

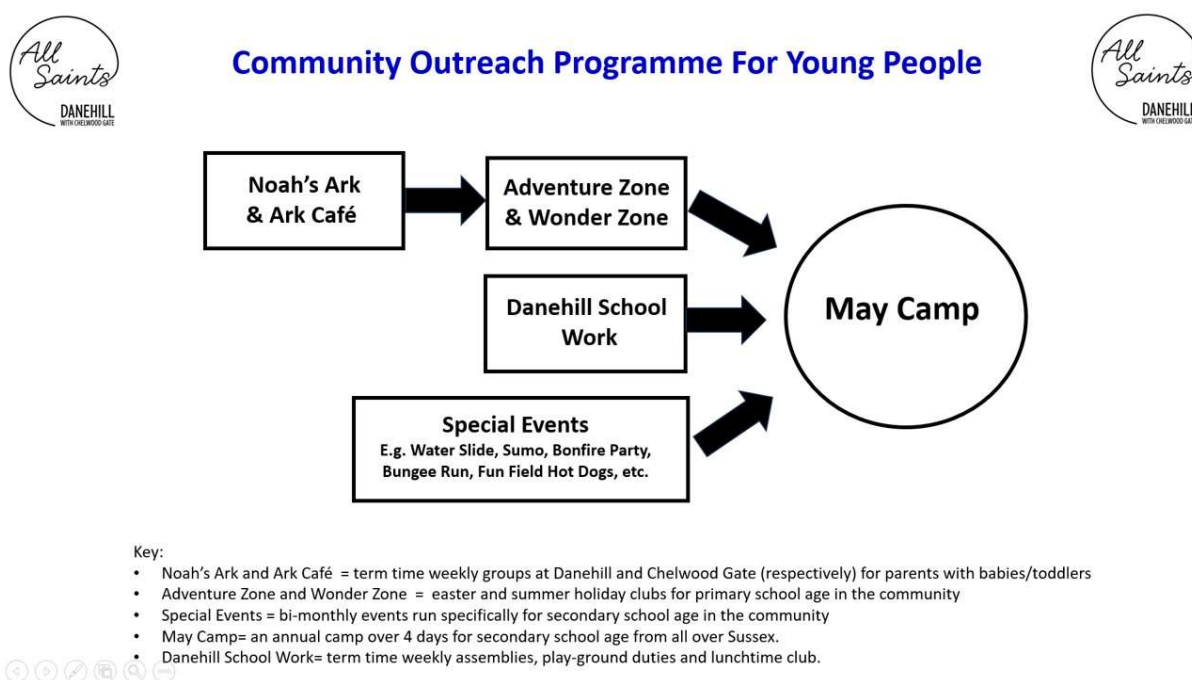
Community Outreach Programme For Young People

Impact Report for Danehill Parish Council – September 2024

All Saints Church Danehill with Chelwood Gate continues to offer a substantial community outreach programme for young people.

We employ a full-time Families & Children's Worker (Kate Dillingham) to handle the bulk of this work and are blessed with the support of numerous volunteers who give their time freely in support. Behind the scenes, we work hard to ensure we conform with safeguarding, health & safety (risk assessments), the required ratios of young people to adults, and much more – all essential for a safe and professional community outreach programme for young people.

We are excited about the updated community outreach programme for young people in 2024-2025 which has the following key components:



It's wonderful to see so many young people and their families engaging with this programme as follows:

Event	Average # of Attendees Per Session In 2024
Noah's Ark	20 Families & 30 Young People
Ark Café	6 Families & 8 Young People
Adventure Zone	15 Young People
Wonder Zone	30 Young People
Danehill School Work (Lunch Clubs)	40 Young People

If you haven't already, you must come along and see some of these events in action (just email Charles on warden1@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk to arrange a visit). For example, Noah's Ark, Adventure Zone and Wonder Zone take advantage of the "mobile pews" (yes, they are on wheels 😊) meaning the central (nave) of All Saints Church can be cleared to allow a large space for the young people to

play and of course the recently installed “refreshment station” is a popular pit stop for parents’ tea and coffee. By way of further example, Ark Café takes advantage of the new extension and patio at Chelwood Gate Church and is especially appreciated being adjacent to the Ashdown Forest and the Parish Council’s Garden.

And we also have plans in place for the following commencing September 2024:

Event	Anticipated # of Attendees Per Session
Special Events	20+ Young People
May Camp	25+ Young People

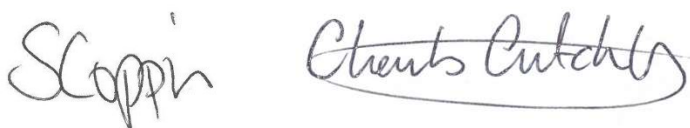
The ‘Special Events’ include Fun Field Hot Dogs (a wide game with hot dogs at Chelwood Gate), Sumo Experience (an opportunity to take part in Sumo Wrestling under professional leadership), Bonfire Party, Bungee Run (a great game with lots of bounce!) and a Water Slide – all of which are professionally run and have been enjoyed by numerous young people in the past. ‘May Camp’ runs over the May Bank Holiday in 2025 and involves three nights camping with us joining approx. 400 other young people at Plumpton Race Course – it’s a Christian camp but rest assured, much fun and excitement is guaranteed - it includes more games and activities than Butlins 😊

Some people comment that this is a substantial programme for a so called ‘small’ rural parish like Danehill with Chelwood Gate, but it is also something that defines us as a parish and helps keep us on the map. Indeed, our Diocese frequently holds up this outreach programme for young people as a model to other parishes.

We cover minor costs e.g. resources for activities, refreshments, hall hire, etc. through minimal entrance fees e.g. £2 for TNT, £3 for Noah’s Ark. However, larger costs e.g. salary, NI, pension and heating, require the continuing financial generosity of the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Danehill with Chelwood Gate.

So first may we say a big thank you on behalf of all the young people and families who engage with this programme and secondly, please would the Parish Council consider increasing their contribution in 2025 to take account of inflation and increased costs? The Parish Council has kindly contributed £8200 per annum since 2019, but inflation has taken its toll (UK inflation being 23.83% over the 2019-2024 period). We therefore wondered if you would kindly consider an increase to £12,000 in 2025+ (this for example being approx. 1/3 the cost of Kate)?

Thank you very much in advance for taking the time to read this and considering our request.



Steve Coppin & Charles Critchley

For the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Danehill with Chelwood Gate.

Appendix – Community Outreach Programme For Adults

Although not within the scope of this discussion, we also thought Parish Council might like to see our community outreach programme for adults:

