

Sevenoaks Youth Council
Meeting Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 6pm
Bar Room, Sevenoaks Community Centre, Cramptons Road, off Otford Road,
Sevenoaks TN14 5DN

to be followed by a meeting of the Youth Services Sub Committee at 7pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of Meeting 8th March 2017

To receive and agree the minutes (copy previously circulated and attached).

3. Finance Report

To receive and note the attached income and expenditure sheet (copy attached).

4. HOUSE in the Basement

To receive and note the following reports:

- i) HOUSE in the Basement report for March and April 2017
 - ii) General statistics including income for March 2017
 - iii) Geographical data for March 2017
 - iv) Outcomes for March 2017
- (Copies attached).

5. Projects 2017

To receive and discuss

- a) Ukulele Work Shop and Open Mic Night - update of event held on Friday 31st March 2017
- b) Youth Mental Wellbeing event held on 3rd April 2017
- c) Theatre workshop to be held on 4th May 2017
- d) Live on the Vine Summer Festival arrangements
 - To note the new date as 21st July 2017
 - To discuss stalls on the Vine Gardens at the event

6. Invitations for Youth Councillors

- a. Youth Advisory Group [YAG]
 - i. 27th April 2017 - Invitation for Youth Councillors to attend a meeting from 5pm to 7pm at the Swanley Youth Hub [transport to be arranged, leaving STC at 4:15pm]
- b. KYCC – Anti bullying Campaign
 - i. A training booklet has been designed for young people to be trained as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. This can be download from the resources section at www.kent.gov.uk/kycc
- c. Kent Youth County Council [KYCC]

To note that the KYCC Elections run from Monday 6th to Sunday 19th November 2017.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk

8. Youth Shelter Update

To receive a report from the Town Clerk relating to the provision of a Youth Shelter at Greatness Recreation Ground (copy attached).

9. Dates of Meetings

To note the next meetings on 14th June, 18th July and 6th September 2017 will be held in the Sevenoaks Council Chamber

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MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2017
AT THE SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

Present: Daniel Izu (Chairman), Malcolm Briery, James Armitage (Treasurer), Sam Chard, Katie Willis, Elise Van Den Hoek, Katherine Magee, Zak Young (Vice Chairman), Oliver Forth, Charlotte Humm, Ana Lawther, Estella Durnford

In Attendance: Linda Larter, Cllr Simon Raikes, Shane Mochrie-Cox

Apologies for Absence: Phoebe Critchlow, Tom Chapman, Cllr Andrew Eyre, Cllr Richard Parry.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Linda Larter provided a presentation relating to the 10 ideas being developed within the Sevenoaks Masterplan for Northern Sevenoaks. Following the presentation discussion took place and Youth Councillors provided the following feedback:

- i) Overall thought the plan looked good
- ii) It was good that the areas outside of the town centre were being developed, to provide an overall connected Sevenoaks.
- iii) It would ease congestion in the town centre.
- iv) Could see themselves using the leisure attraction.
- v) Would need to be well connected to public transport
- vi) Would want the leisure Greatness Lake to have cycles and boats for hire.
- vii) Overall the plan was a good surprise and would expect most people to be supportive.
- viii) Welcome the improvement of the infrastructure.
- ix) The town is much bigger than people normally consider, the Northern part of the town should not be thought of as a spill over area but made more pleasant in keeping with the rest of the town.

30. **Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 25th January 2017**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be accurate, subject to noting the following amendments:

- An update had been provided relating to the Edenbridge Summer Festival, the date should read 8th April 2017.
- The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held in the Sevenoaks Community Centre on 26th April 2017 instead of the Council Chamber.

31. **Finance Report**

It was noted that the balance available was £789.81 and that the Youth Council would receive a further £500 on 1st April 2017.

32. **House in the Basement Youth Café (HitB)**

The following reports were noted:

- i) House in the Basement report for February 2017
- ii) General statistics, including income for January and February 2017
- iii) Geographical data for January and February 2017
- iv) Outcomes for January and February 2017

It was noted that a cheque of £395.05 had been received from Fat Face. Fat Face donated funds in replacement of offering discounts on Black Friday. Youth Councillors requested that their appreciation to Fat Face be recorded in the minutes.

