

27th October 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE** to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3QG on **Wednesday 08th November 2023 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.

Please note that the proceedings of this meeting will be streamed live to YouTube for the public to watch via the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/WJS1wxAlbyo?feature=share> and may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. A copy of Sevenoaks Town Council's procedure for the recording of meetings is available online at sevenoakstown.gov.uk or by request.

Members of the public wishing to address the Committee should notify the Town Council by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Members of the public not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the Clerk at the earliest possible opportunity.



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 Chloe Gustard (Chair)	Cllr Catherine Daniell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet	Cllr Sally Layne
Cllr Clair Shea (ex-officio)	Cllr Gareth Willis
<u>Co-opted members</u>	
Sevenoaks Youth Council: Vacant	Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust: Peter Robinson
Kent County Council: Vacant	West Kent Communities: Richard Dowling
Sevenoaks District Council: Kelly Webb, Maxine Quinton	National Trust: Amy Sabine

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.

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Town Clerk

1	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive and note apologies for absence.	-
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 THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 06TH SEPTEMBER 2023</u> To receive and sign the Minutes of the Youth Services Committee held on 06 th September 2023.	Attached
5	<u>MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023</u> SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCILLORS - Home (weebly.com) To receive and note the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 13 th September 2023.	Attached
6	<u>HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HiTB] YOUTH CAFÉ</u> House in the Basement - Home (weebly.com) To receive and discuss the following reports: 6.1 HiTB Manager's Update Report 6.2 Finance Cost Centre Reports: August 2023 6.3 NEET Project	Attached Attached
7	<u>REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED PARTNERS</u> i. SAYT ii. SDC - Community Safety Team iii. West Kent Communities iv. National Trust-Knole	-
8	<u>YOUNG PERSONS MENTORING SCHEME</u> To receive the report from SDC regarding the Young Persons Mentoring scheme Sevenoaks District Council: Young person mentoring scheme Local Government Association	Attached
9	<u>FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR DETACHED WORK IN SEVENOAKS</u> To receive the attached funding proposal from West Kent Housing for detached youth work in Sevenoaks and make recommendation for the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the 27 th November 2023.	Attached

10	<u>SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL'S SPORTS STRATEGY REVIEW</u> To receive reminder that the first Sports Strategy meeting took place on 4 th October 2023. This Group has been set up to guide the direction of a second Sevenoaks Town Sports Strategy. To note that the main output of the meeting was the need for additional facilities for growing memberships, with the next steps being an audit of existing and desired sports provision/facilities via a Questionnaire. This to identify trends of use and demand for particular services. To note that the next meeting to be held once responses from a planned questionnaire are available. However, waiting on SDC who are doing their own audit, to avoid question replication	
11	<u>PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER SURVEY RESULTS</u> To review the attached survey results for the Public Spaces Protection Order at the Vine, Sevenoaks.	Attached
12	<u>GREATNESS SKATEBOARD PARK REFRUBISHMENT</u> To note the refurbishment of the Skatepark at Greatness Recreational Ground and the re-opening event on the 24 th of October 2023.	Attached
13	<u>CLIMATE CHANGE YOUTH FORUM</u> To note that Sevenoaks Town Council is looking at arranging an after school discussion forum for young people to attend.	
14	<u>YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS</u> To note the attached report regarding the Youth Council elections	Attached
15	<u>SEN WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES</u>	
16	<u>PRESS RELEASE</u> To consider any agenda item considered appropriate for a press release	—

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Services Committee

Held on 06th September 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, TN13 3QG.

Livestreamed and available on YouTube until Minutes are accepted by Town Council Meeting:

(<https://youtube.com/live/0Oo0jCxgsmM?feature=share>)

Meeting Started: 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 8.10 p.m.

Present:

Cllr Chloe Gustard (Chair)	Present	Cllr Catherine Daniell (Vice-Chair)	Apologies
Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet	Present	Cllr Sally Layne	Absent
Cllr Clair Shea (ex-officio)	Present	Cllr Gareth Willis	Present
Vacant			
<u>Co-opted members</u>			
Sevenoaks Youth Council: Vacant		Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust: Peter Robinson	Apologies
Kent County Council: Vacant		West Kent Communities: Ben Reynolds	Present
Sevenoaks District Council: Maxine Quinton	Present	National Trust: Amy Sabine	Present

In attendance: Linda Larter, Town Clerk, Daren Mountain, HiTB Youth Café Manager, Tamara Maretlane, Sevenoaks District Childrens Centre's Delivery Manager, Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Youth Committee Clerk.

Representations received from Members of the Public: none.

275. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

276. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

277. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

278. Minutes of Youth Services Committee held on 28th June 2023

RESOLVED: To receive and accept minutes as a true record.

279. House in the Basement Youth Café

279.1 Update Report:

The Committee heard from Daren Mountain, the Manager of House in the Basement, that since the last meeting a series of workshops had taken place. One of these workshops was part of the Team Repair project that enables young people to engage with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Daren

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reported that the first session of retro games consoles had been very successful. He also reported that Roti Flatbread Workshops with the help of Giselda had been provided. Daren further reported that he had two young people currently carrying out their Duke of Edinburgh award volunteering with House in the Basement, one undertaking the Silver award and one bronze. During August House in the Basement had a trip to Broadstairs; it was noted that they had over 40 young people attend, Daren informed the Committee that for some of the young people it was the first time they had been away from home.

The Committee also heard that House in the Basement was working with West Kent Communities to provide a Halloween themed Silent Disco and that the tickets for this event had now gone on sale.

Daren also reported that a SEN young person had entered an art competition. Due to the young person being home schooled they had named House in the Basement as their place of education. It was noted that the young person was currently in the running to receive either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

279.2 Finance Report May & June 2023

RESOLVED: That the Finance Cost Centre reports for the House in the Basement Youth Café be noted.

280. Minutes of Sevenoaks Youth Council

RESOLVED: To receive and note the Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 28th June 2023.

281. Youth Outreach Grant Budget

The Committee received and noted that the balance of the 2023/24 Youth Outreach budget was £2,812.

Consideration was given to grant applications received. It was agreed to fund a four-hour hire venue cost for the three scout events: £250 was also awarded to the scouts for litter pickers with the recommendation that they also seek funding from other parish councils in the district.

RESOLVED: That grant requests be awarded under the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011 Sections 1-8 refers) as follows:

Grant Ref No	Organisation Name & Charity Reg	Purpose of award	Grant Application	Grant approved
76	Sevenoaks District Scout Council Charity Reg: 303435	Venue costs to host an event for each of Beavers, Cubs & Scouts groups in Sevenoaks District at Bat & Ball Centre	£1,725	£1,335

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Grant Ref No	Organisation Name & Charity Reg	Purpose of award	Grant Application	Grant approved
76	Sevenoaks District Scout Council Charity Reg: 303435	Purchase of litter pickers and hoops to loan out to groups across the Sevenoaks District.	£500	£250
6	Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival, Young Musician of the Year Charity Reg: 1031815	Towards cost of hire of a local school, having a piano of competition standard.	£600	£600
Total awarded				£2,185

282. NEET Pilot Project at HiTB Youth Café

The Committee received a report detailing the proposal for the NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) Pilot Project that would be taking place at House in the Basement. Daren reported that the project had branched out from the Young Mentoring Project. It was noted that for the start of the project the amount of young people able to attend would be capped at around twelve 11–16-year-olds that would be referred either by the police, schools, or Early Help. These sessions would be 2 hours each. The project itself was still being planned out with a lot of detail going into the structure of how the project might run along with other organisations e.g. Kenwood Trust and West Kent Communities and local schools, to join in with activities that they are doing.

RESOLVED: To note the report for the NEET Pilot Project.

283. New Youth Council- Timetable

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS			
Day	Date	Time	Venue
Weds	08 th November 2023	6.00pm	Council Chamber* Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, TN13 3QG

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Weds	17 th January 2024	6.00pm	House in the Basement* In the basement of the Stag Community Arts Centre, London Road, TN13 1ZZ
Weds	20 th March 2024	6.00pm	Council Chamber* Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, TN13 3QG
Weds	15 th May 2024	6.00pm	House in the Basement* In the basement of the Stag Community Arts Centre, London Road, TN13 1ZZ

RESOLVED: To note the timetable for the new Youth Council meetings in 2023/24.

284. Sevenoaks District Childrens Centres

The Committee heard from Tamara Maretlane, the Delivery Manager for Sevenoaks District Childrens Centre, about the running of the children centres and the resources they provide to new families in the early stages of baby's development up until the age of 7. Tamara informed the Committee that the "stay and play" groups across the district had been well attended. It was noted that while they offered a wide range of inclusive sessions, they do also have 1:1 sessions to help target needs from the families. These sessions tend to be done through referrals from the health care setting or early help. Tamara explained that they also run online sessions for helping support families with a wide range of different subjects.

Tamara reported that they offer a range of other resources such as the "Colourful Monster book" that helps young people understand their feelings and emotions as well as hosting story time activities for those how may not have access to books.

The Committee asked Tamara how the provisions in Sevenoaks Town compared to the wider district, Tamara explained that in comparison with the County, Sevenoaks as a district was not very well resourced. However, in terms of what is on offer at the Spring House Centre that they operate, events and activities in Sevenoaks hosted a

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wide range of their groups. The Committee noted that Tamara only has a team of 12 to cover the district.

RESOLVED: The Committee received and noted the Power Point Presentation from Sevenoaks District Childrens Centre, attached as Appendix 1.

285. Reports from Co-opted Partners

Noted following reports from Co-opted Partners:

(i) Sevenoaks District Council, Community Safety

Maxine Quinton reported that Public consultation for the Public Spaces Protection Order had received over 154 replies many of these responses were positive. She also reported that they would be sending a copy of the consultation through to all the schools by December to get young people's input on the order.

It was noted that the way in which the questionnaire was worded did not quite explain the ramifications or the long-term effects this could have on the young person's future. Maxine stated she would look at this so when they send this to schools, would also include an outline of the impact for a young person found in breach of the order.

Maxine also reported that the Summer Fun Day's were very successful.

It was noted that with the hot weather the Beat Officers have been asked to look at any areas in the district with open sources of water carefully.

Maxine advised that there had been a few Anti-Social Behaviour reports from the Bat and Ball station with young people both jumping the trains and going on the tracks, some have been identified via CCTV and acceptable behaviour notices have been served. However, Maxine reported that one individual, despite signing the agreement had committed a similar offence again.

Maxine also reported that there had been an incident at the multi-story carpark with young people throwing eggs, images of those involved have been taken via CCTV.

(ii) West Kent Youth Services (WKYS)

Ben Reynolds reported that the Summer Club that took place from the 21st- 25th of August, hosted at Hope Church, had been well attended, with a range of events such as crafts and outdoor activities being offered.

He also reported that the Young Adventures will be starting up again with around 20 young people already signed up. Ben also reported that one of their youth workers would start working with St. John's CE Primary school shortly.

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The Committee heard that during Ben's detached work in the town he had seen around 103 young people which was quieter than normal which could in part be due the weather. It was also noted that some young people had been going from Bat and Ball to Margate without purchasing a ticket as there are no barriers at either Station.

(iii) National Trust

The Committee heard from Amy Sabine that Knole have had one of their largest Work Experience groups with 10 young people taking part. They have had five young people carry out their Duke of Edinburgh awards, with two currently completing their silver award, and they had the capacity for more to take part. Amy also reported that they currently had 1 SEN young person volunteering with them.

286. Press Release

RESOLVED: To send a press release regarding the NEET project once the start date had been finalised.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed

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Chairman

Dated

Sevenoaks District Children's Centres

Universal Services

Swanley

Mon	Childminders Drop in Group 9.30am - 11am	Rhyme Time Swanley Library 10am to 10.30am and 11am to 11.30am	Stay and Play 1.30pm to 3pm
Tue	Stay and Play 9.30am to 11.00am	Autism Awareness (Bookable) Tues 3rd Oct 12.30pm - 2.30pm	
Wed	Rhyme Time Swanley Library 10am to 10.30am and 11am to 11.30am	Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support 9.30am to 12.30pm (last entrance 12pm)	Pathway Play 1.30pm to 2.30pm (From 13th Sept Referral Only)
Thu	Storytime Fun 9.30am to 10.30am	Baby Group 1.30pm to 2.30pm	
Fri		Pathway Play 1.30pm to 2.30pm (From 15th Sept Referral Only)	hello AUTUMN

Edenbridge

Mon		EDENBRIDGE CHILDREN'S CENTRE Unfortunately the centre still remains closed, however we will continue to hold sessions within the community. Please see our Facebook page for all updates
Tue	Rhyme Time Eden Centre Library 10am to 10.30am and 11am to 11.30am	
Wed		Building Family Resilience (Bookable) Weds 11th Oct 9.30am to 11.30am
Thu	Family Buggy Walk - Stangrove Park Leisure Centre TN8 5LU (From 14th Sept) 9.30am to 10.30am	
Fri	Health Visiting Clinic - The Eden Centre 9.15am to 11.45am	

New Ash Green

Mon		Pathway Play 9.30am to 10.30am (From 11th Sept Referral Only)
Tue	Child Health Clinic 9.30am to 12.30pm (1st Tue of the month) (last entrance 12pm)	Rhyme Time New Ash Green Library 9.30am to 10.00am
Wed	Stay and Play 9.30am to 11.00am	
Thu		
Fri	Rhyme Time Hartley Library 9.45am to 10.15am	Baby Group 11am to 12pm

Spring House

Mon		
Tue	Baby Group 10.30am to 11.30am	
Wed		
Thu	Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support 9.30am to 12.30pm (last entrance 12pm)	
Fri	Stay and Play 9.30am to 11.00am	Pathway Play 1.30pm to 2.30pm (From 15th Sept Referral Only)

Please contact your local children's centre to enquire about **Health Start** vitamins

Virtual Offer



Family Toolbox

Courses run over MS Teams

Join us for this one-off virtual course to gain knowledge and advice on everyday parenting challenges.
All ages Welcome

Tantrums vs Meltdowns
What is the difference between tantrums and meltdown, calm down strategies, ABC of behaviour
13th September 2023 10am - 11am

You are your child's teacher
Our Language is powerful, behaviour feeding, spending positive time together
3rd October 2023 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Let's talk behaviour
Setting Rules and boundaries, using positive language, looking ahead and managing negative behaviours.
6th November 2023 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Parenting Survival Guide
Parent do's and don'ts, parenting styles and how your feelings impact your parenting.
5th December 2023 1.30pm - 2.30pm

To book on these sessions please contact us below

03000 418008
VIRTUALGROUPS@KENT.GOV.UK





Chatter Time

Join us for a two week virtual course to support your child's communication and language development.

Each week we will focus on a different communication skill and will provide you with tips and advice on how speech and language develops.
Suitable for 6 months to 5 years old







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Courses run over MS Teams

September 19th & 26th 10am - 11am

October 10th & 17th 1.30pm - 2.30pm

November 13th & 20th 1.30pm - 2.30pm

December 7th & 14th 1.30pm - 2.30pm

2 Week Course




What should my baby be eating?

Introducing Solids Virtual Sessions
Children's Centres and Health Visiting Teams are offering virtual workshops to guide you through the weaning journey.
To book your place please contact:

Tuesday 11th July, 1.00pm-2.00pm
Tuesday 25th July, 10.00am-11.00am
sunshinecc@kent.gov.uk or 03000 417 770

Tuesday 8th August, 1.30pm-2.30pm
brightfutures@kent.gov.uk or 03000 420895

Monday 4th September, 10.30am-11.30am
Monday 11th September, 10.30am-11.30am
birchingtoncc@kent.gov.uk or 03000 411 210

Friday 27th October, 9.30am-10.30am
murstoncc@kent.gov.uk or 03000 420 896

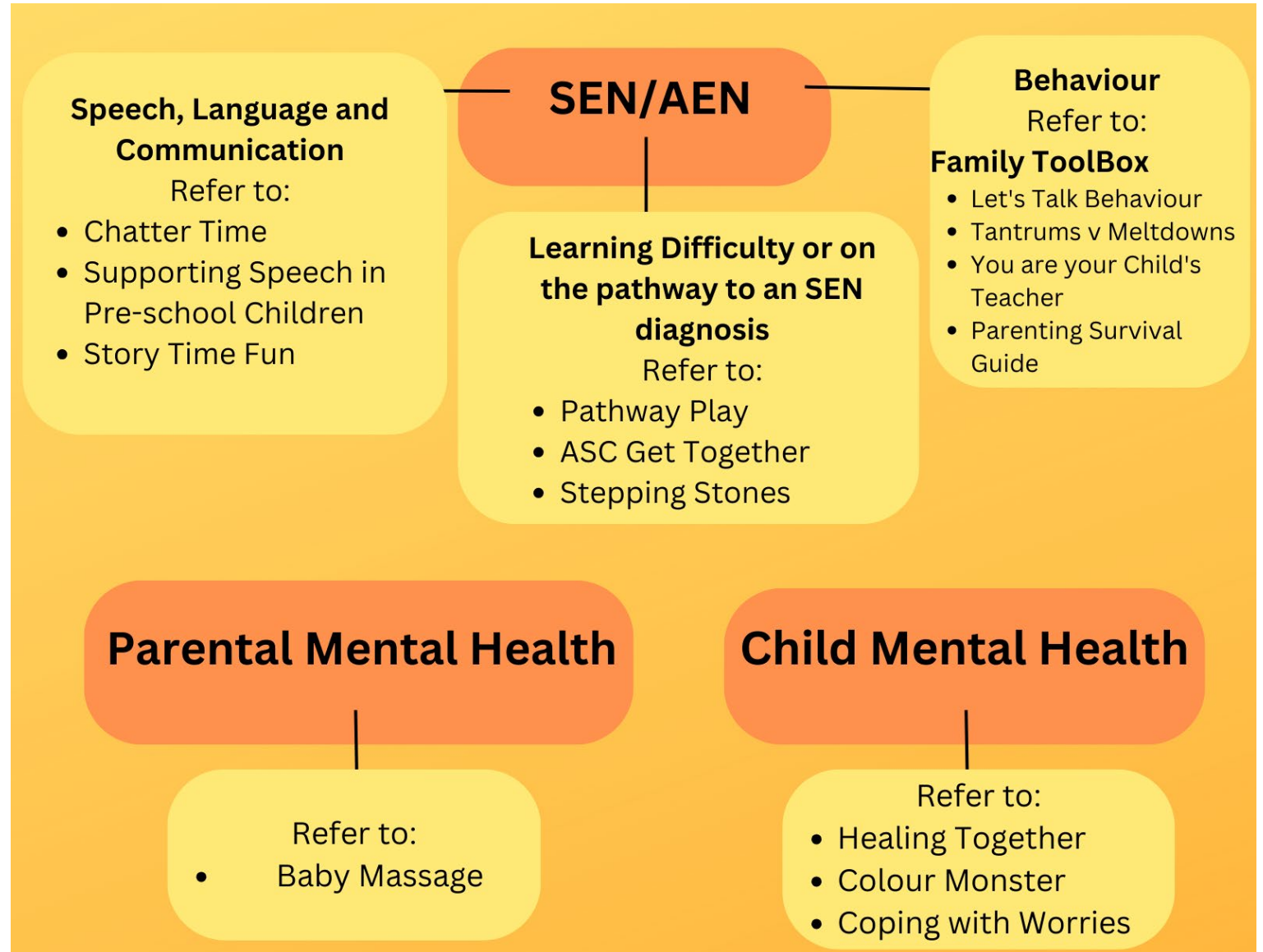
Some children's centres offer face-to-face sessions as well, please check with your local centre to see what is available in your area.
For more information visit the Health Visiting Kent Baby webpage:
www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/kent-baby

For all the answers to your weaning questions plus top tips and tasty recipes

Search Start for Life




Targeted Support



1:1 Support

Focused Support

1:1 work with families open to
Children's Social Work Services

District Conversations

Telephone conversation with
professional or parent/carer to signpost
and support to local community and
children's centre services

Children, Young People and Education

Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) Report

January 2022

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MI Reporting Month	NEET %	NEET % Same Point Last Year	Participation %	Participation % Same Point Last Year	Not Known %	Not Known % Same Point Last Year	NEET and Not Known %	NEET and Not Known % Same Point Last Year
November 2021	2.5%	2.6%	90.1	87.9	4.8%	7.5%	7.3%	10.1%
December 2021	2.6%	2.7%	91.3	89.0	2.9%	6.2%	5.5%	8.9%
January 2022	2.8%	3.1%	91.6	90.5	2.2%	4.0%	5.1%	7.1%

Management Information are committed and focused on fulfilling our obligation to Kent's young people during these difficult times. We will continue to provide all necessary analysis to help Managers and Key Workers achieve this goal.

