

4th January 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE** to be held at the **Bat & Ball Centre**, Crampton's Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN on **Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.00pm**. Town Councillors are reminded that they have a duty to state a Declaration of Interest prior to the appropriate agenda item and to consider the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s.17 when reaching a decision.

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Town Clerk

To assist in the speedy and efficient despatch of business, members wishing to obtain factual information on items included on the agenda are asked to enquire of the Town Clerk prior to the day of the meeting.

Committee Members:

Cllr E Waite - Chairman	Cllr R M C Hogarth
Cllr N Busvine	Cllr T Morris Brown
Cllr A Eyre	Cllr Mrs R Parry – Vice-Chairman
Cllr V Granville Baxter	Cllr C Shea
Sevenoaks Youth Council: Vacant	SAYT: Mrs Caroline Berry
KCC: To be confirmed	West Kent Communities: Richard Dowling
SDC: Ms Kelly Webb, Ms Maxine Quinton	

AGENDA

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To enable any questions previously submitted by members of the public on any matter to be drawn to the attention of the Town Council.

1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive and note apologies for absence.	Town Council Offices Bradbourne Vale Road Sevenoaks Kent TN13 3QG
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2	<u>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS</u> To consider written requests from Members which have previously been submitted to the Town Clerk to enable participation in discussion and voting on items for which the Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. (s.31 & s.33 of the Localism Act 2011).	
3	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> To receive any declarations of interest from members in respect of any items of business included in this agenda.	
4	<u>MINUTES OF YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 3rd November 2021</u> To receive and sign the Minutes of the Youth Services Committee held on 3 rd November 2021.	Attached
5	<u>HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HiTB] YOUTH CAFE</u> To receive and discuss the following reports: 5.1 HitB Manager's Update Report 5.2 Finance Cost Centre Report	To Follow Attached
6	<u>YOUTH COUNCIL</u> To receive and note: - Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 3rd November 2021 - Notes of the workshop held to discuss issues and share ideas for Sevenoaks Town	Attached Attached
7	<u>REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS</u> i. Kent County Council ii. SAYT iii. SDC - Community Safety Team iv. West Kent Communities (Quarterly Report Sevenoaks Town Detached)	Attached
8	<u>SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL YOUNG MENTOR PROJECT</u>	Attached
9	<u>NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC) YOUNG PEOPLE CASE STUDIES</u> To note examples of work with young people carried out by Town and Parish Councils	Attached
10	<u>PRESS RELEASE</u> To consider any agenda item considered appropriate for a press release	

Sevenoaks Town Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Services Committee
Held on 3rd November 2021 in the Council Chamber at the Town Council Offices**

Meeting Started: 7.13 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 8.13 p.m.

Present:

Cllr Edward Waite, Chairman	Apologies		Cllr Victoria Granville-Baxter	Apologies
Cllr Rachel Parry, Vice-Chairman	Apologies		Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Apologies
Cllr Nick Busvine	Present		Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Absent
Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet (ex officio)	Present		Cllr Claire Shea	Present
Cllr Andrew Eyre In the chair for this meeting	Present			
Co-opted Members:				
Richard Dowling, West Kent Communities	Present		Sarah Gaunt, Kent County Council	Present
Maxine Quinton, Sevenoaks District Council	Present		Caroline Berry, SAYT	Present

Substitute	For
Cllr Richard Parry	Cllr Mrs Parry

In attendance: Town Clerk and Senior Committee Clerk**Representations received from Members of the Public:** none.**340. Election of Chairman for this Meeting**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Committee elected a Chairman for this meeting only.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Andrew Eyre be elected Chairman for this meeting only.

Cllr Eyre in the Chair

341. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

342. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

343. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

344. Minutes of Youth Services Committee held on 8th September 2021

RESOLVED: To receive and sign the Minutes of the Youth Services Committee held on 8th September 2021 as a true record.

345. House in the Basement Youth Café

(i) Update Report

It was noted that attendance issues remained, but the SEN group held on Tuesday evenings was building. Consideration was being given to ideas to promote, including the relaunch of the Pool competition nights and events. The new Youth Council had been asked to help in developing ideas at their next meeting, which would take place at the Youth Café. The Town Clerk would be working on refocusing and promoting the House in the Basement.

(ii) Finance Report to 30th September 2021

RESOLVED: That the Finance Cost Centre report for the House in the Basement Youth Café to 30th September 2021 be noted.

346. Sevenoaks Youth Council

It was noted that the new Sevenoaks Youth Council had held its AGM earlier that evening. Thirteen Young people had been elected. They had carried out a workshop exercise to identify issues of concern to them and things they would like to see in Sevenoaks. These would form the basis of a two-year work programme to be formulated at the next meeting.

There were still three places available on the Youth Council and applications would be welcomed. It was agreed that Knole Academy would be contacted again to see if any of their students would like to join.

347. Sevenoaks District Council Pledge: To Reconnect Kent Children and Young People

The Committee received and noted an update report provided by Kelly Webb, Sevenoaks District Council.

It was noted that the next KCC Reconnect Locality Grant would be specifically tailored for summer 2022 activities: the round of funding would open on 5th January with the deadline for applications being 1st February 2022. Town and Parish Councils and Community Groups, including The Stag, were eligible to apply to deliver youth initiatives.

Sarah Gaunt undertook to ensure that the Town Council was added to the mailing list for the Reconnect project.

348. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted reports from Co-opted Partners:

(i) Kent County Council (KCC)

It was noted that this was the last meeting that Sarah Gaunt would attend as she was leaving her role at KCC after 8 years. The Committee thanked her for her valuable contribution and wished her well for the future.

Sarah reported that since the last meeting her youth team had been visiting Sevenoaks Town on Wednesday evenings and had reported back that it seemed very quiet.

(ii) Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)

Caroline Berry commented that SAYT was visiting Greatness on Thursdays (Youth Worker and two volunteers) and was also finding the Town quiet. They were planning to start using the bus again now that the evenings were darker.

Caroline reported that interviews for a second youth worker were taking place in 10 days' time.

(iii) Sevenoaks District Council, Community Safety

Maxine Quinton was pleased to report that there hadn't been any reports of issues at the Town Car Park this month. There had been one incident at the Environmental Park: PCSOs had spoken to young people, taken names and seized alcohol, there had been no further incidents there.

There had been a few issues with a group of young men in town but following identification via CCTV and the service of letters on them, there hadn't been any further issues.

Maxine advised of the Kent Police Engagement Evening on 11th November being held in Swanley - Safeguarding Women and Girls. It was hoped that similar events would be held in Sevenoaks and Edenbridge. Maxine advised that the police were also hoping to attend markets at the beginning of December. The Town Clerk suggested that the Christmas Lights Switch on Event on 26th November might also be a useful venue for them to reach a lot of people.

(iv) West Kent Youth Services (WKYS)

Richard Dowling, Youth Services Manager, reported that targeted detached work was taking place at Greatness on Mondays and in passing on Fridays. He was pleased to report that two new apprentices had been appointed at the end of August which would enable WKYS to deliver more on the KCC contract. The quarterly report circulated by Ben Reynolds, Lead Youth Worker, was welcomed and noted.

Richard reported that the Young Adventurers 8 - 12 project had reopened in Sevenoaks and was now attended by up to 16 young people.

Richard advised that a Mental Health and Anxiety programme had been developed and they had been inundated with requests from schools. The focus was on Covid and home schooling, children being scared to go into school, worried about passing on Covid to grandparents, anxiety and disrupted sleep patterns.

Sarah commented that Covid, how to come out from it and build up emotional resilience was a massive issue. Cllr Busvine added that the football club had also noticed that a lot of children were more withdrawn post Covid.

It was noted that the new Youth Council had raised mental health as a key issue generally for young people. Sarah commented that there was support available, but a lot of young people did not understand how to access it and how it would help them. This was a matter which the Youth Council had been interested to understand and consider. Sarah undertook to send the detailed list of resources available, highlighting key ones, to the Town Council. Richard Dowling also agreed to send their “pocket guide”.

(v) Draft Young Person Mentor Project Plan

The Committee noted the draft Project Plan being co-ordinated by Sevenoaks District Council, in partnership with several Partner Hubs, including the House in the Basement. The project was being funded by Reconnect.

It was noted that this was a district-wide project,

“aimed at providing young people with the opportunity to record the impact COVID-19 has had on them; gain access to mental health learning and support; give them the opportunity to try a new (or previously enjoyed) activity; and to pair them with a mentor for additional support. The young people targeted will also be signposted to other appropriate agencies and organisations. There will be one or multiple ‘Exhibitions of Expression’ as part of this project, designed with input from young people as the project progresses. “

The Town Clerk advised the Plan was in the early stages. It was noted that Partner Hubs had queries about ability to deliver, the referrals process and reporting. It was agreed that a further report be submitted to a future meeting.

349. Press Release

It was agreed that a Press Release be issued regarding the election of the new Youth Council, restarting post pandemic.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed
Chairman

Dated

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The House in the Basement has had a few changes since the last meeting, a new manager has been appointed and started on 1st January. Daren Mountain has worked with HitB in different capacities over the last 5 years and comes with many years of youth work experience in different settings.

We continue to open 4 days a week with our SEN night on a Tuesday proving to be popular with young people and parents alike.

The following feedback was received this week from parents of young people attending the Tuesday Club:

“The adults were absolutely lovely and made my two feel right at home. My son is very hyped at going again next week.”

“My son was there this evening, he loves going every week. “

Daren plans to promote HitB over the coming months with Schools work, detached youth work and partnering with other youth work agencies, hopefully this will increase the footfall at the Youth Cafe.

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Phased Budget Heading 30/11/2021

Month No: 8

Cost Centre Report

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year To Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>50 Youth Cafe</u>										
1022 Letting & Hire of Facilities	183	312	129	1,317	2,496	1,179	3,740		0	
1211 Sale of Goods	40	197	157	129	1,576	1,447	2,369		0	
1450 Furlough Grant Income	0	0	0	4,165	0	(4,165)	0		0	
1990 Other Income	0	0	0	5	0	(5)	0		0	
Youth Cafe :- Income	223	509	286	5,615	4,072	(1,543)	6,109			0
4010 Gross Pay	2,589	2,170	(419)	20,737	17,360	(3,377)	26,041		5,304	10,000
4270 Employers Pension Contribution	59	87	28	495	696	201	1,042		547	
5410 Repairs & General Maintenance	369	85	(284)	787	680	(107)	1,020		233	
6010 Light Heat & Cleaning	0	42	42	30	336	306	510		480	
6101 Telephone	46	48	2	319	384	65	571		252	
6200 Printing & Stationery	4	42	38	4	336	332	510		506	
6240 Computer/ Data Base/WP's	251	64	(187)	604	512	(92)	765		161	
6281 Furnishings,Furniture/Eqpt	0	42	42	0	336	336	510		510	
6320 Staff Training	0	0	0	0	204	204	408		408	
6330 Welfare/Hospitality	0	0	0	30	0	(30)	0		(30)	
6340 Staff Uniforms	0	0	0	0	102	102	204		204	
6460 Publicity & Democratic notices	0	42	42	29	336	307	510		481	
6500 Goods for Resale	49	144	95	187	1,152	965	1,734		1,547	
6505 Cafe consumables	6	0	(6)	6	0	(6)	0		(6)	
6635 Professional Fees Licensing	0	0	0	278	408	130	408		130	
6900 Sundry Expenses	34	13	(21)	279	104	(175)	153		(126)	
6922 Health&Safety/Risk Assessments	0	34	34	1,015	272	(743)	408		(607)	
Youth Cafe :- Indirect Expenditure	3,406	2,813	(593)	24,800	23,218	(1,582)	34,794	0	9,994	10,000
Net Income over Expenditure	(3,183)	(2,304)	879	(19,185)	(19,146)	39	(28,685)			
8001 plus Transfer from EMR	0			10,000						

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Phased Budget Heading 30/11/2021

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Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(3,183)			(9,185)						
Grand Totals:- Income	223	509	286	5,615	4,072	(1,543)	6,109			
Expenditure	3,406	2,813	(593)	24,800	23,218	(1,582)	34,794	0	9,994	
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plus Transfer from EMR	0			10,000						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(3,183)			(9,185)						

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**Annual General Meeting of the Sevenoaks Youth Council
Held on 3rd November 2021**
at Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber, Bradbourne Vale Road TN13 3QG

Meeting Commenced: 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 6.55 p.m.

