



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Over the last 12 months Nomad has continued to support children, young people and families in Henley through a range of activities, programmes and events. These include our Schools programme, After School & holiday activities, Parenting Support programmes and our Community initiatives.

Some of the highlights of our year have been:

- The annual beach trip to Boscombe with a full coach of people ranging in age from 1 to 70 + years
- 2 Community Fun events on Freemans Meadow and at the YMCA where residents enjoyed a free BBQ, inflatables, face painting, football and other fun activities.
- 16 young people enjoyed a working residential experience at an Olive Farm in France, completing their trip with a 2 day climb up Mount Canigou
- A small group of intrepid cyclists completed the Nomad Community Cycle Ride in June. Although planned as a fundraising event, it is a great opportunity to bring people together from a range of backgrounds and ages
- 2 Skateboard Workshops in partnership with SODC were both attended by over 100 children young people and parents and proved the value of the new skatepark facility
- 25 young people mentored weekly at local schools
- Weekly football group for young people aged 16+ in partnership with Henley YMCA and weekly mentoring sessions held at the YMCA
- Targeted weekly youth group held at the d:two centre
- Many young people aged 16+ receiving weekly support and guidance
- Weekly detached youth sessions at skate park

The holistic nature of Nomads work enables us to support whole families. Our support programmes with young people are designed to divert young people towards positive activities as well as being fun. Interwoven throughout our work is an intention to help them develop skills that will equip them to make positive choices and live, responsible and meaningful lives.

Supporting parents is also significant as we provide practical advice and guidance in parenting, budgeting, money management, housing and health issues.

The demand for food parcels recognised across the Country is reflected here in Henley and the surrounding villages. In 2018 NOMAD delivered 206 emergency food parcels, (503 bags of food) which directly benefited 264 adults and 157 children. In addition, NOMAD also provided 34 food parcels for Homeless people and 117 Christmas food parcels, (298 bags of food). We are grateful for the many people across the town who support the Food Bank with donations or by volunteering.

With almost 5000 interventions being made each year, the Nomad Team are kept busy. We count it a privilege to be working within our community and once again we would like to say thank you to Henley Town Council for their ongoing support.

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