The NEET population is currently at 2.8% compared to 3.1% at the same time last year, and our Not Knowns are at 2.2%, compared to 4.0% at the same time last year. The Participation rate is 91.6%, compared to 90.5% the same point last year.

District performance for NEET varies from 1.8% in Sevenoaks to 4.2% in Thanet. District performance for Not Knowns varies from 1.8% in Canterbury to 2.8% in Dartford & Gravesham.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to collect data from all education establishments regarding offers they have made to 16- and 17-year olds from September. It is an important part of our planning and transition support offer. Enabling us to identify those at-risk of NEET, gaps in local provision and to work alongside you in supporting our most vulnerable young people.

Please note the Statistical Neighbour report has been updated to reflect the new neighbours. Northamptonshire has been replaced by West Northamptonshire and West Sussex has been replaced by Suffolk.

CYPE - MI Report

County NEET and Not Known (NK) Breakdown

MI Reporting Month Select District Select Academic Age

33,595 2.8% 953 2.2% 754 5.1% 1,707

Overall Cohort NEET NEET Cohort Not Known Not Known Cohort NEET and Not Known NEET and Not Known Cohort

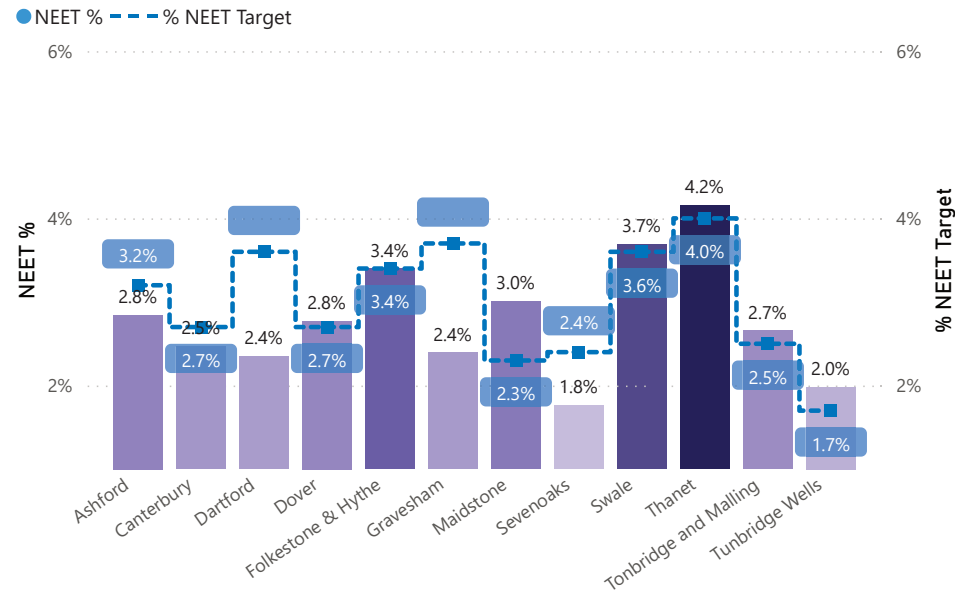
District	Total Cohort Y12&Y13	No. of NEET Y12&Y13	% of NEET Y12&Y13	NEET Target Y12 & Y13 (May 2021)	No. of NEET Y12	% of NEET Y12	No. of NEET Y13	% of NEET Y13	No. of NK Y12&Y13	% of NK Y12&Y13	No. of NK Y12	% of NK Y12	No. of NK Y13	% of NK Y13	NEET and Not Known %	NEET & NK Ranking
Ashford	3,095	88	2.8%	3.2%	30	2.0%	58	3.7%	66	2.1%	31	2.0%	35	2.2%	5.0%	5
Canterbury	3,042	75	2.5%	2.7%	29	1.9%	46	3.1%	55	1.8%	15	1.0%	40	2.7%	4.3%	3
Dartford	2,509	59	2.4%	3.6%	20	1.6%	39	3.2%	71	2.8%	17	1.3%	54	4.4%	5.2%	8
Dover	2,488	69	2.8%	2.7%	22	1.7%	47	3.9%	59	2.4%	15	1.2%	44	3.6%	5.1%	7
Folkestone & Hythe	2,208	75	3.4%	3.4%	25	2.2%	50	4.6%	46	2.1%	12	1.1%	34	3.1%	5.5%	10
Gravesham	2,550	61	2.4%	3.7%	27	2.1%	34	2.7%	72	2.8%	21	1.6%	51	4.0%	5.2%	9
Maidstone	3,661	110	3.0%	2.3%	42	2.3%	68	3.7%	78	2.1%	11	0.6%	67	3.7%	5.1%	6
Sevenoaks	2,271	40	1.8%	2.4%	19	1.7%	21	1.8%	51	2.2%	18	1.6%	33	2.8%	4.0%	2
Swale	3,308	122	3.7%	3.6%	47	2.8%	75	4.6%	77	2.3%	20	1.2%	57	3.5%	6.0%	11
Thanet	3,079	128	4.2%	4.0%	44	2.9%	84	5.3%	75	2.4%	14	0.9%	61	3.9%	6.6%	12
Tonbridge and Malling	2,861	76	2.7%	2.5%	25	1.8%	51	3.5%	57	2.0%	13	0.9%	44	3.1%	4.6%	4
Tunbridge Wells	2,523	50	2.0%	1.7%	16	1.3%	34	2.6%	47	1.9%	8	0.7%	39	3.0%	3.8%	1
Kent	33,595	953	2.8%		346	2.1%	607	3.6%	754	2.2%	195	1.2%	559	3.3%	5.1%	

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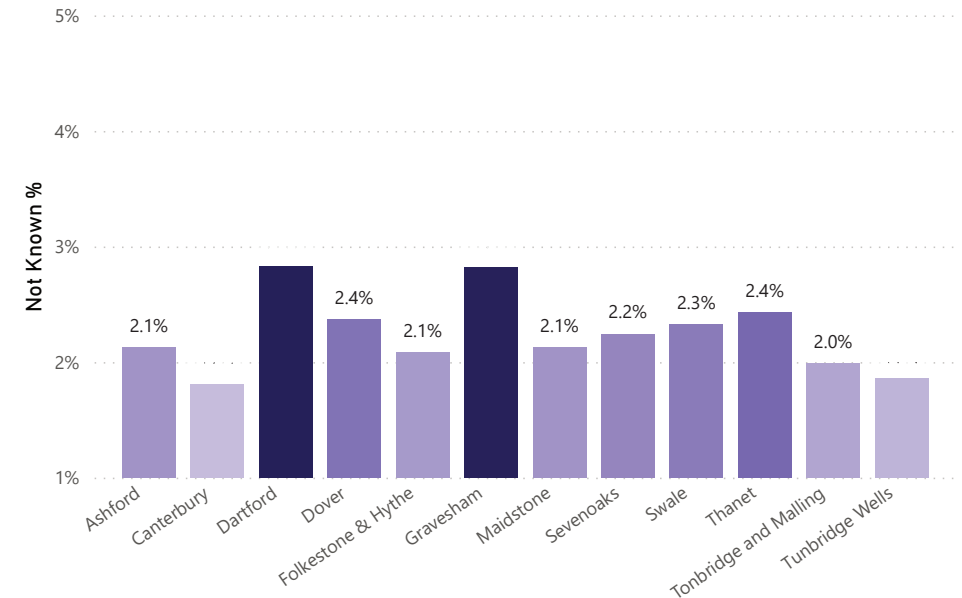
County NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month	Select District	Select Academic Age				
January 2022	All	All				
33,595	2.8%	953	2.2%	754	5.1%	1,707
Overall Cohort	NEET	NEET Cohort	Not Known	Not Known Cohort	NEET and Not Known	NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District



Not Known Cohort by District



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District NEET Trends

District	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022
Ashford	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	1.7%	1.6%	2.0%	2.5%	2.8%
Canterbury	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%	2.5%
Dartford	3.5%	3.7%	3.9%	4.2%	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	4.3%	2.1%	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	2.4%
Dover	2.8%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	3.5%	3.2%	3.1%	2.9%	2.1%	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%
Folkestone & Hythe	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%	4.0%	3.8%	4.0%	2.7%	2.3%	2.8%	3.4%	3.4%
Gravesham	3.4%	3.8%	3.9%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	2.6%	1.9%	2.3%	2.2%	2.4%
Maidstone	2.9%	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.2%	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%	3.0%	3.0%
Sevenoaks	2.9%	2.5%	2.4%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.5%	2.6%	1.5%	1.2%	1.8%	1.6%	1.8%
Swale	3.2%	3.4%	3.6%	4.1%	4.7%	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	2.7%	2.7%	3.3%	3.4%	3.7%
Thanet	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	3.8%	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	3.4%	3.3%	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%
Tonbridge and Malling	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.3%	2.4%	2.2%	2.5%	2.7%
Tunbridge Wells	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.5%	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	2.0%
Kent	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	3.5%	2.3%	2.2%	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%

District	Jan 2020	Apr 2020	Jun 2020	Aug 2020	Oct 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Ashford	4.1%						
Canterbury	3.4%	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%	4.0%	3.7%	3.6%
Dartford	3.4%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	3.9%
Dover	3.1%	2.9%	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%	2.9%
Folkestone & Hythe	4.6%	4.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.9%	5.1%	5.1%
Gravesham	4.2%	3.9%	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.1%
Maidstone	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
Sevenoaks	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%
Swale	4.6%	4.3%	4.5%	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%	4.6%
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Tonbridge and Malling	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.4%	3.3%	3.5%
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District Not Known Trends

District	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022
Ashford	3.1%	2.6%	3.1%	2.4%	2.1%	2.7%	3.5%	4.2%	65.8%	15.3%	3.4%	2.4%	2.1%
Canterbury	3.5%	3.0%	3.5%	2.6%	2.6%	3.0%	3.7%	4.2%	42.3%	8.4%	3.9%	2.5%	1.8%
Dartford	4.9%	4.3%	4.3%	3.5%	3.1%	3.3%	3.9%	4.2%	58.0%	26.7%	5.2%	4.2%	2.8%
Dover	5.3%	4.6%	4.7%	3.9%	3.7%	4.4%	5.2%	5.8%	54.7%	10.7%	4.7%	2.9%	2.4%
Folkestone & Hythe	3.3%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	2.7%	3.3%	4.2%	4.6%	57.3%	20.5%	4.8%	2.8%	2.1%
Gravesham	6.0%	4.9%	5.0%	3.7%	3.1%	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%	65.2%	21.4%	5.3%	3.4%	2.8%
Maidstone	3.6%	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	2.4%	2.0%	2.6%	3.1%	48.5%	17.0%	5.4%	2.7%	2.1%
Sevenoaks	4.8%	4.0%	4.3%	3.5%	3.0%	3.7%	4.4%	5.1%	54.0%	18.9%	4.5%	3.0%	2.2%
Swale	4.5%	4.1%	4.5%	4.7%	3.9%	3.6%	4.4%	5.3%	50.5%	16.8%	7.0%	3.0%	2.3%
Thanet	4.1%	3.6%	3.5%	3.6%	3.9%	3.7%	4.8%	5.0%	60.6%	9.3%	4.9%	3.1%	2.4%
Tonbridge and Malling	2.7%	2.0%	2.7%	2.3%	1.9%	1.9%	2.5%	3.1%	44.3%	10.5%	3.7%	2.3%	2.0%
Tunbridge Wells	3.0%	2.4%	3.1%	2.4%	2.0%	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%	37.6%	9.6%	4.2%	2.5%	1.9%
Kent	4.0%	3.4%	3.7%	3.2%	2.9%	3.1%	3.8%	4.3%	53.0%	15.2%	4.8%	2.9%	2.2%

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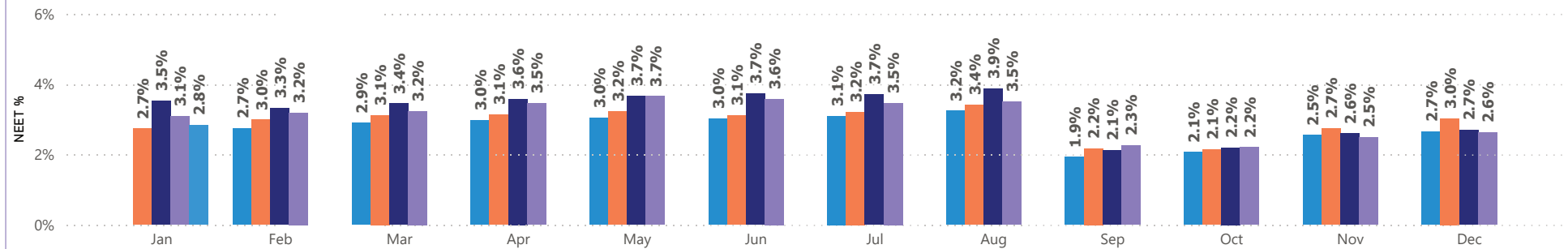
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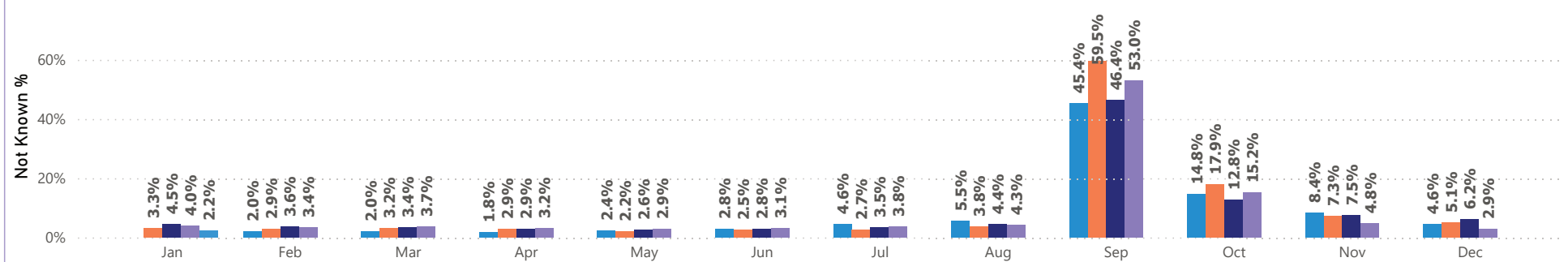
NEET Cohort by District

Year ● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022



Not Known Cohort by District

Year ● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022



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NEET Joiners, Leavers and Length of Time

MI Reporting Month Select District Select Academic Age

164

Number of NEET Joiners in Period

143

Number of NEET Leavers in Period

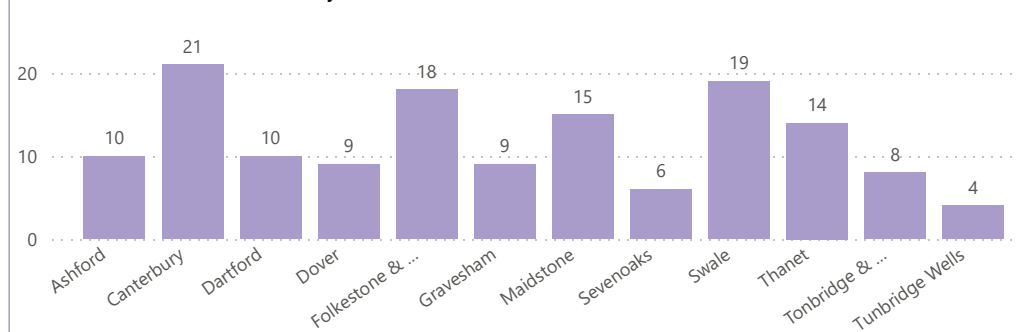
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Joiner/Leaver Difference

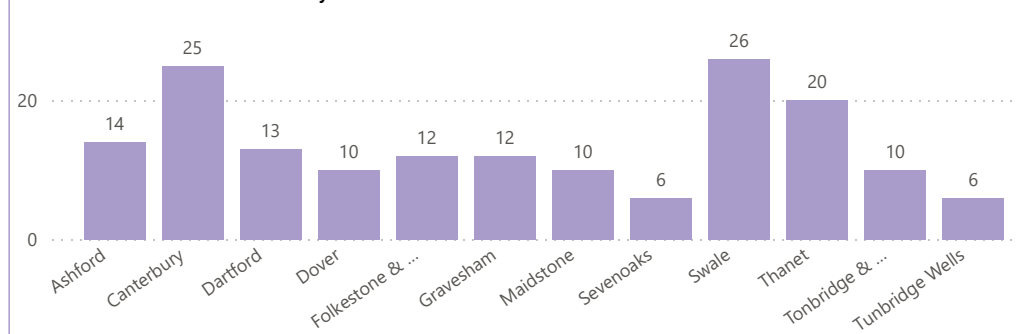
NEET Length of Time by District

District	0-6 Weeks	7-13 Weeks	14-26 Weeks	27-52 Weeks	52+ Weeks
Ashford	12	23	29	14	10
Canterbury	20	15	32	6	2
Dartford	9	14	17	11	8
Dover	11	16	25	10	7
Folkestone & Hythe	12	15	25	10	13
Gravesham	9	13	17	7	14
Maidstone	11	14	60	14	11
Sevenoaks	6	12	12	4	6
Swale	21	23	49	18	11
Thanet	18	21	56	22	11
Tonbridge and Malling	6	15	28	10	15
Tunbridge Wells	6	9	19	6	10
Kent	141	190	369	132	118

