



Annual Report 2009

Background

by
Maryon Avery
(Management Group Secretary)

Teign Valley Youth Project was set up jointly by the benefices of Kingsteignton, Chudleigh, Teign Valley and Hennock to promote Christian youth work across this part of South Devon and began work in May 2006. It is supported and guided by South West Youth Ministries, a charitable organisation experienced in placing and training youth workers in the South West

Kingsteignton PCC is the “employer” for legal purposes and it is indemnified by the various parishes involved for the costs of running the Project.

A Management Group (“the Group”) manages the scheme.

The Group is constituted as follows:

(K – Kingsteignton, Ch – Chudleigh, Cw – Christow)

- Rev Graham Mayer (Cw)
- Secretary – Maryon Avery (Ch)
- Treasurer – Phil Trotter (Cw)
- Child Protection Officer – Jackie Edwards (K)
- Line Manager – Amanda Barnes (Ch)
- Revd. Paul Wimsett (Ch)
- Judy Warren (K)
- Annabelle Hofmann (Ashton) – officer holder rotates
- SWYM area co-ordinator – Tim Moyler

Interested partners are:

- The Employer – Kingsteignton PCC
- The Diocese of Exeter – the “Umbrella Body”
- SWYM
- PCCs
- Mentors

The PCC of Kingsteignton retains overall legal responsibility and insurance of the Youth Workers and their Treasurer oversees the financial side of the Project.

Three agreements prepared by SWYM and adopted by the Management Group – Placement, Student and Training - govern the working relationships of the Project.

The day to day management of the Project’s activities is handled through a combination of Line Managers, Mentors and SWYM guidance and training.

Formal qualifications can be obtained through SWYM if desired by the Youth Workers.

Accommodation has been generously provided in Chudleigh and Ashton and an office is located in Chudleigh.

The work of the Project is based around Teign School and its feeder villages. That way there is continuity between the work done at school and in the evenings and weekends.

Church work is varied and is covered in the reports which follow.

The Project has a number of policies and procedures to ensure that its work is conducted efficiently, effectively and safely.

Child Protection

Child protection is essential to the work the Project does. We operate under the Umbrella of the Diocese of Exeter, supported by the expertise of SWYM. All Youth Workers are Enhanced CRB checked.

Policies and briefing papers have been prepared to ensure that the Youth Workers are prepared for all eventualities. Ongoing work is done by SWYM and the Line Managers with the Youth Workers to ensure they are kept up to date and are properly supported.

Quality Control

How do we assess effectiveness?

Quality Assurance is imperative if we are to run an effective project and prove this to our interested partners. To do this we audit the work we do.

Timetables, weekly, termly and yearly, are kept.

We obtain reports from the following on the performance of the Youth Workers:

- Teign School
- Church projects
- Line Manager
- SWYM

The mentors' relationship with the Youth Workers is kept confidential.

A treasurer's report is received at each Management Group meeting and an annual report is presented to the Honorary Treasurer of Kingsteignton PCC which is presented to the Diocese.

We also expect the Youth Workers to report to the Management Group about their activities on a termly basis either in person or in writing. They are expected to detail what work they have been involved in, where they have made a difference, what support they have received, what they have most enjoyed and what changes they suggest for the promotion of the Project.

Reviews

In order to keep assessing the running of the Project the following reviews are carried out;

- review of Child Protection policy
- review of the appointments
- review of contractual terms
- review of grievance and mediation procedures
- review of timetables and projects
- review of accommodation
- review of expenses

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Vicki Bellingham left at the end of the 07/08 academic year, Karly Jackson joined the Project in September 2007.

For the 08/09 academic year the Project has benefited from the work of three trainees: Karly continued for her second year, following SWYM's "Schoolwork Academy" training stream; Markus Trick was fulfilling the requirements of his German YMCA training by spending a year in a placement abroad and followed SWYM's "Be Transformed" course; Jessica Harrison was recruited in August 08, she also followed the "Be Transformed" course.

