

Cambourne Youth Partnership (CYP)

Report for Parish Council Leisure & Amenities Committee

18.09.2018

Summer Holiday 2018 activities:

- With the support of our partner Romsey Mill, CYP organised a week of activities in August in the second week of the holidays.
 - In the afternoons activities included extreme laser tag, breakdancing and a graffiti workshop (with food available – BBQ, pizza making and baking)
 - In the evenings there was an open mic night, a film night and a visit to Rapademic at the Junction in Cambridge – a gig showcasing some of Cambridge’s young lyricists, MCs and DJs who are part of Romsey Mill’s music programme.
- Over 60 young people were involved (including new Year 6/7 contacts). The activities provided an opportunity for young people from the local community to engage in positive activities and try out something new.
- We are grateful to the organisers of the Cambourne Sports Festival in June who donated money to help with the costs of running the week.
- We are also grateful to the youth workers and the team of volunteers who made this week possible.
- In addition to the week’s activities, seven Cambourne young people attended a four-day residential organised by Romsey Mill, with activities during the day and an opportunity to explore faith in the evenings.
- A youth café was also run for a week in the afternoon at the end of the holiday period, organised jointly with Cambourne Church, providing games, refreshments and an opportunity to explore faith.

CYP programme for autumn 2018:

- Wednesday open access youth clubs (*minor modification of age-groups from the previous year*)
 - 3.30 - 5.00pm (Years 7-8)
 - 5.30 - 7.00pm (Years 8-10)
 - 7.30 - 9.00pm (Year 10+)
- Thursday: Boxing at Hardwick (5.00-6.00pm)
- Thursday: Music Club (7.00 – 9.00pm)
- Friday: Football Group (5.00 – 7.00pm)
- Friday: Detached work (7.00pm onwards)
- All of these activities are staffed by our three part-time youth workers (Jonathan Buwert, Justin Lewis and Emma Slater) and a growing team of volunteers.

- Two of our youth workers, Jonathan Buwert and Emma Slater carried out 'detached work' at Cambourne Fete on Saturday 8th September and spoke to many young people. This was more effective than remaining at a fixed 'stand', although having this in addition might be good in future years.
- We are pleased to have recruited several new volunteers in the last year, with DBS checks being carried out in accordance with CYP's safeguarding policy.
- The development and training of young leaders is taking place, with four 'under 18s' helping with junior groups last year. With the support of Romsey Mill, we are investigating ways in which Level 1 & 2 youth worker training can be certificated for these volunteers.
- Jonathan has had discussions with the local PCSO and some other local authority workers about antisocial behaviour and targeting particular early intervention needs (with the possibility of holding some sessions on mental health issues at a Wednesday club). He has been invited to the South Cambs 'problem-solving group' attended by many agencies.
- Jonathan Buwert and Romsey Mill colleagues continue to discuss with Cambourne Village College ways in which we can provide Alternative Education support for young people unable to follow mainstream education in the College. In addition, youth workers continue to provide extra support on a one-to-one basis or in small groups for pupils referred to them by Cambourne VC staff.
- Following the successful planning application for a new 'Soul Building', we await the outcome of further discussions with the architects and quantity surveyor to finalise the building within budget. We also await the outcome of discussions about ways in which the funding can be accessed in order to commence building work in the shortest possible timeframe.
- CYP Trustees are grateful for the ongoing financial support of the Parish Council through its annual grant, and also for its efforts on CYP's behalf to draw down the Section 106 money allocated for youth work and yet to be released by local construction companies.

Nigel Taylor
Chair of Trustees: Cambourne Youth Partnership
13th September 2018