Number of NEET Leavers by District



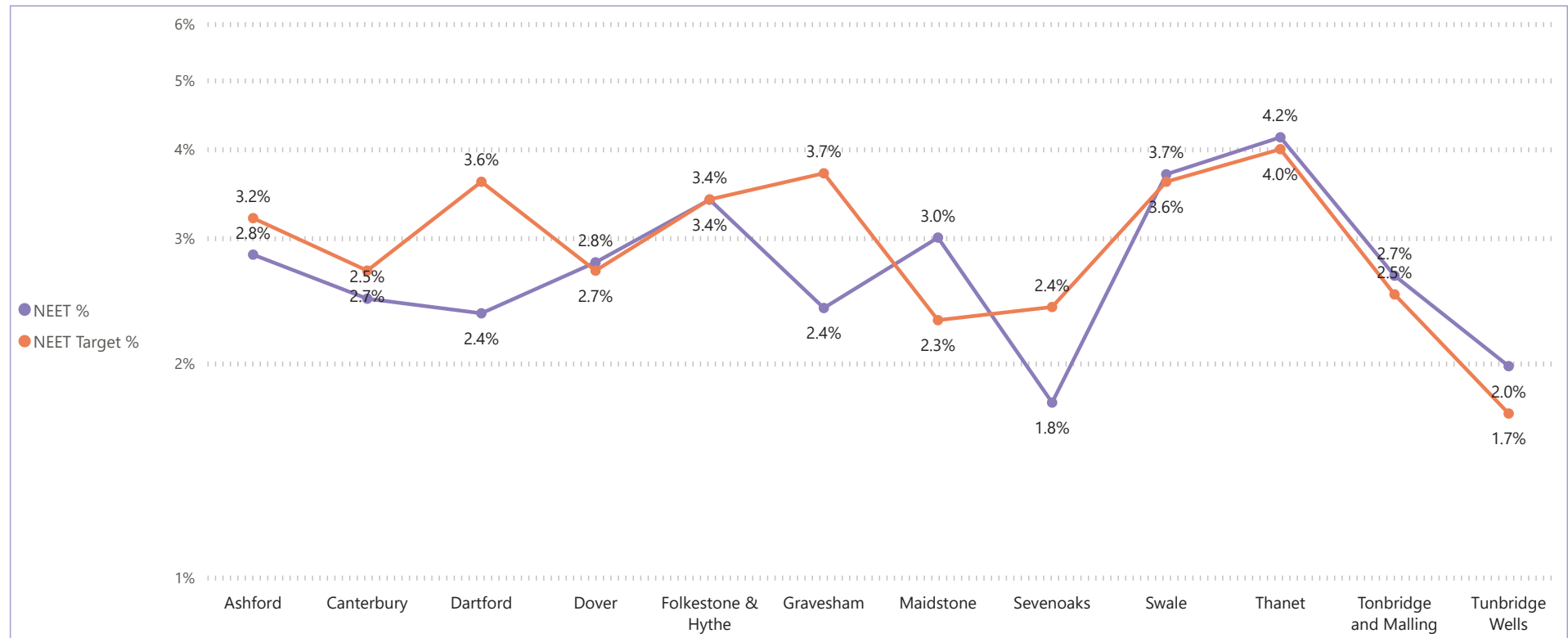
Number of NEET Joiners by District



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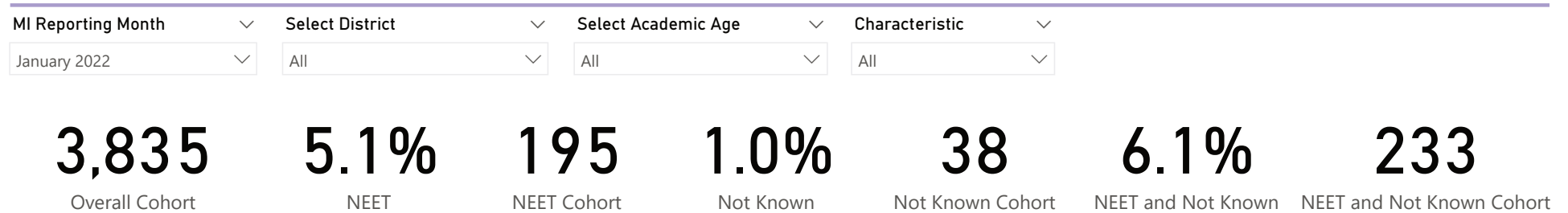
Current Month Target Comparison

MI Reporting Month ▼
January 2022 ▼

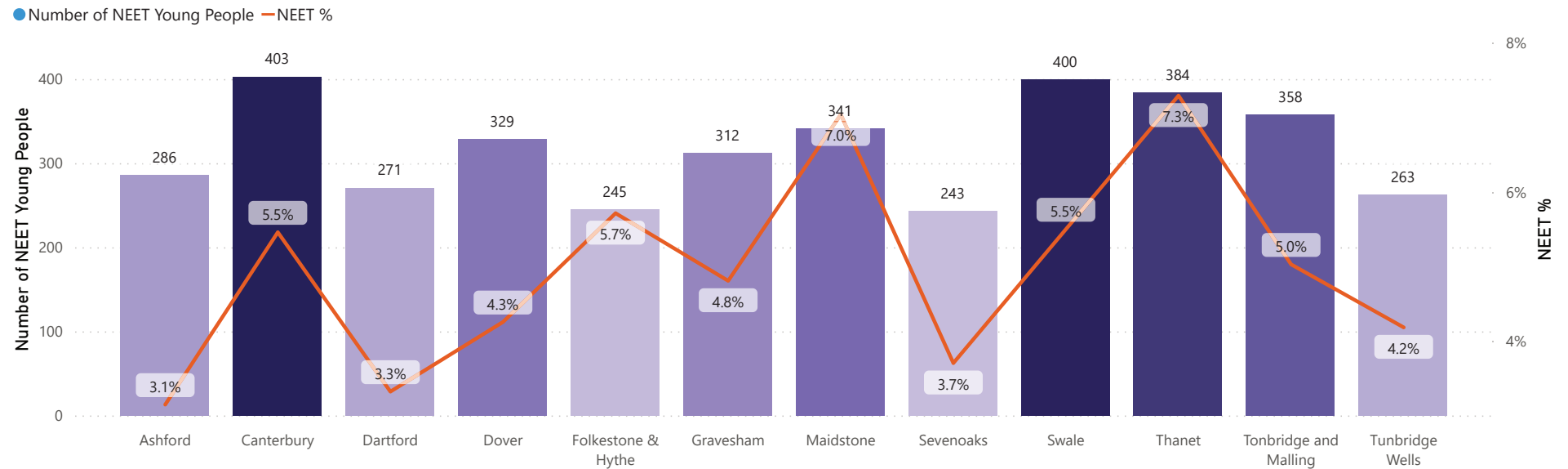


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SEND NEET and Not Known Breakdown

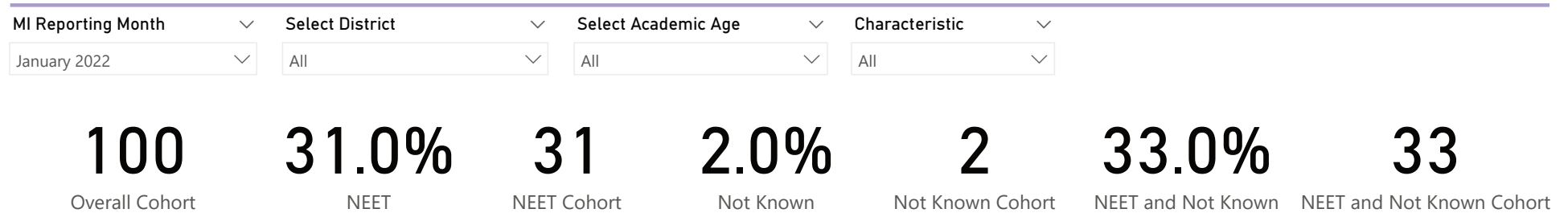


NEET Cohort by District

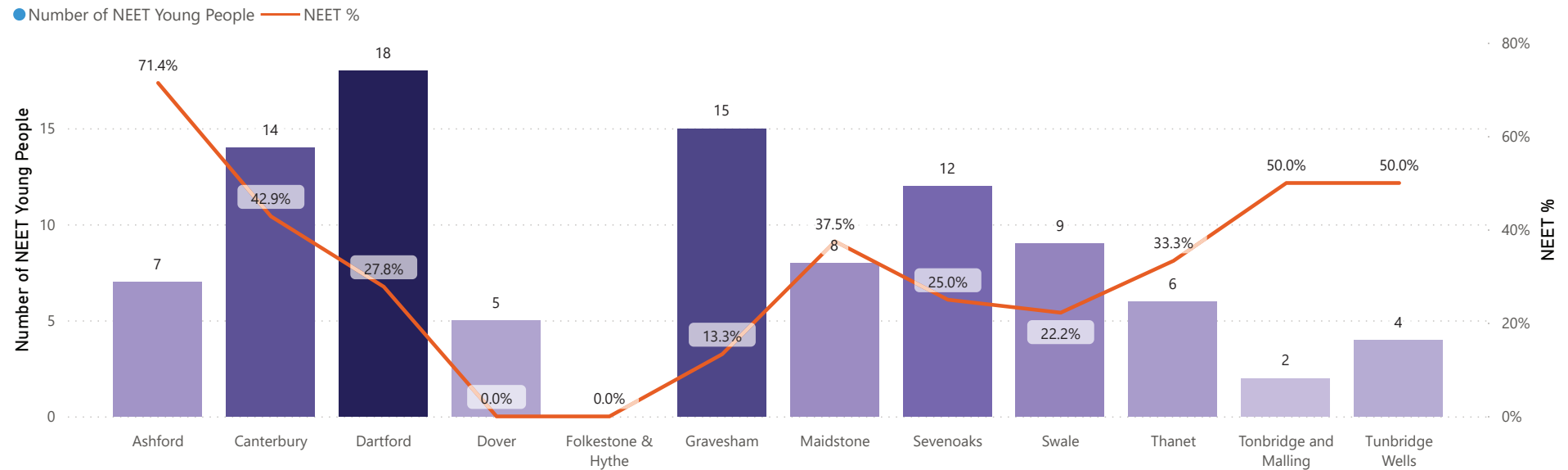


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Youth Offending Team NEET and Not Known Breakdown



NEET Cohort by District



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Children Social Work Services NEET and Not Known Breakdown

MI Reporting Month: January 2022
 Select District: All
 Select Academic Age: All
 Characteristic: Looked After

562

Overall Cohort

13.0%

NEET

73

NEET Cohort

1.4%

Not Known

8

Not Known Cohort

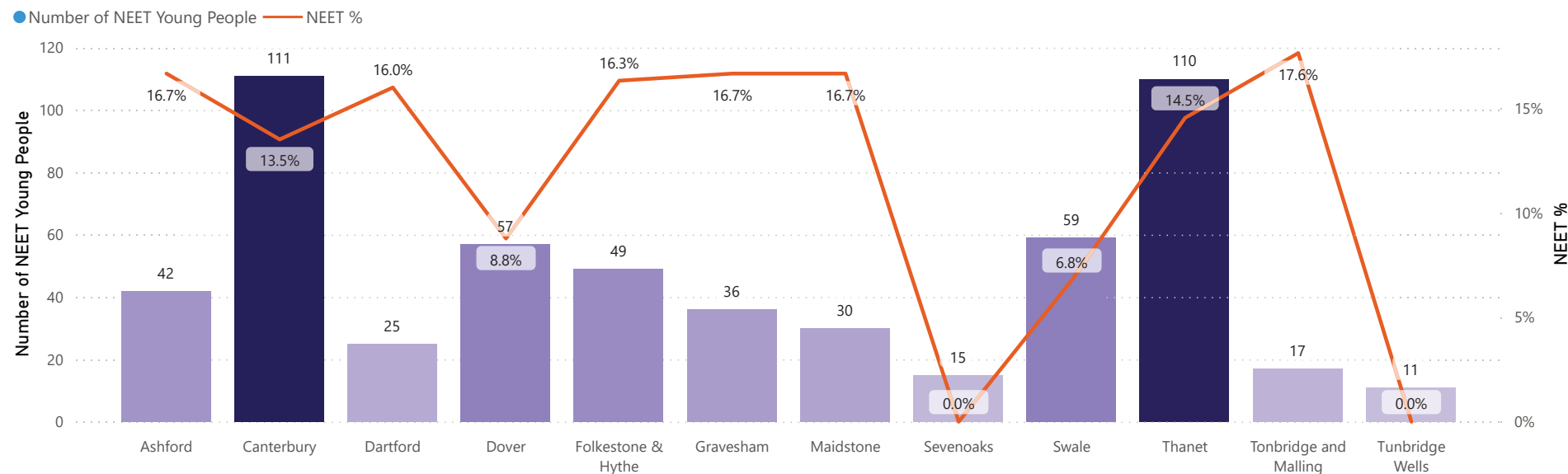
14.4%

NEET and Not Known

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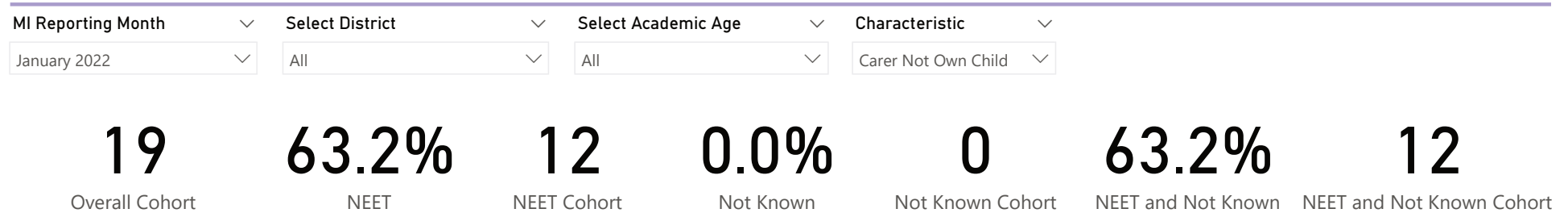
NEET and Not Known Cohort

NEET Cohort by District

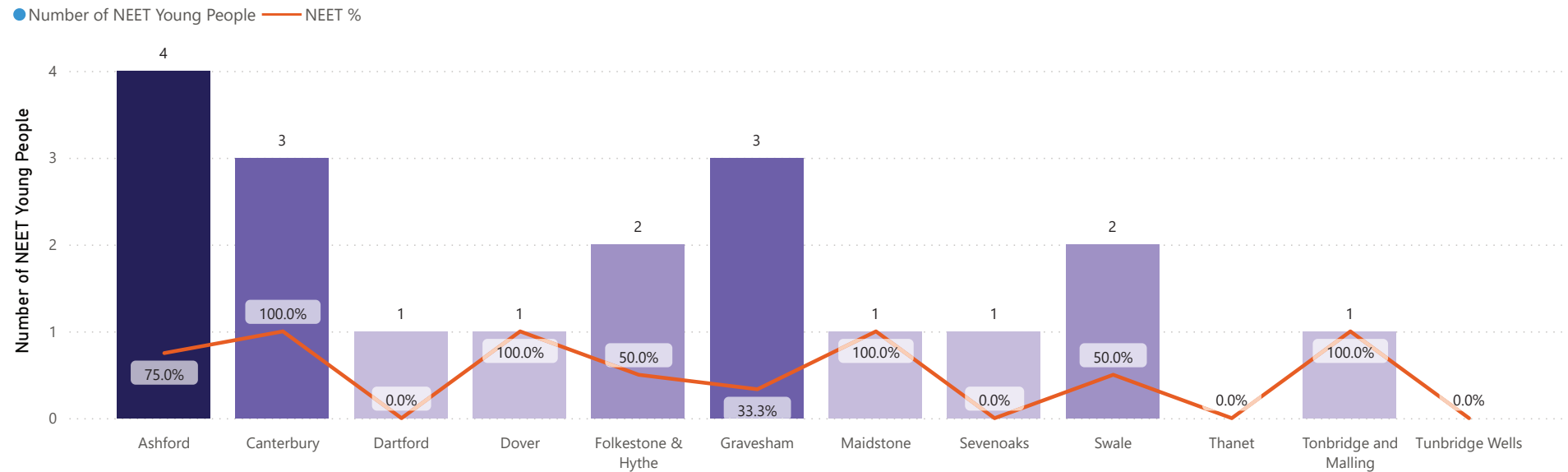


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Early Help NEET and Not Known Breakdown



NEET Cohort by District



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Vulnerable Group (VG) Cohort

Select District Select Academic Age

Cohort by Vulnerable Group

Characteristic	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	January 2022
At Least 1 VG	1888	1907	1923	1965	2001	2020	2276	2292	2155	2221	2340	2364	2370
Care Leaver	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Looked After	425	424	430	445	460	457	467	478	363	418	556	576	562
Refugee	122	120	120	120	121	126	127	126	57	57	55	54	54
Carer Not Own Child	27	28	32	33	34	35	35	35	12	12	16	17	19
Caring For Own Child	61	67	71	77	85	90	91	93	32	35	40	49	55
Parent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Pregnancy	39	38	38	43	42	45	47	50	17	20	27	29	30
Substance Misuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teenage Mother	56	62	66	72	80	84	85	87	30	34	39	46	51
SEN Support	912	912	913	913	1004	1003	995	996	2051	2044	2036	2028	2026
SEND (EHCP)	1369	1376	1379	1387	1400	1411	1684	1682	1761	1797	1805	1804	1809
Supervised By Yots	90	96	91	93	99	101	101	103	93	92	96	92	100

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Statistical Neighbours - December 2021

The distance between any two local authorities is defined as the weighted Euclidean distance between the authorities using each of the background variables identified below as "Closeness".

