

Sevenoaks Town Council
Youth Services Working Group- Wednesday 15th January 2025



**House in the Basement Youth Café Manager:
November 2024 report:**

During November, we saw 263 Young people. 40 of which were new to House in the Basement, and we saw 41 SEND Young people

November was a busy month, starting with the Skateness event on 1st November at Greatness Skatepark, which had all 3 sessions fully booked. This was a partnership with SDC and Samsara Sports.

Numbers at HitB were the highest they have been this year with many new faces at both SEND nights & regular HitB evenings. Takings were increased which is helpful.

We have had four young people continue to do their D of E bronze/Silver volunteering with HitB.

Our partnership with West Kent Housing continues to flourish with weekly visits from Ben their lead detached youth worker as well weekly detached sessions on Thursdays with Daren, focusing on Bat & Ball, Greatness & the Town.

Sevenoaks Youth Council met at HitB on 13th November with 12 young councillors attending which led to one of the liveliest debate and council meetings in recent years on several topics as well as youth council elections for 2025.

Andy Watson, Kenward Trusts detached youth worker visited us on 3 occasions to deliver information and advice around making good choices as well as drug/alcohol/vaping etc advice. Levi Lee from SAYT started his visits to us this month and hopefully, we will see him on a regular basis.

We look forward to another open mic night and a HitB Christmas party with food provided by Perfect Cuisine in December.

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December 2024 report:

During December we saw 211 young people, 13 of which had not visited House in the Basement before. We were open 14 occasions, 3 SEN sessions were we saw 32 SEN young people.

December was busy with lots of young people coming to House & once again more new faces. Several young people are doing their Dof E bronze volunteering section with us.

A visit to Trinity school allowed us to strengthen links with them as well as advertise several dates & projects including the Rail Safety project & the BID.

An open mic night on the 13th was also well received, we have another one on Friday 31st January. 32 of us gathered for our Christmas party at Hitb, we are grateful once again to Perfect Cuisine for supplying the food.

Detached sessions on a Thursday afternoon continued in partnership with West Kent housing.