Present:

Youth Council Members:

Henry Barden de Leon	Present	Isabella McGlynn	Present
Mahedy Basher	Apologies	Maximilian Pound	Present
Emilia Britain	Present	Vincent Rands-Webb	Present
Phoebe Critchlow, Treasurer	Present	Mia Stack	Apologies
Jasmine Geer	Present	Anna Tarasheva, Vice-Chairman	Present
Maya Goodrich	Present	Kate Willis, Chairman	Present
Valentina Groves	Present		

In attendance: Cllr Dr Merilyn Canet, Sevenoaks Town Mayor; Linda Larter, Town Clerk; Alison Futtit, Senior Committee Clerk; Cllr Andrew Eyre; and Cllr Richard Parry

1. Welcome by the Mayor

Cllr Dr Canet, Sevenoaks Town Mayor, welcomed youth councillors to the first meeting of the new Youth Council, elected following a year's break due to the Covid pandemic.

Cllr Canet explained that the chief campaign for her mayoral year was "Give it a Grow" encouraging more people to get involved with gardening, supporting wildlife and helping the community to protect the local green environment.

She thanked the youth councillors for giving their time to get involved with the community, emphasising that what they say and do as a Youth Council can help make a difference. She looked forward to hearing about the issues that concerned them and ideas for what they could do to make an impact.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received as shown above.

3. Election of Chairman

Two youth Councillors put their names forward to be Chairman of the Sevenoaks Youth Council for the period 2021-2022. A vote was taken by show of hands.

RESOLVED: That Kate Willis be elected as Chairman.

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Kate Willis took the Chair and invited nominations for the election of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

Two youth Councillors put their names forward to be Vice-Chairman of the Sevenoaks Youth Council for the period 2021-2022. A vote was taken by show of hands.

RESOLVED: That Anna Tarasheva be elected as Vice-Chairman.

5. Election of Treasurer

Two youth Councillors put their names forward to be Treasurer of the Sevenoaks Youth Council for the period 2021-2022. A vote was taken by show of hands

RESOLVED: That Phoebe Critchlow be elected as Treasurer.

6. Appointment of Youth Council Representatives to the Youth Services Committee

It was noted that two representatives from the Youth Council were invited to attend Sevenoaks Town Council's Youth Services Committee.

RESOLVED: That consideration be given at a future meeting to appointing representatives to Sevenoaks Town Council's Youth Services Committee.

7. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Youth Council held on 12th February 2020

The Minutes were received and adopted.

8. Sevenoaks Youth Council Constitution

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Sevenoaks Youth Council Constitution.

9. Finance Report

RESOLVED: to note

- (i) the income and expenditure report for the Youth Council 2021/22; and
- (ii) that the balance as at October 2021 for the Youth Council budget was £1,834.60

10. House in the Basement

Youth Councillors received an update report on the House in the Basement Youth Café. It was noted that numbers attending were low since the re-opening in June. The Town Clerk asked the Youth Council for ideas to help revitalise the Youth Café. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Youth Council would be held in the Café.

11. Preparations for Two Year Programme

The Youth Council adjourned for a workshop to discuss issues and share ideas for Sevenoaks Town. The suggestions will form the basis of a two-year work plan for the Youth Council, to be discussed at the next meeting. (To be circulated separately)

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It was noted that the key was to consider the issues raised and work out what the Youth Council could do to make improvements.

For example, the issue of young people's mental health had been raised. Youth Councillors were asked to consider:

- What kind of support was needed?
- Where and how would it be best to advertise services available for young people
- How to get young people to understand what was available and how to access it
- What the best way was to communicate information to young people
- What the Youth Council could do or influence about mental health provision

12. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at the House in the Basement Youth Café.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Sevenoaks Youth Council
Workshop Notes 03.11.2021

What is the main problem for young people in the Sevenoaks Area?
• Mental health • Mental health (but that's more general, not just Sevenoaks) • Not engaging with other young people enough – not enough options for this • Not enough events/places where young people can express their creative/musical skills • Climate change • People not taking climate change seriously • Traffic is a big issue for everyone • No safe ways to cycle into town • Air pollution
What one improvement would you make for Sevenoaks Town if you could?
• More events where the town comes together (e.g., free music events, food or local business stalls on the Vine) • Greater town collectivity • Improve sense of town community • Pedestrianising Sevenoaks • More cycle lanes through town • Better bikes/cycle access • More bike paths • Improvement to bus routes in and around Sevenoaks (they are terrible) • Plant some more trees • More trees outside of Knole • More bins around town • Reduce traffic • More recycling • Reduce air pollution • Decrease carbon emissions • Increase recycling • Reduce waste • Improve mental health of young people • Make a comprehensive Green Plan • Help local businesses
If money was no problem, what facilities would you like?
• Cycle and scooter infrastructure • Add a bike path to every relatively main road • Electric bikes (down by the station) • Bike racks near schools so people can have more eco-friendly ways to travel

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Workshop Notes 03.11.2021

• More electric car chargers available to make it easier to charge cars, as it is a growing need • Access to free mental health facilities • Increase & better mental health provision • Reduce traffic • Increase pedestrians • Increase independent shops in the town • More recycling bins
What would you do in the next year?
• Improve water quality in Leisure Centre • A better place to have more live music all year round • More cycle lanes & paths/better access for bikes • Add more green areas and make Sevenoaks a greener place • Maybe flower beds or flower boxes on the High Street, to provide more support for bees and pollinators • Focus on pedestrianisation and reducing traffic • Reducing litter on streets • Help local businesses
What would you do in the next 2 years?
• Plant 1500 trees • Try to improve bus routes so that more people can access facilities and use less cars • Better public transport e.g., electric buses, cycle hire etc • Electric bikes and buses • Bottom-up development so: make sure that the whole town is included in decision making • Mental health provision – specific therapy • A comprehensive recycling programme e.g., asking people to separate home bins out • Pedestrianised High Street • Promotion of independent shops • A place for homeless people to stay the night • A solar farm • A 400-metre running track

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Places to live. Space to grow.

Quarterly Report Sevenoaks Town Detached

Period 1st October 2021 to 17th December 2021

If you would like to discuss anything from this report in further detail please e-mail, Lead Youth Worker Ben Reynolds at; ben.reynolds@wkha.org.uk

Background

West Kent Housing Association is commissioned through Kent County Council to deliver detached youth work sessions over the entire Sevenoaks district on a rolling basis. Alongside this we aim to support young people and encourage their participation in Youth Voice platforms, whether that's starting one or supporting a pre-existing platform.

Below is our summary for the previous quarter.

July to September 2021 summary

During the previous quarter we have engaged with 14 young people during our detached youth work.

We've been delivering detached in the same areas as in previous quarters, these are Greatness, Bradbourne lakes, the Vine, and the High street.

With the colder and darker weather, we have seen a massive reduction in engagements. Those young people we have met are first time engagements. Introducing ourselves and letting them know what we do.

Most of our interactions have been in the high street, as this is a dry and well-lit areas. The leisure centre appears to have quietened down; I've been informed that the periodic police presence there has caused the young people to find a quieter area.

Though conversations I believe that the young people are around the Hollybush area. As the area isn't well lit or flat, my team are going to wait until lighter weather before we start visiting the area for the safety of my team. I will however be exploring the area during the day to get to know the area prior to starting detached.

We have been advertising HOUSE in The Basement (Hitb) to the young people we meet in the High street, as it's within a suitable walking distance for the young people we meet, but as we've been meeting the young people for the first time they take our word with a pinch of salt, further interaction will build trust.

I've been popping into say hi to the team and young people in Hitb every so often, my team are very grateful for the warmth and use of the facilities on the colder nights.

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Conclusion

Engagements are down overall, but we are meeting new young people. Increased presence and interaction will lead to more fruitful engagements. In the coming quarter we are going to focus on the well lit areas, and will begin to expand our routes within these areas.

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DRAFT (v.2) Young Person Mentor Project Plan – October 2021

WHY

The pandemic has had negative effects for all our communities, but most notably our young people particularly for those with additional barriers such as low income, financial distress and digital poverty.

SDC is working in partnership with the following ‘Partner Hubs’ to deliver a project for young people aimed at levelling out the inequalities that are emerging:

WKHA Youth Club in Edenbridge
KCC Youth Services Swanley Youth Hub
RightMind Therapy & Training
The Layberry Foundation and Wood Farm Projects
House in the Basement Sevenoaks Youth Hub

This project is based on a case study from Sevenoaks District of the impact of the pandemic on a young person and how fortunate she was to be able to access mentors (trusted adults outside of her home environment) she could relate to and trust. **So, the question was asked, what if every young person could be given this opportunity?**

This pilot project is aimed at providing young people with the opportunity to record the impact COVID-19 has had on them; gain access to mental health learning and support; give them the opportunity to try a new (or previously enjoyed) activity; and to pair them with a mentor for additional support. The young people targeted will also be signposted to other appropriate agencies and organisations. There will be one or multiple ‘Exhibitions of Expression’ as part of this project, designed with input from young people as the project progresses.

This will be a district-wide project.

WHO

Eligible Young people

- Those aged 11 to 18 living, working and going to school in the Sevenoaks District struggling to reconnect following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and/or experiencing mental health and wellbeing problems.
- Referred (using referral form via SDC Communities Team) by KCC Social Services & Early Help; SDC Housing Team; West Kent Housing Association; Partners (KCC Youth Services; RightMind; Layberry Foundation; WKHA Youth Club in Edenbridge; House in the Basement; other relevant agencies)

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- The Young Person agrees to join the project as to benefit fully in the timescales available engagement needs to begin immediately.

Mentors

Sevenoaks District Council will maintain the list of eligible Mentors for this project.

To be identified through activities the young people want to try (or return to). For example:

- Sports clubs
- Activities such as art, music
- Scouting Movement

To be recruited through Sevenoaks District Council employees including (but not limited to) those:

- trained in Mental Health First Aid
- trained in coaching

To be recruited through RightMind using:

- Trainee counsellors in their final year of training, who will benefit from mentoring experience, as well as provide their time free of charge.
- Newly qualified counsellors interested in gaining experience of working with young people.
- Trained/qualified Mental Health First Aiders

Identified by other partners including:

- The Layberry Foundation: for young people referred here for more outdoor related experiences, The Layberry Foundation themselves will match with own Mentor.
- WKHA Youth Club in Edenbridge
- The House in the Basement
- Swanley Youth Hub

As necessary, seek assistance from the Kent Foundation to recruit additional mentors.

Project Steering Group – young people from Sevenoaks District Youth Assembly and WHKA Youth Committee to join & young people benefiting from this project to also be invited to join.

Kelly Webb – SDC

Vickie Smith – SDC

Jenny Godfrey – SDC

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Sarah Gaunt – KCC

Tanya Wright – RightMind

Keith Beasley – Layberry Foundation

Marion Layberry OBE – Layberry Foundation

Ben Reynolds – WKHA Youth Club in Edenbridge

Linda Larter – House in the Basement

WHEN

Starting at the earliest opportunity and completed by end of March 2022.

WHERE

Throughout the District using existing youth hub venues and other activity venues/centres.

