

**Sevenoaks Youth Town Council
Meeting 22 April 2015
@ 6pm**

**In the HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café
Stag Community Arts Centre, London Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ZZ**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To note the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 11 March 2015 (copy previously circulated and attached hereto).

3. FINANCE REPORT

To receive and note the current Financial Balance as at 15 April 2015 remains unchanged at £1,574.27 (copy attached).

4. HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT

To receive and note the

- a) Geographical data for February and March 2015
 - b) General statistics, including income for February and March 2015.
- (Copy reports attached)

5. STREET LIGHTS PETITION

To discuss an update following publication of the Street Light survey by Youth Councillor Olivia Kings (copy attached).

6. EVENTS

- a) Soundwaves Friday 1st May 2015
- b) Go Kart - to discuss the arrangements of holding a future Go Karting event
- c) Film and Fiesta Saturday 4th July 2015

7. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

To note the dates for the next meetings are: 03.06.2015 and 15.07.2015 in the Town Council Chamber at 6pm.

MINUTES OF SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON 12th MARCH 2015 AT 6PM SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Alexander Dunn, Kelly Williams, Ben Park, Freya Henderson, James Craggs, Thomas Smith, Tanjinna Miah [arrived 6:20pm], Oliver Forth, Taraminna Miah [arrived 6:20pm], Philip Magee [arrived 6:50pm],

In Attendance

Cllrs A Eyre and R J Parry
Linda Larter MBE Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Michèle MacDonald, Committee Clerk

Apologies

Youth Councillor Olivia Kings
Gail Grieves, Manager HITB Youth Cafe

Declaration of Interest

Cllr A Eyre declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No 28 regarding the hire of the Sevenoaks Community Centre's cinema.

Youth Cllr Alexander Dunn was elected Chairman by the committee. The Chairmen welcomed the new Youth Councillor Oliver Forth to the Sevenoaks Youth Council.

23 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 28th JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED that: received and noted as a true record. It was noted that since the Youth Council had recently asked local schools to introduce a rota of parents to act as Volunteer Bus Conductors on school buses, some changes had been made:

a. Knole Academy

- Youth Councillor Thomas Smith noted that since the half term break:
 - the bus drivers now go upstairs and send anyone standing downstairs and will not drive off until then
 - cameras have been installed on corners of the buses
- Youth Councillor Freya Henderson noticed that teachers now stand at bus stops to ensure people alight the right bus

b. Bennett Memorial Diocesan School

- Youth Councillor Alexander Dunn noted this bus had been reduced to a single decker instead of a double decker bus.

24 FINANCE REPORT

RESOLVED that: the balance on account as at 25th February 2015 be £1,574.27

25 HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT [HITB]

RESOLVED that the:

- a. HITB Report for March 2015 be received and noted.
It was AGREED that Youth Councilors distribute the new menu [APPENDIX A] to friends and colleagues, post on notice boards at school if permissible.
- b. Geographical Data for January 2015 be received and noted.
It was NOTED that 36 new people had joined the Youth Café in January, 12 of whom live in Sevenoaks Town.
- c. General Statistics including income for January 2015 showing an upward trend be received and noted.

*Youth Councilors Tanjinna and Taraminna Miah arrived @ 18:20.
Youth Councillor Tanjinna Miah continued as chairman.*

26 STREET LIGHTS PETITION

- a. Youth Councillor Ben Park noted that evenings were now getting lighter so the issue has lessened. It was NOTED that some bulbs in local street lights were not working.

RESOLVED to include in the Minutes the KCC contact number for members of the public to contact KCC directly regarding faulty street lights with the Street Light column number by telephoning the KCC Highways team on 03000 41 81 81 or at their website <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

- b. Update following publication of the Street light Survey by Youth Councillor Olivia Kings

RESOLVED to forward the information in the future.

