



# HYPE (HESTERCOMBE YOUNG PEOPLE EVOLVING)

## BACKGROUND

- **HESTERCOMBE:** 8 Parishes ranging from:
  - **LARGEST:** - North Petherton Town Council : pop.10K + , 2170 <15s
  - 6 x Parish Councils – Broomfield ; Cheddon Fitzpaine; Creech St Michael; Kingston St Mary; Thurloxton; West Monkton
  - **SMALLEST** : Durston -Parish Meeting –pop. 68, 11<15s
- SALC Community H&W Main Grant towards the HYPE Project
- Match-funded by the LCN's seven councils from their 2025/26 Precept, based on the number of young people under 15 in their parish



## Analysis

Sport, food and drink, trips and socialising were top priorities for Yr 6 students at West Monkton primary

The themes identified suggest a strong inclination towards being active, social bonding, and imaginative play beyond traditional clubs



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# Aims of Project

Understand youth provision across the LCN, the gaps and the barriers to provision (from both YP and Councils) and to hear from our young people about their needs.

Protect the provision already in place.

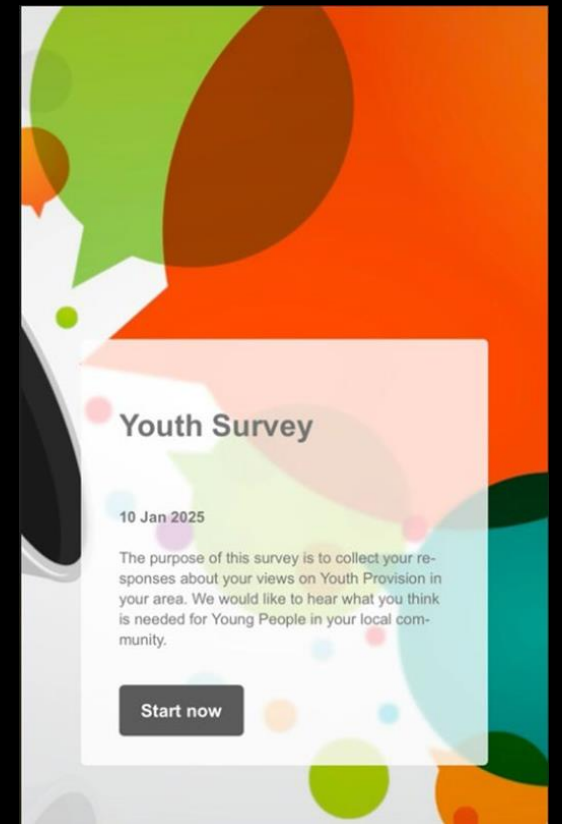
Establish activities young people identify with to gauge their impact and how well they would be supported in practice

To improve the life chances of young people across the LCN, offering them opportunities to build resilience, enjoy informal learning and keep them safe, healthy and well-supported into adulthood.

# RESEARCH

The research element of the project to establish young people's needs has included:

- Surveys
- Detached street work
- BoomBox (a youth club in a van)
- Drama sessions in primary schools (Yr 6) with Somerset Youth Theatre



# ACTIVITIES

Term time activities being delivered at the hubs:

- Art - Go Create
- Dance – Adosalove
- Multisports – SASP
- Spoken Word / RAP – TYCA

- Boom Box to continue during holidays
- SYT to continue with YR6s in other schools



# Outcomes For Our Young People

Offering ALL Young People across the LCN the chance to:

- feel that their voice is heard
- feel a connection to their local community
- have improved social connections with their peers
- participate in a range of activities to broaden horizons
- be physically active
- develop resilience and cope with stressful situations
- achieve their potential through:
  - improved confidence
  - communication & relationship skills
  - planning and problem solving skills
  - mental health and wellbeing
  - positive behaviour including reduced anti-social behaviour.



FINALLY...

The intention is to build a model that will continue to engage young people, based on their expressed needs, which demonstrates positive impact and is sustainable **beyond the life of the SALC grant.**