

# Community Youth Work Final Report Form

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#### Youth Provision Update

There have been a few changes these last few months. Horsham Matters have decided to withdraw from the youth provision contract for the area and a lot of work has been undertaken to ensure a new provider will be in place to take over the running of the youth clubs. As a result some of the services have been winding up this quarter with a view to the new provider delivering their own programme in the future. This is therefore the final Quarterly report from the community youth work team at Horsham Matters.

### Hub Fun Upper Beeding Youth Club school years 6 to 8 - Monday 6.00 to 8.30pm

The Hub Fun sessions ran for 6 weeks in January and February before being passed over to a new youth provider. The session continued to get a group of younger members averaging 10 young people per session, with arts and crafts, cookery and team games a constant theme.

## Cuthman Juniors Youth Club school years 7 to 9 - Tuesday 5:00 to 6:45pm

The Juniors group has continued to grow and is now getting it's best number for over two years. We have seen a few of the older members who attended the Upper Beeding Hub Fun club come along exemplifying the wider network of youth provision and how this benefits the young people, where one youth club may not suit but another meets their needs. Average attendance in March was 18 young people with a few members returning who haven't been for a while. A lot of work has been done recently with one young person around anger management and depression, and the results showed when she was the one encouraging other

members to join in a dancing competition.

### Cuthman Seniors Youth Club school years 10 to 13 - Tuesday 7:00 to 9:00pm

Again numbers on this session have grown with several new members but also some of our older member now moving on as they have now got jobs. This has been quite a challenging group where there are some concerns about possible drugs use at the weekends and mental health issues. We have had to support the young people with drugs education, lots of one to one meetings around self-harm, depression and behavior. It is an ongoing process however just the fact that these young people feel comfortable coming to a youth club and openly talk about their problems shows the need for this work to continue. One success has been helping one young person source financial support in order for her to attend her college course.

#### Cuthman Youth Club school years 7 to 12 - Thursday 7:00 to 9:00pm

Thursday numbers are steady averaging around 22 young people. With the majority of the group being in year 11 some members come for one or two session and take a break, then returning a few weeks later, due to the pressures of a GCSE year. We have supported one member particularly to receive counseling from the school to deal with anxiety issues. The group continues to engage in lots of conversations with the youth workers on issues like sex education, career plans and even travelling.

#### **Trips**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February we took a group of 22 young people to Flip out, the trampoline park, in Chichester. With the support of Paul Conroy driving the Steyning Community Bus and the use of a Steyning Grammar school minibus all the young people from both the Cuthman Juniors and the Hub Fun groups had a late night but a very enjoyable time.

#### **Community Involvement**

We have puts initial plans in place to link up with the Steyning Downland Scheme in the coming months (which has now been passed over to the new provider) to run a graffiti project in order to try and tackle an issue around graffiti in some of the SDS sites.

The Community Wardens have joined us on a few youth sessions and we have been working closely with them to tackle anti-social behavior of some young people who are not youth club members whilst also building links between the wardens and our

#### current groups.

#### 2013 - 2019

In the 6 years running the youth provision in Steyning, Upper Beeding, Bramber and Ashurst we have worked with over 400 young people. There has been 6 different youth clubs consistently running in all areas for children and young people aged 11 to 19, ranging from youth café's and sports sessions and of course the classic youth clubs. We have run sessions supporting emotional health in Steyning Grammar School, The Towers Convent School and in the Boarding school. Youth workers have been a big part of the community, working on events and delivering sessions at events such as the Steyning Festival, the Christmas late night shopping and the Downland scheme's Big Picnic.

Thank you to everyone who has made these years such a success. To all the volunteers and staff who have helped out, whether that be for a one off activity or regular youth club people. To the community and organisations who have supported us and we have supported. To the parish council and those that support youth work for the area. Finally, thank you to all the young people who have come along, at one time or another, making the sessions an energetic, fun, thoughtful and colourful place to be.