



Cricklade Town Council – Youth Work

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Project aim
We had some anti-social behaviour and were aware of some young people 'hanging around' who did not want to join local sports clubs, uniformed organizations etc.
Project actions
<p>At first the project was to have a weekly session for young people (13 – 18 years of age), in a suitable premises that we have access to on our leisure centre site, was matched funded by a grant from our local Wiltshire Council area board. The sessions were and continue to be staffed by The Rise Trust which provides youth work support in a number of north Wiltshire towns. The Rise Trust provides regular updates to FTC meetings with numbers of young people attending and the nature of activities, any concerns, liaison with our PCSO and other agencies. Because of the criteria for area board matched funding Cricklade Town Council now funds the weekly session completely. We also fund an annual skateboarding/ scooter free event for young people in the school summer holiday.</p> <p>Earlier this year we also supported a youth festival for a day when many local organizations came along for young people to try new activities.</p> <p>The skatepark was improved as a result of CIL funding and we also installed a new play park for 3- 12 year olds.</p>
Costs and timescale
The CTC annual budget has a cost line of £12,000 for youth support and the majority of this goes to pay for the weekly session staffed by The Rise Trust.
Outcomes
Some reduction in anti-social behaviour. Very positive feedback from the young people attending who enjoy having a place to meet up and try various activities, have links to support and very importantly – food!
Key learning
Key to have funding allocated to youth support when this is not available from the unitary authority. Key is building a relationship with an organisation that can provide suitable adults to work with the young people and have the appropriate checks and qualifications.
Next steps
We review the youth provision annually when preparing the annual budget and report to the community as £12,000 per year is a fairly large amount from our budget for a town of 4,000 people. I hope it continues to have council and community support.