27 GO KART

RESOLVED Youth Councilors Thomas Smith and Alexander Dunn form a working party to discuss arrangements and report back. Dates of meetings will be prior to the next full meeting of Youth Council. Dates to be confirmed.

28 OPEN AIR CINEMA

The Town Clerk circulated costs for Open Air Cinema screening [APPENDIX B]. A general discussion was held as this was considered too expensive (£1,500-£1,850).

RESOLVED:

- a. to hire a cinema on Saturday 4th July 2015 at a charge of £360 and the Plaza Suite afterwards for a "Film and Fiesta" event. Mr Andrew Eyre, as Manager of the Stag Community Arts Centre, confirmed that a Cinema and Plaza Suite are available to hire
- b. to show an "Alvin and the Chipmunks" film – the first one preferred if available
- c. to charge £5 a ticket for the "Film and Fiesta"
- d. to charge £2 a ticket for the Fiesta only.
- e. All youth councilors to attend the "Film and Fiesta" if not on annual leave
- f. All youth councilors to each sell 10 tickets for the "Film and Fiesta"
- g. Poster to be prepared to publicise

29 YOUTH SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE (YSSC)

RESOLVED: Youth Councillors Alexander Dunn, Ben James and Kelly Williams to attend future meetings of the YSSC as representatives of young people in Sevenoaks.

30 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

NOTED: the dates for the next meetings are:

22nd April 2015 (to be held in the HITB Youth Café)

3rd June 2015

15th July 2015

9th September 2015

4th November 2015

20th January 2016

16th March 2016

4th May 2016

in the Town Council Chamber at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6:55pm



Menu

Food

Meal deals

A choice of fishfingers, sausage or burger with waffles or fries and beans or spaghetti...

£2.50

Daily Specials

Each day we offer a special of the day (see the signs for details).
Enjoy this with a drink for only...

£2.50

Toasties

Toastie and fries all just... £2.00

Choose from

Cheese and beans
Cheese and ham
Cheese and tomato
Cheese and onion

Sweet Stuff

Homemade slice of cake	60p
Homemade cookies	50p
Chocolate bars	60p
Haribo	10p
Waffles	£1.00
Waffles with ice cream and sauce	£1.50

Drink

Milkshakes	£1.00
Glass of cola, lemonade or orangeade	£1.00
Tea/ Coffee	60p
Hot chocolate	60p

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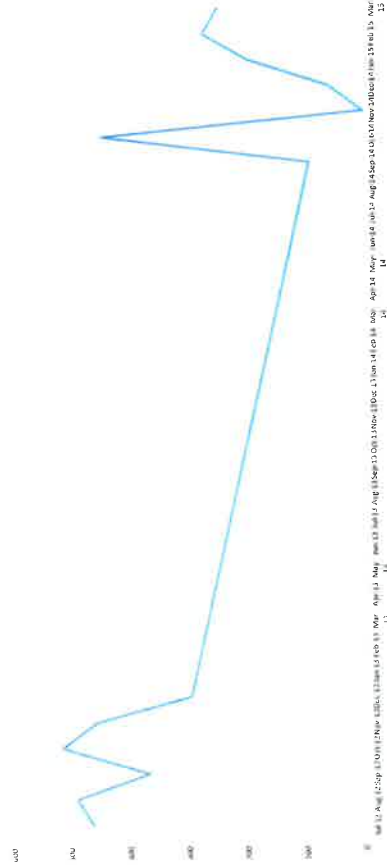
Youth Council General Income and Expenditure

		Expenditure £	Income £
Balance Brought Forward	01.04.2013		1,376.26
Budget allocated 13/14	01/04/2013		1,000.00
Budget allocated 14/15	01/04/2014		500.00
Vintage Bus Tickets re visit to Knole			
Community Open Day	26/06/2013	8.00	
Catering for HiTB 1st Anniversary party	04/07/2013	250.00	
Travel costs re visit to Parliament	17/07/2013	184.60	
Travel costs re BYC Annual Council Meeting	31/08/2013	56.43	
Open Evening		25.33	
Printing youth council leaflets (SDC 15923)	07/10/2014	149.00	
Printing youth council leaflets (SDC 16087)	05/11/2014	283.13	
Printing recharges (SDC16295)	16/12/2014	195.50	
anity Talent Management live show (May 2015)	30/01/2015	150.00	
		1,301.99	2,876.26
	Net Balance:		1,574.27