WHAT

See Process Map attached as Appendix 1.

Triage

Once referral form (see Appendix 2) received by Sevenoaks District Council, triage undertaken to determine eligibility, any already known interests or hopes and based on this will be paired* with a Mentor and allocated to the most appropriate Partner Hub:

*If most appropriate Partner Hub is The Layberry Foundation, they will match the young person with one of their own Mentors.

- WKHA Youth Club in Edenbridge for Edenbridge and surrounding areas
- The House in the Basement for Sevenoaks and surrounding areas
- Swanley Youth Hub for the Swanley area.
- The Layberry Foundation for those young people interested in or would benefit from the outdoors and getting to know the animals, finding out about how we can all live more sustainably, spending time in quiet reflection, and being encouraged to do some creative writing, or artwork.

The partner hub will:

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- Ensure that RightMind is informed of the mental health and wellbeing education and support deemed most appropriate for (and agreed to by) the young person.
- Provide funding of up to £70 per young person to pursue a new (or return to) activity/sport.
- Engage with them to document and record the impact of COVID-19 on them and their lives; their hopes and aspirations and changes found through this project.
- Encourage them to participate in the Exhibition of Expression.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Education and Support for Mentors

Mentors that are not trainee counsellors or counsellors requiring training will be offered both of the following (delivered by RightMind):

- Full-day Counselling Skills Course. This will include how to effectively listen, how to manage difficult conversations, to be more confident when having difficult conversations, raise self-awareness and look at obstacles and the importance of signposting and safeguarding, and
- 2-hour workshop covering the basics of understanding youth mental health.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Education & Support for Young People

1. Invitation to attend a Mental Health Awareness session aimed at young people. The workshops will be delivered by RightMind and will be facilitated educational workshops.
2. Where deemed necessary and appropriate, invitation to attend Group Therapy delivered by RightMind. There are two options: therapeutic writing group which encourages journaling, letter writing and use of stories; and; use of film studies to open up conversations about identity and character analysis that can be translated with the Jungian Therapy approach to archetypes.
3. Where deemed necessary and appropriate, for those young people who are identified as having greater needs, time-limited formal counselling will be offered by RightMind with counsellors who are qualified to work with young people.

COST

TOTAL FUNDING SECURED: £18,250

£2,000 for Sevenoaks District Council to facilitate and coordinate the project and to undertake the triage process once referral forms are received.

£5,000 for the provision by RightMind of the mental health and wellbeing education and support detailed above. If less is spent, the Project Steering Group will decide how this is spent, i.e. supplementing the budget for Exhibitions of Expression; more general mental health education for the partner hubs generally etc.

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£2,500 WKHA Youth Club in Edenbridge

1. £750 to work with young people (target 25 young people) to record (however the young person wishes and can practically be achieved) the impact of COVID-19 on them and their lives and their hopes and aspirations for the future (including any impact of this project).
2. Up to £1,750 to pay activity fees for 25 young people (budgeted at £70 each). Where less is spent on activity fees, this can be used to supplement delivery of 1 above and where deemed appropriate extended to include the recordings of impact of COVID-19 by other young people attending the WKHA Youth Club in Edenbridge.

£1,500 for the Layberry Foundation

1. £450 to work with young people (target 15 young people) to record (however the young person wishes and can practically be achieved) the impact of COVID-19 on them and their lives and their hopes and aspirations for the future (including any impact of this project).
2. Up to £1,050 to pay activity fees for 15 young people. Where less is spent on activity fees, this can be used to supplement delivery of 1 above and where deemed appropriate extended to include the recordings of impact of COVID-19 by other young people attending the Layberry Foundation.

£2,500 for the House in the Basement Youth Hub in Sevenoaks:

1. £750 to work with young people (target 25 young people) to record (however the young person wishes and can practically be achieved) the impact of COVID-19 on them and their lives and their hopes and aspirations for the future (including any impact of this project).
2. Up to £1,750 to pay activity fees for 25 young people (budgeted at £70 each). Where less is spent on activity fees, this can be used to supplement delivery of 1 above and where deemed appropriate extended to include the recordings of impact of COVID-19 by other young people attending the House in the Basement Youth Hub.

£2,450 to be managed by KCC Swanley Youth Hub:

1. £0 towards youth worker time (as is KCC that are funding this project)- KCC run Swanley Youth Hub to be asked to assist with running this programme in their location helping young people (target 35 young people) to record the impact of COVID-19 on them and their lives and their hopes and aspirations for the future (including any impact of this project).
2. Up to £2,450 to pay activity fees for 35 young people (budgeted at £70 each). Where less is spent on activity fees, the Project Steering Group will decide how this is spent, i.e. supplementing the budget for Exhibitions of Expression; more general mental health education for the partner hubs generally etc.

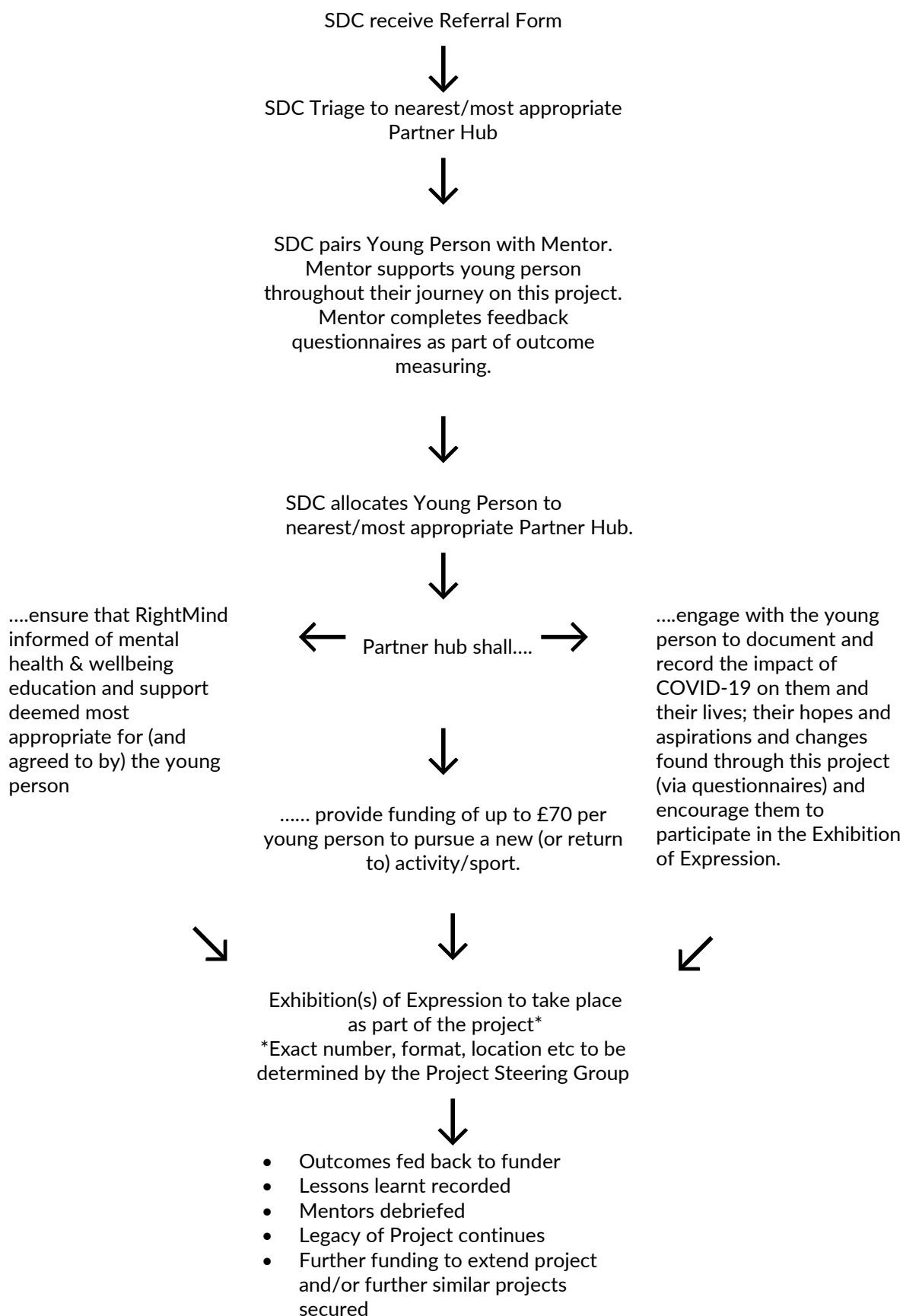
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£300 marketing and promotional materials and resources. Project will be promoted by sharing with referring partners and agencies as well as registration with the KCC Reconnect programme.

£2,000 for 'Exhibition of Expression' event at end of pilot project. All partners and the Project Steering Group will agree the format and venue(s) for this.

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Appendix 1 – Process Map



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Appendix 2 – Referral Form

Date:

Name of person making the referral:

Organisation:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Full Name of young person being referred:

DOB of young person being referred:

Full name of parent/carer/guardian (if young person is under 18 years old):

Contact email address of young person:

Contact email address of parent/carer/guardian (if young person is under 14 years old):

Address (including postcode):

Why this young person would benefit from this project:

Any known mental health and wellbeing support currently being provided (include contact details of any professionals being seen):

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Known interests, hopes, aspirations that might help with initial and ongoing engagement:

☐ Please tick to confirm that the young person's parent/carer/guardian has provided consent for their details and those of the young person to be passed on to partner organisations and a Mentor in order to enrol them on this project. Note that SDC will hold and use these details in accordance with its [privacy policy](#)

☐ Please tick to confirm that the young person being referred has agreed to this referral. If not, please add further details here (note that it is unlikely this project will work for any young person not in agreement as to benefit fully in the timescales available engagement needs to begin immediately):



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FOREWORD

This booklet of case studies is designed to be used by county associations or local (parish and town) councils as an example of work that can be completed within your community. These are all examples of good practice and demonstrate actions large and small to benefit local councils and the young people in their areas. This booklet is segregated into chapters; consulting young people; curating green spaces; funding youth groups; playgrounds and skate parks; running and supporting fitness and activity sessions; working with stakeholders; young councillors (18-30); youth councils and youth clubs and youth services. It is designed to incorporate all areas of working with young people and will be added to in due course.

If your council has done something similar; please contact NALC at policycomms@nalc.gov.uk.

CONSULTING YOUNG PEOPLE

Hexham Town Council, Northumberland

Electorate 9,500

Precept: £ 340,000

Expenditure: £498,513

Hexham Town Council grants aid to Hexham Youth Initiative. The council provides a skate park, outdoor gym equipment and play areas. The council also attends a School Parliament and a Youth Council and at virtual hustings at Middle School.

Horton Kirby and South Darenth Parish Council, Kent

Electorate: 3,800

Precept: £106,858

Expenditure: £153,967

This has very recently started and so is in its infancy. The parish council wants to engage with the younger community to find out what they would like to see in their parish and how we can help. A youth worker from West Kent Health is visiting the parish on a weekly basis and is starting to engage with young adults, gain their trust and will include the parish council with their feedback.

Olney Town Council, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes

Electorate 7,000

Precept: £ 285,000

Expenditure: £387,900

Olney Town Council maintains playgrounds and local sports fields. The council supports sports clubs; offer rooms for youth groups and supports young volunteers on things like Duke of Edinburgh award.

CURATING GREEN SPACES

Bearpark Parish Council, County Durham

Electorate: 1,579

Precept: £ 23,408

The council worked in partnership with Busy Bears Day Nursery and Durham County Council to educate young children on the importance of not littering. Bearpark Parish Council invited Durham County Council's civic pride team to attend the nursery and talk to the children about litter. The civic pride team read a story with a range of props and explained to the children why they shouldn't litter and how to look after the environment. A litter pick then took place, with children from the nursery, together with members of Bearpark Parish Council and Bearpark Community Partnership all taking part.

Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council, Yorkshire

Electorate: 600

Precept: £17,500

Expenditure: £32,601

Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council has invested in additional equipment at the local recreation ground to appeal to a broader age range. The council has added play equipment for toddlers to the children's playground, installed a twelve station outdoor gym and attracted a junior soccer club to relocate to our village

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes

Electorate: 4,698

Precept: £222,426

Expenditure: £197,840

Chalfont St Giles Parish Council provide two playgrounds, one Multi-use Games Area, one tennis court and support four sports clubs in the parish. The areas are inspected once per week for wear and tear issues and there is an annual playground inspection which highlights any issues.

Lound Parish Council, Suffolk

Precept: £1,700

Expenditure: £2,000

The Parish Council have been very helpful in supporting a parish councillor below the age of 30. They have also been proactive with their desire to maintain and even improve areas within the village that might be used by children or young people, such as the village green or Lound heath. For instance, ideas such as tree/shrub plantings and the possibility of a children's play area have been investigated for the village green (although the latter is not currently set to

occur). All of these factors combined make the village green and heath even more pleasant places for all people within the village community. Lastly, the Child and Vulnerable Adults Policy operated by the council commits the council to protecting any children or vulnerable adults in relation to activities involving the council.

Peacehaven Town Council, East Sussex

Electorate: 11,256

Precept: £ 640,705

Expenditure: £820,000

The council worked in partnership with the Big Parks Project to improve recreation and leisure facilities at Centenary Park. The park, managed by the council, is now a go to outdoor destination featuring two playgrounds; a skate park; extensive sports facilities, including multi use games area with floodlighting for tennis, netball and football; cycle and walking paths and an award winning café. PTC has a Youth Working Party. We have been working with Peacehaven Community School regarding survey of student's activities; this will be published very soon as part of a full report from the WP. Also, we are looking at the activities at the JOFF Youth Centre and Council's support and funding (that was put on hold due to Covid lockdowns) should now be taken forward.

Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council, Yorkshire

Electorate: 4,000

Precept: £68,000

Expenditure: £100,000

Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council is the corporate trustee body for Eastburn Playing Fields Association. Eastburn playing field was redeveloped over a three year period by the Parish Council. The project was supported by Playbuilder, Yorventure, WREN, Ward Investment Fund and Community Spaces Lottery Fund. The project included the replacement and installation of exciting new play equipment for all ages, a bicycle skills area, drainage of the pitch and a wetland area with native species planting.

FUNDING YOUTH GROUPS

Amphill Town Council, Bedfordshire

Electorate: 14,000

Precept: £ 741,892

Expenditure: £780,000

Amphill Town Council have applied to the Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit fund for joint funding for a company called 4YP to provide local outreach youth work in the town. The town council doubled the budget to be able to successfully support this project.

Barkham Parish Council, Berkshire

Electorate: 2,539

Precept: £65,555

Expenditure £ £66,254.95

The council manages the Sam Hosgood Sporting Endeavor Fund. Barkham residents under the age of 18, who represent England in their chosen sport are invited to apply for a grant to put towards the cost of training and travel.

Berkswell Parish Council, Warwickshire and West Midlands

Electorate: 2,669

Precept: £43,598

Expenditure: £56,170

Berkswell Parish Council use grant funds to support youth activities organised by local groups for example, Scouts; Schools (Duke of Edinburgh Awards schemes) and, local sports clubs. In the last year the council has also provided grants directly to local schools to help make up shortfalls in income and increased costs due to the pandemic.

Billinghurst Parish Council, Sussex (East and West)

Electorate: 4,000

Precept: £352,463

Expenditure: £892,999

Billinghurst Parish Council bought a building that will house a Youth Hub and coffee shop. In addition to the usual play areas and skate parks (the council are about to replace a skate park, following a hugely successful public consultation) we also fund Sussex clubs for Young People to deliver youth sessions every week. We have also bought a High St property, the upstairs the council will rent out as a flat to help offset the loan cost, and the downstairs will be let to SCYP as a Youth

cafe / hub offering all sorts of youth advice, one to ones, counselling, activities etc. The council are also looking for a site to house a Pump Track.

Bridport Town Council, Dorset

Electorate: 8,500

Precept: £728,341

Expenditure: £1,416,421

Bridport Town Council's corporate plan includes a priority to provide education, employment and leisure opportunities for young people. The main projects identified for this purpose are:

- To safeguard and promote Bridport Youth Centre, which was rescued from closure by the Town Council in 2015 and receives revenue funding and other support from the Council.
- To help secure premises for an indoor skate park identified as a priority through consultation with young people. The facility was delivered in 2020 with financial and operational support from the Town Council, who also obtained planning permission.
- To support and help secure premises for a Creative/Music Hub.
- To investigate development of a new outdoor skate park. This too was identified as a priority via consultation and a project has been initiated to deliver an Olympic-standard skate park as part of a major refurbishment of a local park. This project also aims to deliver a performance stage and upgraded play/sports facilities.
- An ongoing programme of play area improvements.

The council is also developing its approach to engaging young people in its work. We work with schools and the Youth Centre to ensure involvement in projects, but we aim also to establish a Youth Forum, particularly focused on 'hard to reach' young people. The traditional Youth Council approach tends to appeal to a narrow and often more privileged audience.

Buckland Brewer Parish Council, Devon

Electorate: 690

Precept: £13,500

Expenditure £ 20,480

The council set up an education support fund to assist residents with the cost of studying. Residents aged 16 or over who have lived in the parish for at least a year and are attending college or university are eligible to apply for up to £500 to be put towards travel costs, books and other learning tools. Furthermore, approved a grant of £300 to an organisation dedicated to promoting youth projects in the parish, and has provided a set of goalposts for its amenity field. At its next

meeting the council will be approving a tender for the provision of outdoor fitness equipment aimed at older teenagers and adults and will be marking out a football pitch once the positioning of these facilities is agreed.

Burwell Parish Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Electorate: 5,505

Precept: £162,357

The council provides support for a number of youth related activities in the village. This includes funding for the summer reading challenge at Burwell Library, discounts on the hire of local council controlled amenities for youth clubs and societies and provision and maintenance of recreation grounds throughout the village. Anyone involved in a youth group in the village is invited to get in touch with the council to see how the council can help.

Chatteris Town Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Electorate: 8,000

Precept: £151,000

Expenditure: £148,500

Chatteris Town Council funds a fortnightly youth club for 7 to 12 year olds, which also runs holiday clubs, and we support the Connections Bus which carries out youth work with teenagers. During the pandemic the council has funded outreach workers and has helped the District Council to maintain local play areas.

Egremont Town Council, Cumbria

Electorate: 8,000

Precept: £153,000

Expenditure: £248,000

Egremont Town Council support a local youth club and an outreach club with a £1,000 grant to award one or the other of these clubs to support the work they are doing with young people in the community.

Faringdon Town Council, Oxfordshire

Electorate: 5,790

Precept: £ 435,577

Expenditure: £ £369,059

The council runs a youth grant funding scheme. Specialist, voluntary and community groups, whose work targets the needs of young people in Faringdon, are invited to apply to the council for grants of up to £2,000. Applicants must fill in a form setting out the project or activity they wish to apply for funding for and demonstrate the local need for it. Priority is given to initiatives which cover one or more of the following areas: tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, helping and

supporting young people, assisting organisations to provide youth festivals, supporting school councils to invest in local projects, services that meet the needs of vulnerable young people and assisting young people to gain employment, education and training. Funding can cover the cost of specific projects, purchase of equipment, facilitation of youth groups and youth programmes and can be put towards initiatives that tackle anti-social behaviour. Assistance in kind, such as use of rooms at free or reduced rent, can also be considered.

Frome Town Council, Somerset

Electorate: 27,000

Precept: £ 1,802,305

Expenditure: £ £2,021,812

Frome Town Council hosts an annual youth conference for year 8's in local school and deliver a participative play strategy for everyone, development of a Family Information Networking Directory, A focus on Young Peoples Mental Health, support for all organisations working with children and young people, delivery of events and engagement opportunities for Children and Young People.

The council has one Full Time Employee Children and Young People's project officer. This job shared role has a focus on enabling local services and organisations to increase their capacity to meet the changing needs of children, young people and their families. The council places an emphasis on engagement and participation; building community asset based models stemming the flow of families and young people reaching crisis through local support and activity. Young people are integral to the development of these services and we work hard to reach them in the places where they are.

Gillingham Town Council, Dorset

Electorate: 12,000

Precept: £ 943,000

Expenditure: £ 980,876

In 2015, Gillingham Town Council secured funding from Dorset County Council's Health and Wellbeing Legacy Fund. A grant of £9,400 was awarded to help towards refurbishing a playing space in the town and providing a place where young people naturally like to meet. The remaining £5,600 was to provide outreach support to address health and well-being issues such as diet, exercise, sexual health, drugs, alcohol and bullying.

At this time, the County Council funded youth centre closed and a much larger bid for £247,600 to The Big Lottery Reaching Communities was unsuccessful. Despite these setbacks, the town council remained committed and focused on reallocating ear-marked reserves and took out a Public Works Loan of £127,000 to complete the £350,000 capital project. The recreation ground was re-named Hardings Park and re-modelled as a destination play area with a multi-use games facility, outdoor

table tennis, concrete skate park, and 17 pieces of play equipment suitable for toddlers and teenagers.

At the time, the population of children aged between 0-17 living in the town was 2,463. The town council needed to prove to the young people that they were being listened to, but it was also important to tackle the increasing anti-social behaviour.

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council, Shropshire

Electorate: 5,489

Precept: £ 230,660

Expenditure: £ 244,740

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council established a Youth Provision Partnership so that the council can work together to support, encourage, and represent the young people of our area. Working with their local authority, this year the council will employ a Youth Support Worker, with special responsibility for SEND children, which will encourage and support young people of all ages and abilities and, provide one-to-one care for special needs and disabled residents, too.

Knutsford Town Council, Cheshire

Electorate: 10,647

Precept: £ 455,298

Expenditure: £475,303

The council jointly administers the Millennium Bursary with the Knutsford Lions. Students from Knutsford or Toft in their second year of university are invited to apply for the £530 award, which can be used to assist with a specific project or dissertation. Applicants must fill out a form and submit a statement of no more than 200 words setting out how the money would benefit their studies. All applicants are then invited to an interview with a panel consisting of members of the council and the Knutsford Lions, who seek to better understand how the bursary can help the students with their studies.

Leighton-Linslade Town Council, Bedfordshire

Electorate 31,201

Precept: £ 2,265,946

Expenditure: £ 2,580,871

Leighton-Linslade Town Council fully funds a Teenage Advice and Information Centre which offers drop-in support, one-to-one's, specialist groups for additional needs, a Youth Forum, school holiday activities and engages young people in wider community projects (e.g. In Bloom). The council support external providers with specialist services e.g. sexual health. The council contributes funding towards activities run by partners e.g. football, bike repairs, boxing, basketball. We regularly invest in their facilities with annual play area refurbishment. Recent

projects include outdoor table tennis tables and outdoor gyms. In 2021, the council aspires to provide a fully inclusive adventure play area to allow children of all abilities to play together. The council also support many local groups with grant funding, such as local Scouts and GirlGuiding groups.

Nailsworth Town Council, Gloucestershire

Electorate: 4,626

Precept: £316,522

Expenditure: £321,067

Nailsworth Town Council is the majority funder for the town's Youth Club, which operates out of a building and runs outreach support and holiday activities. Nailsworth Town Council also funds PlayRangers during school holidays, support projects to tackle 'holiday hunger' and consult with the Youth Forum. Nailsworth Town Council provide well maintained parks, open spaces and sports facilities (football, table tennis, tennis and outdoor gyms). The council are coordinating education, family and young people organisations to explore extra support which can be offered to families and young people throughout the holidays as part of post-COVID recovery.

