



# Spring NEWSLETTER 2026



## After weeks of rain, Spring is finally here

...flowers are blooming and wildlife is abundant at Manor Farm Barn. We are excitedly making preparations for the holiday season and look forward to welcoming new and returning guests on holiday.



This season, Holiday Co-ordinator, Jo, will be joined by volunteers Sarah, Bethany and Libby to host the holidays.

Chef Ian is also back cooking everyone's favourite meals and trying out some new recipes too. Check out his recipe book here:



[www.flipsnack.com/sambecketts/youth-cancer-trust-recipe-book](http://www.flipsnack.com/sambecketts/youth-cancer-trust-recipe-book)

In addition to delicious food and beautiful accommodation, guests can enjoy the games room, heated pool, multitude of craft materials and animal interactions on the farm. Each group will be taken for a sailing trip with Sailability, from their new base at Poole Yacht Club. They may also have the opportunity to attend Max Events for a group activity, or perhaps a day trip to nearby seaside towns of Swanage or Weymouth.

We still have availability for October holidays for any young people that have not booked yet.

Contact us here if you'd like to book:  
[Holiday Support Enquiry | Youth Cancer Trust YCT](#)





## MEET THE HOLIDAY TEAM

### Jo - Holiday Co-ordinator

"I joined the YCT team back in 2023 alongside my nursing role and now coordinate the holidays. I am a keen crafter, mum of two and enjoy walks with our dogs and being near the sea. I am very much looking forward to being your holiday host for another season in Dorset."



### Libby - Volunteer

"I have been a YCT volunteer since the trial holidays in 2023 and love the safe space of the house and how it allows guests to come together and make new memories and friendships. I am currently at university studying graphic design and look forward to spending some time with you all in the summer."



### Ian - Chef

Our chef Ian will be in house cooking up culinary delights for you all guaranteed to put smiles on faces and bring everyone together around the table.



### Sarah - Volunteer

"I'm Sarah, a mum of two daughters. I trained as a teacher, but am currently my eldest daughter's carer after her cancer diagnosis.

YCT is a fantastic charity; it holds an important place within our family, and I am honoured to be spending this year supporting the charity further and I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone who is joining us for a holiday in Dorset."

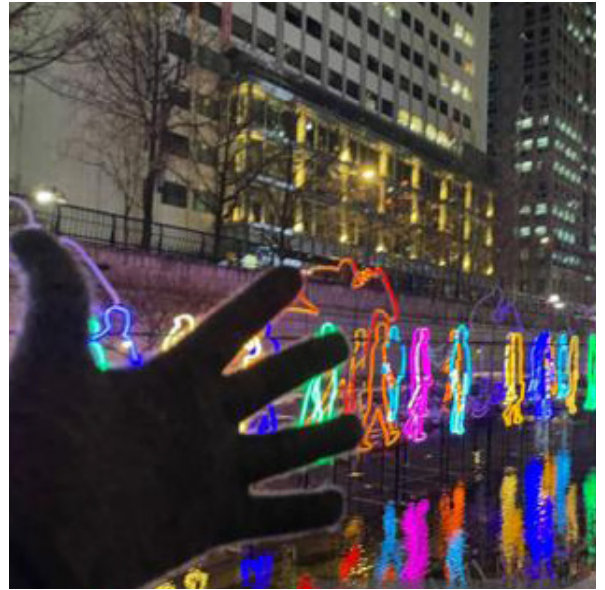


### Bethany - Volunteer

"Hi, I am Bethany and I will be one of your new volunteers for YCT holidays.

I've had the privilege to spend time on the holidays as a companion and experience the amazing opportunities that YCT offers. The house is a haven for all, and I look forward to meeting you all this year!"





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## Awareness Day

Thank you to everyone that supported our first ever Youth Cancer Trust Awareness Day.