See attached reports

## The Future

- Karly will be leaving the Project when she returns from Soul Survivor. We thank her for all she has achieved over the past two years and send her our love and prayers as she prepares for her marriage to Simon in June 2010.
- Jessica will begin the Bachelor of Theology course.
- At the time of writing two trainees are being sought to join the team for 09/10.
- At the beginning of 2010 the Management Group will be reviewing the progress of the Project and making decisions about its future in consultation with the parishes.
- The SWYM Commissioning Service for 2009/10 will take place at St Andrew's Church, Cullompton on Thursday 10 September 2009 at 7.30 pm. Refreshments available from 7.00 pm

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August 2009

*With thanks to Peter Ashman who wrote the original Project background in 2007*

# **Teign Valley Youth Project 2008-2009**

by  
**Karly Jackson, Jessica Harrison and Markus Trick**

*Karly, Jess and Markus write that a lot has happened this year!*

## Last summer

During the summer of 2008 Vicki Bellingham took four young people to Mid-Wessex Christian camp and reported "I saw all four grow in their faith, confidence and self-esteem. We had so much fun and all wish to return." Karly took a group of seven to Soul Survivor. They had an amazing time meeting with God and learning more about Him from great teachers and each other with powerful worship, prayer and ministry times. It was a great time to get to know the young people even more and see them supporting each other and others too, and generally enjoying all that Soul Survivor had to offer.

## Car

A second car within the team meant we were able to split and each take responsibility for one of the main areas within the Project. Karly headed up Kingsteignton-based work, Jess Chudleigh and Markus the Valley.

## Christow

We decided to finish the detached work here but continued with Beacons, the youth group which now meets in the village hall. We have much more room here to let the young people hang out in a comfortable environment. The young people pay £1 to cover the cost of hiring the venue. Markus worked really hard to develop a programme which the young people would find interesting and fun. Recently they have been bowling, had a water fight and been to Exmouth for a barbecue. A small group went to Ilfracombe and to Exeter Cathedral. (See below for further details.)

## Kingsteignton

We felt during this year that it was time to end "Mike's Lights". But the story does not end there because we set up a girls' café group which gives the girls space to talk and ask questions. One who was searching and asking questions about God all year asked us in May how she could come into a relationship with God and later committed her life to the Lord. Praise God! We also wanted to set up a Bible study group linked to the Sunday evening group in Chudleigh but this hasn't come together yet. Something for next year's team to have another look at perhaps.

## E.T.

We really feel we need to offer some discipleship and Bible study to Christian young people in the areas of Kingsteignton and the Valley as well as in Chudleigh. Our attempts so far haven't been very successful. Please pray for guidance as to whether this is something God wants the Project to provide and if so, that He will make a way for it to happen.

## Teign School

Through the Christian Union we pray our young people are inspired and empowered to love and serve the Lord as well as their school and local community. During the year we have cut down on the amount of time spent as teaching assistants. It was good work for a while to build up relationships with young people and staff but we now feel it is time for a change. We would love to meet with Christian members of staff to pray for the school but we have not put this into action yet.

## Stover School

We have been able to have a go at taking assemblies here with Fiona Wimsett's support. The experience we gained will be useful when next year's trainees start, God willing, taking assemblies at Teign School. We also run a Christian union here which continues to be a success with 10 plus attending each week. The group are really keen to contribute to discussion and seem to be growing in confidence in their faith.

### Detached work

Karly and Markus met Teign students in Clifford park on Tuesdays after school. This year we have seen a rise in Spiritual conversations occurring in this area of our work, and we were able to take a couple of young people from the park to the SWYM's main event at Crealy Adventure park.

Karly continued to work with the TeenBridge Project in Clifford Park on a Wednesday, this link between the projects is a great one, as we work together for the same goal: to see young people reached with the good news.

Meeting the school bus in Bridford began in the autumn and was great to start with. The Teign School students were very excited to see us waiting for them on our first meeting. Each week we were able to spend more and more time with them, one week we stayed for a game of basketball in the park. Unfortunately this had to stop because of the cold and rain in the winter. We considered picking it up again when the weather improved but other work had developed meanwhile and also we felt there wasn't a lot of point, with no group to steer the young people towards. Something else for next year's team to look at again, perhaps.

For the month before Easter Jess and Markus did some detached work in Chudleigh Knighton, meeting Teign school students off the bus with hot chocolate and biscuits. The young people were then invited to a group meeting on Tuesday evenings in the village hall. Since April this group has gone from strength to strength. The young people were just so keen from the start, we received a lot of support from the church and parents there and now have a group of around 10 to 13 (mostly boys) each week.

