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The Young People's Committee.

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Swinging & Sliding into Summer!

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YPC visit to The Crocky Trail – July 2025

Flushed with success or how two committee members survived the long drop?

The Crocky Trail in Waverton, Cheshire was the YPC's summer outing destination this year.

After coach pickups at Hewlett Court and Middleton, our group were soon on the M60/M56 travelling to Waverton - a small village near Chester.

Entry to the park was swift and efficient.



The family adventure park is located outside Chester, a perfect day out for families of all ages. Visitors are welcome every day from 10am to 5pm. Going wild in The Crocky Trail, Chester adventure park is convenient because all you need to bring is yourself and a willingness for adventure. The venue is suitable for wheelchair users. Just show up and have a great time.

Don't worry if your children fear heights – the staff are trained in helping kids (and adults) conquer their fears while having a marvellous time.



The adventure park challenge can only be completed by those with fearless hearts, steady hands and a passion for family fun. As you take it on and get closer to the pinnacle of excitement, you will want to feel comfortable and make the most out of it. So, you're better off wearing trainers and clothing designed for physical activity.

Soar through the air on one of numerous rope swings, master your balance whilst crossing a variety of wobbly bridges or a fallen tree trunk over the Crocky stream, walk on a narrow boardwalk along the middle of the wet and muddy stream, escape from gravity by taking a spin on a whimsical roundabout, navigate through complex mazes surrounded by twists and turns whilst enjoying the beauty of the outdoors and relishing in the fresh air and nature.



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Just be prepared to ask for one more go over and over again!

As the day wore on and our groups followed the one-mile-long trail packed with loads of activities. "one more go" became the cry of all in our group. Especially of those who had overcome a fear of height, motion or balance on the many activities throughout the site.



Two committee members, the Deputy Chairman and our latest volunteer, Andrew, on seeing the Flusher ride and after much deliberation decided to have a go. The Flusher must have been designed by somebody inspired by Albert Pierrepoint, the last official hangman in England. To join the ride, you have to walk up four flights of stairs, walk onto a platform, with your back against the wall, the doors close. The jovial attendant then engages you in pleasant banter before pulling a handle that opens the trapdoor you are standing on, releasing the occupants into free flight until the curve begins taking you down a slide that has been sprayed with water into an abyss before finally delivering you back into daylight.



When asked if they wanted to do it again, the united response was NEVER!

So, after a long day out the tired families were met at the coach by the committee members, two of whom had managed to regain their sanity, to leave the Crocky Trail enroute to the Toby Carvery at Hoole Village.



The staff at the Toby Carvery could not have been more welcoming. Our group was swiftly shown to our reserved seating area, the buffet and menu choices quickly explained, and a drinks order taken. Service was efficient and soon everybody was tucking into the two-course meal of choice.



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After the meal it was back onto the coach, first drop off at Hewlett Court followed by Middleton Masonic Hall.

At the end of the day the committee members were flushed with success at organising and delivering a great day out for the families. Whilst two of them were still considering their sanity after the Flusher.

Note to Karen: we should review our Risk Assessment to include the danger of losing one or more of the committee volunteers on our next event.

Thanks

To Karen for managing the invites and responses, organising our transport, and purchasing the tickets.

To the Crocky Trail for providing a great day out, efficient food service in the cafe, having a site where once you have entered there are no hidden / extra charges.

To the Toby Carvery, Hoole Village, for a warm welcome, good food, great service and a genuine smile.

To Swans Travel for a helpful driver and safe travel to and from the Crocky Trail.