33. 2017 Youth Council Projects

Ukulele Work Shop and Open Mic Night at HitB Youth Cafe.

The first of the monthly events was held on Friday 24th February 2017. Attendance was good and feedback for both events was good. The next event would take place on Friday 31st March 2017.

Live on the Vine Summer Festival

It had previously agreed to hold a Live on the Vine Summer Festival on the Vine Gardens. Most acts would come from those who had performed at the Open Mic events.

- i) It was agreed that the event would take place on 14th July 2017.
- ii) It would be a family event not just for young people.
- iii) It was also agreed that there would be stalls selling teenage items, food and homemade wares. Youth Councillors would approach those involved in Young Entrepreneur projects at their schools.

34. Creation of public art / graffiti

The following was discussed and agreed.

- i) To distribute the entry form for the competition both on paper and electronically asap.
- ii) Closing date for entries 29th May 2017.
- iii) Judging to take place on 14th June 2017 (Youth Council Meeting). Graffiti artist to be invited.
- iv) There were three potential sites for the public art / graffiti – 1) Wall outside HitB, 2) Stag wall alongside pathway to the South Park car park and 3) hoardings alongside the previous Edwards Electrical site, 166 High Street.

35. Invitations for Youth Councillors

- i) Grow Wild
British Youth Council inviting young people nationally to take part in Grow Wild in 2017 to transform shared spaces into colourful and inspiring wild flower havens. Noted one pack of seeds provided and suggested a small area within Upper High Street Gardens be used.

- ii) Youth Advisory Group (YAG) 27th April 2017
Noted that two Youth Councillors attend the previous meeting on 2nd February 2017 and that it was mainly adults attending. Youth Councillors asked to be reminded nearer the date of the next meeting to check availability to attend.
- iii) Masterplan for Northern Sevenoaks.
Youth Councillors had been invited to be involved in the meetings and process for developing the Masterplan.
It was agreed that the position should be shared amongst Youth Councillors who were available on meeting dates.

36. Dates of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 26th April 2017 in the Sevenoaks Community Centre.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.00 p.m.

Signed

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Chairman

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Sevenoaks Town CouncilYouth Council General Income and Expenditure:
7555/38

2016/17

		Expenditure	Income	
		£	£	
Starting Balance:	01/04/2016		£ 1,495.44	
Budget allocated:			£ 500.00	
Adjustment to Opening Balance				Youth Council BYC Subs allocated to STC
2015/16 Invoice		£ 54.00		
UPS Road Code - afternoon snack	28/05/2016	£ 5.15		
SDC Print Room - Banners LotV	LoV	£ 80.00		
Underage drinking signs	LoV	£ 48.00		
PRS Music License - LotV	LoV	£ 28.45		
100 Posters - LotV	LoV	£ 20.00		
NK Audio-bal of allocation to 7552/38	LoV	£206.05		
Popcorn	LoV	£ 17.50		
P Crisp	LoV	£ 100.00		
Skate Park Jam Day	05/08/2016	£500.00		Skate Park Event (Agreed Spend) £500
Open Mic printing 23.11.16		£ 49.00		
LoV income			£ 105.56	
House of Parliament visit	posted to RBS	£ 110.00		
House of Parliament visit	Not yet posted	£ 87.31		
Open Mic Night		£ 150.00		
Ukelele workshop		£ 50.00		
		£ 1,505.46	£ 2,101.00	
Available Funds		£ 595.54		Reconciled to balance in other creditors

Sevenoaks Town Council

Youth Council General Income and Expenditure:
7555/38

2017/18

	Expenditure £	Income £
Starting Balance: 01/04/2017		£595.54
Budget allocated:		£ 500.00
Adjustment to Opening Balance		
Open Mic Night/Ukulelel workshop 31.03.2017 received, not yet posted £200		
	£ -	£1,095.54
Available Funds	£ 1,095.54	
Open Mic Night/Ukulelel workshop 31.03.2017 received, not yet posted £200	£ 200.00	
	£ 895.54	

HOUSE IN THE Basement

March and April 2017

General Update

HiTB remains as operational as it can be, bearing in mind shortage of permanent staff. We have had the odd closure but in general we can cover opening. We remain very quiet during the week but Friday's and Saturday's are much busier, we have had 12 new signs ups during March and we hope they continue to attend regularly.