Newbury Town Council, Berkshire

Electorate:

Precept: £1,135,249

Expenditure: £1,942,500

Newbury Town Council has a service level agreement with Berkshire Youth to support their detached youth work outreach programme in the town. The council also invite primary schools to the Town Hall on an annual basis to meet the town council. They are also hoping to host a youth event via Zoom targeted at secondary school students to run a series of short 20 minute workshops on how we can make our town more inclusive for young people.

Peasedown St. John Parish Council, Avon

Electorate: 5,126

Precept: £251,452

Expenditure: £209,063

By providing up-to-date outdoor activity areas such as skate parks; new play equipment, youth shelter, Multi-Use Games Area, and so on, all of which the young people have been consulted on directly. Peasedown St John Parish Council tries to work with the school on activities, particularly where they link to education and the curriculum e.g. Commonwealth Day event. The council supports the local 'Mini Police' both financially and with promotion and activities. This is a scheme run by our local Police Community Support Officer's and the local primary school. Each

year they 'interview' a selection of a year group to join the mini police, we assist with purchasing equipment for them to use as part of their activities e.g. first aid, litter picking, walkie-talkies, and so on. The council provides a financial contribution to the Youth Partnership, which goes to the employment cost of a youth worker, following the loss of this service from their Local Authority. Work with uniformed groups to provide things like storage facilities on our land, community grants to help them buy equipment for their activities, and so on.

Skelton and Brotton Parish Council, Cleveland

Electorate: 13,000

Precept: £135,000

Expenditure: £181,715

Skelton and Brotton Parish Council provide holiday activities for young people; including fitness and dance classes, drama classes, pantomimes and, Christmas Parties. The council provides free hall rental for local cinema projects and goody bags for local sports events. The council also funds local youth groups and organisations, for example Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Scouts and so on. The council is funding a BMX track resurfacing, outdoor gym equipment, play areas, a mini golf course and an outdoor table tennis table.

Southwater Parish Council, Sussex (East and West)

Electorate: 8,000

Precept: £ 687,312

Expenditure: £ £798,012

Southwater Parish Council funds a Chief Information Officer to manage council run facilities that offer youth facilities and Southwater Youth Project. The project is run by the local churches. In addition, the council have set up a fund to manage leisure facilities that offer youth sporting activities in various forms. They also own and run two skate-parks, one being re-built currently using S106 monies and with input from the community. Southwater Parish Council run two Multi-Use Games Area's and 11 play areas and supports an independent Friday Night youth club and employ two youth leaders of their own.

Stowey Sutton Parish Council, Avon

Electorate: 1,263

Precept: £23,625

Expenditure: £35,900

Stowey Sutton Parish Council raises funds with a service provider so that the parish council can fund a weekly mobile youth service to attend the parish and provide two hours activities for children aged 8-19. This service has also provided

outreach work during the past 12 months to ensure support for young people during COVID pandemic.

St Austell Town Council, Cornwall

Electorate: 15,500
Precept: £762,958
Expenditure: £1,118,000

St Austell Town Council rents premises to a charity Young People Cornwall and provide £20,000 per annum grant for youth services in the town. We work closely with Young People Cornwall who provides a Youth Information, Advice and Counselling Services, youth centre, activities for young people and outreach services.

Stroud Town Council, Gloucestershire

Electorate: 10,412
Precept: £735,880
Expenditure: £1,345,980

We fund Play Rangers at 2 sites in town, support community organisations e.g. a toddler group and provide grants. We manage several parks and play areas. A councillor is appointed to liaise with our local youth forum and we appoint a councillor to have a special interest in matters relating to children and young people.

Tenterden Town Council, Kent

Electorate: 6,426
Precept: £603,839
Expenditure: £811,000

Appointment and funding for additional youth worker to ensure smooth running of county funded youth cafe. Appointment of service provider to handle transition from current youth club venue to a purpose-built youth hub as part of a recreation ground project which includes a new skate park.

Timsbury Parish Council, Avon

Electorate: 2,600
Precept: £75,000
Expenditure: £ 90,235

Timsbury Parish Council has part grant funded a faith group running a youth club and activities for younger ones. They have contracted the previous Primary

council youth services mainly for older ones, in conjunction with four other parish councils in the area. The council also part funds the independent charity that runs the play area and the recreation field where many sports are played which includes young teams.

Willingham Parish Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Electorate: 3,250

Precept: £130,000

Expenditure: £175,000

The council lease facilities at a peppercorn rent to the Youth Trust for youth club activities and the public hall to the Scouts etc. The youth teams are given free use of the recreation ground and pavilion. A significant improvement/expansion to the playpark has been carried out over the last few years.

Woughton Community Council, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes

Electorate: 8,600

Precept: 574,899

Expenditure: 988,307

Woughton's dedicated youth service works across the parish, offering both open access and targeted approaches to support local needs. Built upon an informal education approach, the service support hundreds of young people and their families every week. The team works collaboratively with a range of community partners and the young people themselves to design and deliver the service. Sports and the Arts, alongside health & wellbeing, development and life skills feature heavily as the basis of activities offered through the broad programme. Junior and senior youth clubs, music projects, dance classes, Young parents and LGBTQ+ support groups, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) sessions and those focusing on independent living, safer relationships and sexual health are some of the activities on offer.

Working from a dedicated youth space which has a recording studio and performance space, quiet 121 rooms, kitchen and café, a gym (alongside housing a 2012 Olympic pool table!) and outdoor gardens, the service also provides the Play Ranger service, offering family focused play sessions using our open green spaces. This is an excellent example of where the team links to the wider council support, with families accessing advice, wellbeing and mental health or community fridge services as a result of children accessing youth service. The Youth service is an essential part of the community, built over many years, creating a parish where young people are valued, heard and supported. 'Every Child Matters' sits at the heart of the service, with the safeguarding of our young people sitting across the council's delivery, with our Youth Manager as our Safeguarding Lead. The impact is seen in reduced ASB, gangs and knife crime in comparison to neighbouring parishes, reduced pregnancy and STI levels.

Increased higher educational aspirations and attainment. Investment brings benefits in both the short and longer terms.

Woodley Town Council, Berkshire

Electorate: 21,047

Precept: £1,203,188

Expenditure: £1,928,008

We had an SLA with Just Around the Corner charity, based in Woodley, which has come to an end. JAC carried out detached youth work (3 sessions each week) and provided further support for young people needing their help (JAC also works in schools and at their centre with young people).

Yate Town Council, Avon

Electorate: 18,035

Precept: £1,334,190

Expenditure: £1,508,057

Yate Town Council (YTC) runs the Armadillo Youth Café for young people. The Armadillo team has remained focused on reaching children and young people in need throughout the pandemic period. During the first lockdown, provision moved online and younger attendees found this a vital tool for keeping in touch. As lockdown restrictions lifted, we added outreach/detached work to the program; a new form of delivery for our service. Through this, many young people received support; the team engaged with other youth groups and emergency services which gave young people a sense of security, knowing professionals were looking out for them when in the community.

When restrictions allowed for community buildings and indoor hospitality to open, our team began phased reopening of youth café sessions, alongside detached, digital sessions, support groups, triage and 121. We began working with schools and other children's services to identify and prioritise services for children most at risk of detriment to physical and emotional health due to the pandemic, then gradually opened sessions up wider. The service offered shorter sessions which allowed us to open for multiple groups simultaneously, expanding our reach and increasing contact.

During the second and third lockdown there was a visible sense of despondence within certain year groups – in response, YTC created 'Bags of Happiness' – pick up packs filled with wellbeing items, advice, guidance and treats to help lift low mood. During this time, we launched a new LGBTQ support group, from which new links with secondary schools were formed and this pilot will inform future work. The team also facilitated support groups for young people with learning difficulties, disabilities and "at risk" mental health providing a lifeline for those who were struggling with limited support services available. YTC also funds a youth provider to provide youth services in Yate, owns a mobile youth services minibus,

maintain multiple play areas, multi-use game areas (MUGAs), teen street shelters and a BMX and skateboard park. In April 2021, we will be opening a multi-activity building which will be home to the local youth boxing club.

The council runs the Armadillo Youth Venue and Café, in Yate, South Gloucestershire. The youth venue and cafe has been built to provide a contemporary, safe environment for all young people of the locality aged between 11 and 17 to use and enjoy. The centre offers high quality facilities including Cafe area serving hot and cold drinks, snacks and confectionery, DJ booth, 60 seater community cinema, Pool Table, Table Tennis, Air Hockey Table, X-Box and Games, TV and Basketball and workshops giving young people the opportunity to learn new skills. For young people not interested in attending a conventional youth centre the council offer the opportunity to obtain help and advice in a mobile mini van known as an Urban Vehicle for Information and Education (Urbie).

PLAYGROUNDS AND SKATE PARKS

Bradninch Town Council, Devon

Electorate: 1,668

Precept: £ 44,350

The council received almost £80,000 in grant funding from Viridor, TAP fund, a housing developer and solar panel developer for refurbishment of a recreation ground. Work was undertaken in two phases. The first phase involved replacing an old wooden hut, installing a new wheelchair accessible roundabout and a table tennis table. Phase two included installing new fencing, a zip wire, games tables, adult gym equipment, new swings and upgrading the wooden slats on benches with recyclable material. The council hopes to embark on a third phase of work which will involve replacing the existing skate ramp with a new and improved version.

Collingham Parish Council, Nottinghamshire

Electorate: 2,369

Precept: £ 44,020

Expenditure: £ 45,485

The council secured £70,000 in grant funding to refurbish the local skate park. The funding came from WREN's FCC community action fund and will be used to replace the existing metal ramps and build a new concrete skate facility for all ages and abilities. The new facility will be suitable for both scooters and BMX bikes. The new design was voted for at various public consultations.

Flintham Parish Council, Nottinghamshire

Electorate: 495

Precept: £14,600

Expenditure: £29,349

We maintain two play parks in different parts of the parish which is split by a major main road. These are well used by younger children. We help to maintain a sports field/cricket ground which is used by some teenagers. A number of organisations in the parish work with young people and the parish council is always ready to help with small grants/advice as and when appropriate. Councillors are involved as committee members on a number of parish organisations.

Framlington Parish Council, Suffolk

Electorate: 3,083

Precept: £157,196

Expenditure: £286,719

The Town Council provides grant funding to the Youth Groups and organisations as well as providing space in a purpose built facility on the recreational field which also has toilets, meeting room, storage and kitchen etc. We have a skatepark, basketball area, play equipment, five a side football area, outdoor fitness equipment and will shortly install a concrete table tennis table and Boules pitch.

Kegworth Parish Council, Leicestershire and Rutland

Electorate: 2,922

Precept: £116,180

Expenditure: £ 117,676

The council carried out refurbishment of the Whatton Road play area in Kegworth. New items installed as part of the refurbishment include a basket swing, roundabout and teddy bear swing. The new play equipment is inclusive and was chosen following consultation with pupils at Kegworth Primary School. Funding for the refurbishment came from Section 106 contributions.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council, East Riding and North Lincolnshire

Electorate: 2,600

Precept: £102,739

Expenditure: £131,345

The Town Council provides and maintains the town play area and is looking to run multi-sports sessions for young people in the late spring through to autumn. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is Trustee of the community sports pavillion for the town, catering for a wide range of sports and activites for young people as

well as other age groups. The Town Council is looking to run an additional sports centre and is in consultation with organisations and residents about this currently. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continues to engage with young people and involve them in events and encourage organisations and groups within the town to cater for their wider needs. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is also Trustee of a local charity which provides financial support for residents who are in financial need for any reason, including age.

