

# Friends of Ashtead Youth Club Charity Annual Report 21/22

## An Inclusive Community

We are proud of our Club's inclusive ethos, where any young person who wants to come along is welcomed.

Many of our members are happy just ticking along and take a role in making our community inclusive. Other members need a little more support to feel happy and comfortable with us.

Whilst the opportunities we offer are there for everybody (a Universal Service), staff will naturally spend a little more time and energy with those youngsters who can most benefit from our expertise. This is so we are able to support them as they make their way through their transition from childhood to becoming a young adult (Early Help and Targeted Support).

## How we manage our money

Our income comes from groups who use the building, formal grants, local grants, fundraising and donations from individuals.

### **Between April 21 and March 22**

Our income amounted to	£26927
Our expenditure amounted to	£10010
Breaking down to:	
Youth Work Staffing	£0 r/f 22/23
Youth Work Activities	£3439
Buildings costs	£541
Cleaning materials	£310
Minibus costs	£1824
Administration inc Insurance	£3990
Our reserve as of 1/4/22 was	£16818

## Reflections from our Youth Worker

It has been an amazing year, where we have further established our weekly youth clubs, delivered School holiday schemes, seen our first D of E group complete their Bronze Award. The Rally Karting has been popular once again and all of this has taken place with the support of our local community who continue to generously support our work.

### Youth Clubs

We run two Youth Clubs on Thursday night every week. Both remain popular with a regular 50 plus young people attending each week. Young people enjoy the opportunity to socialise with their friends and enjoy team sports, we are actively working with our membership to expand the programme in whatever direction they are interested in. Our Youth Workers are supported by a team of senior members who help run the evenings and work alongside other members.

### Working in Partnership with East Surrey YMCA

We are very fortunate to be teamed up with the well-established Youth Work team at the YMCA. This partnership affords us the benefits of our youth work team being part of a much larger organisation, supporting professional standards, accountability and a connection with experienced and knowledgeable managers. We are looking forward to developing our partnership further over the next year.

## Recognising Young People's Achievements

It is a stated aim of our charity to actively deliver a programme that supports young people's growth and development in order that they become socially mature and ready for the workplace. We have a variety of approaches that range from positive encouragement on a day to day basis, we are very excited to be developing formal recognition through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award run in partnership with Ashtead Rotary and the Pheonix Project.

## Our plan for the next year.....

We are very happy with the way we have developed since taking over the Youth Club from Surrey County Council in 2021. Our priorities over the next year will include:

- 1) Continuing to deliver a consistent developmental Youth Service with our young people. This will include weekly Youth Clubs, the D of E Award and Rally Karting Project.
- 2) Further develop the capacity of the Committee so we have the people resources to grow the charity and scope of services we offer.
- 3) Continue to improve the quality of the building fabric and range of community groups that can work with us to meet the wider needs of the Ashtead Community.

## Reflections from the Chair of our Charity

It has been great to finally open the doors again after such a long and difficult time. It has given young people the opportunity to reconnect with friends and to meet new people. I have been fortunate to see the great work that Richard, Ollie and our young volunteers do on Thursday evenings, and I know that the young people who attend the Youth Club have had an amazing time.

### Developing Young Leaders

Our team of young leaders form a vital part of our staff team and are invaluable in delivering the work with our membership.

One of our team participated in the Ashtead Rotary sponsored Rotary Youth Leadership Training Course, developing their skills and confidence which culminated in him presenting his development journey to the whole club membership

### Our Community Approach

We are living in a challenging social and financial context. Through supporting a range of groups from within the community, there is often something going on almost every day of the week. In addition to our own work, this would include, Martial Arts, Clubs for young people and young adults with additional needs, out of school child-care and we host groups offering wellbeing opportunities for our adult community.

### Our Supporters

We are very appreciative for the support of local organisations and individuals. Most recently this has included Ashtead Rotary Club, Active Surrey, and Ashtead Churches Tea Tent.

Our Village Day Raffle was supported by many local businesses, to whom we are very grateful.

### Our Committee

#### **Trustee's**

Glen Jordan – Chair & Finance  
Ian Parkinson – Premises & IT  
Richard Leary – Youth Work & Partnerships

#### **Colleagues**

Chris Townsend – SCC  
Mary Cooper – MVDC  
Gareth Evans – Rotary