



Moving Forward

HENLEY YOUTH CENTRE

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First of all, on behalf of everyone involved with the Youth Centre, we would like to thank the Town Council for their continued support. Without it we would have certainly had to drastically reduce our activities or more likely, had to close altogether.

The centre continues to be used on a regular basis and is open Monday to Friday during the day as the Hot Frog Cafe, which is a joint venture with the Henley College Pathways group and ourselves. The college have extended this agreement for a further year.

We also run regular youth centre evenings on Wednesdays and Thursdays. These are now run on our behalf by OAYP, the Oxford Association of Young People, who provide a team of qualified youth workers and can offer a wide variety of activities and programmes. This was something we were unable to do previously due to the historical cost of our employed youth worker. We continue to also run two junior youth clubs called the Flying Frogs. These are aimed at 9 - 11 year olds and the clubs are run on a Monday and Tuesday in partnership with NOMAD. The Monday club is held down at the YMCA. We are also looking at turning the Wednesday evening youth club session into an intermediate age group club so the younger ones from the junior club can transfer gradually to a more older group.

As Trustees we are also taking the opportunity, along with the new youth workers, to review what the young people want from the youth centre and what activities they enjoy. Based on this we will hope to provide a new programme of activities that suit the needs of young people today and may not necessarily be based on what we have always done in the past.

The centre has continued to be used on an Ad hoc basis for a number of events including the Henley Youth Festival, The Living Advent calendar and music workshops.

In addition to the Town Council we have also been supported by a number of other organisations such as The Henley Educational Charity, Phyllis Court, The Chris Ward Foundation, Henley Living Advent Calendar, Henley Concert Singers, Thames Lodge, Rotary Club of Henley Bridge, Stuart Turner Foundation, Rotary Club of Henley, Henley College Music Department, Lloyds Bank, Greys Parochial Church Council and St Mary's Parochial Church Council as well as private donations and support through standing orders.

A big thank you to the residents and young people of Henley who have supported all of our initiatives and given encouragement to us.

Clive Wilkinson
Chairman Henley Youth Centre.