We enjoyed our 2nd Ukulele workshop and Open Mic event on Friday 31st March, with around 28 young people supporting the event and 10 planned acts with an extra 2 who decided to have a go.

Dan was an excellent host this time and "we teach music" shared the event on Facebook, HiTB Facebook posts were shared by new followers, so hopefully this will continue to grow. Huge thanks to the staff who helped clear and prep the café. Cheesey Hot dogs were quite the hit.

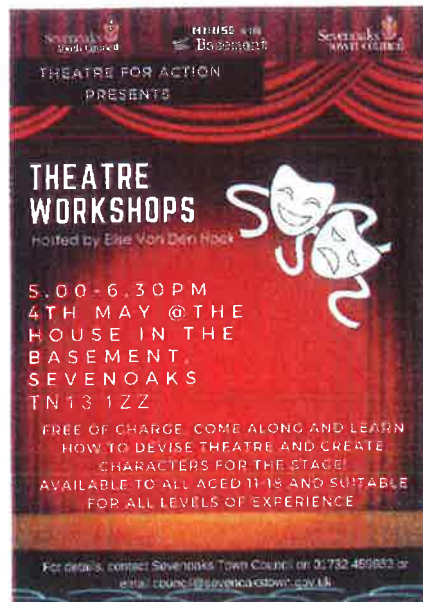


The TV has been fixed and a new surround sound wire is due to be ordered we will then be arranging a movie night on the quieter evenings in an aid to increase visitors. One young person who has been using the café for just over a year has bought his first mobile phone as he now believes he has friends to add and follow on social media, the team are pleased for him.

Easter Funny holiday club had extended the age range in a bid to attract more people, unfortunately the club was cancelled on 4th April as only two had booked in.

Sevenoaks Youth Councillor Estella Durnford organised a Mental Health workshop with West Kent Mind on the 5th of April which was well attended with 10 young people. West Kent MIND would like to host a further mental health wellbeing event for the exam season. Date to be confirmed.

Youth Councillor Elise van den Hoek is organising a Theatre Work shop for 4th May, which we hope will be well attended. All events are being publicised to schools locally and via social media.



On April 25th, a lady has hired HiTB to run some mindfulness session for young people dealing with exam stress.

Gail contacted the Fare share scheme and HiTB are now enjoying donations from Tesco again, so this is good news.

The Youth Café has received further financial support for the 2017/2018 financial year, £3,000 from F M Conway and a £500 anonymous donation.

HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café			
	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Girls	48	57	44
Boys	104	123	150
	152	180	194
Sub Total	299.45	280.2	379.1
Gross income	1.34	1.84	1.95
spend per head			

