



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 26 JUNE 2019
SUBJECT: WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS x 3
DIVISION: WOKING

Question 1: Cllr Will Forster – Re: Skatepark

In June 2018, the Woking Joint Committee received a petition about Woking Skate Park. It was agreed that the skate park needed urgent maintenance and refurbishment.

Please can the Joint Committee confirm what action has taken in the last year to improve the skate park?

Answer from Chairman on behalf of the Committee

Answer to follow shortly

Question 2: Cllr Ann-Marie Barker - Re: Youth Provision

What youth provision, by borough ward, is currently being offered in Woking for young people aged 11 years and over, in terms of

- i) number of hours per week
- ii) typical number of young people participating

How does this compare to

- i) A year ago
- ii) 3 years ago
- iii) 5 years ago

Answer from Sandie Bolger, SCC Youth Development Worker (Woking)

The current youth work offer in Woking is now focussed on targeted youth work and only provides limited open access youth provision in the Woking area due to the recent cuts in funding, a freeze on employing youth work staff and the loss of two main youth centres in Woking over the past 3 years (Lakers Youth Centre and Woking Youth Centre).

Current Provision provided by Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council as at June 2019 is as follows:

All the following projects enable access for young people aged 11 to 19 (25 with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)).

1 Full Time Youth Development Officer
 3 workers in Charge on 4 hours a week each

SCC/WBC
 SCC

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1 Youth Work Project lead 7.5 hours a week
 6 Assistant Youth Workers on various hours a week
 5 volunteers

MTVH/WBC
 SCC

| Project | Timings | Venue | Numbers of young people participating |
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| Young Carers SCC Targeted | Monday evenings 6 – 8.30 pm | A2 Church Youth Room, Goldsworth Park Cost: £30 a week | 12 young carers currently attending |
| Juniors WBC/MTVH Open Access | Monday evenings 6 – 8 pm | Moorcroft Community Centre, Westfields | 35 young people Funded by Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing, managed by Woking Borough Council |
| Girls Project SCC Targeted | Tuesday evenings 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Sheerwater Youth Centre, Sheerwater | 12 young people |
| Woking Youth Council WBC | 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of the month | Woking Civic Offices | 8 young people |
| SEND Project SCC Targeted | Wednesday evenings 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Woking Youth Arts Centre, Knaphill | 10 young people Has a waiting list |
| Wellbeing Drop In SCC Targeted | Thursday evenings 6 – 8.30 pm | The Junction Café, Woking Town Centre | Averaging 3 to 4 young people a week dropping in. |
| Parkour Partnership Project SCC/WBC/Dance Woking | 6.30 – 7.30 pm | Sheerwater Youth Centre | 10 young people Finishes December 2019 |
| Twister Project SCC Targeted | 6 – 8 pm | Woking Town Centre | 20 young people on average attend each week. |
| Seniors Open Access Drop In WBC/MTVH | 8 – 10 pm | Moorcroft Community Centre, Westfields | New project June 2019, no stats available yet. Funded by Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing, managed by Woking Borough Council |
| D of E Bronze and Silver Project | Monthly meetings | Sheerwater Youth Centre | 8 young people on Bronze |
| Total Youth Work Hours Delivered | Approximately 75 hours a month | Total Number of Young People Participating | 110 young people |

Voluntary Organisations:

There are several church and uniform groups across the borough of Woking who also provide groups for young people, these include:

Friday Night Project at the Leisure Centre 6.30 – 9 pm (11 – 19 years)
 Friday Fushion, A2, Goldsworth Park 7.30 – 9 pm, Years 6 to 11, term time only
 Influx Youth Group, Holy Trinity Church, Knaphill, Fridays 7.30 – 9.30 pm, term time only

Previous years statistical information:

When the Community Youth Work Service was integrated back into the Families Youth Support Service the systems we used to get our statistical information was no longer available to use and we have been unable to give reports on numbers attending so the following figures are approximate for 2018.