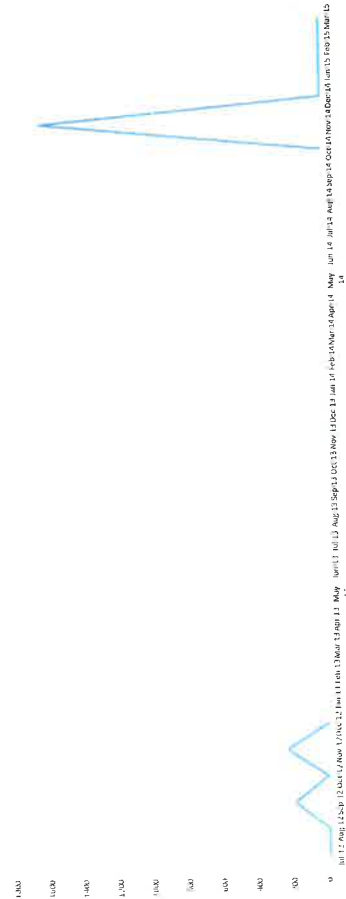
HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café membership geographical data	End of January 2015	New in February 2015 Plus	Total as at and February 2015	End of February 2015	New in March 2015 Plus	Total as at end March 2015
Sevenoaks	66	1		67	4	
Northern	45	3		48	1	
Eastern	31	1		32		
St Johns	34	1		35	1	
Kippington	23			23		
Town	8			8	1	
Wilderness					9	
Total	207	6	213	213		222
outside Sevenoaks						
Bessels Green	2			2		
Biggin Hill	2			2		
Borough Green	3	1		4		
Brasted	10			10		
Brighton	1			1		
Bromley	0			0	1	
Chatham	1			1		
Chevening	3			3		
Chislehurst	2			2		
Chipstead	19			19		
Cobham, Surrey	2			2		
Crawley	1			1		
Crouch	2			2		
Cudham	1			1		
Crowborough	1			1		
Dartford	1			1		
Dunton Green	22	2		24		
Edenbridge	7	1		8		
Eynsford	3			3		
Farningham	2			2		
Four Elms	1			1		
Gravesend	1			1		
Hadlow	3			3		
Halstead	1			1		
Hildenborough	10			10	2	
Horsmonden	2			2		
Horton Kirby	1			1		
Ide Hill	2			2		
Ightham	8			8		
Kemsing	22	1		23	2	
Knockholt	1			1		
Knatts Valley	3			3		
Leigh	1			1		
Longfield	1			1		
Maidstone	4			4		
Mark Cross	1			1		
Orpington	1	1		2	1	
Otford	27			27	1	
Other	159			159		
Oxted	4			4		
Paddock Wood	1			1		
Paris	1			1		
Pembury	2			2		
Platt	2			2		
Plaxtol	1			1		
Pontoise	2			2		
Riverhead	28			28	2	
Seal	15			15		
Shoreham	2			2		
South Darenth	1			1		
Sundridge	10			10		
Swanley	6			6		
Tonbridge	21	4		25		
Tunbridge Wells	21	2		23		
Wallington	1			1		
Weald	7			7		
West Kingsdown	4			4		
West Wickham	2			2		
West Malling	2			2		
Westerham	10	2		12		
Whiteleaf	1			1		
Wrotham	4			4		
Wales	1			1		
Total	690	14	710	710	8	505
		710	710	710	727	727

HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café									
	Jan-13	Jan-14	Jan-15	Feb-13	Feb-14	Feb-15	Mar-13	Mar-14	Mar-15
Girls	120	95	60	120	111	96	188	89	54
Boys	214	179	100	188	188	108	253	159	102
Sub Total	334	274	160	308	299	204	441	248	156
Youth out reach Schools			0		0	0		0	0
Youth outreach soundwaves May 2014 stats updated	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	34	0
Youth outreach churches			0		0	0			0
new fund totals wtd January 2014 TOTAL	334	274	150	308	404	204	441	282	156
Gross income	272.84	298.78	146.7	359.22	231	274.4	364.85	107.35	248.15
spend per head	0.82	1.09	1.11	1.17	0.57	1.14	0.83	0.38	1.60
Hire income	tbc	208	tbc	25	208	tbc	25	550	tbc
Membership	tbc	427	890	194	515	710	211	549	727
Volunteers	10	1	4		0	16		1	18
Volunteer hours	tbc	3	8		0	41.5		5	41
Interventions									
Smoking	6	3	0	15	4	0		3	0
Sexual Health	0	no nurse	0	14	no nurse	no nurse		no nurse	6
Alcohol and drugs	6	2	38	11	0	41		28	45
Drugs	0	1	58		0	14		2	13
Housing /Homelessness	5	0	0		0	0		0	0
Emotional Wellbeing	4	4	40	4	9	12		1	5
Child Protection	0	0	0		0	0		0	0
Readiness for work	8	13	1	3	0	11		0	0
Bad Language	8	0	0	16	0	0		0	0
training	1	0	0		0	0		0	0
decision making	11	0	0		0	0		0	0
social services	0	0	0		0	0		0	0
other		323	108		294	11		161	170
Total	49	345	241	63	307	147	0	395	219
Partnership No of visits									
Connexions	10	2	0		3			4	
Sexual Health Nurse		0	0		0	0		0	0
Kenwood Trust		0	0		1	0		0	0
SAYT		2	5		3	4		1	4
VAWR		1	1		1	0		1	1
SAFE		2	0		1	0		2	0
new January 2014									
Total	10	5	6	0	9	4	0	8	5

