



Shotley youth club was successfully launched in November 2006 with funding from the Local network fund for 40 sessions and a contribution from the Parish Council. The club has grown steadily in numbers and has attracted a total membership of 40 young people of High school age. The sessions run once a week 3.30-5.30 during the school term time at the village hall.

We have recruited an experienced youth worker Cal Webster and have just appointed a second trainee youth worker Naomi Frost a local young woman. We also have a small group of local volunteers who support the sessions. This group and the activities and planning are also supported by a management committee of local people.

In consultation with the young people we have purchased some equipment i.e. Boom Box and have had some equipment donated. We have funds for furniture which will be used in partnership with the village hall management committee to furnish the small committee room as a 'Den' for the young people.

To give a flavour of the activities we have offered so far – playing table tennis, badminton, pool, playing Cards, a baking session, pancakes , making paste boards, listening to music, outdoor cricket and football , a clay work session Some future activities planned are Hip Hop sessions, drumming/ amplifier session, First Aid for young people, staff and volunteers.....

Due to the popularity of the after school sessions, we are now able to expand youth provision during the school holidays. With support from Cal, Naomi Frost and Naomi Bateman completed a successful application to the Youth Opportunity Fund and obtained a grant for a summer activity project. We are running a trip to the Ski Slope next week during half term as a trial run for the summer activities. A range of activities is planned for the summer- once a week at the village Hall – and once a week on an activity outside i.e. Alton Water, Bowling etc. A full programme will be circulated shortly. A 3 day residential is planned in mid August. All activities will be heavily subsidised so should be in the reach of young people and their families.

We have also been allocated an additional grant to put on a celebration for the young people so may do some film work.

The youth club also looks forward to contributing to the Rose Fete by booking a stall and organising some activities – i.e. design a T shirt/ hiring a skate board.

Thanks for the support so far from the local community, parish council and village hall committee – please contact the secretary if you wish to volunteer or join our management committee.

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