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, Wiltshire

Electorate: 6,424

Precept: £ 221,070

The council worked with four major housing developers to ensure that new play areas were built to the highest possible standards. The council are particularly proud of their neighbourhood equipped area for play (NEAP) and local equipped area for play (LEAP) at their Old Sarum settlement, which they developed themselves with financial contributions from developers. When designing a competitive contract the council used Barrowby Parish Council's (Derbyshire) contract specification as a base and looked to the 'Design for Play' manual to inspire bidding companies to come up with inspirational designs. The LEAP features a motte and bailey layout whilst the NEAP includes a solar powered DJ mixing desk to attract young teenagers. In both cases the council involved young residents in the selection of play equipment.

Newport Pagnell Town Council, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes

Electorate: 18000

Precept: £ 953,996

Expenditure: £ 1,003,841

We have recently been in contact with 15 young, local bike riders (some of whom ride BMXs internationally for England) about our new cycling facility. They will be acting as site champions to encourage many more young people to take up cycling and use the site.

Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council, Hertfordshire

Electorate: 4,493

Precept: £ 205,212

The council installed new play facilities for children aged 2 to 11 following extensive consultation with the local community. Local residents were initially consulted via a request in the parish magazine 'Update' for suggestions for the new playground and were invited to become involved in developing it. This resulted in a working group being developed consisting of four Mums with children in the village primary school. The working group gathered information on playgrounds and was supplemented by responses to the magazine article,

publicity at village events, input from other local councils and information on playgrounds visited by residents both locally and on holiday. Six play companies were contacted and site visits made, with the companies being invited to submit a bid. The winner was chosen by the working group according to a scoring system they had designed to rate each bid.

Peter Tavy Parish Council, Devon

Electorate: 250

Precept: £10,000

Our Parish Council has supplied and maintained a wonderful playpark with a variety of age ranged equipment. A local beauty spot 'the mill pond' is maintained by the Parish Council many young people over the years have learnt to swim there. The Parish Council own and are responsible for two church cottages which have in the past helped young people of the Parish get a foot on the property ladder. The cottages are at a low rent giving the tenants opportunity to save for a place of their own whilst having independence.

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council, Nottinghamshire

Electorate: 6,531

Precept: £ 308,798

The council secured £255,000 in grant funding to refurbish the local skate park. This included £125,000 from Rushcliffe Borough Council, £40,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council's local improvement scheme, £55,000 from Sport England and £35,000 from the WREC FCC Community Action Fund. The money raised will be used to replace the existing wooden skate park with a concrete structure.

Skelton and Brotton Parish Council, Cleveland

Electorate: 13,000

Precept: £134,800

This as we know has been a difficult year. The parish council have done a lot of work with youth for youth. The scouting groups (this includes Rainbows Brownies Guides Rangers in the female sense) have been holding treasure hunts sport activities and many outdoor exercises throughout the year. The parishes usually help with rent for premises every year, this year we have helped with outdoor activities. Groups have not been able to collect subscriptions so have been cash poor to hold events. We at the parishes have helped as much as requested. There has been a refurbishment of gym equipment in the exercise fields at Brotton. £20,310. There has been BMX resin resurface at Skelton £7,496. The continuation of play areas updated and kept safe.

St Stephen Parish Council, Hertfordshire

Electorate: 11,111

Precept: £ 569,373

Expenditure: £ 692,851

The council embarked on an ambitious playground refurbishment programme which saw new equipment installed in most play areas owned by the council. This included Greenwood Park play area, where an old 'witches hat' climbing frame and two other pieces of equipment have been replaced by a large Spacenet climbing frame, with extensions and 'hangout seating,' plus a Triple Rope Trail for younger children, and a set of Turning Bars. The council has also installed a large area of play sand which provides further varied play opportunities. The programme was funded through S106 contributions.

Welwyn Parish Council, Hertfordshire

Electorate: 7,400

Precept: £ 428,957

Expenditure: £156,388

The council manages two play areas in Welwyn. Whitehill Play area is aimed at younger children and contains an obstacle course play house and swing suitable for a parent and child to use together. Ottway Walk Play Area is designed for older children and has climbing equipment, a zip wire and large roundabout with 'chariot' seat suitable for those with physical disabilities. There is also a kick wall for football practice and a basketball net. The council undertakes weekly checks of all equipment in both play areas and commissions an annual full inspection by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

Westbury Town Council, Wiltshire

Electorate: 11,164

Precept: £918,313

Expenditure: £918,313

The council took over management of ten play areas in Westbury following an asset transfer process instigated by Wiltshire Council. A playground refurbishment programme was undertaken, with play equipment in six playgrounds removed for repair. This included Becks Mill play area, where Section 106 money was used to fund the purchase of upgraded train themed equipment.

Whittington and Fisherwick Parish Council, Staffordshire

Electorate: 2,200

Precept: £55,000

Expenditure: £86,000

The council used grants (HS2) to fund the development of a highly regarded and well used BMX (pump) track. This track is in the midst of a nature park which also has fitness equipment that is used by young people within the parish. The Council has a 22 year old Councillor who is responsible for social media and publicity.

Wigginton and Hopwas Parish Council, Staffordshire

Electorate: 1,000

Precept: £22,000

Expenditure: £41,517

Maintaining a well-used play area, providing equipment from 0-16+ cradle swings, toddler climbing frame, seesaw, roundabout larger climbing frame plus basketball hoop and football goal and net. Smaller play area in rural village only amenity kick about wall, swings and play tower with slide.

Wigginton Parish Council, Yorkshire

Precept: £58,386

Expenditure: £62,584

Along with our neighbouring village, Haxby, we support by regular grants the Haxby & Wigginton Youth & Community Assoc. which runs various youth groups for the area. Support is also given by grants when requested to Churchfield Open Space Committee who organise an area with play equipment, an all-weather football pitch for general public use and outdoor gym equipment for all ages. Other grants are given to local schools and playgroups to support projects they may need support to complete.

Yardley Hastings Parish Council, Northamptonshire

Electorate: 629

Precept: £15,339

Expenditure: £ 31,470.66

Our village is a close-knit community and there are plenty of volunteer-led activities taking place across all age groups. The Council is aware of these, but does not feel the need to become actively involved. Currently there is no youth group in the village, but we have a very popular primary school in the village with a very supportive "Friends" group. The Council rents a Recreation Ground from the local landowner, and is currently in the process of installing new play equipment to the value of c. £60k (to replace similar equipment which was over thirty years old). This was preceded by a consultation exercise amongst the young people in the village.

RUNNING AND SUPPORTING FITNESS AND ACTIVITY SESSIONS

Chippenham Town Council, Wiltshire

Precept: £3,406,852

Expenditure: £3,961,965

Chippenham Town Council has continued to deliver high quality PE lessons within primary schools in the town throughout the COVID pandemic. Coaches have continued delivering all aspects of the PE curriculum to key worker and vulnerable children. Alongside of the curriculum delivery is the 'Healthy Heroes' programme that the schools have the option of engaging in.

'Healthy Heroes' is a health and well-being programme designed to educate children with the knowledge they need to lead healthy, positive and active lifestyles. It takes the form of two hours of curriculum delivery every week for a term, one hour being classroom based and the other, a practical PE lesson.

Healthy Heroes has been created from a social need to equip youngsters with the skills and knowledge to be able to be both physically and mentally healthy. It is nationally recognised that childhood obesity is at an all-time high which is a frightening statistic, however much of this is due to a lack of knowledge as to how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. With high levels of gaming and screen time being heavily used by young people today, the coaches also discuss the negative impact on both physical and mental health of too much screen time in addition to other health related issues such as diet, sugar and peer pressure. Healthy Heroes will endeavour to create more understanding about health through the engaging and interactive lessons to encourage children to consider realistic strategies to improve their health. The practical lessons are fun and designed to not only introduce children to sport and activity, but also highlight the enjoyment.

Kesgrave Town Council, Suffolk

Electorate: 12,891

Precept: £302,000

Expenditure: £258,664

The Town Council currently owns and maintains, basketball court, 2 play areas (0-12yrs), MUGA & teen shelter, outside gym equipment. We also support/pay for a Youth Club once a week - term time, provided by 4YP for teenagers 11-14yrs. We are currently looking at taking on 2 more play areas from East Suffolk Council (ESC) and working with other partners to provide further older teenager facilities/equipment. We work with the local primary schools and High school in bringing the community together, such as conservation projects (supported by ESC funding) and a new pen pal scheme bringing young and old together. This is as well as involving the schools in Remembrance Day service. We organise an

annual fun day for families (this year including Segway's, climbing wall for the older children) and Christmas events, light switch on, Ice Skating rink weekend. A roller skating rink day in July for youth and families.

South Normanton Parish Council, Derbyshire

Electorate: 7,428

Precept: £315,000

The council works in partnership with Bolsover District Council to deliver the Active Communities Programme. The programme includes a wide range of formal and informal activities designed to keep children and young people active and occupied, including an accredited learn to cycle programme for children aged 3 to 6 years old. South Normanton Parish Council circulates marketing and promotional materials advertising the programme, determines the cost of participating in each activity, collates a register of participants and operates a reserve list where necessary.

Winchcombe Town Council, Gloucestershire

Electorate: 3,934

Precept: £220,480

Expenditure: £220,480

Financial support for local youth scheme. Constructing Winchcombe Park with wheeled sports area, cycling play area. We already run and support a local playing field, play parks and artificial grass facility, especially for football and hockey. We are also supporting local newly formed Youth Council.

WORKING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council, Hampshire

Electorate: 4,000

Precept: £154,700

Expenditure: £176,846

We are working in partnership with 25 local youth organisations and statutory partners to fund a full time youth worker (£10k p.c. contribution, plus provision of office space, uniform and laptop). We are providing support and mentoring to local youth groups, establishing a community youth forum where groups can regularly meet to exchange news, projects, collaborate on funding bids, improve governance and share best practice. We are running a series of summer holiday activity camps, subsidised to keep costs at £10 per child per day for childcare from 8.30am to 4.30pm. We work closely with local schools and are funding a new school library and community space using CIL funds.

YOUNG COUNCILLORS

Middlezoy Parish Council, Somerset

Electorate: 680

Precept: £11,330

Expenditure: £55,227

The council are keen to recruit young people onto the council, as well as supporting grant applications that work with this cohort through sport and leisure. The council maintain play equipment within the village also.

YOUTH COUNCILS

Aldenham Parish Council, Hertfordshire

Electorate: 7,723

Precept: £ 636,934

Hosts a youth council for residents aged 11 to 18. Radlett Youth Council meets once a month and has a number of aims, including giving young people a voice and say in their local area, listening to what young people want and taking action by speaking to the relevant services, empowering young people to improve the area themselves, improving young people's employment opportunities by promoting volunteering, and running events and supporting initiatives to make Aldenham a safe area for young people. Activities undertaken by members include fundraising for the local special school, quizzing local MP Oliver Dowden and organising a family sports day.

Brockham Parish Council, Surrey

Electorate: 2,500

Precept: £38,000

Expenditure: £400,000

Our Youth Council aims to pull together all different groups of young people to engage in community events and vote for things they care about. The Parish Council commits to listen to the young people and include their vote in discussions that are relevant to them.

Camelford Parish Council, Cornwall

Electorate: 2,357

Precept: £ 262,831

Expenditure: £290,000

The council worked in partnership with a local secondary school to organise a photography competition. Pupils in year ten at Sir James Smith School were encouraged to take photos promoting Camelford and submit them to a judging panel consisting of two councillors and a council officer. The top three entrants were all awarded Amazon vouchers, whilst the overall winner worked with the council to photograph local events and provide photos for the council's website and other marketing material.