"Closeness"	LA Name	Academic Age16-17 (Y12-Y13) NEET %	Y12 NEET%	Y13 NEET%	Academic Age 16 17 (Y12-Y13) NK %	Y12 NK%	Y13 NK%	Academic Age 16 17 (Y12-13) In Learning %	Y12 In Learning %	Y13 In Learning %
1	Kent	2.6%	1.8%	3.4%	2.9%	1.5%	4.2%	91.3%	95.2%	87.5%
2	England	2.5%	1.8%	3.1%	2.9%	1.8%	4.0%	92.6%	95.3%	89.8%
3	South East England	2.0%	1.5%	2.6%	4.4%	3.2%	5.5%	91.3%	94.1%	88.5%
4	Essex	2.5%	2.0%	3.1%	2.2%	0.8%	3.5%	92.8%	95.8%	89.7%
5	East Sussex	3.4%	2.5%	4.3%	1.2%	0.9%	1.4%	91.5%	94.9%	88.2%
6	Swindon	1.5%	0.9%	2.3%	5.7%	3.4%	8.1%	91.3%	95.2%	87.4%
7	Worcestershire	2.5%	2.3%	2.6%	3.9%	0.6%	7.3%	92.2%	95.6%	88.7%
8	West Northamptonshire	1.7%	1.4%	2.1%	0.8%	0.4%	1.2%	95.7%	97.6%	93.7%
9	Lancashire	2.3%	1.6%	3.0%	3.7%	2.6%	4.7%	92.4%	94.9%	89.8%
10	Nottinghamshire	2.4%	2.0%	2.9%	5.8%	1.5%	9.9%	90.5%	95.7%	85.7%
11	Warwickshire	1.7%	1.4%	1.9%	2.0%	0.6%	3.4%	94.9%	97.3%	92.5%
12	Suffolk	3.5%	2.9%	4.0%	2.3%	1.1%	3.5%	91.0%	94.3%	87.6%
13	Staffordshire	1.7%	1.2%	2.3%	1.8%	1.1%	2.6%	94.0%	96.7%	91.4%

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Statistical Neighbours - December 2021

LA Name	Academic Age16-17 (Y12-Y13) NEET %
Suffolk	3.5%
East Sussex	3.4%
Kent	2.6%
Essex	2.5%
Worcestershire	2.5%
England	2.5%
Nottinghamshire	2.4%
Lancashire	2.3%
South East England	2.0%
Staffordshire	1.7%
West Northamptonshire	1.7%
Warwickshire	1.7%



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Statistical Neighbours - December 2021

LA Name	Academic Age 16 17 (Y12-Y13) NK %
Nottinghamshire	5.8%
Swindon	5.7%
South East England	4.4%
Worcestershire	3.9%
Lancashire	3.7%
Kent	2.9%
England	2.9%
Suffolk	2.3%
Essex	2.2%
Warwickshire	2.0%
Staffordshire	1.8%
East Sussex	1.2%
West	0.8%



**Minutes of the meeting of the Sevenoaks Youth Council
Held on 13th September 2023**

at Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, TN133QG

Meeting Commenced: 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 6.30 p.m.

Present:

Youth Council Members:

Katie Willis, Chairman	Apologies	Maya Goodrich	Present
Emilia Britain, Vice-Chairman	Apologies	Bea Hayward	Apologies
Phoebe Critchlow, Treasurer	Absent	Madeleine Politzer	Apologies
Catherine Barden de Leon	Absent	Max Pound	Absent
Henry Barden de Leon	Absent	Vince Rands-Webb	Absent
Mahedy Basher	Apologies	Elena Rozo-Navarro	Present
Dexter Buhmann	Absent	Aanya Sidhu	Present
Leah Campbell-Sergeant	Absent	Mia Stack	Absent
Von Ming Fung Chu	Present	Billy Thajudeen	Absent
Lauren Foster	Absent	Torsa Younus	Absent
Neil Gandhi	Absent	Niki Zhang	Absent
Jasmine Geer	Absent		

In attendance: Linda Larter, Town Clerk; Mayor Councillor Claire Shea, Councillor for Northern Ward; Councillor Gareth Willis, Councillor for the Town Ward; Ieuan Chandler-Wilson, Youth Committee Clerk.

- 1. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair Von Ming Fung Chu was elected to chair the meeting**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
Received as shown above.
- 3. Recognition of being a Youth Councillor**
The Youth Councillors were presented with Certificates from the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Councillor Clair Shea thanking them for their contributions over their last two years.
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Youth Council held on 28th June 2023**
RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 28th June 2023.
- 5. Finance Report**
RESOLVED: To note that the current balance was £2,220.10
- 6. House in the Basement Youth Café (HiTB), Managers report:**
RESOLVED: To note Daren's report and express their thanks to all of the staff for their continued hard work.
- 7. Youth Council Elections**
RESOLVED: it was noted that the youth council elections were currently underway.

8. Ideas for the promotion of Youth Council Activities

Chair suggested that with the recent increase in anti-social behaviour within the town, the Youth Council may want to consider funding self defence sessions for young people. he presented the Youth Council with a presentation on basic self defence. Including some examples of the different forms of personal self defence alarms from a pull chain to whistle key chain which can be kept on your person. It was also noted that on iPhone from the 8 series and newer if you press on the side button and one of the volume button or you can press the power five times it can contact emergency services if you feel threatened. It was also noted that some martial arts courses such as Tae Kwando can be used for self defence and gave a light demonstration on how this could be useful.

It was noted that currently at the Bat and Ball Centre there are some self defence courses but perhaps the Town Council could consider providing some additional courses.

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that this would be the final meeting of the current Youth Council. Both the Mayor and the Chair offered all those on the Youth Council good luck for their future plans.

It was noted that the next meetings were:

Wednesday 01st November 2024

Wednesday 17th January 2024

Wednesday 20th March 2024

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

BASIC SELF-DEFENCE

For all ages



Von Chu

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- Basic self-Defense (Spatial awareness)
- martial arts techniques
- Tips on how to stay safe

Self Defense

Self defense is a mixed martial art used for **DEFENSE** only, and is the "fight" if you can't do flight. only use these if you are being attacked. Remember, if evaded properly, these moves may severely harm the attacker.

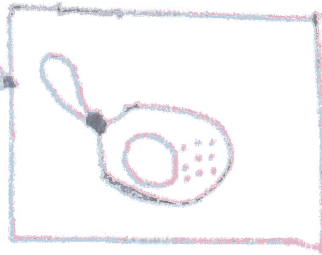
Spatial Awareness

this is the 1st. step to self defense, as travelling with 2+ people will not appearing to be an easy target on the street is a major part of self defense. you should also carry a personal alarm, which will

attract attention towards you. You just need to pull the trigger to unleash a defense alarm which will attract attention towards you, making the attacker less likely to attack you.

trigger You should also put your

belongings (cars or bikes) in a location that is well-lit and with many people. This makes it less likely for a thief to steal your car or bike, as there are many witnesses.



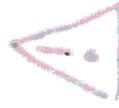
personal alarm

Martial arts Techniques

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these techniques are to be used when someone grabs you by the shoulder or arm.

For example:



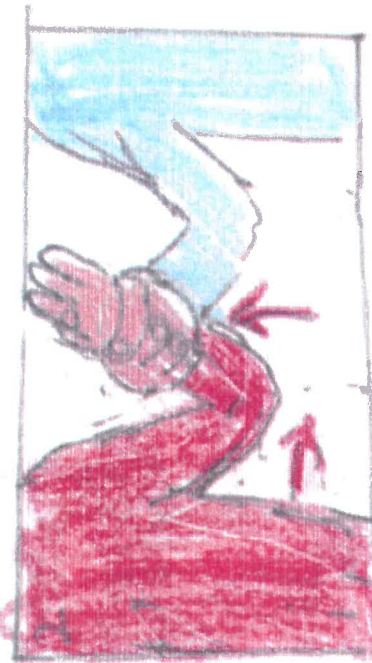
Warning! only use if potentially attacked

Scenario #1

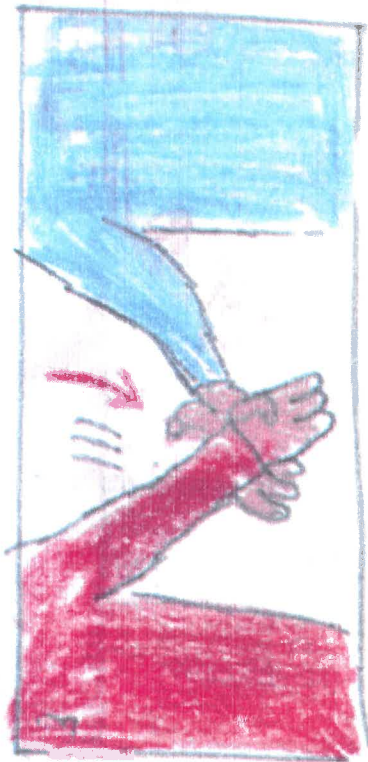
The Attacker grabs your wrist



The assailant grabs your arm



Pull your arm up and your body closer towards the attacker.

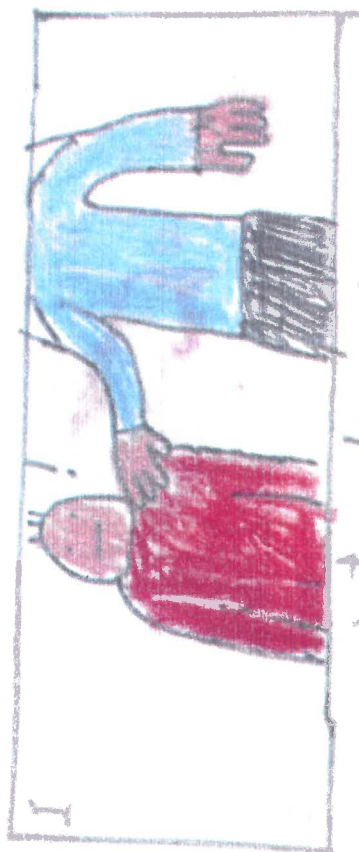


Violently thrust your arm down. This will free your arm from the attacker, allowing for you to escape.

Remember to do the same thing for both of your arms.

Scenario #2

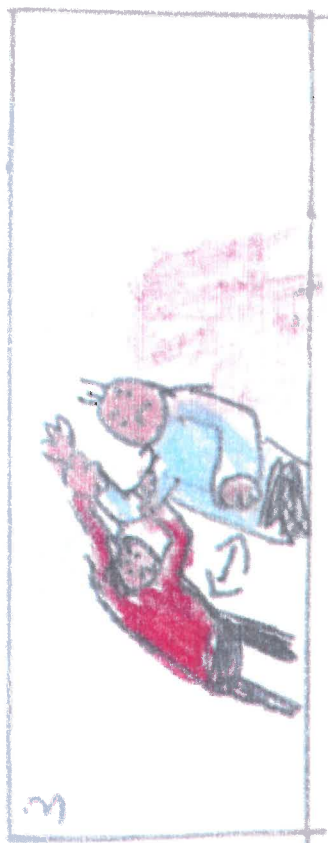
Someone grabs you by your shoulder



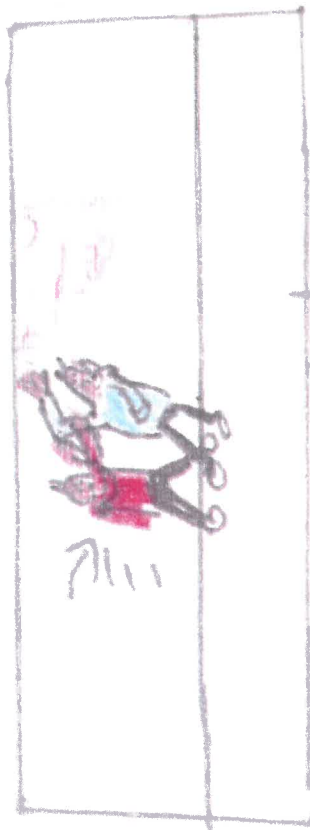
The assailant grabs you by your shoulder



turn around and grab their arm



fold their arm up and keep your body on the side that their arm they touched you with to keep out of punching range.



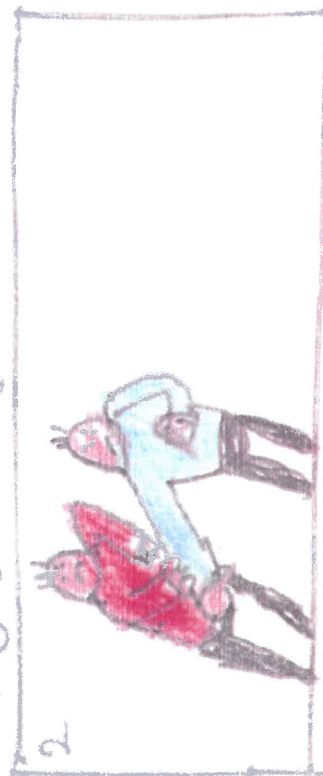
put your leg behind their front leg and flip them over. This gives you the opportunity to escape.

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Scenario 3 - defending a punch

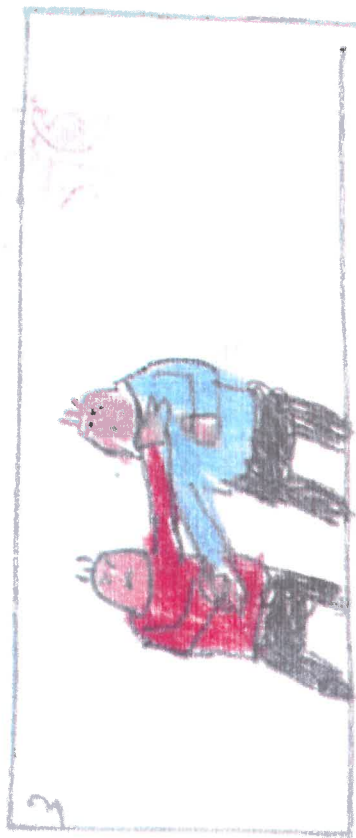


For a punch, defend with your elbow, depending if the punch is coming from the left or right side of the assailant. This will damage the fist of the opponent, keeping you safe



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Turn your body to their attacking side and grab their hand with your hand that is further away from the attacker.

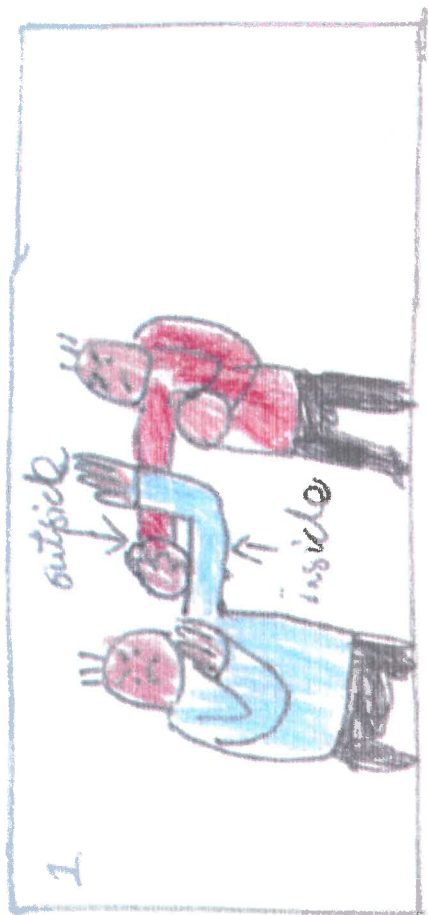


Use your arm closest to your attacker to deliver a devastating knife strike to the neck of the attacker, giving you time to escape.

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Scenario #4

hook punches



use your arm to block their arm from the inside, blocking their blow.



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return with a palm-strike to the sternum, giving you 30+ seconds to get help or escape.

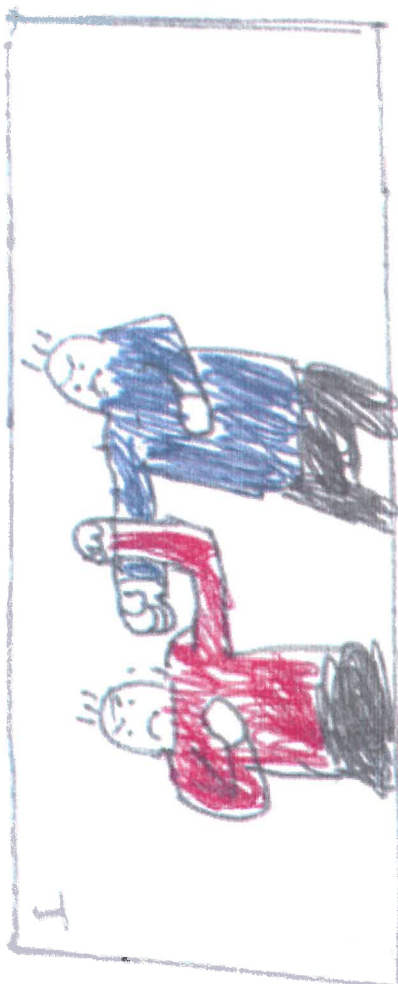
Remember, do the same thing be it left or right handed, as it is the same method.



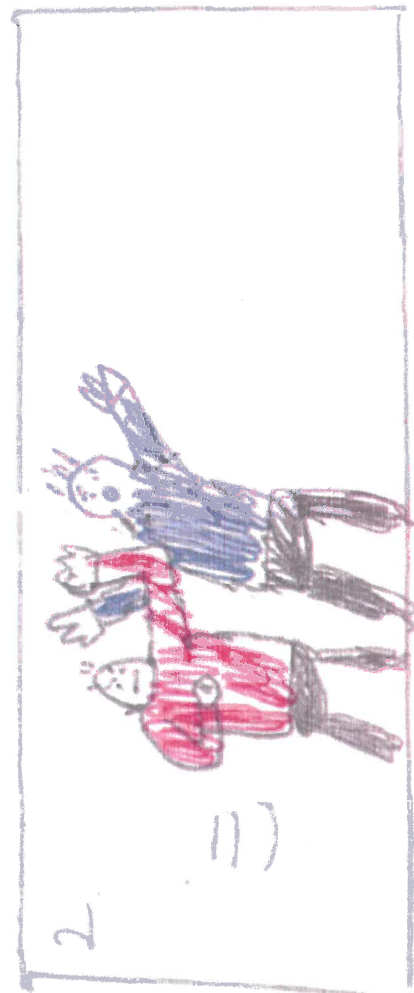
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Ba Ji Quan

hit and run elbow technique



Block with your arm on the same side as the assailant's attacking arm.



follow up with an elbow to the sternum disabling the attacker temporarily and allowing for you to escape and get help.

credits to:

Master Wong

Neutical Arts Youtube

Sabumnin Neville Tse

Tae-kwondo instructor

Grand Master Yip Man

Wing Chun Master, Teacher of Bruce Lee

Sabumnin haan

Tae-kwondo master and instructor

Do's and Don'ts When Being Attacked

- DON'T** punch (may damage your knuckles)
- DON'T** kick (slippery)
- DON'T** keep your guard down
- DON'T** make yourself seem like the criminal
- DO** find help
- DO** try to flee
- DO** palm-strike
- DO** whatever it takes to escape unless it involves harming an innocent person
- DO** travel in groups of 3+
- DO** carry a personal alarm
- DO** be aware of where you put your belongings and why
- DO** be aware of your surroundings
- DO** act confident so you are less of a target

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House in the Basement Youth Café Manager – October 2023 report

August figures:

In August we were open for 18 days. we had 221 young people attend, 11 of these were new and we held 5 SEN sessions and had 31 SEN attend.
We took over £320 taken.