2018 (a year ago)

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| 1 Full Time Senior Practitioner | | SCC |
| 3 workers in Charge on 4 hours a week each | | SCC |
| 6 Assistant Youth Workers on various hours a week | | SCC |
| 2 volunteers | | |
| Young Carers Project SCC | 2.5 hours | 10 young people |
| Girls Project SCC | 2 hours | 8 young people |
| SEND Project SCC | 2 hours | 10 young people |
| Twister Project SCC | 2 hours | 15 young people |
| Woking Youth Council WBC | 2 hours per month | 8 young people |
| D of E Project SCC | 3 hours per month | 8 young people |
| Bronze | | |
| | | 1 young person |
| Silver | | |

Plus weekend residential trips, day trips and activities outside of normal hours, not included in figures below.

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| Total Youth Work Hours Delivered | Approximately 37.5 hours a month | Total Number of Young People Participating | 60 |
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2016 (3 years ago)

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| 1 Full Time Senior Practitioner | SCC |
| 2 Full Time Youth Workers | SCC |
| 2 Workers in Charge | SCC |
| 12 Assistant Youth Workers | SCC |
| 1 Youth Development Officer | WBC |

Lakers Youth Centre, Goldsworth Park

Open 4 nights a week delivering 12 hours of youth work to young people which included, Young Carers Project, Steering Group Project, 2 x Open Access Sessions, Boys Project. Approximate numbers of young people attending over all projects 75.

Sheerwater Youth Centre, Sheerwater

Open 3 nights a week delivering 12 hours of youth work to young people which included, Girls Project, Junior Project and 2 x Open Access Sessions. Approximate numbers of young people attending over all projects 30.

Maybury Area (using Maybury Centre and Alpha Road Community Centre)

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Open 3 nights a week delivering 6 hours of youth work to young people which included 1 x girls Project, 1 x open access session and 1 x Twister Project. Approximate numbers of young people attending over all projects 10.

Woking Youth Arts Centre

1 x open access youth project in partnership with Trinity Church, 2 hours a week. Approximate numbers of young people attending 20.

Detached Youth Work Project

1 session a week for 2 hours in Maybury area

D of E Project

4 young people participated in and completed Silver D of E Award.

Plus weekend residential trips, day trips and activities outside of normal hours, not included in figures below.

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| Total Youth Work Hours Delivered | Approximately 136 hours a month | Total Number of Young People Participating | 145 |
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2014 (5 years ago)

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| 1 Full Time Senior Practitioner | SCC |
| 2 Full Time Youth Workers | SCC |
| 2 Workers in Charge | SCC |
| 18 Assistant Youth Workers | SCC |
| 1 Youth Development Officer | WBC |

Lakers Youth Centre

Open 4 nights a week delivering 17 hours of youth work deliver to approximately 75 young people.

Sheerwater Youth Centre, Sheerwater

Open 3 nights a week delivering 12 hours of youth work to young people which included, Girls Project, Junior Project and 2 x Open Access Sessions. Approximate numbers of young people attending over all projects 40.

Woking Youth Centre

Open 3 nights a week delivering 12 hours of youth work to approximately 40 young people.

The Vyne, Knaphill

Open 1 night a week delivering 3 hours of youth work to approximately 40 young people.

I cannot make a comment on Woking Youth Council for this time period, but believe that there were approximately 15 members.

Plus weekend residential trips, day trips and activities outside of normal hours, not included in figures below.

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| Total Youth Work Hours Delivered | Approximately 176 hours a month | Total Number of Young People Participating | 210 |
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From 2014 to 2016 quality assurance was carried out through the National Youth Agency Quality Mark for each of the Surrey County Council Youth Centres.

Lakers achieved all 3 Levels and also received the highest score possible for Level 3.

Sheerwater achieved Level 1

Woking Youth Centre achieved Level 1 and was working towards Level 2 when the full time youth worker left.

Question 2: Cllr Ann-Marie Barker - Re: School Parking Patrols

How is the effectiveness of the school parking patrol evaluated?

Answer from Chairman on behalf of the Committee

Cllr Barker raised the same question at Woking's Council meeting on 4 April this year.

Reply from Councillor C S Kemp

“Officers undertook a full review of school enforcement working directly with the Parking Task Group to ensure that available resource is allocated to maximise effectiveness and visibility of patrols.”

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