

AGENDA ITEM No. 7

Youth Related Involvement by the Anti Social Behaviour Team during October

Youth Consultations

Week commencing 15th October saw in local democracy week and the opportunity for myself to get involved in obtaining the views of young people of the Borough on: community safety, local policing, services offered by the Borough Council, getting involved in the youth forum and also on contributing to the 'Jitty' young person's website (made by young people for young people).

Myself and representatives from the Jitty and Next Generation attended local colleges during lunch times with the 637 Youth Bus to campaign for the Youth forum and the Jitty, and through this generated a fair amount of interest and obtained the contact details of those hoping to get involved.

The results from the community safety questions are to be fed back to the police and relevant parties, to hopefully contribute to future changes throughout the borough.

Half Term Events

Events were organised at: Coombe Park, Uplands Park and Blaby Road Park during the half term (week commencing 22nd October) to give young people things to do at no cost to them. The locations were decided upon based on our current anti social behaviour hot spots and areas of ongoing Anti social behaviour complaints. The events were easily accessible by all, and advertised on a wide scale (i.e. Leicester Mercury, colleges, Council notice boards, libraries etc) to target as many local youths as possible. Facilities available to the young people were: the 637 Youth bus, various games and activities on the bus including a play station 3 and x-box, various sports equipment including basketball and swing ball, we also had a coached football session each day and either a street dance class or chinese boxing class each day, also present was a caricaturist (who proved to be very popular) and the events were staffed by youth workers, myself and a PCSO. The largest numbers were attracted to the Blaby Road Park event where we had approximately 30-40 youth aged between 12-16 years. attending.

Wiggle Radio Station

The anti social behaviour team are happy to contribute £500 towards the set up of the Wiggle fm project at South Leicestershire College. We will assist in any way we can.

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