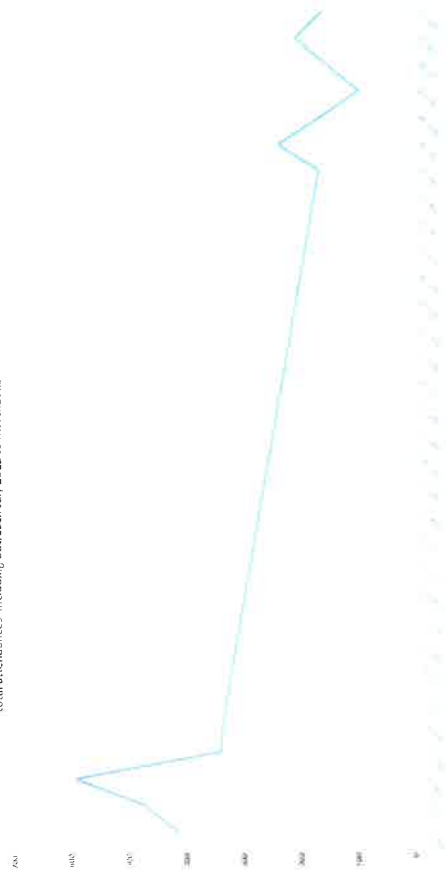
GROSS Income July 2012 to March 2015



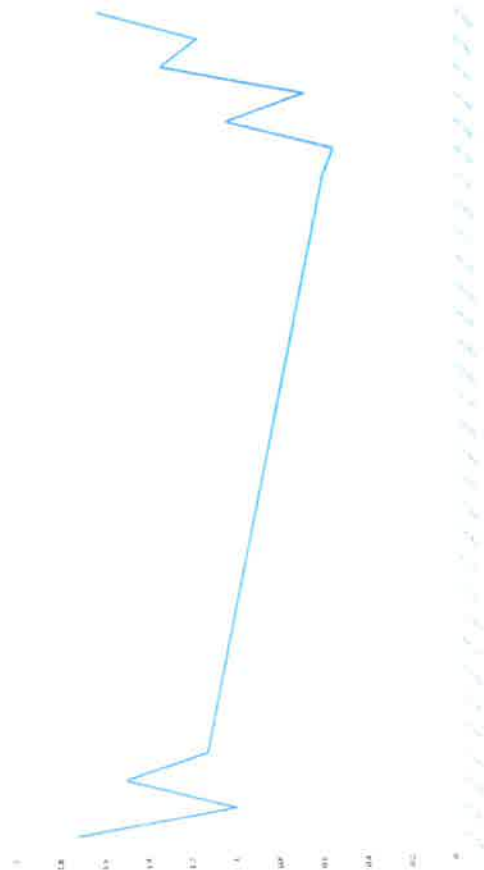
Hire Income July 2012 to March 2015



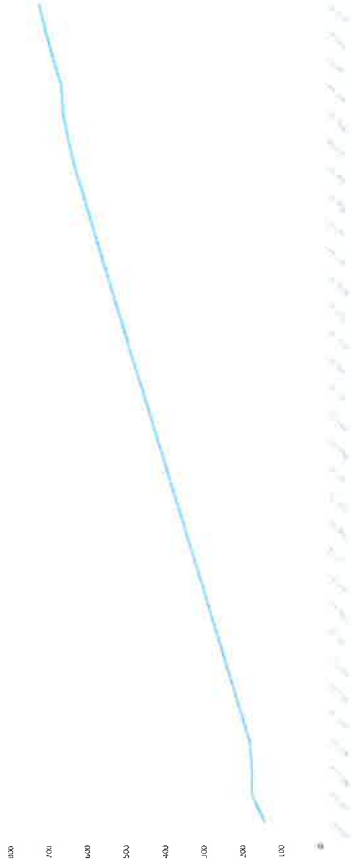
Total attendances including outreach July 2012 to March 2015



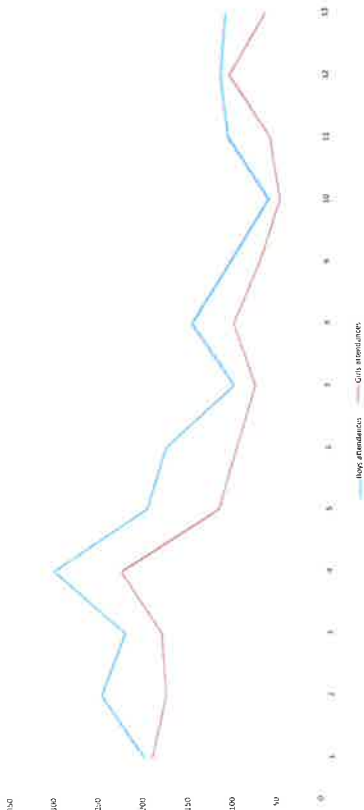
Spend per head July 2012 to March 2015



Membership July 2012 to March 2015



Attendance Girls and Boys July 2012 to March 2015



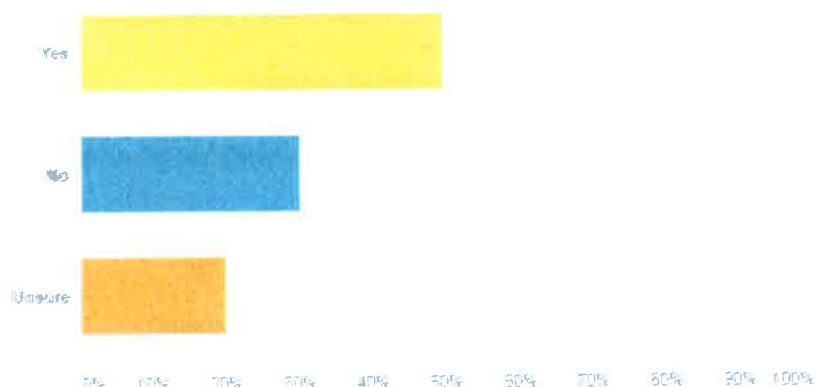
STREET LIGHTING SURVEY – REPORT

BY OLIVIA KINGS

1.