September figures:

In September we had 168 young people attend 7 of those were new. We saw 29 SEN.
We took over £350.

HiTB continues to see a good number of Young people come through its doors after a slightly quieter period over the School summer holidays, which was expected.

We have a Silent disco at Bat & Ball Centre & also involvement in the re-opening event at Greatness Skate park, both of these are over October half term.

We are grateful to outside catering partners like Perfect Cuisine & Giselda who have provided more food day's & workshops over the last few months, Gail's bakery have also supplied us with their excess bread & cakes on 3 days per week.

Art projects have been popular recently with entries to the Bat & Ball station art project coming through & a lovely art piece donated to us at HiTB from one of our SEN young people.

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Christmas parties are being planned & Perfect cuisine once again will be providing a full Christmas dinner experience for all the young people.

Long term we also hope to be involved in the planning for an outdoor well-being space in Sevenoaks which Bessels Green Baptist Church hope to bring about in the future.

With several new projects & possibilities on the horizon we are expanding our fundraising applications, if you are reading this & are aware of any pots of money large or small that might enhance young people's lives, please be in touch.

NEET Project

We continue to plan for the new NEET program in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council which will be on Tuesdays. This is a two-hour programme planned for twenty-six weeks. We hope to have a soft launch in November and a more structured hard launch in January.

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Phased Budget Heading 30/08/2023

Month No: 5

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	258	209	(49)	2,181	1,045	(1,136)	2,512		0	
1211 Sale of Goods	283	158	(125)	1,405	790	(615)	1,894		0	
1350 Revenue Grant income	0	0	0	1,460	0	(1,460)	0		0	
1990 Other Income	150	0	(150)	150	0	(150)	0		0	
Youth Cafe :- Income	691	367	(324)	5,195	1,835	(3,360)	4,406			0
4010 Gross Pay	4,832	3,856	(976)	20,763	19,280	(1,483)	46,273		25,510	
4012 Expenses	0	0	0	13	0	(13)	0		(13)	
4270 Employers Pension Contribution	139	125	(14)	545	625	80	1,505		960	
5410 Repairs & General Maintenance	0	80	80	1,035	400	(635)	955		(80)	
5500 Equipment Hired and New	70	0	(70)	352	0	(352)	0		(352)	
6010 Light Heat & Cleaning	25	14	(11)	64	70	6	163		99	
6101 Telephone	50	51	1	249	255	6	612		363	
6200 Printing & Stationery	0	23	23	1	115	114	273		272	
6210 Postage & Courier	0	0	0	0	0	0	31		31	
6240 Computer/ Data Base/WP's	17	31	14	101	155	54	369		268	
6241 Website Costs	12	0	(12)	24	0	(24)	0		(24)	
6281 Furnishings,Furniture/Eqpt	0	0	0	0	118	118	474		474	
6330 Welfare/Hospitality	0	1	1	0	1	1	1		1	
6340 Staff Uniforms	260	0	(260)	338	0	(338)	81		(257)	
6460 Publicity & Democratic notices	0	0	0	30	0	(30)	7		(23)	
6500 Goods for Resale	367	152	(215)	1,462	760	(702)	1,821		359	
6505 Cafe consumables	0	0	0	2	18	16	73		71	

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6635 Professional Fees Licensing	0	0	0	432	444	12	444		12	
6900 Sundry Expenses	33	31	(2)	111	155	44	372		261	
6922 Health&Safety/Risk Assessments	0	105	105	310	525	215	948		638	
Youth Cafe :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>5,805</u>	<u>4,469</u>	<u>(1,336)</u>	<u>25,831</u>	<u>22,921</u>	<u>(2,910)</u>	<u>54,402</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,571</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(5,114)</u>	<u>(4,102)</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>(20,635)</u>	<u>(21,086)</u>	<u>(451)</u>	<u>(49,996)</u>			
Grand Totals:- Income	691	367	(324)	5,195	1,835	(3,360)	4,406			
Expenditure	5,805	4,469	(1,336)	25,831	22,921	(2,910)	54,402	0	28,571	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(5,114)</u>	<u>(4,102)</u>	<u>1,012</u>	<u>(20,635)</u>	<u>(21,086)</u>	<u>(451)</u>	<u>(49,996)</u>			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(5,114)</u>			<u>(20,635)</u>						



Sevenoaks District Council: Young person mentoring scheme

A pilot mentoring scheme for young people aged 11-18 living or attending school in the Sevenoaks district created in 2021. This was initially established in response to the effects of Covid-19 on the mental health of young people, who were given the opportunity to be matched with an adult mentor to discuss any issues they had. The initiative has been so successful it has been extended to allow more young people to reconnect with activities they love, to socialise and to receive help and guidance. Participants can also take part in training courses and access 1-2-1 counselling via the scheme.

06 Apr 2023

The challenge

To reach, support, reconnect and guide young people aged 11-18 who for a multitude of reasons have become isolated. To enable these young people to develop a sustainable method of engaging with activities, other peers and people and for them to live, learn and grow.

The solution

Funding was secured from Kent County Council's Contain Outbreak Management and Helping Hands Fund and a pilot mentoring scheme was established, partnering with youth service providers and their volunteer adult mentors. The scheme is accessed by the completion of a referral form. It was advertised widely – including via Sevenoaks District Council's In Shape magazine delivered to all residents, schools, Kent Police, Kent County Council (including social services), Youth

Hubs, social prescribing organisations and voluntary and community sector groups. There are adult volunteer mentors assigned to the youth service providers. When a referral comes into Sevenoaks District Council, an officer triages it before sending on to a youth service provider. This provider then matches a volunteer mentor with the young person and manages that relationship. Referrals have originated from parents, guardians, the police, and social services. All young people are offered 1-2-1 counselling as part of the scheme.

This scheme is run and managed by Sevenoaks District Council with our partners: Millwall Community Trust, The Layberry Foundation, House in the Basement in Sevenoaks Town, Bridges Café in Edenbridge, and Right Mind Therapy Practice.

The impact

The scheme has been extended twice from its original start in April 2021 and now has funding until the end of March 2023. Given its popularity it is hoped that further funding can be secured to extend it further.

Jenny Godfrey, Community Projects and Funding Officer at Sevenoaks District Council says,

“When a young person becomes isolated the impact on their family can be immense with so many ripple effects. This scheme was established to reach isolated young people that might find the support of an adult mentor from outside of their family beneficial in reconnecting and guiding them. Sometimes, as hard as parents, carers and families try to support their young people it doesn’t have the desired effect. Giving a young person the opportunity to talk to, listen to and connect with a trusted adult outside of their normal circle can spark a change in their view of the world – I like to say ‘show them the horizon’.”

As summarised by Keith Beasley of **The Layberry Foundation**,

“Our involvement in the scheme has offered opportunities to improve the wellbeing of both the referred young people and their families. We hear their stories, understand any family dynamics and complexities and offer support and guidance. As we work with the young people we look to connect them with activities and other people. One activity we were

thrilled to be able to offer was the fly day, held at Redhill Aerodrome. The event was organised by one of our adult volunteer mentors, Sam, an aircraft commander with over 3000 hours and 10 years of flying experience, who along with The Layberry Foundation and 'Aviation Without Borders' made this day possible. Two young people on the scheme arrived with their parents and had roughly 25 minutes each individual flying experience with Sam in a light aircraft. The young people thoroughly enjoyed their experience and were presented with certificates for their achievement."

Another example of how a young person has benefited from this project is "Steve":

"Steve" engaged with **Millwall Community Trust** in April 2022 who worked with him for 12 sessions.

The Trust initially liaised with Steve's parents and learned that he was failing to engage with other agencies, and was not in education, employment or training. Using the power of Steve's affinity to Millwall they began working with him. John from the Trust recalls:

"Our mentoring sessions entailed getting Steve to Millwall and allowing him to be part of the Millwall community meetings and introducing him to our community trust. This way he could see, experience and be part of our work in the community from holiday camps, over 59s walking football, hospitality works and mentoring our 13-15 year olds on our onsite alternative provision academy."

Steve says: "Millwall is more than a football club; it is about helping the community and being part of something. I have learned so much and am now enrolling on a CSCS course so I can work in the career I want to do which is construction. Without Millwall's help this wouldn't have been possible"

Steve is now enrolled on Employability and Money Management Level 2 courses with Millwall Community Trust and transitioning to Kite College for a full-time construction college course.

John Scarborough from the Millwall Trust says: “I believe the use of a professional football club, particularly for those with an interest in football and more so if they have an affinity to the club, can break down barriers to engagement. This has been proven in both the referral cases to the club where each of the young people have an affinity to Millwall but at the time of their referral were fully disengaged from education and intervention support services. From the outset the Trust was able to engage with them and they willingly continue to attend and access Millwall education and mentoring service on a weekly basis. The impact is best communicated by parents and carers of both who immediately said they noticed a change in their child’s behaviour and increased positive outlook on their future aspirations. They have a purpose for the week, and are having their achievements recognised and being celebrated for who they are by a professional football club.”

House in the Basement in Sevenoaks offers a friendly place for anyone aged 11 to 19 to go, hang out and relax with plenty of things going on. Those joining the mentoring scheme take part in the House in the Basement’s regular sessions, activities and day trips. Daren Mountain from the House in the Basement says,

“As a drop-in youth cafe we have been able to signpost those attending our sessions to join the scheme as well as welcome new young people that have joined the mentoring scheme and are also looking to socialise and join in with activities. We seek to provide a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and offer games and activities that the young people can join in with.”

The BRIDGES Community Café in the town of Edenbridge successfully ran a pilot Youth Café between May and July 2022. Young people referred onto the scheme for mentoring support volunteered to help with service for the weekly Monday night youth café, serving their peers with drinks and cakes. Mary Perrett from BRIDGES says,

“We decided to make the atmosphere as informal as possible, thus not being “pushy” in requiring the young people to take part in whatever activity had been laid on for that evening, rather allowing the youth to engage if they so wished, and thus taking ownership of their time and

enjoyment. In this way, it was a relaxed and enjoyable time but choice was also given and we were very flexible in what the young people did. Some of the young people said openly that they were anxious in coming to our event, but at the end of the scheme, when everyone was asked, they thought it was fantastic! And we did have one complete session around the whole area of mental health wellbeing delivered by another partner, RightMind, which proved a success, in that the young people really seemed to listen and take part and ask questions.”

One of the young volunteers helping to run the Youth Café provided a full report of their time at the Café and included outcomes. It demonstrated that the young people really valued these sessions being held in Edenbridge. A few soundbites from this report are:

- great space
- friendly
- great service
- freedom
- able to meet up with friends
- safe space
- fun

In the summer of 2021, with the support of Kent County Council and their Reconnect funding we were able to offer free summer activities to young people aged 11 to 18 years. This contributed to an increase in mentoring referrals. We were able to deliver nearly 200 free places to 110 young people – it was a multitude of free activities (15 in total delivered across 59 sessions (excluding those sessions undertaken by the 13 young people with White Oak Leisure Centre passes)) including water polo, artistic swimming, rugby, football, art workshops, cake decorating masterclasses, kayaking. We worked with existing and new providers in the district.

Key positives from the feedback were that the activities were fun, enabled the young people to meet others/new people and to receive support and instruction from an inspirational activity leader. Identified as

a key positive by some young people was that the activity was near to where they lived. Others felt the activities helped improve their confidence and allowed them to learn something new.

From the young people:

'Really fun, really kind leader.'

'It helped me relax and think about myself to control my body and mind.'

'All the activities were great, I made new friends and learnt new skills and had a fun time. I hope I get the opportunity to do some other activities next summer.'

From the parents:

'I really felt the need to write to say a big THANK YOU for the two sessions my two boys attended this summer! I will be honest it is not an activity I have considered in the past but as it was a free activity I thought why not give it a go! They loved it so much and booked another session. I really liked the fact it was at 6:00pm as it meant the park wasn't as busy and I could park easily. The instructor Callum was so good with the children and did little games and races with them and the one last night everyone on the session had been before and my youngest fell in the lake! Then fell in the lake again and Callum helped him drain the boat! It was so funny and once this happened it wasn't long before the eldest fell in - it was so funny! They really needed this after all the Covid restrictions - it has been so nice to see them smile again! I really hope this happens again next summer. My youngest son also had the six-week membership at White Oaks gym and has enjoyed using the gym! So thank you!'

'As a parent I was extremely grateful for my daughter to have the opportunity to take part in the free sessions. They were extremely well run, it gave her new skills and I was able to work knowing she wasn't bored or sat at home with nothing to do. Thank you Sevenoaks Council.'

'Just wanted to say what a fantastic time my daughter had at the Cascade dance workshop, I really hope you can put more of these on as she would love to attend again and has friends who were unable to

make this date but are really keen to give it a go after her talking so positively about the day.'

All young people joining the mentoring scheme are offered six weeks of 1-2-1 counselling provided by RightMind counselling. Tanya Wright from RightMind says: "We have been able to provide 1-2-1 counselling to young people joining the mentoring scheme. To provide this service as locally as possible to the young people we are now offering the counselling sessions in Sevenoaks town, Hartley and Swanley. We have also been involved in the training of the volunteer adult mentors, providing mental health awareness, counselling skills and safeguarding sessions."

As highlighted by Tanya above, one of the other outcomes from this project is that volunteer adult mentors from varying backgrounds and from different communities with the Sevenoaks district have engaged with the scheme and young people. This has all helped create a more sustainable model of support that with the correct guidance and some funding can continue to evolve.

How is the new approach being sustained?

We were able to secure further funding to extend the pilot. We are in the process of seeking additional funding to extend the scheme beyond the end of March 2023.

Lessons learned

The key lessons learnt cover three aspects:

Firstly, it is a time-consuming model to implement, requiring the recruitment, necessary safeguarding checks and induction of volunteer adult mentors before young people can be allocated. Added to this was the initial expectation that the scheme was a pilot ending in March 2022. With the securing of funding only every six months to extend the managing of expectations proved challenging but all partners worked hard on this.

The second key area of learning was the steering group (established at the outset) made up of representatives from all partners have been able to share experiences and outcomes which have helped this scheme to evolve from a pilot to an ongoing project. They have linked young people across to each other where relevant and possible and provided signposting of other support offers to their families. This cross linking in a large geographical area such as Sevenoaks district has proven invaluable. Again it has enabled the young people and their families to find out what else is on offer and where there might be opportunities.

Finally, we have been delighted to receive so many enquiries from other potential partner organisations wishing to join the scheme and help support young people living or attending school in Sevenoaks District. These organisations, groups and clubs have heard about the benefits of the scheme and are looking to get involved. It is hoped that going forward it will be possible to sign them up and extend the offer to young people, meaning that we are closer to a fully sustainable mentoring scheme in our district.

Links to relevant documents

Link to Referral Form: **Mentoring scheme for young people | Sevenoaks District Council (<https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/covidsupport>)**

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More case studies about Children and young people

[Ohana: building a new community for care experienced young parents \(/case-studies/ohana-building-new-community-care-experienced-young-parents\)](#)

[Free prescriptions for care leavers in Sandwell \(/case-studies/free-prescriptions-care-leavers-sandwell\)](#)

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Funding proposal to Sevenoaks Town Council

Summary

West Kent requests a £15,000 contribution towards a new detached youth work service. This builds on an existing successful project which will finish in March 2024. With funding from Sevenoaks Town Council, other statutory funders, West Kent, and our contractors we will be able to continue to divert young people from antisocial behaviour and support safer communities in Sevenoaks Town.

About us

West Kent Housing Association (known as 'West Kent') is a social landlord with charitable objectives, founded in 1988. West Kent is a vibrant community provider of social housing, affordable homes and services to people living in the towns and villages throughout Kent.

We have a long track record delivering youth services in Sevenoaks Town. These services have previously been delivered by West Kent Extra, our subsidiary charity. This charity is now being dissolved to reduce our administrative costs. From April 2024, all our youth projects will be directly delivered by West Kent Housing Association.

Background

West Kent has delivered detached youth services in Sevenoaks Town since 2016 as a key part of a youth services contract with Kent County Council (KCC). We work with Sevenoaks Town Council, Sevenoaks District Council, the Police and West Kent's Community Safety team to identify priority areas for detached youth work. These partners share up-to-date information on hot spot geographical areas with emerging issues of antisocial behaviour. Our team carries out regular evening street-based youth work targeting hot spot areas, engaging with young people aged 11-19 and supporting them with diversionary activities. Regular feedback from partners shows that this responsive targeted approach has prevented crime and antisocial behaviour.

We provide regular updates on our youth services to our partners, including Sevenoaks Town Youth Services Committee and Youth Council. Our quarterly youth work report for the period from April to Jun 2023 showed that we engaged with 213 young people in Sevenoaks Town.

KCC has decided to stop funding voluntary sector youth services across the 12 Kent districts. This decision means that funding for the detached youth service in the Sevenoaks District will finish in March 2024. Although KCC will continue to deliver some youth services as part of its family hubs service, it is very unlikely that this will include any significant detached youth work provision.

Unless we can secure alternative funding, we will need to stop this service on 31 March 2024. We know from conversations with partners that this service is greatly valued; they have asked us to explore local funding options to continue this work for a further 12 months. This would give West Kent time to develop a funding plan (including bids to the National Lottery and large charitable trusts) for a long-term

project starting in April 2025. To this end, we have spoken to local partners and developed a realistic interim project and funding plan, outlined below.

Project description

We would like to apply for a contribution towards the **Sevenoaks District Detached Youth Work Project**, which will run for 12 months (starting in April 2024). We plan to employ a full-time detached youth worker to deliver the project and are seeking a contribution towards staffing costs. Detached youth work involves engaging with young people in their own communities, usually in public spaces such as parks, streets or housing estates. We aim to reach young people who don't access traditional youth services and establish positive relationships with them.