### B.O.L.D.

An exciting new development this year was BOLD. We wanted to see young people take an active role in church and discover and grow in the use of their gifts that God has given them. So BOLD was developed to give scope for young people to have upfront roles in either the worship band, by taking place in a play or by reading a prayer or a poem. There were BOLD services in Chudleigh in December and May, in Christow in February and in Kingsteignton in June. Our young people just keep amazing us in their growing confidence and use of their gifts in running the BOLD service, so much so that for the June service in St Michael's Kingsteignton they even organised the teaching. It is a great encouragement to us and to the young people when members of their churches come along to the services and we all pray that you are encouraged too.

### SWYM's "Main Event"

In May we took a group to the "Main Event" at Crealy Adventure Park. This involved a full day at Crealy with special activities and bouncies during the day for SWYM groups, exclusive access to the indoor fun area in the evening and special event. It was great to spend so much time with a group of young people in such a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Fun was had by all!

### Weekend away

At the beginning of June we returned to Ilfracombe to sleep in Ilfracombe Baptist Church. It was a great weekend despite the weather, with activities and competitions (including the potato swap – if you want to know more, ask one of the young people who went on the weekend). We spent some time each morning talking about God and praying for one another. This led to some amazing developments in our young people's lives.

### Exeter Cathedral

The Diocese of Exeter celebrated 1100 years in June, and Jess and Karly took a group of ten young people to the young people's event. There were live bands, prayer stations, bouncies, surf simulator, a skate park and much more. One of our young people came third in a skate competition. They all loved it, there was a great atmosphere and the evening really showed how cool Christians could be.

*Still to happen at the time of writing: Karly and Jess will be taking a group to Soul Survivor 12 – 17 August.*

God is really doing something amazing in this area and we believe He is going use this Project to bring his kingdom to so many young people in the area. Watch out for He is doing and continue to pray for the work and the youth work trainees.

*Karly, Markus and Jess  
July 2009*

Karly ended the June newsletter with a personal note which is copied here:

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made my time at TVYP so enjoyable. It has stretched me far more than I could ever have imagined, I have grown a lot and although it has been a rollercoaster ride at times, every moment has been worth it! A big thank you to God, the TVYP committee, Amanda our line manager, Sheila my mentor, everyone at SWYM, the churches, all the young people, Jess and Markus – and many many more people.

## Report from the Treasurer

The good work carried out by Karly, Jess and Markus was funded by the PCCs listed, the thoughtful generosity of 'The Friends' and sundry collections and donations.

### Funding

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Kingsteignton            | 6200.00  |
| Chudleigh                | 4780.00  |
| Ashton                   | 208.80   |
| Bridford                 | 359.10   |
| Christow                 | 844.56   |
| Chudleigh Knighton       | 423.00   |
| Doddiscombesleigh        | 208.98   |
| Dunchideock              | 513.72   |
| Dunsford                 | 1105.56  |
| Hennock                  | 539.00   |
| Trusham                  | 497.00   |
| Collections and Sundries | 1003.10  |
| East Dartmoor Baptists   | 500.00   |
| Friends of TVYP          | 6112.95  |
| TOTAL                    | 23295.77 |

Again we have been careful in the way the Project's funds have been utilised, especially with one additional youth worker. During 2008 spending was as follows :

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Payments to youth work trainees | 6240.00  |
| SWYM                            | 5400.00  |
| Accommodation & utilities       | 3730.17  |
| Transport costs & expenses      | 5172.69  |
| TOTAL                           | 20542.86 |

£6559.92 was brought forward from 2007 and £9312.83 was carried forward to 2009

As with all PCCs our accounting year starts in January and ends in December, however, the project began in May 2006 to finance the academic year commencing in September 2006 and subsequent academic years. This means that when the accounts are struck no further funds are due from each of the supporting PCCs for the remainder of that relevant academic year, hence the balance recorded at the end of December and carried forward to the next financial year.

*Phil Trotter*

## **Report from South West Youth Ministries (SWYM)**

by Tim Moyler  
South Area Coordinator, SWYM

In November I took over the role of South Area Co-ordinator, SWYM, from Clair Wigg, who was doing a holding operation in the role vacated by Rev. Michael Tiffany. As I got to know the team, and to see them at work, what struck me about Karly, Jess and Markus was how well they were working as a team, even in those early days. As team leader, Karly's experience had clearly helped the two new trainees to find their roles, highlighting the benefit of having Karly as continuity from the previous year. Her calm and kind leadership provided the space for the trainees to try new things without the fear of failure.

I have been impressed by the way I have seen these two new trainees grow and mature over the last few months. Markus's spiritual self-discipline has helped him to overcome many obstacles, not least the language barrier. Jess's spiritual growth has been a joy to experience and I am confident she will bring much of value into the team and the Project next year.