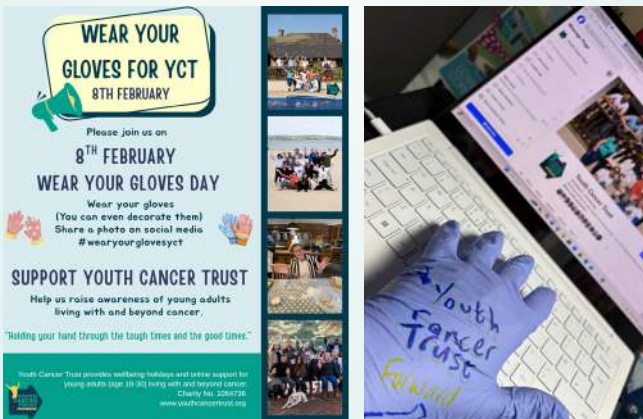
'Wear Your Gloves for YCT' took place on 8th February to raise awareness of teenagers and young adults living with and beyond cancer. We wanted to show that we are always here. "Holding your hand through the good times and the tough times."

We enjoyed seeing all the photos you sent in wearing your gloves. We even had photos sent from Korea, Japan and China.

Our awareness day is now an annual event listed on the Awareness Days UK calendar:

[Wear Your Gloves For Youth Cancer Trust | Awareness Days](#)

Join us next year when we aim to share our message even further.



## 50/50 Prize Draw

Congratulations to our 50/50 prize draw winner, Imogen.

Thanks to everyone who took part. We raised £354 in total, with half going to Youth Cancer Trust and half as the prize. Look out for more prize draws coming up this year.



## Welcome Back Tony

Tony Davies returns as a Youth Cancer Trust Ambassador.



We are delighted to welcome Tony back. He has been a friend and supporter of the Trust since 2010, raising money through the Tonefest music festival and Radio Tonefest. Tony brings with him fresh energy, big ideas and a renewed determination to help the charity thrive. We look forward to working with you Tony.

Find out more about Tony, our Ambassadors and staff team here:

[www.youthcancertrust.org/about/team](http://www.youthcancertrust.org/about/team)



## Our online platform this month

...is packed full of spring themed content. We have mindfulness tips and meditations, spring recipes, gardening tips and craft ideas. We also celebrate important festivals and occasions and give our guests the opportunity to share what's on their mind. Our online platform is a safe space to share and connect.

Last month we hosted a Valentine's Party and pancake night. We have fortnightly Relaxation and Yoga sessions with YCT's Frances.

We are looking forward to making felt animals in our craft session coming up at the end of March. We have lots of guests signed up for the activity. Look out for the photos in our next newsletter.



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## THANK YOU

As always, we are grateful to our brilliant community who support, volunteer and fundraise for us all year round. This edition we'd like to say a big thank you to:



Joe Musker, our Ambassador for raising £500 (including Gift Aid) through his birthday fundraiser.

The Church in Loddon for collecting £120 in donations during your carol service and midnight mass.

Belinda McClory for your generous donation of £100.

Forelle Estates for your generous donation of £1000.





# HOLIDAYS 2026

Please contact [jo@yct.org.uk](mailto:jo@yct.org.uk), if you would like a holiday this year or complete an enquiry form [Holiday Support Enquiry | Youth Cancer Trust YCT](#)

We often hear that people don't feel they deserve a space on a holiday, but if you feel a stay with us is beneficial then please do contact us. We know how important these holidays are for so many of you.

Unlike other charities we do not have a limit on how many holidays you can attend, however, if we get a lot of interest we may need to prioritise new applications and those from under 30's.

We would love to welcome you in 2026.

We have a few spaces available for a holiday in the Summer and plenty of spaces in October.

(NB: Whilst we hope it doesn't happen, we may ask you to change your holiday date if we do not have enough people to run a holiday.)

## HOLIDAY DATES AVAILABLE

Holiday 1: Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April FULL

Holiday 2: Monday May 11th - Friday May 15th FULL

**Holiday 3: Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May**

**Holiday 4: Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July**

Holiday 5: Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July FULL

Holiday 6: Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August FULL

Holiday 7: Monday 10th August - Friday 14th August FULL

**Holiday 8: Monday 17th August - Friday 21st August**

**Holiday 9: Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October**

## Holiday 10

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

See our beautiful holiday location here: <https://youtu.be/ZFZBT81Ttno>

Here's what our guests have to say about our holidays:

*"Stays like this is what makes having cancer a little better (if that's possible lol) being able to have this opportunity that I definitely wouldn't have anywhere else. You've all been so accepting of me and my disability and included me in everything."*  
Mollie

*"You've really given me and I'm sure everyone else the break and laughter we have been really needing. This holiday has been so so so good and I'm so glad I've met some amazing new people including the team and people like me. Thank you for the activities, food, laughter, and talking together. I've loved it all!"*  
Paige

Got some questions? Check out our FAQ here: [FAQ Youth Cancer Trust holidays](#)



EVENTS...EVENTS...EVENTS...EVENTS

## Illuminate for Youth Cancer Trust 2026

On the 2nd April we will be hosting an Illumination event at Manor Farm Barn to show that we will always be a light in the dark for our young people.

The event falls on the anniversary of our transition from Bournemouth to Dewlish in 2023.

Staff, guests and friends of the charity will gather at Manor Farm Barn for a lantern procession through the village. You can join in from home by filling our social media with photos of your own Illuminations - candles, lanterns, fairy lights and neon.

Please use the hashtag: [#YCTilluminate](#)

If you'd like to make a donation via our Just Giving page, and leave a message, we will add a candle to our light display and include your message with it.

[justgiving.com/page/youth-cancer-trust-yct-illuminate2026](https://www.justgiving.com/page/youth-cancer-trust-yct-illuminate2026)

You may wish to remember a loved one, share a message of support for our young people, show someone you care or reflect on something you are grateful for.

All the money raised goes towards providing therapeutic wellbeing holidays and secure online support for young adults (age over 18 and diagnosed before 30) living with and beyond cancer from the UK and Ireland.

Thank you for your support. From all of us at Youth Cancer Trust.

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## 22 Day Challenge

The 22 day countdown, until our Illuminate event, begins next Thursday 12th March.

We invite everyone to join us in 22 days of activity (a mile or 15 minutes per day) to mark the 22 mile distance we moved from our original location in Bournemouth, to our new holiday location in Dewlish.

### Your Challenge



### Your Way

You can walk, run, cycle, swim, dance, do yoga, go to the gym or mix it up and do something different each day.

If you want a bigger challenge - why not make it a fundraiser for Youth Cancer Trust. Contact our team for more information, or visit our website for ideas: <https://www.youthcancertrust.org/support-us/challenges>

Let your light shine





SUPPORT YOUTH CANCER TRUST

At Youth Cancer Trust, we believe every young person living with cancer deserves the chance to laugh, relax and create lasting memories in a safe, supportive environment. Our wellbeing holidays bring together young people aged 18- 30 who understand what it means to live with and beyond cancer.

If you'd like to support us continue our vital work here are some ways you can get involved:

## Become a friend of the YCT

By becoming a friend of Youth Cancer Trust and setting up a regular donation, your support will:

- Fund life changing wellbeing holidays in Dorset.
- Provide secure online support, ensuring no young person feels isolated.
- Create opportunities for friendships, peer support and empowerment.

Every monthly gift, no matter the size, makes a real difference. Together we can ensure the future generations of young people with cancer find hope, friendship and strength when they need it most.

Become a friend today and help us continue to change lives.

Click here to find out more:  
[Become a Friend of Youth Cancer Trust](#)

## Play the Giving Lottery

Play the Giving Lottery for your chance to win up to £25,000 whilst supporting Youth Cancer Trust.



Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! There's a better chance of winning the jackpot than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked.

Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

<https://www.givinglottery.org.uk/support/youth-cancer-trust>

## Fundraise for Us

Fundraising is only limited by your imagination! You really can do anything from sitting in a bath of beans, to organising a danceathon, running a marathon or hosting a coffee morning.

Click the link below to find out more and to download our fundraising pack:  
<https://www.youthcancertrust.org/support-us/fundraising>



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## Experience an unforgettable journey of connection, growth, and respite at our Youth Cancer Trust Wellbeing Holiday.

This special retreat, nestled in the heart of Dorset, offers young people living with and beyond cancer, the opportunity to meet peers who truly understand.!

We still have holiday spaces for this year.

Visit [www.youthcancertrust.org/free-holidays](http://www.youthcancertrust.org/free-holidays) for more information.



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