Do you feel that the street lighting within the local community needs improving?

Answers: 10 Skipped: 0



Other answers given included:

"Yes"

"No"

"Yes"

"Yes"

"Yes"

2. Please state why you chose the previous answer...

"I live very close to the Sevenoaks High Street and Train Station, and both have adequate lighting (and are the only places I really frequent), and as such have not taken a large enough sample size to accurately say whether or not the lighting is in need of improving."

"It's fine as it is"

 "Some lights appear to be turned off at night"

 "It's too dim and the lights don't always work/they flicker"

 "Because at night, as you travel down riverhill, it would appear that the lighting has been turned off. This could cause a serious problem as there is a vast number of overhanging trees which could easily cause road blocks. Without the lighting, how are we supposed to see them? Light gives people a warm and safer feeling. Without it, we are much more insecure."

 "It is hard to see at night"

 "All the streets are lit and I don't feel nervous walking down them on my own"

 "There is not a consistency in street lighting, you can go from a short distance of good lighting to poor or no lighting."

 "I'm not in Sevenoaks at night enough"

 "I feel quite unsafe when I walk home from school when it's dark, and I sometimes worry about what could happen if something bad happens, for example I have fits every now and then, and I sometimes feel worried that things would be a lot worse for me if I have one in a badly lighted place and so can't get help as easily."

 "Because it is dangerous for young people to be walking home in the dark"

 "I live on a main road"

 "Sevenoaks Community needs to be accessible to all of its residents! There are areas which are not lit well and make being in those areas hard. Being young, my parents are more reluctant for me to be out as the youth Café is travelling home is not safe."

 "I cannot see many people and I bump into things"

 "I have stated yes because when I was walking to the shops I crashed into a building and nearly fell over. It is unsafe and I also could be in danger and you can't see other people"

3. Have you any concerns or comments about there being no street lighting in your area? If so, please include what these are in your answer below, and what area this concerns.

"I have heard people complain about the lack of lighting past midnight at the base of Granville Road, but all have conceded that it is the lesser of two evils (financial and light pollution benefits)."

"No"

"RIVERHILL"

"Yes"

"None"

"There is street lighting in my area, I just don't feel that there's enough"

"Little woods is too dark and there is no proper lighting at greatness park."

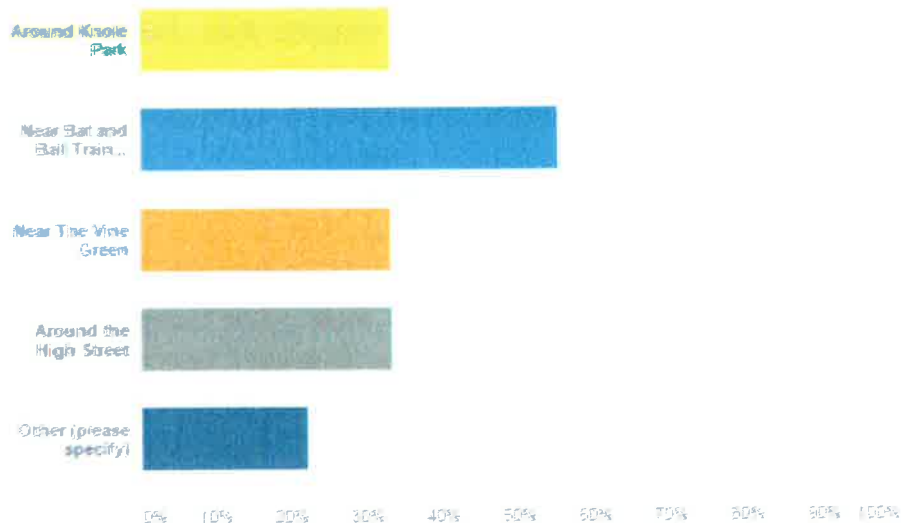
"No it's always on when it is dark"

"Not enough street lights that actually work!"