One of the privileges of being a SWYM Co-ordinator is that I have spent four hours with the team each Wednesday morning at our Cluster meetings. All three trainees have contributed enthusiastically at these, whether in providing breakfast for us all, leading worship times or sharing stories of what God has been doing. Their willingness to get alongside and work with trainees from other projects has been commendable and is a reflection of a SWYM distinctive, "preferring one another", which they clearly grasped. These times have also enabled us to focus on key themes such as discipleship and evangelism, and how these can become a lifestyle, not just good ideas! We have also had some encouraging guest speakers such as Andy Mulcock, Kath Charles and Martin Thompson, who were all invited to speak on their "passion".

Our prayer now is for two excellent replacements for Karly and Markus, as we release them with our blessing.

*Tim Moyler*  
31 July 2009

## Line Manager's report 2008/0

by  
Amanda Barnes

The trainees have worked very hard this year and it has been a privilege to be involved in their work.

Having three workers has made a big difference to what can be achieved. Each area has had a trainee assigned specifically to them, so that they can get to know each other and work more closely together. That trainee has also only gone to that church on Sundays, so hopefully churches will feel they have seen a lot more of them than last year when they were able to go only once a month (sometimes once a term even up the Valley).

The timetable has been a lot fuller this year too, as they can work in pairs or as a three, and it has changed over the year as the trainees have developed new ideas and stretched the work. In the Spring the trainees felt that the emphasis of the work needed to change from being primarily schools-based to spending more time on the groups that they lead and developing relationships with those children. Instead of having a "Classroom/ Teacher's Assistant" role, where they work with one particular class, they are now targeting their work to groups where they can see progress being made in relationships and in conversations with the children. This has borne real fruit as certain group members ask more questions about God and what being a Christian means and one girl has become a Christian.

A major initiative has been the BOLD services run by the young people with the help and guidance of the trainees. A band has been set up and rehearsals have been held regularly. These services have been a great way of raising the profile of the work, and of giving confidence and leadership to the young people, as well as enabling some different worship styles to be enjoyed by congregations.

Stover school fell into our "catchment area" when Teigngrace became part of Kingsteignton Parish, so the girls were invited to help at CU there under the guidance of the Chaplain. They have also led assemblies there which has given confidence ready for taking on assemblies in Teign school.

A group has begun in Chudleigh Knighton after some parents approached Paul Wimsett and met with him and Jess to discuss and plan. The group there is well supported by the church and the parents, and the children and trainees are enjoying it.

The trainees have also worked with young leaders again. Their support enables relationships to grow, as well as for meetings to run more smoothly. These girls have grown in leadership skills but more importantly they have also grown in their faith as they have been challenged by conversations and the work.

I have continued to meet twice a month with the three trainees, and SWYM reviews have been held with Tim Moyler.

It has been a really exciting year for TVYP and the three of them have made a great team who have worked well together. The support from the Parishes and Friends has enabled some fantastic work to be achieved and it has been a privilege to have been able to share in it.

I look forward to continuing to work with Jess next year and I wish Markus and Karly every success in the future (especially for Karly as she marries Simon next year).

*Amanda Barnes*

From Mrs Anita Davies,  
Assistant Head  
**Teign School**

The 3 volunteers from the TVYP have been absolutely superb. They have supported the students at Teign, and the Inclusion Department staff, extremely well. We have always found them to be willing to undertake whatever activity we have asked of them and they have carried out all tasks in a professional and caring way. We would be very sorry to lose this support next year so sincerely hope it can continue. We send sincere thanks to Karly, Jess and Markus for all their help. I would be very happy to provide references etc. for any of these wonderful young people in the future.

Thanks to everyone at the TVYP.

Best wishes

*Anita Davies (Assistant Headteacher)  
And all Inclusion Department staff and students at Teign School*

**E.T.**  
by  
Ellie Rowles

Teign Valley Youth Project is amazing! There is so much I could say but none of it would be adequate.

The Youth Workers have helped me grow in my faith so much. I started back in September as someone who got dragged along to church every week but not really thinking it applied to me. Everyone at ET helped me see what I was missing out on. I've learnt about God, Christianity, what it means to have faith but also about friendship, learning together, generosity, humbling yourself and so much more.

ET gives me something to look forward to. Somewhere I fit in and have fun.

I can't properly describe what TVYP has done for me but I think I've discovered myself and my beliefs.

