



#SummerofFun 2021 #HafoHywl



Ar gyfer meddwl, corff ac enaid ein cymuned
For the mind, body and soul of our community



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MonLife



Mission:

To promote healthier lives and inspirational experiences and promote the vibrancy of Monmouthshire as a great place to be.



Vision:

Enriching people's lives and creating vibrant places.



Aims:

Enrich people's lives through participation and activity.
Build strong and vibrant places and communities in Monmouthshire.



Values:

- Openness
- Flexibility
- Fairness
- Teamwork

Introduction

Children in Monmouthshire have enjoyed a fun-filled summer holiday with a wide range of play provision. Two flagship programmes, The Monmouthshire Games and The School Holiday Enrichment Programme, have been supported by a wide range of MonLife services aimed at children and young people.

The Welsh Government-funded School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) has provided healthy meals, nutrition and food education, physical activity and enrichment sessions to children in specific areas of the county during the summer holidays.

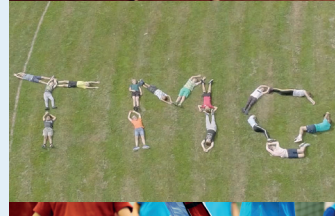
The free four-week programme has seen over 420 children sign up at five schools, with sessions at Overmonnow Primary and Kymin View Primary in Monmouth, Thornwell School in Chepstow, Caldicot's Dewstow Primary and Deri View Primary in Abergavenny. The response to the scheme was overwhelmingly positive with a large majority of children delighted to make new friends and try new sports.

Meanwhile, MonLife has offered the exciting and popular Monmouthshire Games, with a range of different interests and hobbies keeping children and young people active and entertained over the summer holidays. The five-week programme featured at all of the county's leisure centres in Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow and Monmouth, with almost 900 youngsters participating. Nearly all expressed their desire to attend future events.

This is the sixth year that MonLife has organised the Games. Aimed at children between the ages of 5 and 11, they have encouraged thousands to develop confidence, meet new friends and most importantly have fun through sport. With challenges caused by the pandemic, this year's events also aimed to help improve wellbeing and promote healthy bodies and minds.

Monmouthshire's Cabinet member for Community Wellbeing and Social Justice, Councillor Lisa Dymock said:

"The School Holiday Enrichment Programme and The Monmouthshire Games have been especially valuable during the pandemic, allowing the county's children to be active, have fun and socialise. They have been brilliantly organised by MonLife staff and give parents the peace of mind that their children are looked after in a fun and safe environment."



Summer Headlines



1322

children aged 5 - 11 years were supported through the summer



1400

provision hours were delivered to help 5 - 11 year olds



200

children attended the 4x rugby camps (ALL camps sold out)



15K

refferals to local businesses in August alone from Visit Monmouthshire



500

children took part in our Free Family FunDay activities over 5 days



7751

attendances from children aged 5 - 11 years old through the summer



328

children ages 11+ years were supported through the summer (reach of 1440)



36

Youth sessions (11+) were funded by 'Summer of Fun' money



60K

visitors to VisitMonmouthshire in August (record amount for the site)



732

attended our outdoor theatre events this summer (560 adults, 172 children)



SHEP

This year MonLife have worked closely with Social Services to help them achieve provision for 50 children with disabilities and support needs – this is in addition to the 42 children with support needs registered on SHEP this year.



7240

FREE meals have been issued this summer



3620

attendees for SHEP through the summer



423

children were supported through SHEP

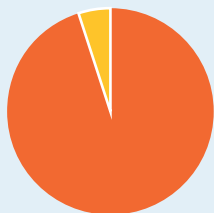


500

hours of support has been provided

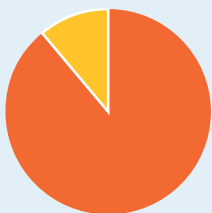


SHEP



95%

of children said they had met a new friend during SHEP



89%

of children tried a new sport that they hadn't before



9.74



rating for how friendly staff were

rating for how much fun the child had



9.64

(taken from 225 Respondee's)

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Compared to 2019 (our last TMG due to covid), we have seen a 22% growth in attendees. Taking our occupancy rate to 88% in 2021. This also included 36 vulnerable children who had 10 days free access to the games.



899

children took part in
TMG this summer



4131

attendees for TMG
through the summer



25

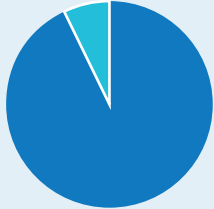
days of over 30 sports
took place



900

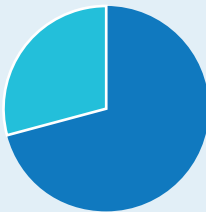
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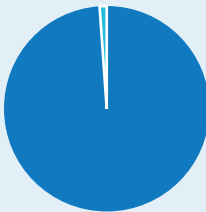
93%

of children said they had met a new friend during TMG



71%

of children tried a new sport that they hadn't before



99%

of children said they would come back to TMG again



9.59



rating for how friendly staff were

rating for how much fun the child had



9.50

(taken from 206 Respondee's)

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but I've had fun.

Summer of Swimming

*We would also like to highlight the achievements of our swimming programs.
Our facilities continue to be a popular destination, for all ages, to support
wellbeing throughout the summer period.*

4409

took part in swimming
activities through TMG



1368

attended our Free under
5 Swim Classes

1500

children continued to
learn to swim with
MonLife



12

learners were supported
through their Level 1
Swimming Course

24

Free under 16's Summer
swimming sessions
were provided



24

Free Over 60's Summer
swimming sessions
were provided

306

attended our supporting
Masterclasses



400

children recieved water
safety sessions and
swimming kit bags

Climate Change, Children and Young People

**488**

responses for our Active Travel Network Map consultation.

**182**

children attended Climate Emergency sessions delivered in TMG.

**32**

Young People attended Sustainability and Horticulture workshops.

**87%**

of children stated they want to Actively Travel more.



CLIMATE CHANGE was voted as a top priority in the Mark Your Mark Survey for Young People.

What differences will this make?



Further development of school travel plans



Creation of safe networks for children to walk, cycle and scoot to school more.



Education set as one of the key priorities for our Active Travel Strategic Focus.



Reduction in pollution, congestion and shorter car journeys.



Supporting our future generations to make positive and informed decisions towards climate change.





MonLife

Summer of Fun

Thankyou for taking your time to look through our summer of fun review.
Through our flagship programmes, we were able to employ:

98

new staff through the summer to deliver key skills!

We are proud of our MonLife staff and the hard work that has gone into making these programs such a success, and more importantly, providing a summer of fun for our local communities.

Thank you to all our partners for their ongoing support.



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