Our redesigned project will include five main elements:

- **Street-based work:** Our Detached Youth Worker (with support from other members of our youth team or partners) will conduct regular street-based sessions, actively engaging with young people and initiating conversations to understand their needs and aspirations.
- **Individual Support:** We will provide one-to-one mentoring for young people, helping them to access services and empowering them to overcome personal challenges. We will signpost young people to local services, such as House in the Basement.
- **Group Workshops:** We will deliver some workshops to address specific identified needs, such as mental health support, substance misuse prevention, sexual health services, and life skills development. (Some of these workshops will be delivered from traditional youth and education settings, helping disadvantaged young people to gain confidence accessing mainstream services.)
- **Building skills:** We will run skills sessions, including vocational training, employability workshops, and educational support, to enhance the prospects of young people to gain sustainable employment or access further education. This will include referrals to our Employment and Training team.
- **Wider local partnership work:** We will work with other local partners supporting young people in Sevenoaks Town. This includes attendance at MARAC (Multi agency risk assessment conference) meetings to offer support for specific young people and their families, and DCSM (District Contextual Safeguarding meeting) to identify wider support needs.

We will work in partnership with local agencies, such as councils and the police, to identify hot spots for antisocial behaviour. We will work with young people to identify local issues and find solutions. This tried and tested preventative approach has helped us to divert young people from antisocial behaviour and support safer communities.

This is part of a wider Sevenoaks District project. We expect to run a street-based service in Sevenoaks Town (two evenings a week), Swanley (two evenings a week) and Edenbridge (one evening a week).

Outcomes

We will monitor this project using the following methods:

- Staff written reports about each street-based session will describe any community challenges faced and how staff have supported young people.

- We will keep written records of progress made by the young people supported.
- We will seek feedback from the Police, local councils and community safety teams about the impact of the detached youth work project.

This information will be collated in quarterly reports for funders. We will provide a longer end of project report.

By the end of the project, we expect to be able to demonstrate the following positive outcomes:

- **Improved Well-being:** Young people will demonstrate increased resilience, improved mental health, and a reduction in risky behaviour.
- **Community Safety:** Community partners will report reductions in antisocial behaviour and improved relationships between different generations.
- **Increased Engagement:** A higher proportion of young people will actively participate in community activities, volunteering, and local initiatives, contributing positively to community cohesion.
- **Educational Attainment:** Through targeted support and access to resources, young people will demonstrate improved educational engagement and attainment.
- **Employability:** The Detached Youth Worker will support young people in developing essential employability skills, leading to increased employment opportunities.

Budget

We request a contribution of £15,000 from Sevenoaks Town Council.

The project budget for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 is £46,596, broken down as follows:

Category	Cost
Direct project costs	
Staff costs – Salary for full-time Detached Youth Worker (including employer's national insurance and pension costs)	£29,747
Staff costs – employers national insurance and pension costs	£5,949
Events	£1,000
Vehicle	£1,800
Sub-total for direct project costs	£38,496
Indirect project costs	
Management overhead costs (funded by West Kent Housing Association)	£3,300
Other overhead costs (funded by West Kent Housing Association)	£4,800
Sub-total for indirect project costs	£8,100
Total	£46,596

Funding overview

These are our funding targets:

Local statutory partners (including Sevenoaks Town Council)	- £33,000
Social Value cash contributions from West Kent's contractors	- £7,000
In-kind contributions from West Kent	- £8,100

Based on conversations so far with partners, we are confident that we can reach our funding target.

Conclusion

By investing in the **Sevenoaks District Detached Youth Work Project**, we will together be able to empower our young people to navigate the challenges they face and unlock their potential. We will help those who may otherwise slip through the cracks, ensuring that no young person is left behind. Thank you for your consideration.

18 October 2023



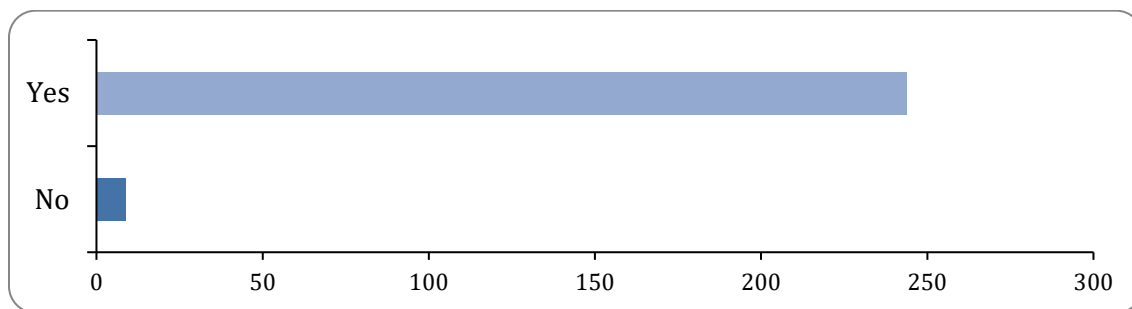
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) - The Vine, Sevenoaks

The activity ran from 14/08/2023 to 24/09/2023

Responses to this survey: **253**

1: Are you a resident of Sevenoaks District?

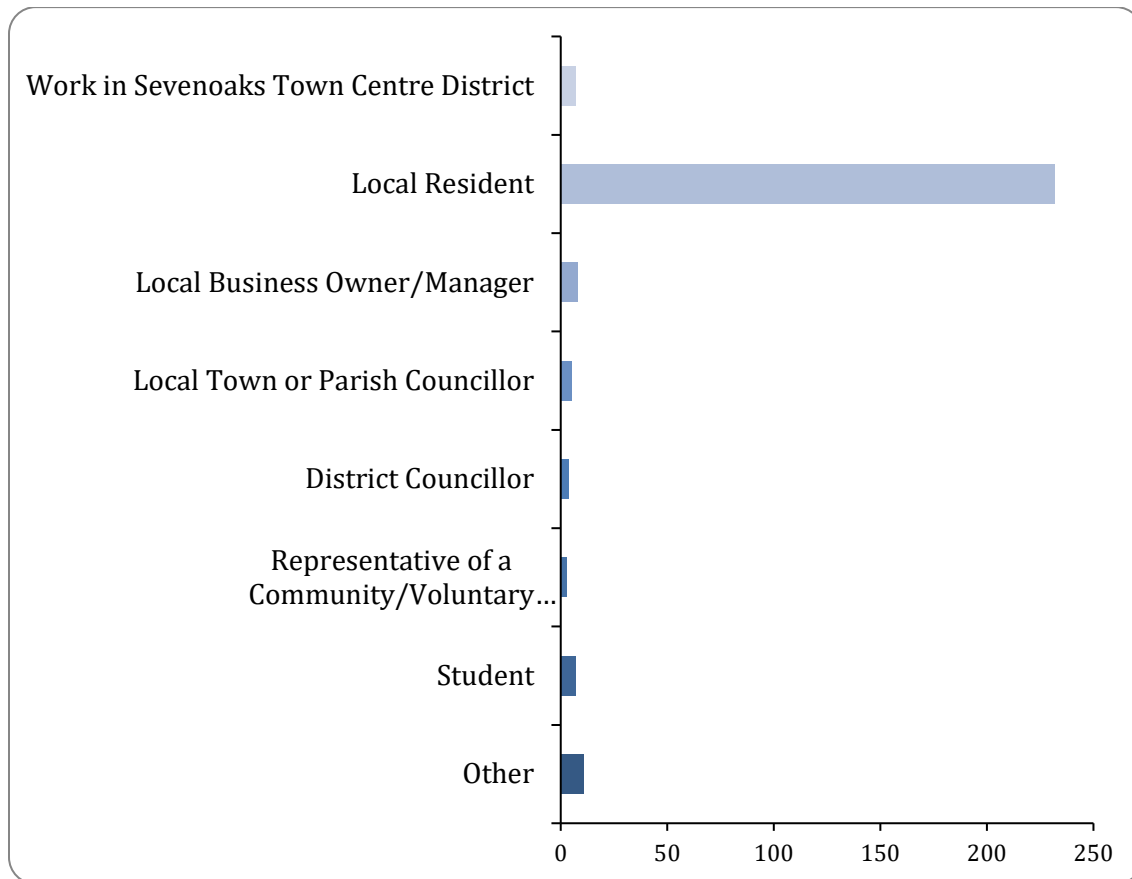
There were 253 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	244	96.44%
No	9	3.56%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

2: Who are you responding as?

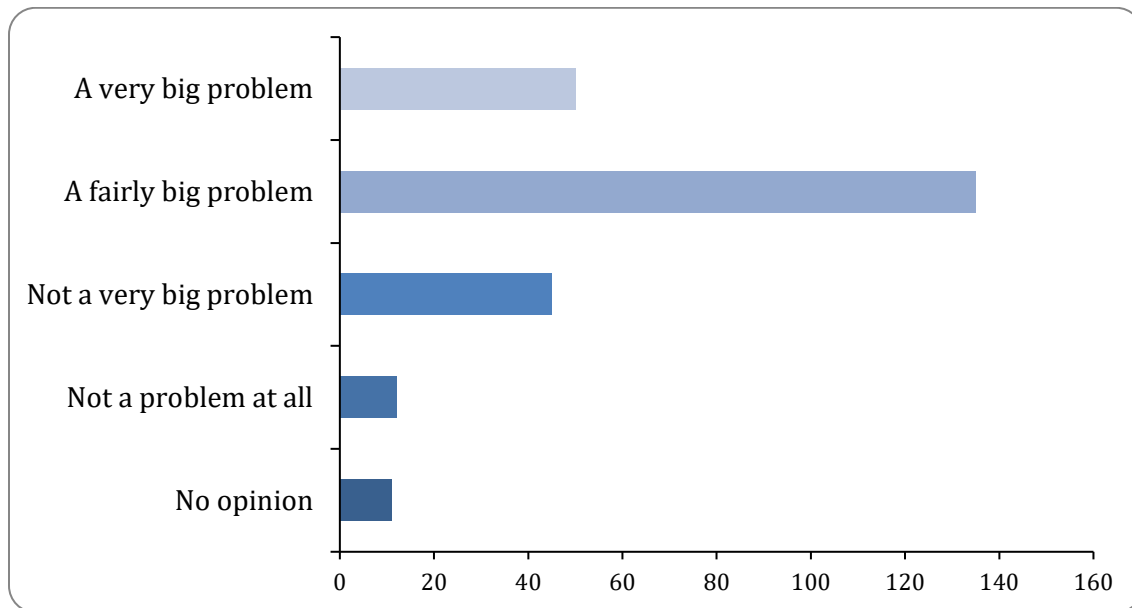
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Option	Total	Percent
Work in Sevenoaks Town Centre District	7	2.77%
Local Resident	232	91.70%
Local Business Owner/Manager	8	3.16%
Local Town or Parish Councillor	5	1.98%
District Councillor	4	1.58%
Representative of a Community/Voluntary Group	3	1.19%
Student	7	2.77%
Other	11	4.35%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

3: Thinking about The Vine overall how much of a problem do you think anti-social behaviour (ASB) causes in the area? Is it...

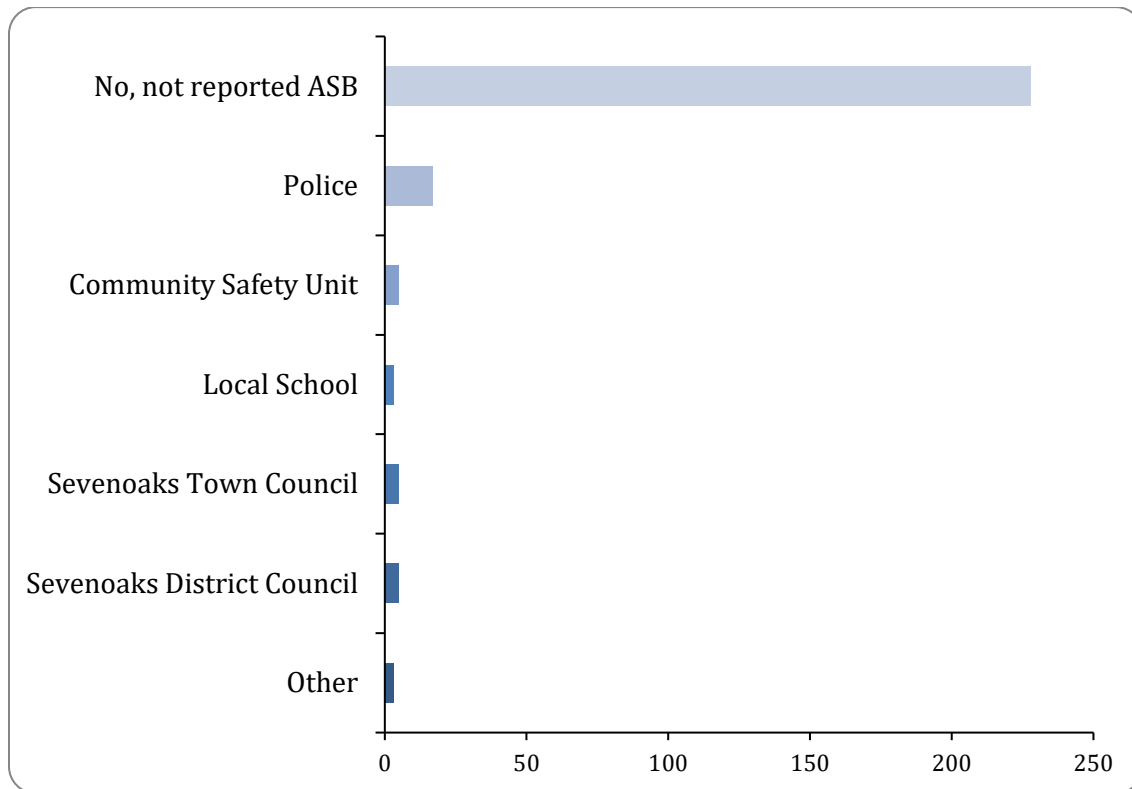
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Option	Total	Percent
A very big problem	50	19.76%
A fairly big problem	135	53.36%
Not a very big problem	45	17.79%
Not a problem at all	12	4.74%
No opinion	11	4.35%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

4: Have you reported ASB regarding The Vine and who did you report to?

There were 253 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
No, not reported ASB	228	90.12%
Police	17	6.72%
Community Safety Unit	5	1.98%
Local School	3	1.19%
Sevenoaks Town Council	5	1.98%
Sevenoaks District Council	5	1.98%
Other	3	1.19%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

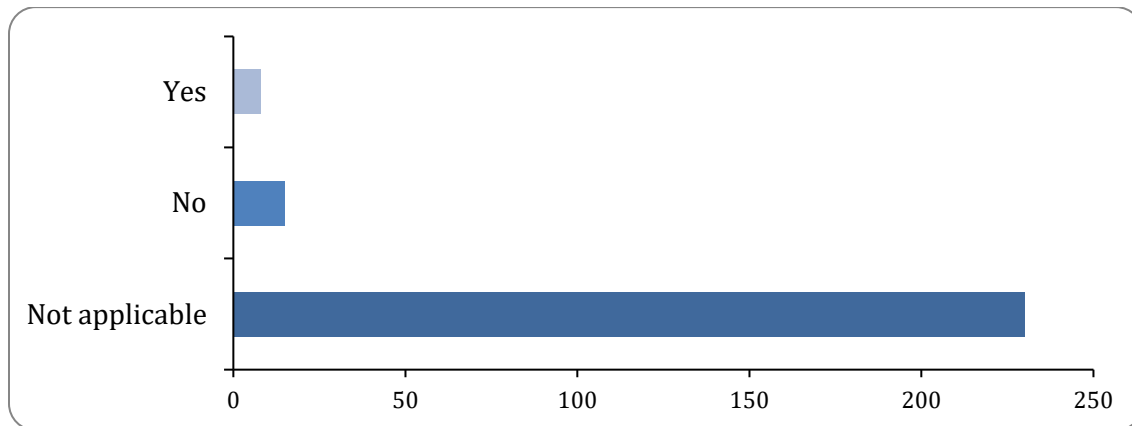
If you have selected other please specify

There were 3 responses to this part of the question.

Not at the vine but in Bat and Ball
Councillor
Discussed problems with CSU at SDC.

5: Do you feel you received a satisfactory response after reporting concerns?

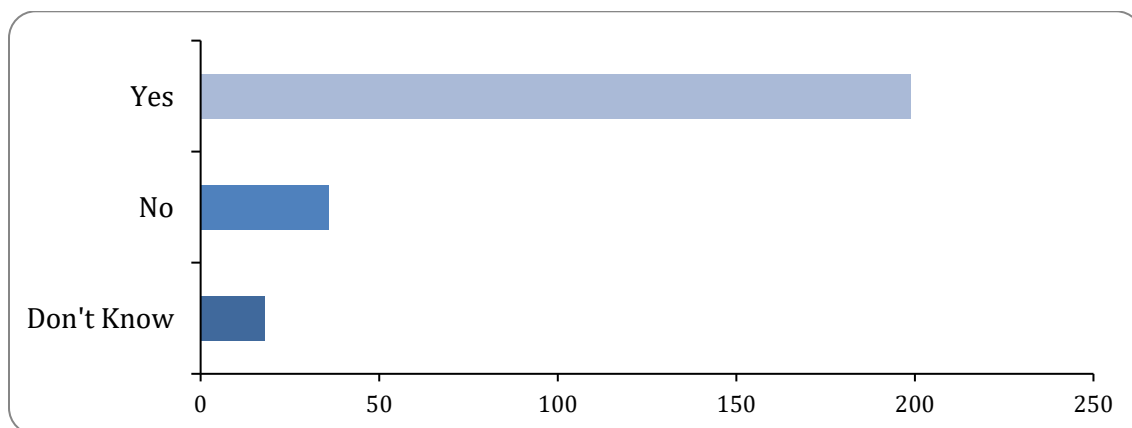
There were 253 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	8	3.16%
No	15	5.93%
Not applicable	230	90.91%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

6: Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to deter Anti-social behaviour (ASB) at The Vine, Sevenoaks?

There were 253 responses to this part of the question.