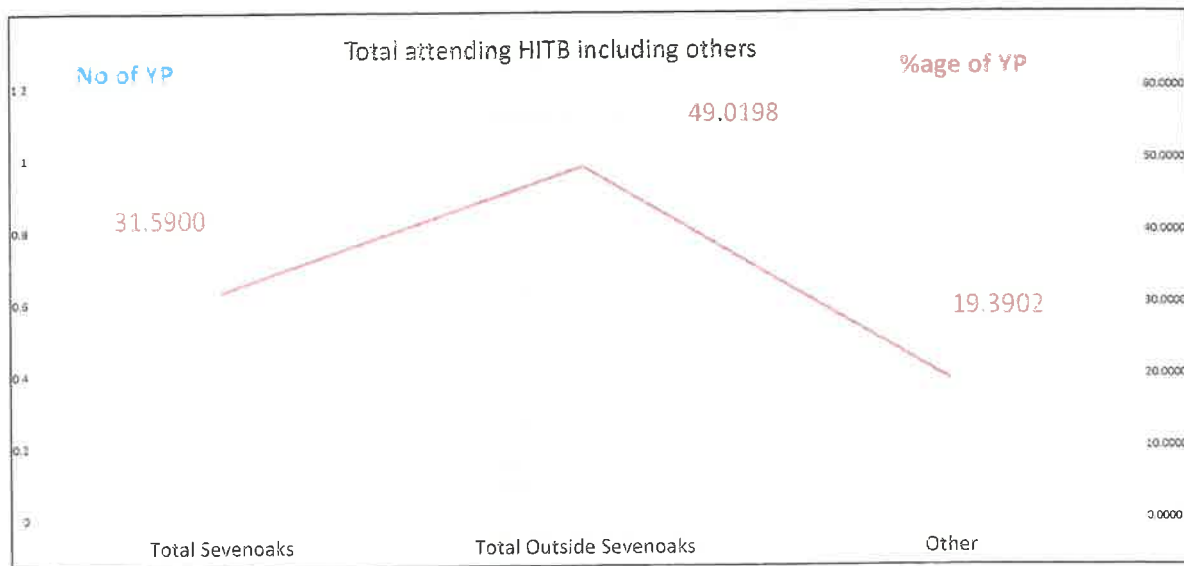
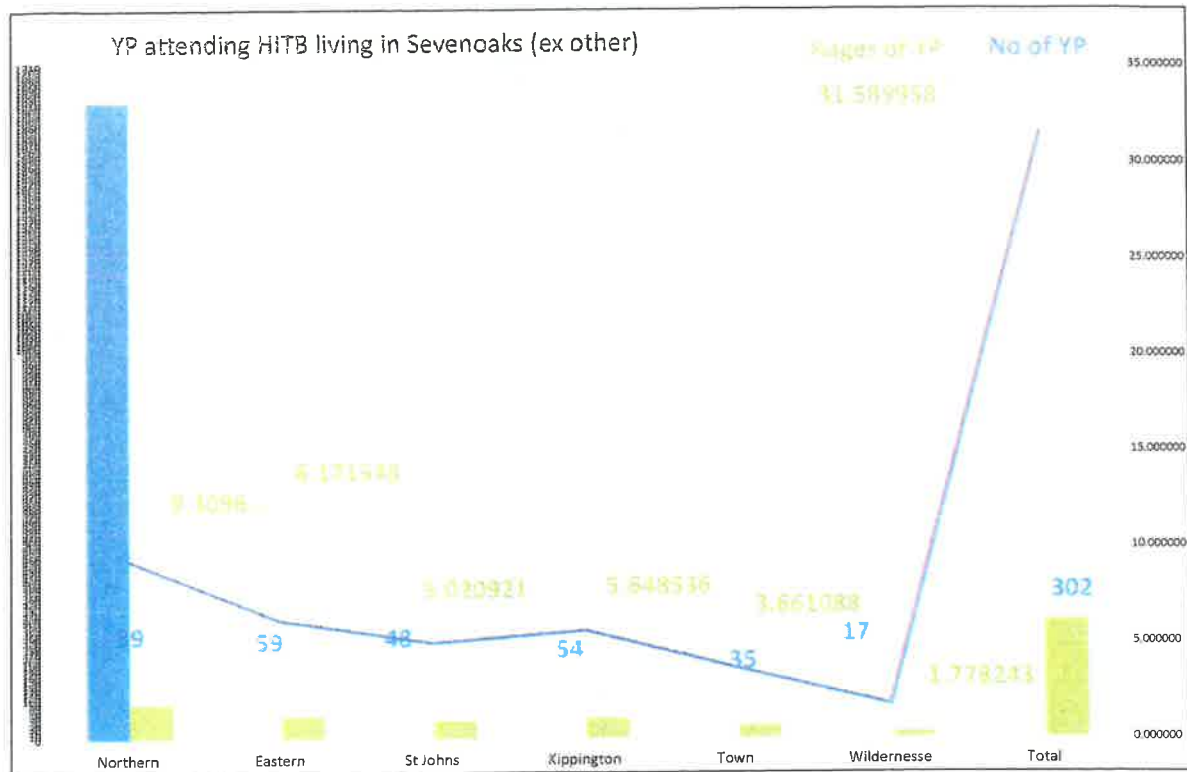
Attendance and income - Comparison last 3 months stats