Chulmleigh Parish Council, Devon

Electorate: 1,224

Precept: £30,500

The council ensures the views of younger residents are taken into account at the monthly council meetings. Students from the local community college are invited to give feedback on the activities of the college and how they feel they are being helped as part of the "public participation" agenda item. The council has reported that this not only assists in the public relations of the college, but also gives the pupils' confidence to attend a formal meeting and address councillors, something that will stand them in good stead in their future lives.

Cranleigh Parish Council, Surrey

Electorate: 9,000

Precept: £412,040

Expenditure: £482,869

We have a Youth Council that meets monthly supported by Councillors and the Clerk. They set their own agenda which focuses heavily on climate change. The Clerk is mentoring them through the Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Award. We have a large well equipped play park as part of our wider recreation grounds. Our recreation grounds are also being used by uniformed youth groups due to social distancing requirements. We also have a Sports Hall and pavilion that houses a nursery. Prior to COVID-19, we providing funding and helped source volunteers for the Friday Night Project in the Leisure Centre to provide activities for young people and hope that this will re-start again later this year.

Diss Town Council, Norfolk

Electorate: 6,356

Precept: £571,428

Expenditure: £673,151.

The council launched a new youth council for Diss in September 2018. The aims of the youth council are to create a safe and better environment for young people, build a more harmonious community and for young people to have more of an influence over what goes on in Diss. At present there are seven youth councillors, however the intention is for the youth council to have up to twelve in future.

Hertford Town Council, Hertfordshire

Electorate: 21,185

Precept: £1,237,290

The council instigated the creation of one of the first youth town councils. The youth council consists of eight councillors, two from each of the local secondary schools and forms an advisory subcommittee to the town council. Formal meetings are held at Hertford Castle every eight weeks and are chaired by the Mayor of Hertford. Since the youth council was founded in 1990 its achievements have included installation of litter bins in the town, organisation of Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremonies, installation of a sensory garden in the castle grounds and production of a recycling guide. Youth councillors also help out at public events, including castle open days and attend events such as civic services and mayor making.

Martock Parish Council, Somerset

Electorate: 3,791

Precept: £362,036

The council hosts a youth parish council for elected members aged 11 to 18 who represent youth issues and needs in Martock. The youth council meets weekly and has five main roles, namely to ensure a local group of young people meet as a mirror of Martock Parish Council; to enable access to a wider range of young people's opinions and act as a voice for all young people; to support the work of other Martock groups and the delivery of the Martock Local Community Plan; to manage the Youth Parish Council budget and to provide a mechanism to enable issues of concern or praise to be brought to the attention of local decision makers. Activities undertaken by members include fundraising for local and national charities, mentoring of younger people, delivering school assemblies to highlight the Youth Parish Council and visiting London to learn more about national politics.

Penrith Town Council, Cumbria

Electorate:

Precept: £454,233

Expenditure: £358,294

The Town Council is engaging with young people aged between 14-25 living in or close to Penrith, to facilitate, support and empower them to have a voice and influence the things that matter to them. Recognising that young people are the future of the town but may face significant challenges and barriers, Penrith Town Council has set up a 'Youth Advisory Panel' to represent the views of young people in the Town. The Youth Panel will enable young people in different age groups to advise the Town Council on issues that affect or concern them. Councillors will then be able to reach a better understanding of the needs, hopes and aspirations of younger generations. The hope is to bring about greater benefits to the Council's decision-making.

Redruth Town Council, Cornwall

Electorate:

Precept: £720,615

Expenditure: £755,390

The Town Council administrates a Youth Council open to 10-18 year olds who live or go to school in the parish. Areas of focus are chosen, and decisions taken, by Youth Councillors, with the support of Council officers. Youth Councillors report regularly to the Council on their work. Activities have included a visit to the Houses of Parliament to witness democracy in operation at a national level. Currently the focus is on climate change and environmental issues. The Town Council is also working to build a skatepark, giving local young people a new facility.

West Horsley, Surrey

Electorate: 2,300

Precept: £83,274

Expenditure: £93,700

We are developing a Youth Council designed to shadow and support the full Parish Council. The idea is to give the young people a voice and a chance to participate in local community matters. We aim to help them understand how they can continue to contribute to their community in adulthood.

YOUTH CLUBS AND SERVICES

Alcester Town Council, Warwickshire and West Midlands

Electorate 600,000

Precept: £ 300,000

Expenditure: £ 300,000

Our council have reopened the Youth Club and taken on a part time Youth Leader to run weekly sessions. We organize a Youth Council in a local secondary school and the young people can discuss ideas for the town. We apply for funding for various activities and different types of support and we are currently delivering a project for young people around mental health. We have a new mayor that wishes to support young girls around exercise. We look after and order new equipment for our playgrounds and skateparks and work closely with the schools to help support initiatives and activities for young people, such as: a play around environmental issues called GULP, drama activity around bullying, developing a film around school pressures and mental health issues, developing Youth Mental Health First Aid courses for young people, talking to young people in secondary schools around issues important to them and allowing their ideas to be put into practice in their own schools.

Askam and Ireleth Parish Council, Cumbria

Electorate 3,000

Precept: £ 24,500

Expenditure: £21,500

The village was experiencing problems with youth antisocial behaviour. We contacted a Youth Group based in Barrow in Furness, Drop Zone, who have experienced youth workers and support other areas of the Borough of Barrow in Furness. Drop Zone now come to the village and do outreach work with our young people and the parish council support this work by paying for a meeting hall, equipment and activities for the young people. We also support our local youth action group, cubs and scouts, rainbows and brownies with financial donations each year so they can put on special events and have days out with the young people. We have a good relationship with our local primary schools. Each year we hold a Christmas story time for the younger members of our community in our library to promote the library. We started by having guest story tellers, but the children took over and they sat in the 'big chair' and told stories to the others. It was wonderful to see. Due to covid most of these activities have been cancelled or scaled down. But we hope we can begin soon working with our young people.

Beccles Town Council, Suffolk

Electorate: 8,041

Precept: £122,695

Expenditure: £235,430

The council produces the 'Beccles Youth Express,' a magazine promoting youth organisations and providing a voice for young people in Beccles. The magazine was the brainchild of the Beccles Youth Champion Team at Beccles Town Council and highlights the wide range of organisations offering activities for young people in Beccles, including Beccles Rowing Club, Thirst Youth Café, River Waveney Trust and Beccles 2nd and 5th Scout Groups. The magazine also features recommendations from young residents and was funded through a grant from Waveney District Council's enabling fund.

Bitton Parish Council, Avon

Electorate: 7,370

Precept: £94,000

The council took over the running of Oldland Common Youth Club from South Gloucestershire Council. A range of activities are offered at the youth club, now called the New Tracks Youth Club, including pool, table tennis, table football, music, electronic games, TV, cooking and arts and crafts. There is also a weekly games and sports session with a sports coach and occasional outings. The youth club is open two nights a week and is for young people aged 11 to 18.

Brewood and Coven Parish Council, Staffordshire

Electorate: 7,000

Precept: £167,000

Expenditure: £140,000

Grants for Scout Hut renovations, re-building skate parks and sports changing room block, exploring a new youth shelter, 3 outdoor gyms supplied, new play equipment in three playing fields, subsidised fees for rugby tots, boot camp and football. Association with cricket club, grant for tennis coaching and equipment, provision of 16 laptops for local schools to help with digital poverty.

Central Swindon North, Wiltshire

Electorate: 30,000

Precept: £ 1,320,553

Expenditure: £ 1,465,992

As a youth service we look to deliver a range of activities across the parish these activities include youth clubs, breakfast clubs, half term provision and disability programmes. We deliver our programmes working in partnership with local church groups, Swindon borough council, Wiltshire police and local schools. As a

service we work with over 60 young people on a weekly basis. The youth service we started has been in operation now for over 2 years and has grown from strength to strength the councillors have been very supportive in the work our youth worker has delivered over this period.

Cirencester Town Council, Gloucestershire

Electorate: 15,287

Precept: £990,000

Expenditure: £1.1 million

Cirencester Town Council is supporting young people through various joint initiatives. These include, setting up a youth hub with the district council and a youth organisation with department for work and pensions, funding supporting young people into training, education and employment. In addition, connect-innovate-resource which is a joint charity initiative for young people in employment connecting them with volunteering opportunities which meet social, economic and environmental needs.

Corsham Town Council, Wiltshire

Electorate: 10,300

Precept: £985,000

Expenditure: £850,000

Working with young people, and offering opportunities and activities for them, is an important part of Corsham Town Council's work. One recent example is Corsham Hub Club which was set up as a way of offering 14-18 year olds – a group often forgotten – something to do on a Friday evening, and was also aimed at preventing anti-social behaviour. Funded by the Town Council but run by a specialist sports coaching company with a proven track record of working with teenagers, Hub Club was seeing a group of around 15-20 predominantly older teenage boys turning up every week. The decision on the sports played was down to them (usually football) and the Town Council has also funded a Bluetooth speaker so they can listen to their own music at the same time. Hub Club runs for an hour, for 48 weeks out of 52, and is due to restart, post-pandemic, after the Easter holidays. The slightly younger age-group, 12+, has Corsham Youth Zone (CYZ), a pop-up youth club, which also runs on a Friday night. While the Town Council does not run CYZ, it does help to fund them via an annual grant.

Countesthorpe Parish Council, Leicestershire and Rutland

Electorate: 5,924

Precept: £ 391,217

Expenditure: £391,620

The council manages Countesthorpe Library which is open five days a week and offers a wide range of facilities and services, including a children's area, study space and homework help. The library also plays host to a number of activities

and group meetings, including Little Bookworms and the summer reading challenge.

Coxhoe Parish Council, County Durham

Electorate: 3,431

Precept: £137,651

Expenditure: £143,452

We provide youth clubs in both villages. Usually there are four sessions a week plus extra holiday activities. Over the last year most activity has been on zoom. The sessions are for ages five (reduced from seven during pandemic) to sixteen. Our staff work with young people to find out what they want to do. We have an Ambassador scheme for young people to take on extra responsibilities.

Cranleigh Parish Council, Surrey

Electorate: 8,849

Precept: £412,040

Expenditure: £442,866

The council provides funding for the 'Friday Night Project,' a youth club for 11 to 17 year olds. The youth club is part of a new strategy from Waverley Borough Council to engage with young people in the community and offer them an opportunity to get involved in new activities, socialise with others of similar ages or relax in the café. The youth club offers a wide variety of activities including gym, table tennis, workout classes, virtual cycling, racket ball, squash and pool. Funding also comes from Waverley Borough Council, Active Surrey and Places Leisure.

Dunstable Town Council, Bedfordshire

Electorate: 30,017

Precept: £ 2,393,969

Expenditure: £ £2,393,969

The council partnered with a young people's counselling service to deliver sessions in schools identifying what causes stress.

Grove Corner is a youth hub in the heart of Dunstable. Grove Corner offers provision for young people, 4 evenings per week. With the brand new state of the arts gaming suite, featuring high spec gaming machines, the latest VRs and fully functioning gaming chairs; free pool and a multipurpose entertainment box; including chrome casting and connecting to Bluetooth to play your own music; Grove Corner caters for all.

Currently due to government guidance, Grove Corner sessions need to be pre-booked prior to attendance due to only 15 people per session being able to

attend. Social distancing, masks (unless except) and hand sanitization will be required.

Drop in sessions are for young people to do exactly that (however until government guidance changes, these sessions will currently need to be booked prior to attending) drop-in for as long as a young person wants to enjoy the Grove Corner facilities with friends, speak to youth workers and be involved in discussions and chat about current and emerging issues young people may be facing or know someone who is experiencing.

The gaming sessions are specifically for young people to come and game. This is available to do on the gaming machines or on the state of the art VRs. These sessions are open to beginners or those who are more advanced in their gaming. It is a chance to learn from one another and share knowledge and have fun.