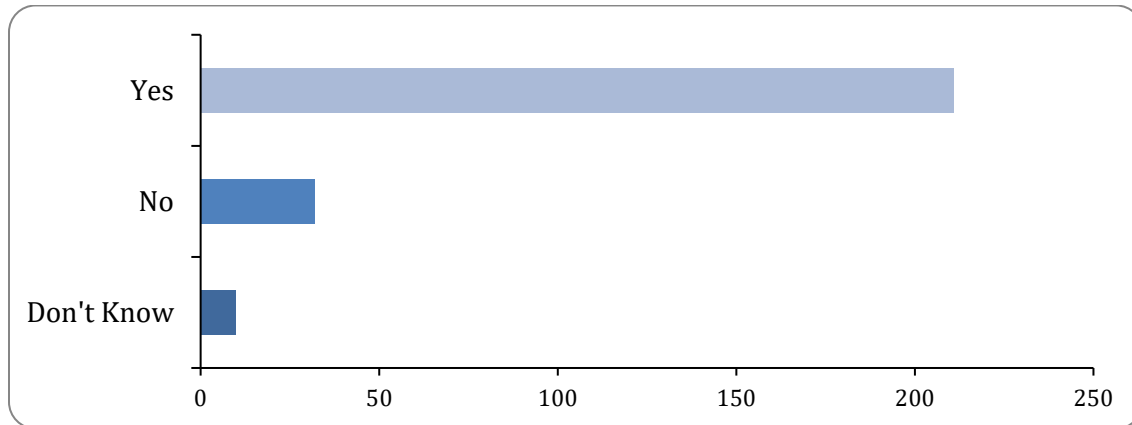
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	199	78.66%
No	36	14.23%
Don't Know	18	7.11%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

7: The following activities would be prohibited by the proposed PSPO:

- i. Engaging in anti-social behaviour which is likely to cause harassment, alarm and distress to those persons in the locality.
- ii. Returning to the area within 24 hours after being asked to leave.

Do you support the activities proposed above?

There were 253 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	211	83.40%
No	32	12.65%
Don't Know	10	3.95%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

8: Are there any other activities relating to ASB, which you would like to see included in the PSPO for The Vine, Sevenoaks?

There were 253 responses to this part of the question.

These could be included in the first point above, but I'd like specifically for the following to be called out: public drinking and leaving broken glass and metal bottle caps behind; the playing of amplified music by anyone without specific permission; and vandalism of the cricket pitch equipment and enclosure. I see all of this almost every week.
Please add prohibitions on: Playing amplified music or making other loud noise after 10 PM. This should be included so that there is no debate over whether this behaviour is anti-social. It should also be clear in the order that noise before 10 PM may also be covered by the prohibition on anti-social behaviour.

Setting off fireworks.
Leaving rubbish or disposing of it improperly. Rubbish, broken glass, and metal from bottle caps and cans is a big problem.
7 is not worded well. I think 'activities' in the question should read action. I do not support the listed activities: I do support their prohibition.
Any activity which affects the enjoyment of others of the Vine should be prohibited, especially noise or rowdyism. Currently, there is no restraint on either.
Drinking
Underage drinking , vaping and smoking to be stopped
Banning of alcohol use on The Vine Banning of playing loud music Restriction in the numbers comprising large groups
I would like the council to take measures to ensure that buildings are not damaged ie restricting the access to the roof of the vine
No alcohol after specific hours and no laughing gas or no gases prohibited
Offenders banned from the area
BBQ Racism
Climbing on the building and on to the roof being included as anti-social behaviour. Damaging the cricket square. Drinking alcohol on The Vine, after a certain time curfew (unless has been purchased from Vine clubhouse) - I.e. something in place that deters late night drinking on the vine.
A ban on public drinking should be brought in.
Damage to property and public spaces (eg flowers, ponds, leaving toilets in an unusable state)
Bicycles (not toddlers on kid's bikes) should be banned though I don't know if this is a problem really.
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Believe these steps should be taken at first and then reviewed after a period of time.
Drinking and littering should be punishable by ban and fine
As residents of the locality, we have been witness to instances of antisocial conduct that arise when groups of adolescent individuals congregate near the vineyard. Our fellow residents on St. Botolphs Road have encountered instances of property damage, and it is our unequivocal endorsement that the implementation of a public space order be pursued without reservation.
I'd just like to have some sort of definition of what constitutes ASB - for example I might see children having a happy noisy kick around as a good healthy activity but someone who lives right by the Vine might see it as a noise nuisance.
The previous question is ambiguous. I support blocking all of the ASB activities proposed above
Realistically, a PSPO will do nothing. There are sometimes hundreds of kids on The Vine - trying to disperse this is borderline impossible.
More protective measures should be put in to protect the buildings - too many

occasions kids are on the roof of the pavilion causing damage.
You realistically need police offers manning each Friday and Saturday evening in the summer.
Police to be supported by everyone and for the police to be tough with those who are causing disruption and/or breaking the law.
Leaving trash everywhere
loud music
Drug-taking/ supplying. Vandalism
Also to included at Bat and Ball station
No smoking
There is a lot of underage drinking and soft drug use going on. So I think those behaviours should be addressed
I'm not in favour of ASB.
ASB at 'The Vine' has not directly affected me personally. I do have concerns with the amount of rising ASB generally within the district.
Suffolk way car park + area outside the leisure centre is also problematic on top of the vine
Large gatherings (whether anti-social or not) should be dispersed
Drug taking /selling of drugs
I do not feel there should be large groups gathering for parties and drinking on the Vine.
Sort out greatness skate park too
Safety for all, but more importantly a deterrent to those who could follow the bad behaviour
I have seen people sitting with trolleys stacked with cases of lager - I assume to sell to underage people. This needs to stop.
Underage drinking, drug dealing
Yes dropping litter
Ban on alcohol on the Vine unless at an organised event (eg Beer festival). This would help with the litter problem as well. Question 7 is badly worded - I presume that you mean do I support the ban on the activities listed, not the activities themselves!?
Groups of teenagers on grass, smashing bottles, climbing on the roofs and being intimidating to passers by.
I have seen underage children purchase alcohol from shop by the lights.
Drug dealing Alcohol Littering
Large crowds of teenagers from out of town, drinking, using nox canisters etc and harassing locals.
Teenagers need a place to gather. I don't know whether the Asb is caused by locals or people travelling in to sevenoaks from surrounding areas to cause trouble. If the latter then this should be policed rather than restricting locals.

Just being present
Existing police powers for dispersement should be enough assuming the police are present
Throwing objects Loud music Littering Fighting Shouting and screaming after 8pm Drinking alcohol
Under age drinking
With the expansion of off road buggies and Quad bikes getting cheaper areas like the Vine are going to seem attractive to invade; I therefore think a sign banning such vehicles with a hefty fine should be displayed.
Drinking alcohol in public areas other than recreational spaces. For example on roads, public transport.
Leaving litter (particularly drugs paraphernalia, drink bottles etc.)
Destruction to property
It will be hard to enforce 24 hour ban. Is it possible to stop drinking outdoors?
Drinking alcohol and taking legal highs
The definition of ASB appears to be comprehensive, but I would suggest identifying drinking alcohol as an activity.
I feel as a Senokian having lived my life close to The Vine I found it really sad that this situation. In my youth there were Police patrolled all the open spaces twice an evening. If they found young couples in the huts we were told to leave in no uncertain terms, lack of Police presents surely is a factor.
Please Ensure it includes land to the East of the Vine (bordering Seal Hollow Road) the Pavilion Gardens and land to North of and around the War Memorial. Otherwise, for the notices issued by the CSU in Spring 2023 relating to the Vine ASB the gangs of youths exit the Vine and linger on these adjacent areas which they deem to be 'safe'
Drug taking and drinking
It isn't just the vine, it also occurs up and down at Botolphs road between the vine and the train station as it appears those coming in from outside of Sevenoaks are often the offenders and create an unpleasant environment on the road that connects these two points.
Graffiti.
People should not be permitted to let off fireworks or play loud music
They should also be required to move on after 11 pm
Inclusion of Holly Bush Park/ area We have noticed that the kids in the vine are simply now moving down to the holly bush park area - music and groups in the evening and we have had graffiti to the house on holly bush lane and litter / fly tipping of shopping carts etc in the park area
I would like to see citizens of all ages treated with dignity and respect at all times
Police support needed on St Botolphs road after these gatherings (after gcse and a levels finish and results days)
Cameras put up at the vine

Ensure whole Vine area is included, not just the cricket pitch.
No alcohol allowed on the vine when there is no event taking place
Underage drinking. Large gatherings
Drinking alcohol Loud music
Exclusion zone on bonfire night and roundtable fireworks night
Removal of their alcohol and / or drugs
I would like proof of anti-social behaviour before such drastic measures
Please can we just police the Vine area on the weekend nights, walking into and back from town for/after a drink or something to eat is fairly intimidating when these groups congregate.
Fines for littering and underage drinking
No. This is an intermittent problem for which there are existing tools for dispersal. Cooperation between authorities and agencies has proved effective when done well.
Police presence to enforce
Noise disturbance and mess
Aggressive behaviour
Meeting in groups over 5 people after 8pm
The problem of drugs has to be addressed as this results in even worse behaviour, anything the police can do to deal with this would be appreciated. Support for the police from local shops selling alcohol in bulk to young people would also help, possibly reminding of the age limits for selling it would also help!
Not to cause damage to property or the ground at the Vine.
Many of the issues are caused by kids travelling into Sevenoaks from other areas by train. When the police disperse groups of youths, the problems just move to other areas. This needs to be considered. Can the order include the confiscation of alcohol from people without ID?
Many of the issues are caused by kids travelling into Sevenoaks from other areas, often by train. When the police do disperse people, the problems often move to other areas and this needs to be considered. More than once, we have seen resulting disruption of rail services.
Damage/vandalism and especially anti-social behaviour affecting the nearby residents in a lovely area.
No apart from general noise, litter , intimidating nature of groups gathering and walking and blocking pavements and roads near the vine
There should be no PSPO, there should be police or wardens to reassure young people who meet on the vine. Youth is not catered for in Sevenoaks.
A
Alcohol drinking
Try to put in place some measures to deter youths from hanging out there later in the evenings so constant patrolling of area and an easy community reporting of real time issues would help
Excessive noise/music in evenings from youths gathering even when not behaving badly
I do not think is a PSPO is appropriate
Partying and drinking in the Vine

Littering! Noise esp after 11pm. Concerned that the anti-social activities may move to Judd place. Can that be included please?
The above proposals are vague, presumably in order to cover as many aspects of ASB as possible. I assume cycling, littering (including gas canisters), drug taking, and damage to the cricket pitch (howsoever caused) are included in the term antisocial behaviour.
Police patrol
No. But does the remit of this PSPO limit community events such as the lions club beer festival and cricket match enjoyment?
Regular police presence in Sevenoaks town centre from Thursday and over the weekend
I don't like the idea of giving Councillors powers to fine. We need more police officers, not to empower Councillors.
Noise
Most teenagers are just having fun socialising with friends. I live by the Vine & it's nice to see everyone meeting up on Friday eves. It's only a few that ruin it. Young people need somewhere to meet - they'll move on s'where else if it's not the Vine. Obviously aggressive or rude behaviour & drugs are not acceptable but I hope young people will still be able to enjoy meeting up there in the future - just without those who have spoilt it.
Ban on drug/gas taking
Littering
No open alcohol and those breaching the order be searched for illicit drugs. The smell of cannabis is appalling and the behaviour is terrible.
The size of groups congregating to be controlled
Alcohol and other substances banned.
Consumption of alcohol
Sevenoaks town should not allow shops that sell alcohol and/or vapes near the Vine
The definition given above is quite wide and would cover excessive noise and rowdy behaviour. Also there are no toilets open on the vine in the evening so the kids often go on to private property in the surrounding areas to relieve themselves.
The seating area in the wood just off The Vine on the opposite side of Holly Bush Lane is also subject to anti-social behaviour and underage drinking. This wooded area should also be included in the PSPO.
Checks on under age drinking
No alcohol
No drugs
Fly tipping and binge drinking in public spaces. Littering public spaces with beer cans etc.,
A lockdown on vaping/drinking and checking the local off licenses aren't selling underage.
Unknown
Driving of vehicles with noise exhausts.
Why the focus on the Vine?
There's regular anti-social behaviour in the Riverhead area, with little or nothing done to manage it.
I think the proposals if followed through should be effective

Riding bikes carelessly on the paths and green.
Damage to trees and plants
Damage to the physical environment specifically
Dogs
Dogs off their leads
I think the question above is confusing. I fully back any actions taken to stop anti-social behaviour. I think those outlined should suffice as long as police attend when called.
Drinking
Drugs
Vandalism
Violence
Prevent large gatherings of youths
Drinking alcohol outside of a formal / organised event.
Littering and damage to property
What happens when they move off the vine and cause trouble elsewhere?
underage drinking
Music to have a time and volume restriction.
Bikes and e-scooters being ridden on pavements.
If it is considered necessary installing cctv could be a deterrent
Littering and Barbeques
These young people need somewhere to go and a way to entertain themselves in a way that is safe for everyone. Just making them leave one area is going to create a problem in another. Find ways to get the youth occupied and entertained in other ways. Perhaps they don't have the cash to do any activities themselves, perhaps their parents didn't teach them how, not everyone is lucky with their parents. Just to view them as monsters without offering alternative is not helpful.
That should be sufficient though a ban on drinking on the Vine might be considered.
Large groups gathering making a lot of noise and being abusive.
No or Don't Knows x 116 responses

9: Please write down any further comments you may have about the PSPO.

There were 253 responses to this part of the question.

I fully support anything that will allow the majority of the public to use this space without having a dog's paw cut by glass, without having to see (and eventually help pay to fix) vandalism, without being subjected to other people's loud music, and without fearing large groups of people suddenly turning up and acting rowdy.
I wholly support some action. The Vine is one of the Town's greatest assets. It is to be enjoyed by all residents and visitors. Further, local residents, who are prepared to accept 'legitimate' evening events at the cricket club, should not be expected to have to contend with noise levels which intrude on the enjoyment of their own homes.
Welcome it
Stopping underage activities

Alcohol plays a large part in the anti-social behaviour on The Vine, particularly with large groups of young people.
The playing of loud music which is a common occurrence during the summer months from both small and large groups is a major problem for residents and for other visitors' quiet enjoyment of the area.
Litter is also a problem. The Council are good are clearing this but consideration should be given to more bins on the area.
It should not impact the use of the space by younger children wishing to play
The Vine should be a peaceful area for residents and visitors.
It is important that people respect the right of the people of all colour, religion and age
It is a great idea
The children gather there as there are no other safe spaces for them to go. This also needs to be addressed. Also better lights and cctv on the vine might help also.
The young people causing problems on the Vine do not represent the behaviour of most of the teens in the community, and should not be allowed to tar the reputation of the majority.
Some Parents seem to avoid responsibility for the actions of their youngsters: I think they should be subjected to a 'meeting' with the officials concerned so they can be 'made aware'.
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Fully support making the town a safer space
Good plan - hope it works for Sevenoaks
We are talking about managing children.
I see no need to give the Police extra powers in order to preserve calm on the Vine. I am sure that if the Police were to turn up when there is unruly behaviour, the unruly behaviour would abate.
I am also clear that the solution to this is not to do with policing. It is to do with looking at the causes of the problem and - in particular - finding other activities for the children to do.
I am against using a PSPO to manage children's behaviour.
The time and money devoted to this proposed PSPO would be better spent funding recreational and community activities at other venues in the vicinity that would be of interest to teenagers, so they had some other things to do and places to go, rather than congregate on the Vine. A PSPO should be a last resort, not the first choice, otherwise Nimbyism will simply transfer the perceived problem elsewhere.
I am the County Council Representative for Sevenoaks Town. No resident has written to me concerning this issue. But I am aware of some of the issues that have occurred. They seem to have been dealt with adequately within current provisions. I am concerned that if the order is enforced we are simply going to displace the problem

and not provide a solution. I would be happy to work with all stakeholders to find such a solution.
I need more information - for example while I would definitely not want young people dealing drugs in the area I wouldn't want to stop teenagers just 'hanging out' with their mates - better on the Vine even if they are a bit noisy and maybe even drop a bit of litter than trying to sneak into a pub underage.
Tougher action needs to be taken to stop all ASB in the town. Including targeted shoplifting but youths & general intimidating behaviour of a handful of young people beyond the Vine. Stopping the proliferation of vape shops & off licenses would help
See above
Fully support this - Sevenoaks is a wonderful place but can easily go downhill if allowed to by not being tough with ASB issues.
well done
The opening of a vape and alcohol shop across the road is encouraging the anti-social behaviours and shouldn't have been allowed.
I believe that the police already have adequate powers to deal with misbehavior at The Vine. This has been demonstrated in recent weeks. The bigger picture is whether there is enough police in the town to nip this type of behaviour in the bud.
Unsociable behaviour by teens at Bat and Ball station.
Twice reported youngsters on the roof of Bat and Ball station
Vi haven't experienced any ASB but I'm generally only in town in the daytime
Surely anti-social behaviour and underage drinking is already illegal and law enforcement has the requisite powers to enforce this.
If the children aren't on the vine they will be somewhere else and the vine is probably a safer place than most.
This sounds like a politicised effort and I would rather see positive efforts than victimisation.
Consideration should be given to providing spaces and facilities where teenagers can get together and socialise in the local community. I'm worried this order would just move the problem to somewhere else and doesn't address the underlying issues.
Ridiculous policy - no real ASB happening in sevenoaks
Suffolk way car park + area outside the leisure centre is also problematic on top of the vine
Lots of areas by Suffolk way car park are poorly lit
The pavement on the vine side of the street and the vine itself is poorly lit makes the whole situation way more intimidating.
Only effective if the area is policed between 7pm and 10pm
I support the application on behalf of those Residents who regularly use or live close to the Vine.
Pandemic summer of 2020 the Vine was a wonderful space for local teenagers to meet. It was a post lockdown open space refuge for many young people from the local market town of Sevenoaks.

