



Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

BACK AT CREAMFIELDS FESTIVAL



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“At the end of August, we were back once again at Creamfields, a local dance music festival that takes place over in Daresbury where nearly 80,000 people travel from afar for the 4-day event. Since 2017, we have been part of a local ecumenical group "We are the Church" to offer a Christian pastoral presence on the campsites of the festival, and this year we were back once again.

Every year brings with it weather-related tales and this year is no different. 2023 saw fields full of ankle-deep mud, and 2024 was the year of Storm Lilian, resulting in one of the two marquees being damaged beyond repair after the first night and having to be disassembled. When we would normally provide safe spaces on two campsites, the storm meant we would be reduced to one.

However, with volunteers ready to go and the festival site staff prepared to support us, we felt that we had to get a plan B. So a huge thank-you to local churches and volunteers who rallied together to lend us replacement tents at such short notice, meaning that by 3pm on Friday we were back on site - escorted to our very spot on the campsites by the lovely Creamfields site manager - and we were back in business.

We were there to offer a safe space, a listening ear, free water, and Jammie dodgers. Every year, I'm surprised that the offer of something so simple can be so significant. Proclaiming that the church are "here to listen" invites all sorts of conversations and stories, as we connected with many people who were seeking help, comfort, and answers to some of life's big questions.

80 volunteers from nearly 40 different churches were on hand to offer practical support, love, and someone to talk to. It is a huge privilege to be part of this team and we are amazed at God's faithfulness - how this door is open to us and how His people always pull together to make it work despite whatever obstacles are thrown our way!

Would you like to know more about being involved in Creamfields 2025? Training will be provided. If you would like to know more then please contact wearethechurchatcreamfields@hotmail.com or you can e-mail me directly on kim@warrington.yfc.co.uk - we'd love to hear from you!



We had a great time on our annual beach trip with the Academy last month. This is a great opportunity to celebrate all they have done throughout this last academic year - training days, mission weeks, helping out with our local clubs and projects, social media evangelism, and the amazing ways they have assisted in our Fuse events, not just making things happen practically but stepping out in faith to talk and pray with people who responded to the gospel.

We want to include young people in the mission to reach young people, and that's what the Academy is all about. We are grateful for all they bring to Warrington Youth for Christ and it's wonderful to see how God is working through them. Thankyou, Academy!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Join us in thanking God for all He did at Creamfields - for how He was our help in all the practicalities and how blessed we are that He was with us every step.
2. Please pray for all of the people we encountered at Creamfields - especially those with whom we had significant conversations. Pray that they would know God's presence and love in their lives.
3. Pray for the team as we start a new school year, and for all the students who are returning to school this week. We pray especially for the new Year 7s as they prepare to move up to high school this week!