

Update Report from Vibe
Community Committee, Monday 7th November 2022

6th October

1. The area's we are to provide detached work in are: Love Lane, Millfield, Upper/Lower Brent and Bysingwood. This is due to be weekly, on a rotational basis.

2. We have already had a team present around the Millfield area on Friday 30th September. We are due to be in the Love Lane area tomorrow. Due to both of these area's being relatively close to our existing provision at the Rec, we have expanded our team there to allow team members to visit the new target areas and where possible invite young people to join us. Our detached team will then be visiting Upper/Lower Brent and Bysingwood over the subsequent weeks.

3. Due to the initial inconsistency in availability of the Guildhall and the lack of young people willing to visit us there. We have reduced the number of booked sessions, down to once per month.

4. With regards to gaining feedback for FTYC, I have been in contact with young people via email, who have provided ideas. We have also had ideas presented to us in schools/ at clubs and via detached work.

I wont list all the ideas at present, as we are more interested in the overall reason behind these individual ideas, and it would also be good to get a better gauge of what ideas are most popular before sharing them (potentially unnecessarily).

31st October

On a Friday 5-7 we will have two Vibe team members along with Dan and the Gem trailer circulating around the designated areas of Faversham (discussed at the meeting). In addition to those areas, we also plan to spend time in the town centre and any other hot spots that become apparent during these sessions. The areas that are covered will be reported back and collated weekly, to ensure we are not missing anywhere. After this session we continue to our previously running 7-9 session at the Faversham Rec (which incidentally is run by Vibe, not by Dan as seems to be the impression of some councillors). Those young people who we engage with during 5-7 will obviously be pointed towards this session as something else to do later in the evening. In addition to this we have secured the use of the Rec Pavilion on a Friday evening now, which will allow us to expand our offering as we have a base in which to work from. I just need to finalise details with Morrisons and we will also be able to offer hot food/drink to those young people who need it.

During last week's Half Term, we provided a 'football chill session' at the Rec, and had a turn out of 35-40 teens aged 11-16 (boys and girls). Not only was a full-sized pitch set up for games, we also took the football cage. We had music playing from

the Pavilion, and provided free burgers, hotdogs, bacon rolls and drinks to anyone attending in the 11-17 bracket. We had approximately 15 young people who came from the West Faversham Community Centre Area that had heard about what we were doing on Social Media. Other attendees were scattered. The feedback from them on the day was positive. Obviously they liked the free food, but also like that we joined in with a football match with them (although I'm not going to lie, I was exhausted).

The appreciation and apparent need for food by some of the attendees really surprised me if I'm honest, and is why I will be ensuring we offer as substantial a food offering as we can on a Friday evening.

James Hickford