4. In particular, which areas do you feel need to improve their street lighting?

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Answered: 9 Skipped: 1



The other areas specified were:

"None"

"N/A"

"Around Knole Park, Near Bat and Ball Station, Greatness Park"

"Around the High Street"

"Near Bat and Ball Train Station, Around the Stag Theatre, Youth Café, Around Otford"

"Near Bat and Ball Train Station – leave them on!"

"Kemsing"

5. Why did you choose this area/these areas in particular?

"I didn't"

"These are areas where we live/work and where young people regularly get off school busses in the dark - their safety should be paramount"

"Because I get the train everyday and it doesn't seem very safe to not have good lighting at night/in the evening"

"Because that is the only area I have experience of to support"

"They all have bad street lighting and around knole park there are animals which you can't see"

"There are a lot of restaurants that are open until quite late as well as the stag which has movies and the theatre that closes after dark"

"These are examples of where the lighting is patchy."

"N/A"

"When I walk back from the highstreet and pass the vine I am mostly in darkness which is a little threatening. Also I don't use Bat and ball station because my parents don't think it's as safe as it could be and if the street lighting is improved, I think it would be a lot safer."

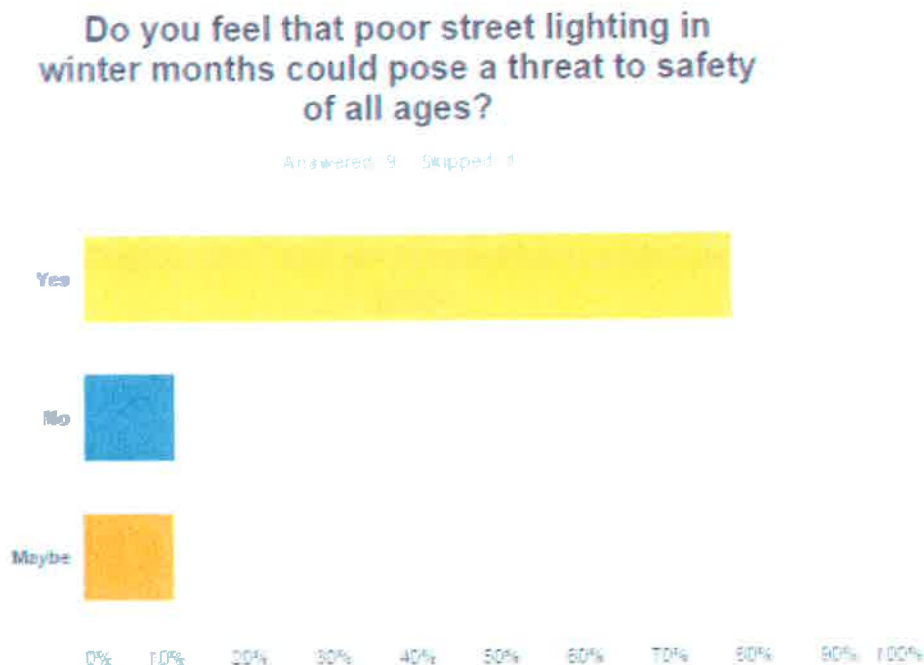
"Because there are many young people who are out when it turns dark and it is inconvenient to have poor lighting in these areas"

"Because the lighting is poor and restrictive"

"It is not safe for young people who come home late and can't see a thing"

"Because I live in Kemsing and it's where I spend most of my time"

6. Do you think that poor street lighting in winter months could pose a threat to safety for all ages?



Other answers included:

"Yes"

"Leading question... so maybe"

"Yes"

"Maybe"

"Yes"

7. Please state why you chose the previous answer

"Black ice is a threat to all, but a significantly more large one for the elderly."

