

Cambourne Youth Partnership (CYP)

Report for Parish Council Leisure & Amenities Committee

23.04.2019 (February report updated)

Autumn '18/Spring Term '19 activities and news:

- Wednesday open access youth clubs continue: over 50 young people attending regularly:
 - 3.30 - 5.00pm (Years 7-8)
 - 5.30 - 7.00pm (Years 8-10)
 - 7.30 - 9.00pm (Year 10+)
- Thursday: Boxing at Hardwick
- Thursday: Music Club – *music studio also well used on a Wednesday and Friday evening during other activities.*
- Friday: Football Group (6.00 – 7.00pm)
- Friday: Detached work
- All of these activities are staffed by our three part-time youth workers (Jonathan Buwert – lead development youth worker, Justin Lewis and Emma Slater) and a growing team of volunteers.
- In November, three sessions were arranged taking young people to “Escape Rooms” in Knapwell.
- We now have nine volunteers, with DBS checks having been carried out in accordance with CYP’s safeguarding policy. A “thank you meal” is being organised for all volunteers during February half-term.
- One of our volunteers, Dannie, has offered to support CYP by using her skills in administration and media/communication in order to allow Jonathan and other youth workers to focus more on frontline contact with young people.
- The development and training of young leaders is taking place, with several young people attending a residential training course run by Romsey Mill in October half-term. With the support of Romsey Mill, CYP young leaders and volunteers will be able to attend a Level 2 youth worker evening training course in 2019 in order to receive a certificated qualification. **(This course started on 28th February and four volunteers from CYP are attending.)**
- Food hygiene training has been offered to all leaders.
- Jonathan Buwert is being trained to be a ‘lead professional’ for future “Team around the Family” (TAF) meetings, which he attends from time to time if a young person with a CYP connection is involved.
- Nigel Taylor and Jonathan Buwert were interviewed by That’s TV Cambridge in November about CYP and our future building plans, with the clips appearing on YouTube.

- 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, specifically working with those who are following an alternative curriculum in Blue School classrooms. In addition, youth workers continue to offer extra support on a one-to-one basis for pupils at Cambourne VC who are also engaged with other CYP activities.
- Wysing Arts Centre have expressed an interest in organising another arts project with CYP in the coming months. **(CYP organised a visit to Wysing Arts during half-term, and staff from Wysing Arts started a project on Wednesday evenings from the end of February. This will continue in the summer term.)**
- **(Discussions are currently taking place about activities for the summer term and the summer holiday period.)**
- As mentioned in our previous report in September, following the successful planning application for a new 'Soul Building', we still 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. **(We are pleased to note the progress made in a recent meeting between the Parish Council and the South Cambs District Council. In response to this, CYP and Romsey Mill will draw up a 'business plan' for the new Soul Building within the next month, to be discussed with the Parish Council before presentation to the SCDC.)**
- 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. We can enter the 2019-20 financial year with confidence, having been informed by the Parish Clerk that the Parish Council will repeat its annual £20,000 grant in April 2019 and that the local developers will make their final payment of the previously agreed Section 106 money for youthwork funding in April 2019 or soon after. We will then need to discuss revenue funding from 2020-21 onwards.

Nigel Taylor
Chair of Trustees: Cambourne Youth Partnership
12th March 2019