

Dear Bentham Town Council

I would like to say that I am sorry that I am not able to attend the meeting this evening, plans have been made for my birthday which I was not aware of until this evening. I have put together this letter quickly to outline what I was going to say on behalf of Bentham Youth Club.

Bentham Youth Club was awarded a precept grant from the council of £500 to go towards the cost of transport throughout the last year. This has funded around 30 children getting to and from our holiday activities and other activities/trips. This grant also supported me getting to and from Bentham when needed to get the bus. Thank you to the council for awarding us with this grant as this has really supported some of the children of Bentham.

During the last 12 months we have had some big changes in the background and have joined forces with the committee of Ingleton Youth Club to form a charity. Charity Status was awarded to us and we have now become Dales Youth with Bentham & Ingleton Youth Clubs being ran by Dales Youth.

On a recent count of children and young people, on our registers and regularly attending we realised that we now support over 75 children and young people across the Bentham & Ingleton area. We are super proud of this! We have now had to start a waiting list for our junior groups as we can not fit anyone else in the church for Bentham or the centre for Ingleton.

Like most of the groups in the community we are extremely short on volunteers that being said the team we have are dedicated and strong! We are seriously short on funding right now with myself going back to volunteering this month with myself not being able to take a wage. If any groups or members at the meeting have any suggestions to funding please get in touch.

Once again a huge thank you to the council for their support throughout the last 12 months with the grant and the calendar!

Many thanks,

Youth Worker & Secretary

Dales Youth