Land Project	Our Splash Volunteers
Pewsey Vale School	Our YAW Ambassadors and Young Leaders; Tia, Emma B, Jaret, Spencer, Emily, Kaitlyn, Madison, Louise, Josh, Phoebe, Alana, Chad, Emma F
Potterne Charities	
Santander Trowbridge	
St James Trust	



**“I didn't like today... I LOVED it!”**

**A Young Person**



# COVID-19

Following Government guidance on 18th March and the subsequent temporary closure of schools, in order to restrict the spread of COVID-19, Community First suspended all face-to-face engagement across the organisation. The Splash team acted quickly and carried out telephone welfare checks to ensure young people and families were aware that our support continued to be available to them. These checks and conversations lead to many onward referrals and help to access free school meal vouchers, IT equipment, internet access, and specialist services, including counselling, children's safeguarding services and Young Carers referrals.

From these welfare checks the team were able to identify those young people that required and would benefit from ongoing remote one to one support with a Splash Youth Support Worker to help them to manage the effects and implications of Lockdown, as well as supporting them through other challenges in their lives. This included support around mental health and wellbeing, managing school work, managing family relationships and controlling anxiety and depression. Within two weeks of the commencement of Lockdown the Splash team had also designed, created, piloted and rolled out a comprehensive programme of fun, innovative, engaging online group activities for young people to engage with. These activities included themed quizzes, scavenger hunts and interactive activities. Whilst we acknowledge that these activities didn't match the breadth of informal education, sports, arts, volunteering and social activities young people accessing our service would ordinarily have access to, it did provide a valuable and worthwhile opportunity for young people to engage with our Splash staff team and also take part in fun activities with their peers. Feedback from young people and parents confirmed that these online

opportunities provided a break from the stresses at home, giving the young people something to look forward to, reducing loneliness and isolation. Quickly realising that parents and siblings were also negatively affected by the effects of the national Lockdown the Splash team introduced weekly Splash family quizzes as well which gave many families the opportunity to join in as a family unit and have fun together. Again feedback received stated that these sessions were really helpful in providing something to look forward to and something families could do together at a time when home working, home schooling and the impact of Lockdown were affecting family dynamics and relationships.

Adhering to National Youth Agency Guidance (<https://nya.org.uk>) whilst maintaining our remote support offer, on the 6th of July 2020 we began a phased return to delivering face to face individual and group work support sessions for vulnerable young people, with 'capped' group sizes and all relevant COVID-19 safety measures in place. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Splash will remain a crucial resource for Wiltshire young people facing challenges in their lives.

## **The Splash 2019-2020 Team:**

- Lynn, CEO Community First
- Steve, Head of Youth Action
- Dawn, Splash Coordinator
- Ben, Senior Splash Youth Support Worker
- Matt, Splash Youth Support Worker
- Ria, Splash Youth Support Worker
- Yaz, Splash Youth Support Worker

## **Splash Adult Volunteers**

- John, Andrew & Mini, Chris, Matt, Nicky, David and Letitia

## **YAW Fundraising Team**

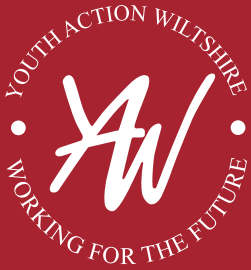
- Ginnie, Piers, Peter, Steve, Simon and Becca



**“We really appreciate the time Splash takes to meet with my daughter, listen to her and make her feel valued. She gets very excited everytime she knows she is going to Splash.”**

**A Parent**





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## About Splash

Splash is a service from Youth Action Wiltshire, the youth work arm of Community First (Charity Reg: 288117)

Splash provides positive activities and youth worker support for young people who are facing challenges in their lives, providing fun opportunities where young people learn from each other, help and support one another and begin to see that they are liked, accepted and valued individuals. Splash raises aspirations, increases confidence and self-esteem and empowers young people to realise their own capabilities & potential.



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