Subsequently it has become a magnet for south London teens who walk there from Sevenoaks station. This has changed the atmosphere and sadly the lovely Vine is not the haven it was.
I have always found the Vine to be a peaceful place to sit and enjoy the surroundings in the past and would not hesitate walking through it at night. I avoid the area in the evenings now especially on the weekends as feel intimidated by large non cricket gatherings. I am also concerned about the damage on the Vine and the cost to us as a community in the clearing up of the mess left.
This has been going on since I was a child and I'm nearly 50 the skate park at greatness is just as awful, we need more policing these areas, kids are drinking, smoking weed and then causing havoc, stealing people's bikes and scooters then trashing them
Great for something to be done to deter it
Whilst I agree that some of the behaviour has been unacceptable - my daughter has also met friends there on a summers evening. There are very few facilities in Sevenoaks for the young people and the vine feels a safer place to meet than tucked away in Knole park
I think it is very positive that the police are taking this action
More needs to be done, ASB will just occur in another location
A good idea.
It seems to me that the police have had sufficient powers to deal with the trouble so far. The Vine is this year's gathering place and we know where they are likely to be. If this order was implemented they would simply move elsewhere. The problem will probably diminish as the weather gets worse
Think it's about time something's done
It's more needed at Bat and Ball station and station road Greatness And Tesco riverhead car park
Speeding cars on both sides of Vine also are a harassment.
Its bit necessary to disperse well behaved kids, they need somewhere to hang out, but when kids come looking for trouble, that needs to be dealt with and deterred.
Applying restrictions to one area will just move the problem elsewhere. Better to address the causes.
Again being seen to be present
Potentially it will just spread ASB to other areas in the district.
This is pointless unless you provide decent leisure and social facilities and spaces for young people to congregate. What is available right now is derisory yet you charge a huge amount of council tax.
Common sense policing is all that is needed. Sometimes it's just an explanation and a hint that is needed - sometimes it's much more it's just dependent on the culprit. I have every confidence in the policing I have seen.
One person alone may not be sufficient.
We need proper policing and punishment
The proposed PSPO is long overdue at the Vine. Putting it in place sends a clear message that the Police and the Council mean business. It also sends the message that if a PSPO can be applied to The Vine it can be applied anywhere.
We in Sevenoaks would like a Station open in the town

See above
There is a lack of policing almost entirely on Friday and Saturday evenings and nights which is resulting in the anti-social behaviour. This needs to be addressed through presentation of the police.
I have answered 'don't know' to questions 6 and 7 as I live opposite Holly Bush rec ground and am worried that your PSOP will move the ASB further my way. If you included Holly Bush in this PSPO then I think it is a good idea, for both areas. I have recently had my front wall daubed with paint as has my neighbour, we live on Holly Bush Lane opposite the vehicular entrance to the recreation ground. We feel alarmed and distressed by young people congregating in this entrance.
Inclusion of Holly Bush Park/ area We have noticed that the kids in the vine are simply now moving down to the holly bush park area - music and groups in the evening and we have had graffiti to the house on holly bush lane and litter / fly tipping of shopping carts etc in the park area
Risk moving problem from a fairly confined space to other locations across Sevenoaks then having unhappy groups walking around less secure areas
This measure will tend to demonise young people. I believe that there are sufficient existing police powers to mitigate occasional criminal behaviour
The biggest problem is the local teenagers (and others who get the train to Sevenoaks and walk up the hill) who congregate at the vine and drink smoke vape drugs. They can be fairly intimidating and leave lots of rubbish. A few months ago, after gcse exams had clearly finished, we had a group walking back to the station and one boy ran into our drive (St Botolphs road) and tried to kick our front door down as a dare.
It's a good idea and about time
This is obviously in relation to young people gathering there at the weekend. Please can we think more inclusively and try to find a way to entertain these youngsters rather than deter them. There is literally nothing in Sevenoaks for teenagers under the age of 18. After lockdown, the majority are just looking for a place to hang with their friends. Can we please find a way to support them to do this safely?
I feel sad this is required and hope another area in Sevenoaks doesn't now have the same problem.
Trouble is also caused by people walking down Dartford Road towards St John's Hill on a Friday & Saturday night: litter in gardens, pulling up estate agent signs, removing bricks from a neighbour's wall.
Great idea and important for the area
It will need to be policed properly More CCTV cameras are needed down there
If it is only applied to the Vine, would the people causing the behaviour not be expected to target other local open spaces, such as Hollybush Rec and Greatness Rec, where it will be less immediately visible but just as unwanted?
The ASB is caused by drinking alcohol and smoking weed so they need to be made to surrender what they have on them. This will discourage returning.
This is outrageous & where is the proof of such anti-social behaviour before enforcing such drastic measures
Living within a short walk of The Vine, I've never seen any anti-social behaviour so if any does occur it's likely very rare. If there is any anti-social behaviour then the current tools available to the local police will suffice. The Tory MP Trott is likely to follow her

government's lead in using this as an excuse for suppression or restriction of enjoyment of open spaces by the wider community, and this is simply a low common denominator method of trying to win votes in the next election.
How will it be policed?
Making an issue of complete non-issue
I am unclear how consultees can respond to the proposal without more detail. Residents are being consulted without knowing the methods, penalties, implications of the order. What restrictions would there be on the use of the space? What would trigger action? Would it criminalise young people? How does this deter ASB? Is there evidence that such orders are effective? This consultation is too broad brush and risks damaging consequences to the young people whose socialising is being addressed.
Rubbish is left every weekend. Disgraceful mess
ASAP
This is a good idea but young people do need an alternative safe space where they can positively engage such as the switch in Maidstone. They need a cool place to hang out not the place under the stag! But somewhere new and inviting with young mentors that engage with them but also let them enjoy the space independently.
Any additional support in order to assist the police who have to deal with this issue should be supported, they cannot deal with this on their own - parents must be involved also - perhaps some kind of sanction might encourage them to take more interest in the behaviour of their children.
The council should not have the power to enforce any fines or enforcement they are not under oath.
We should let young kids such as teenagers enjoy their social time. Unfortunately, there no places in Sevenoaks for the kids. Just because they sit in the evening on the Vine it doesn't mean they're the troublemakers. Make some space for young generation please.
I personally passed over or by the Vine 4-5 times weekly in last 20 Years that I live here and I have never experienced any problem.
Many thanks
The same issues impact Hollybush Park area also and this needs to be taken into account as well.
The same issues impact the Hollybush Park area and this should be included within the scope of the order.
I assume the police would have (or already do have) the power to confiscate alcohol from people who do not have ID?
Everything should be protected around this area of The Vine. Respect is what is required here, both for the memorial at The Vine, the walled gardens with seats for people to use - somewhere peaceful away from the hurly burly of traffic and parking etc. This area represents the town of Sevenoaks, its character, the trees etc. A quiet place to sit in and enjoy, or watch the cricket. Anti-social behaviour should not be tolerated here.
If this is enacted, the anti-social behaviour will move elsewhere, probably to Knole Paddock rugby club where it will be even less visible.

A concern that there is nowhere else suitable for young people to meet in sevenoaks. I understand that they want to congregate and socialise and for many this is harmless fun but for some I have a concern that there seems to be a large number of underage youths drinking alcohol, vaping , and smoking
Definitely not needed. If people are breaking the law then arrest or caution them. Young people need a place to meet friend that is not a family home. They also need a toilet after 6pm! They will be driven into Knole Park where there can be no adult help to hand. They are youths who live here and cannot be at risk of a record or being vilified for meeting friends on the Vine. Adults did it on round table's beer festival!
No but I am concerned that activity may move to the Plymouth Drive rugby pitches as has been seen before.
Good idea
I think this is a great initiative and should be considered for other areas in the district too
Large gatherings and behaviour have deteriorated enormously in 2023 and causing major disruptions to residents around the vine. New local shop it's also selling alcohol/e-smoking stuff to under-age youths fueling disorder.
I do not think is a PSPO is appropriate
Good idea
Teenagers are anti-social when they stay at home on social media and they're anti-social when they go out and socialise. What do you want?
A PSPO for the Vine is long overdue. This historic heart of the town, which used to be treated with respect, has been disgracefully abused over the past few years, especially during Covid lockdowns. Those who live nearby have my particular sympathy.
Punish and fine parents
I believe that this could and should be resolved by a strong presence of the police. Two or more very visible police patrolling the Vine all evening for as long as it takes. The trouble makers would eventually drift away. This is what the police are for. If SDC need to help fund "extra" police presence this would be acceptable.
Can we have some clarity on what constitutes "anti-social behaviour which is likely to cause harassment, alarm and distress to those persons in the locality?"
I would like to see a clearer definition of what actions may be considered As anti-social. Children should be allowed to gather there and socialise as it is a public space. I worry the residents would view innocent gatherings and socialising as anti-social even if no harm was caused. I do appreciate that there have been clear problems but I would be interested to know to what extent just using the public space would fall under this umbrella
I appreciate it may be a different aspect however I do see the aspect of creating space(s) for young people in Sevenoaks to be able to meet - which in turn potentially can keep things more in "check". I have found that it is not just at The Vine young people are beginning to congregate but at other "spots" around town. Again this is an "extension" of the discussion around anti-social behaviour which I do agree needs to be addressed and handled along the lines as outlined in the proposal.
Much ado about nothing?
We need more police officers to deal with anti-social behaviour. Not Councillors issuing fines.
An excellent idea

Please ensure that individuals under the age of 18 who take part in the antisocial behaviours covered by the PSPO, and their families, are given relevant support to ensure the behaviours do not reoccur. The young people in this area need more emotional and relational support than they are currently being given. We are not going to be able to eliminate the behaviours unless we address the underlying causes- and that requires full family support, not just a warning or conviction from the police.
Do you have a plan for where the youth of Sevenoaks should go to spend their time?
If you don't, then the proposed PSPO is an even more stupid idea than it first appears.
I am totally unsupportive of this proposed approach.
Good if it means it's clear what is acceptable & what is not
Is there a danger that asb will be displaced from the Vine to other areas eg Knole Park, car parks in town centre, station etc. what will be done to monitor and ensure that this doesn't happen or if it does that it is dealt with.
If they breach these orders, can criminal proceedings be made please!
It would be nice to have a safe space for teenagers developed in the area.
Will it move the kids somewhere else. Many come from out of area.
I think this is totally unfair and unnecessary. Sevenoaks offers young people no indoor or outdoor spaces in which to socialise, something which is critical to their well-being. To restrict access to the Vine would be to restrict their mental health so I am completely opposed to this. Let's support our young people rather than limit them.
I feel anti-social behavior is becoming increasingly problematic and having measures in place to curb it are essential.
I think this is a disgrace and perhaps you ought to consider how you can support the youngsters by providing spaces for them to socialise whether indoors or out. Our youngsters need to be able to have the ability to socialise safely and respectfully so a real consideration should be a what can we do for them attitude, not to brandish them as a nuisance.
I would like to hear how this can be achieved by the council and the police.
I do think that teens should be able to enjoy outdoor spaces in reasonably sized groups and I don't think that the terrible behaviour of a few should spoil the enjoyment of local spaces for others as there are very few areas for teens to go
It's a shame that some feel its ok to behave like this, when many young people of the area would love to use the space just to meet friends...and relax!
Or use the space for a specific activity aimed at teens... eg festival/ concerts/skills hub?
An alcohol free zone
There should be a stricter control on shops that agree to sell alcohol and/or vapes to under aged students
How will it be enforced? The problem gatherings seem to occur randomly on Friday evening with the occasional Saturday evening. There are periods when there are no large problematic gatherings.
This proposal really concerns me both as a resident and a parent. It worries me about power like this being given to local Councillors. I really don't think we have a huge issue with anti-social behaviour and in instances where it occurs I feel it is more appropriately dealt with by the police who are trained properly and have an understanding of the law.

Whilst I agree that the ASB needs to be dealt with, I just hope that it won't stop all teenagers from using the space responsibly. It would be a shame if the behaviour of a few ruin it for everyone else. But enabling it to be a safe space to be used would be good. I currently wouldn't let my children go there at the moment due to the reputation of what has been going on.
I support the pspo but there is a lack of suitable places and activities for young people to meet and do in the sevenoaks area. The introduction of a pspo should be part of a wider plan to improve facilities for young people in the area.
Gypsies must be prevented from staking pitches in public spaces.
It can be a very threatening space even as an adult. We have stopped using it for our evening dog walks.
Why the focus on the Vine? There's regular anti-social behaviour in the Riverhead area, with little or nothing done to manage it. It would be reassuring if a councilor/member of the police responded to this statement.
Good luck!
I think it needs careful and firm policing.
Hope it's successful. Then you can look at sorting out the behaviour in Riverhead Tesco car park.
No reason not to have it as a tool to use
Any kid found to be causing anti-social behaviour shouldn't just be asked to leave, they should be arrested and only released once their parents have collected them and given a warning.
I fully back protecting the Vine which is an important historical and social space for the town. When large gangs of disruptive young people congregate that it deters other users and often they leave litter and even damage to the area.
Report back to parents and have them take responsibility for their child's behaviour
It's a great idea and important to make residents feel safe. Also important for the security of local businesses.
The key is to provide the CSU and the Police with the flexibility to apply common sense for the Community so that they can't hide behind small print leading to delay and inaction frustrating the Community they serve.
It should cover the multistory car park/gym car park/playing field next to gym which also collects similar activity
Need to see more of a presence in all areas of the District
I encountered no anti-social behaviour and only vaguely heard of any. But I do get my dog off the lead on the cricket ground and so do countless dog walkers. This is the only place near we can let them run freely. A PSPO would take away that freedom. Does the basic law not give power to the police to prevent anti-social behaviour without needing a PSPO? Is the problem really that big? Isn't this just going to displace the problem to another location in Sevenoaks instead of addressing it?
It is unfortunately, in these difficult times to consider all possible ways to help in making Sevenoaks a safer place in which to live.
This should cover the disgraceful damaging activities which youths do on the green. But shouldn't prevent dog walkers letting well trained dogs off of lead on cricket

ground where so many dogs play together when no cricket on. Such a shame to be banning dogs off lead in so many places
Please can we continue to let our dog off the lead
A super above
Disturbance anywhere at night when residents are trying to sleep affects quality of life. Not only that it will also put people from living in the locality. It is therefore unfair to ignore the problems as they will only increase.
Ensure the people are disbursed and do not return and are arrested and punished if they ignore the order
Ensure the situation is policed accordingly
Unfortunately it is a shame it is necessary
No or N/A x 107

Greatness Recreational Ground Skate Park Report

Sevenoaks Town Council at its meeting of the Community Infrastructure Committee held on 11th September 2023 agreed to allocate £54,509 to fund the refurbishment of the Skate park at Greatness Recreational Ground at Mill Lane following recommendations from the Youth Services Committee and the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee.

On Monday 9th October 2023 Kings Ramps started the refurbishment works on the site to ensure that is ready for the Re-opening event that took place on Tuesday 24th October. The images below show the progression of the work on the skate park up until the event.



(images taken on 11/10/2023)





(Images taken on 18/10/2023)

Posters were placed at the Skate Park, around the Town including notice boards and details of the event was shared with a number of different events websites as well as being shared on social media prior to the event to try and gain as much coverage.

We received news that early on Tuesday the 17th October the container that the contractors had been using to store their tools in had been broken into and all their hand tools were stolen as well as the generator that they were hiring. The police have been notified of this and they are asking local people in the area if they have any CCTV in the area if they could share it to figure out what happened, they are currently carrying on to try and meet the deadline by purchasing items from tool station. Despite this and the unfavourable weather conditions, Sevenoaks Town Council and Kings Ramps hosted the re-opening event on Tuesday the 24th of October for the Skate Park at Greatness Recreational Ground, with Sevenoaks Youth Council contributing £500 towards the event.

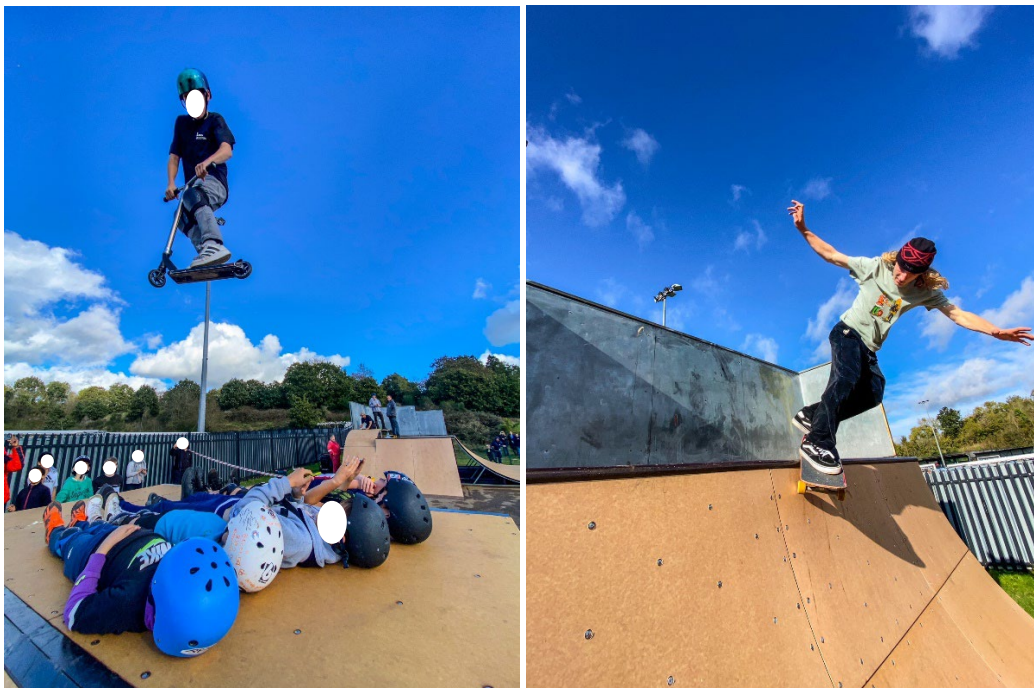
On the day the Mayor of Sevenoaks opened the event and Kings Ramps provided Skateboarding workshops hosted by two of the Counties top professionals and provided equipment with live Skateboard and BMX demonstrations. They also provided Skateboard/ BMX competitions that were split into age groups to make it fair with prizes given to the winners of those competitions. It was noted that during the event we saw a large number of young people engaging with the park using scooters on the ramps. We saw approximately 200 young people engage with the event throughout the day.

Unfortunately, due to the aforementioned issues and poor weather not all of the ramps were able to be opened on the day, Kings Ramps worked throughout the event and are carrying on to ensure the park is finished with all of the cladding and skatelite in place before the skate park can be fully re-opened. Appropriate benches are also being sourced for use at the Skate park and will be installed as soon as possible.





(Images taken on 24/10/2023 By Daren Mountain, Manger of House in the Basement)



(Images taken on 24/10/2023 By Kings Ramps)

Sevenoaks Youth Council

During September Sevenoaks Town Council held elections for Sevenoaks Youth Council. Flyers for the elections as well as letters were sent to all of the local Secondary schools in the Sevenoaks Town area as well as notices being placed in the notice boards around the town and sent to all of the Town Council sites. We also contacted different youth groups within the town like the scouts and girl guides as well as promoting via the Sevenoaks Town Council Website and Social Media.

Daren Mountain, Manager of the House in the Basement also went to a few schools and helped promote the Youth Council as well as the NEET project and promoted the elections through the House in the Basement Social Media.

The elections were completed on the week commencing the 2nd of October, with those who had been elected being contacted on Wednesday the 4th of October. The number of Youth Councillors to date that have been elected is 15. The table below shows which schools are represented and how many Youth Councillors attend each of those schools. With the first meeting of the new Youth Council being held on **Wednesday the 1st of November 2023**.

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Number of Youth Councillors attend</u>
Cobham School	1
Knole Academy	1
Radnor House	1
Sevenoaks School	7
Solefield School	1
Tunbridge wells Boys Grammar school	1
Trinity School	1
Walthamstow hall	1
Whitgift	1