Ellesmere Town Council, Shropshire

Electorate: 1,488

Precept: £232,680

Expenditure: £277,758

We are working with the New Saints Foundation on a youth project to get on the streets and find out what the young people want. We are providing a building for youth cafes to take place and we fund school holiday provision for youngsters.

Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council, Hampshire

Electorate: 7,764

Precept: £432,417

The council operates the Y-Zone youth centre in partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council and Bishopstoke Parish Council. Y-Zone is open every weekday and caters for young people aged 10-17. Activities and facilities on offer include table tennis, Wii, computer access, Xbox, air hockey and a pool table. A youth worker is also available to provide information, advice and support on topics including bullying, anger problems, relationships, sexual health, sexuality, alcohol and drugs on a one to one basis. The youth centre is home to two youth clubs, an afternoon club for young people aged 10 to 13 and an evening club for 13 to 17 year olds. Both clubs meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Attendance at the afternoon club costs 50p per session while the evening club is free to attend.

Ferndown Town Council, Dorset

Electorate: 13,891

Precept: £ 838,303

Expenditure: £ £27,425

The council provides a programme of activities for young people aged 10 and above in the Ferndown area. Young people in the town are offered the choice of

attending either an informal drop in session free of charge or, for £1, a more formal activity based session. Drop in sessions offer young people the opportunity to choose what they want to do, with laptops available for those who need them to complete homework. The more formal activity sessions help broaden young people's views and experiences by promoting other cultures and ways of living as well as providing information about awareness days. At all sessions there are a range of activities and sports on offer such as pool, games consoles, arts and crafts and darts. There is also a well-stocked coffee bar selling sweets and refreshments. Attendees are encouraged to take responsibility for the youth club by helping to run sessions and standing for a place on the youth council.

Great Aycliffe Town Council, County Durham

Electorate: 19,847

Precept: £1,697,500

Expenditure: £ 2,832,100

The council operates St Oswald's Pre School. Up to 40 three year olds and 12 two year olds can attend either half or full day sessions at the nursery, which follows the Early Years Foundation Stage. In addition to classroom based learning children can participate in outdoor play, short walks to local places of interest such as the library and interact with visitors such as the Fire brigade and Police. Learning journals are provided for parents so they understand what the child is doing and are able to contribute to and support their learning.

Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council, Shropshire

Electorate: 878

Precept: £29,929

Expenditure: £30,649

The council stepped in to pay for a qualified youth worker to continue at Nesscliffe Youth Club following Shropshire Council's decision to cut its youth service budget. Funds were raised by increasing the precept by £3,500 per annum, a move that was taken following consultation with residents.

Haverhill Town Council, Suffolk

Electorate: 18,749

Precept: £1,039,734

Expenditure: £1,858,959

The council employs a youth skills manager to help young people reach their full potential. The youth skills manager works with local businesses to secure apprenticeship opportunities for young people; provides advice and guidance to young people at risk of finding themselves not in education, employment or training; encourages local businesses and the education sector to work closely together; helps young people secure work experience and taster days and

coordinates local training programmes. The youth skills manager role was created as part of the One Haverhill Partnership, an alliance bringing together all three tiers of local government, the business sector, education, police, health, voluntary sector, Havebury Housing, Abbeycroft Leisure, education and the faith communities to provide one voice for the town.

Haydon Wick Parish Council, Wiltshire

Electorate: 10,000

Precept: £851,158

Expenditure: £1,484,295

We recently recruited a part-time temporary youth worker for our Parish. Our youth worker has overseen the re-opening of our popular skate park. We have launched community engagement sessions including local artist workshops with youths, have free community youth football sessions starting next week and are working with a local charity to offer life skills session to older youths who may be targeted by gangs/ County Lines

Hedge End Town Council, Hampshire

Electorate 2,392

Precept: £ 752,978

Expenditure: £946,393

Hedge End Town Council employs a part-time youth team leader (22hrs/week) and 2 sessional youth workers to deliver youth activities for young people in Hedge End. We run a weekly youth club for young people with additional needs and a counselling and drop in project for young people with additional needs. We will be starting a junior youth club soon as well as supporting ad hoc youth events over the summer such as a skate jam. We have run holiday activities like a nature trail, Christmas craft competition and Easter egg colouring. We financially support a health clinic and counselling project for young people run by a charity. We own and maintain 11 parks with playgrounds, woodlands, a fishing pond plus MUGAs, tennis courts, 2 skate parks and basketball courts for use by the community. During the summer we have a large paddling pool with snack kiosk which is well used by families. We have 3 preschools which are based in Town Council halls and numerous children's groups like sports and music clubs also hire our buildings to run their activities.

Redruth Town Council, Cornwall

Electorate: 11,268

Precept: £844,876

Expenditure: £913,151

Took over management of Redruth Library and Information Service as part of Cornwall Council's devolution programme. The library is currently open four days

a week and offers a wide range of facilities and services including free wifi, computers with internet access, scanning, printing and photocopying and processing of national concessions bus pass applications. For children the library offers book start rhyme time sessions for the under-fives and a young readers book club for children aged ten plus.

Ryde Town Council, Isle of Wight

Electorate: 18,453

Precept: £844876

Expenditure: £844876

The council developed “Network Ryde,” a new youth project supporting young people in and around the town to achieve their potential and have fun. The first phase of this project has seen the opening of ‘147,’ an internet café offering services for young people aged 11 to 19 and adults with disabilities up to the age of 25. Sessions currently held at 147 include a trainee enhancement programme for young people aged 15 to 24 who are not in education, employment or training, a lunchtime drop in session for home educated young people, an arts and crafts session for young people with additional needs and their siblings and a weekly Xbox and Wii tournament night. The council also works with other local venues to facilitate events under the ‘Network Ryde’ banner. At present this includes a weekly games night at Waterside Pool.

Saxmundham Town Council, Suffolk

Electorate: 3,378

Precept: £223,000

Expenditure: £239,736

The Council provides the Youth Booth building to a local charity and pays all the bills on the property. The Council also grant funds local organisations that provide activities for young people. The Council have set up a youth working party to look at how the Council supports young people in the community. The Council provides a skatepark, 2 play areas and activities and events in their Market Hall.

Shefford Town Council, Bedfordshire

Electorate: 7,500

Precept: £296,080

Expenditure: £308,420

Our Youth Involvement Team carry out numerous activities in Shefford and the wider area to support children, young people and their families, including: one to one mentoring in schools and at our dedicated Youth Hub; detached work where our specialist youth workers will engage with hard to reach young people out in the community; virtual youth clubs and group sessions; home visits; community events such as the Graffiti Project, ‘Use Ya Feet, Get off the Street’ Football

Project, Street workout fitness classes; and working closely in partnership with Bedfordshire Police, the Community Safety Team at Central Bedfordshire Council, Grand Union Housing Group and other partners in safeguarding meetings.

Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council, Milton Keynes

Electorate: 18,541

Precept: £765,755

The council employs a youth team providing vital outreach to young people in the parish aged 8 to 18. The youth team runs two weekly youth clubs. Furzton Youth Club takes place every Tuesday from 16:30 to 18:30pm at Ridgeway Community Centre. Activities on offer include cooking, games, crafts, projects, trips and sports. Shenley Brook End Youth Club runs every Thursday from 15:45pm to 17:45pm at The Oak Tree Centre and includes games, arts and crafts. Entry is free and the youth team welcomes new members with ideas for new activities. The youth team also provides football sessions at Tattenhoe Pavillion.

Shinfield Parish Council, Berkshire

Electorate: 12,500

Precept: £488,797

Expenditure: £611,797

We have a vibrant Youth Club (64) members from 11 to 15 year old, who have been kept interacting with our Senior Youth Worker and two Youth Workers throughout the COVID lockdowns via Social Media. We also Provide sport facilities and playgrounds throughout the parish. We co fund a young persons drop in centre with Wokingham Borough council. All youth service providers know to contact us for grant funding and issue grants of up to 30k per annum. We have a councillor whose remit is to ensure we reach out to youth groups in the parish. Three councillors and the Clerk are active trustees in local youth and sporting clubs.

Shrewsbury Town Council, Shropshire

Electorate: 72,000

Precept: £1,525,610

Expenditure: £3,679,000

Shrewsbury Town Council self-funds a now well established youth service, that comprises of 6 open access youth club sessions, support of various sports activities, detached youth work and an alternative curriculum (AC). All but the AC is open to all young people, who can come and take part in whatever they choose once registered with us. The AC is referral based and is an early intervention that we set up for young people at risk of being permanently excluded from school, and therefore vulnerable to exploitation. This was in response to the increasing

levels of county lines activity in the town, and the strong links to those who are excluded from mainstream school. We are currently working on developing a youth forum/council once we have re-established after returning from Covid restrictions.

Sonning Common Parish Council, Oxfordshire

Electorate: 3,143

Precept: £ 156,643

Expenditure: £ £8,879

Sonning Common Parish Council run a youth centre for 10-16 year olds, two nights per week. We have three play areas and a skatepark and are currently building a new recreation ground which will include a MUGA, new play area, walking track, flat pitch areas and possibly a biking pump track.

South Swindon Parish Council, Wiltshire

Precept: £ 2,567,193

Expenditure: £10,000

During these difficult times we have embraced working on a 1:1 basis or in small groups up to six people. This will now hopefully change now restrictions have become easier. During the pandemic we have offered mental health care, social and emotional warmth and fun activities for all the parish to embrace and enjoy. These could be quizzes around local parks or on-line activities. Often I have met with young people for drinks and a walk to ensure their well-being needs have been met. We have also carried out art activities in the park. On-line support has been a must during these difficult times.

St Ives Town Council, Cornwall

Electorate: 8,735

Precept: £131,000

Expenditure: £966,811

This is a priority for the Council. We worked with the schools to undertake a large youth survey - 300 responses on what young people wanted for the town. We hosted a youth summit with report on action plan. We have allocated an annual budget to develop the action plan. We secured accelerator funds for a very significant concrete skate park for the town which is complete this month and will be the base for a community cafe and employing a summer skate ranger. We are working with social media advisors and young people to develop a social media what's on channel project - based on Instagram hashtag campaign with a simple static website to promote the full range of activities taking place in the town.

Tetbury Town Council, Gloucestershire

Electorate: 800

Precept: £ 389,480

Expenditure: £299,823

The council is supporting the Young people by providing half term activities & working with the Youth to achieve a sheltered area for them to have a place to go to. Maintaining & improving the playgrounds. We also support TAYCT who support the mental health of the Youth in the town.

Thurston Parish Council, Suffolk

Electorate: 2,649

Precept: £105,162

Expenditure: £222,445

Provision for young people in the village is becoming an increasing priority as the population grows. The Parish council have provided and maintained play areas for younger children. In addition there are local clubs e.g. football, cricket, scouts etc that benefit from facilities provided and maintained by the PC. Recent additions to facilities include a youth shelter and a gym trail. Plans are being developed to expand the latter further. An embryonic Youth Council has been established and work is ongoing to consolidate this through partnership with local schools. There is a demand for a skate park and the PC are exploring land options to develop this together with additional sporting facilities. Currently the PC are considering a discussion paper outlining ways in which young people can be supported and integrated into the decision making process. Suggestions include provision of a drop-in centre for advice, A youth worker to develop a clearer link with young people and their needs, exploring opportunities for young people to volunteer their help within the community.

Woodbridge Town Council, Suffolk

Electorate: 8,500

Precept: £101,000

Expenditure: £303,000

We have started a group 'Youth Voice' to help young people in the area contribute their views to the Council and promote the issues that most affect them. We have funded their membership of the British Youth Council; we provide small grants to around a dozen organisations each year, many working with young people. We have three main parks, all with play areas which we are further enhancing with new equipment and equipment for disabled youngsters. We have funded free school meals during the pandemic as well as given funding the help schools purchase laptops.