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HOUSE in the Basement Youth Café Past Attendance Geographical data	End of February 2017	New in February 2017	End of March 2017	Percentage of total
Sevenoaks	89		89	9.309623
Northern	59		59	6.171548
Eastern	48		48	5.020921
St Johns	54		54	5.648536
Kippington	35		35	3.661080
Town	17		17	1.778243
Wilderness				
Total	302	0	302	31.589950
outside Sevenoaks				
Bessels Green	3		3	0.313808
Bickley, Kent	1		1	0.104603
Biggin Hill	2		2	0.243902
Borough Green	10		10	1.219512
Brasted	14		14	1.707317
Brighton	1		1	0.121951
Bromley	2		2	0.243902
Chatham	1		1	0.121951
Chevening	3		3	0.365854
Chislehurst	2		2	0.243902
Chipstead	25	3	28	3.414634
Cobham, Surrey	2		2	0.243902
Crawley	1		1	0.121951
Crouch	2		2	0.243902
Cudham	1		1	0.121951
Crowborough	1		1	0.121951
Dartford	2		2	0.243902
Dunton Green	32	1	33	4.024390
Edenbridge	9		9	1.097561
Eynsford	4		4	0.487805
Farningham	3		3	0.365854
Four Elms	1		1	0.121951
Gravesend	1		1	0.121951
Hadlow	4		4	0.487805
Halstead	2		2	0.243902
Hildenborough	14	1	15	1.829268
Horsmanden	2		2	0.243902
Horton Kirby	3		3	0.365854
Hurst Green	1		1	0.121951
Ide Hill	3		3	0.365854
Ightham	9		9	1.097561
Kensington	36	2	38	4.634146
Knockholt	2		2	0.243902
Knockholt	7		7	0.853659
Knatts Valley	1		1	0.121951
Leigh	1		1	0.121951
Longfield	1		1	0.121951
Maidstone	8		8	0.975610
Mark Cross	1		1	0.121951
Mereworth	1		1	0.121951
Mereworth	3		3	0.365854
Orpington	3		3	0.365854
Otford	44	1	45	5.487805
Oxted	5		5	0.609756
Oxted	1		1	0.121951
Paddock Wood	1		1	0.121951
Paris	1		1	0.121951
Pembury	2		2	0.243902
Penshurst	0	1	1	0.121951
Platt	2		2	0.243902
Platt	1		1	0.121951
Plaxtol	1		1	0.121951
Pontoise	2		2	0.243902
Redhill	1		1	0.121951
Redhill	44		44	5.365054
Riverhead	1		1	0.121951
Seal	25	2	27	3.292603
Seal	3		3	0.365854
Shoreham	1		1	0.121951
Somerset	2		2	0.243902
South borough	1		1	0.121951
South Darenth	1		1	0.121951
St Mary's Platt	16		16	1.951220
Sundridge	1		1	0.121951
Sutton at Hone	1		1	0.121951
Swanley	10		10	1.219512
Tatsfield	1		1	0.121951
Tonbridge	29		29	3.536585
Tonbridge	22		22	2.682927
Tunbridge Wells	1		1	0.121951
Underriver	1		1	0.121951
Wallington	7		7	0.853659
Weald	9		9	1.097561
West Kingsdown	2		2	0.243902
West Wickham	3		3	0.365854
West Malling	19		19	2.317073
Westerham	1		1	0.121951
Whiteleaf	4		4	0.487805
Wrotham	1		1	0.121951
Wrotham	1		1	0.121951
Wales				
Other	159		159	19.390244
Other	643	11	654	68.410042
Total	945	654.00	956	100.000000
Total Sevenoaks		31.5900		
Total Outside Sevenoaks		49.0198		
Other		19.3902		
		100.0000	0	100.000000



Date	Support Provided
02.03.2017	How exercise can boost you
03.03.2017	Living with siblings
04.03.2017	Healthy eating
09.03.2017	Dealing with stree of arguments with siblings
11.03.2017	Is it right to discuss people whenthey are not in the room
15.03.2017	Having apositive attitude to life makes you feel better
16.03.2017	Healthy options with food
22.03.2017	Religions and days events
23.03.2017	Healthy eating can be tasty
24.03.2017	Eating healthily
25.03.2017	Exercise and healthy eating
28.03.2017	playing games fairly
29.063.2017	Exercise and healthy eating
30.03.2017	Healthy food choices

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**Sevenoaks Town Council
Youth Services Sub Committee 26th April 2017
Youth Shelter for Greatness Recreation Ground**

During the first quarter of 2016 the Youth Council suggested that there should be a Youth Shelter provided in the town. It was agreed to conduct a survey to support the suggestion. Responses attached.