*Ellie is a Year 7 student at Teign School and goes to E.T. in Chudleigh*

# The Teign Valley

by  
Annabelle Hofmann

Our trainee youth workers, Karly, Jess and Markus are a good example of thoroughly nice young people who have worked extremely well as a team throughout this past year. Their hard work and efforts have been acknowledged by everyone who has had contact with them in the six Teign Valley churches and elsewhere.

The Beacons continued to meet on Wednesday evenings in the church until winter. The boys did not always show respect for the fixtures and fittings of the church, for the youth workers or even themselves. There was some relief on the part of the Churchwardens that the Bowden room became the venue for the meetings for a few weeks. It was not possible to find a male member of one of the churches who felt they could assist with a teenage group. Erratic behaviour continued but it would also be fair to say that there have been highs as well as lows. Fortunately the summer term was one of highs with the youth enjoying bowling, attending camps and Soul Survivor meetings. The best one was at the cathedral during the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christianity in Devon. Markus told me that after feeling quite apprehensive each week he had really enjoyed the last three months with the Beacons. We do applaud all our trainee youth workers for rising to the challenge of this group, it has not been easy.

Meeting the school buses with hot chocolate and biscuits in Christow and Bridford discontinued and there are mixed feelings about this. On the one hand bad behaviour cannot be supported but on the other a source of contact with young people has been lost.

A BOLD service took place in Christow on February 15<sup>th</sup> which was a very appropriate time for Karly to announce her engagement! This service was well attended mainly by more senior members of the churches who recognised that a lot of effort had gone into preparing it. Some people enjoyed it more than others.

A bible study group did not get off the ground in Dunsford on Sunday afternoons in June as hoped. Transport and timing issues were a problem and those contacted by letter didn't know Markus, Jess or Karly thus highlighting a problem that needs to be worked on.

Markus mostly attended a service in one of the churches every other week making acquaintance with some of those who attend church regularly. He also attended Christow Church fete in June.

Many things have been learnt this year, not least that better communication, cooperation and planning with those on the ground in the six small villages would be extremely helpful all round.

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## **St Michael's Report for TVYP**

by  
Jackie Edwards

For the last year Karly, Jessica and Markus have developed their ministry skills admirably amongst the young people of Kingsteignton.

They have continued to give varied support in lessons at Teign School on a Tuesday and Friday much to the delight of the S.E.N.C.O. Mrs. Anita Davies. A Christian Union led by our three youth workers has taken place during Teign School's Friday lunchtimes. These have been well planned and successfully delivered. Attendance from Pupils have been very favourable.

Karly has attended many of our Sunday worships and it has been a pleasure to observe her interaction with Kingsteignton parishioners.

A girls' cafe has been set up over the last year meeting at Costa part of Tesco on a weekly basis.

We had the privilege of hosting the TVYP anniversary service this year. Following on from this a BOLD service took place. Our Youth Workers encouraged young people to lead the service.

Karly and Markus have now left us and we have extended our appreciation of their good works and Jessica's ongoing spiritual contributions to the project through Thank-you Cards.

We pray that Jessica may have new workers of the same calibre as Karly and Markus to work alongside her in the near future.

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# Youth Work in Chudleigh Knighton

by  
Paul Forshaw

Chudleigh Knighton is a quite small village with limited resources and there had for some time been an ongoing concern both within the church and in the whole village community that here was nothing being done for our youth. As a result a youth club was set up some time back, run by some individuals in the village prepared to give their time, but this failed eventually due to a lack of adult helpers.

Still concerned about the situation, St Paul's Church council included the matter in its first *mission action plan*. With the TVYP established there was an opportunity for something worthwhile to be done.

The Vicar, Paul Wimsett, set up a meeting attended by interested Chudleigh Knighton parents, Churchwardens, the TVYP trainees and himself at which plans were made.

As a result we started by the TVYP youth leaders meeting young people off the school bus and inviting them to a session where they could chat, spend a bit of time with their friends and get some refreshment. Following on from this a proper youth club was established and this meets regularly on Tuesday evenings. The club meets in the village hall and attendance is usually about ten. Ignoring a few teething problems, the club seems to be going well and we look forward to seeing it grow and develop.

The PCC recognise that there is a danger of leaving the running of the club to the youth leaders and not really keeping in touch with what is going on. That is not helped by the need for CRB checks for anyone involved, which inhibits informal visits to the club to see how it is going, but at least we are more aware of the problem now.

*Paul Forshaw  
August 2009*