"It's not"

"See my comment on young people travelling home from school alone and in the dark"

"Because you cannot see where you are going, so this can pose a danger to yourself and to those around you"

"Being on your own, in the dark is scary. Of you can't see 20 metres behind or in front of you, it's terrifying. We have laws for cars that if you can't see 100m then you're allowed to turn your fog lights on to improve visibility. Clearly there is a fundamental rule that support, light = more safety."

"you can't see people in the dark"

"It could make people feel more vulnerable and easy for other people to pick or "jump" them. Especially for the young, elderly, women and children"

"There is an obvious risk, but also the fact that good lighting makes people of all ages feel safe."

"Younger children are more likely to run across roads as it is and if parents can not keep a proper eye on them then it is more likely that they will be able to run across. In addition poor quality of lighting can be more difficult for car visibility as cars won't always have time to turn on their headlights as it is one area- this will give rise to more car accidents"

"There are a lot of elderly people in the area, and if they have falls in the darkness, it might be a lot harder for them to get help. Also I have fits occasionally and I feel that it would be a lot worse for the same reasons."

"Because there is still many people walking around in the winter months and it is ways to trip and fall over things you can't see"

"I live there"

"Being lit brings security, young, or old we need to know we are safe in our local community These areas are a cause for concern."

"It is darker in the winter at quite early. Its not safe in the dark for people to walk about."

"Because if it was dark at night I could either have any of my objects stolen like money or my phone"

8. What area do you feel that safety is threatened by lack of street lighting the most?

"The Vine and Bat and Ball Station"

"No where..."

"Sevenoaks high street"

"Possibly around the vine"

"Around knole park"

"Alleys and back streets"

"The risk of tripping"

"N/A"

"Bat and ball station and the areas around it"

"Bat and Ball Station, Greatness Park and LittleWoods"

"None"

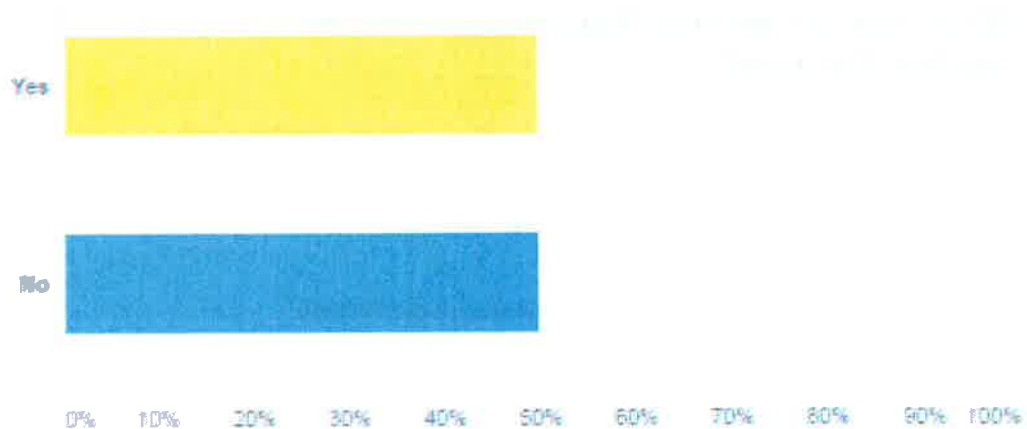
"Train Station"

"Kemsing"

9. Would you allow your name to be included within a petition that would support the improvement of the street lighting?

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Answered: 10 Skipped: 0



Other answers include:

"Yes"

"Yes"

"No"

"Yes"

"No"