The KCC Youth Worker also informed the Town Council that the SDC Task and Finish Group had identified that the youth shelter would be of benefit.

The provision of a Youth Shelter at Greatness Recreation Ground has received strong and several objections from nearby residents and the Greatness Resident Association.

For this reason the Town Council took some time to reach a conclusion regarding the provision of a Youth Shelter, however resolved in the autumn of 2016 to proceed with this and has obtained funding towards the piece of equipment.

The following piece of equipment has been chosen by officers for economic, maintenance and public safety reasons; Officers believe the best location for the Youth Shelter is close to the skateboard park, able to be observed by CCTV and from the car park. Representatives from stakeholders of the recreation ground have requested the opportunity to provide an alternative location.

The design is similar to that installed in Dunton Green recreation ground. The Parish Clerk was asked if the equipment had created any problems. The following information was provided:

"From Dunton Green's perspective I would say that the shelters have had a largely positive impact, providing young people with a decent place to meet up with friends. I know some adults can get alarmed about having an area where young people are specifically being targeted to gather in and automatically assume that they will get up to no good but that is not our experience of youth shelters."



In April 2017 Youth Workers from West Kent Communities used the latest survey created by Greatness Residents Association to engage with young people about the provision of a youth shelter. Responses attached.

22 forms were returned to West Kent Housing with the following responses (not all YP answered all questions):

1. Do you think there should be a Youth Shelter in Sevenoaks?

Yes 21

No 0

2. If you answered yes to Q.1 where do you think a Youth Shelter should be placed?

Greatness – Top of the Hill = 7

3. If you are a young person would you use a Youth Shelter?

Yes 16

No 4

4. If you answered yes to Q.3 please let us know what you would use a Youth Shelter for?

No particular reason 0

To keep dry 16

To meet friends 15

Other
to keep young people out of trouble = 2
So the young people have somewhere safe to hang out
Keep young people out of trouble = 2
Somewhere comfortable to sit
To chill

5. What is your name?

6. What is your age?

Under 10 0

10 – 15 14

15 – 18 2

Over 18 2

Youth workers also held a group session asking the YP the following questions about a being involved in the provision of a Youth Shelter:

How we would feel?	How adults would see us?
Proud	Doubt we did it
Safe	Shock
Own space	Proud
Excited	Encouraging
Happy	Impress council and others
Worth something	Build trust in us

Responses to Youth Council survey 2016

Where do you think the Youth Shelter should be placed?	If you are a young person, would you use a Youth Shelter?	Why would you use a Youth Shelter?	What is your age?	Do you think there should be a Youth Shelter in Sevenoaks?	Comments
Next to Skate Park or by the bench near the car park	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	15 - 18	Yes	would be fun and good socially for kids
Greatness Recreation Ground	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	10 - 14	Yes	
Greatness Recreation Ground	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	10 - 14	Yes	
Greatness Recreation Ground	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	10 - 14	Yes	None
Riverhead	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	
Vine	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	10 - 14	Yes	
Not sure	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	Youth Shelters are convenient
Vine	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	15 - 18	Yes	
Greatness Recreation Ground	No	No reason to use a Youth Shelter	10 - 14	Yes	
Vine	No	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	
Pontoise Recreation Ground	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	Cause im lazy I can sit there
Vine	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	10 - 14	Yes	It would be great
Pontoise Recreation Ground	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	
Pontoise Recreation Ground	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	
Vine	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	10 - 14	Yes	None

Where do you think the Youth Shelter should be placed?	If you are a young person, would you use a Youth Shelter?	Why would you use a Youth Shelter?	What is your age?	Do you think there should be a Youth Shelter in Sevenoaks?	Comments
Greatness Recreation Ground	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	in my opinion i think we should have a youth shelter like the ones in Dunton green park with the bluetooth speakers
Greatness Recreation Ground	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	10 - 14	Yes	Do it, it will be jokes!!!
Greatness Recreation Ground	Yes	To keep dry when meeting friends	15 - 18	Yes	Think its a good plan.
Vine	Yes	Somewhere to meet friends	15 - 18	Yes	