

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT

NAME:	Cllr A Leask, Cllr K Foster
TOPIC:	Youth Engagement
DATE:	25/06/2024
UPDATE SINCE LAST REPORT:	<p>1) From March 2024 there was the start of an additional Youth Club session at The Depot . This has succeeded to split the age groups with the Tuesday session reduced to an hour and a half and aimed at Year 6 to Year 8. The attendance can be as many as 48 children or young people attending.</p> <p>An additional session being held on a Thursday, again for an hour and a half, whose focus is to attract 14+ group . Attendance between 3 and 9 young people. Condom distribution is available at this session and encouragement to order and take a STI test, for those sexually active. (A 16 year old YP was very reluctant for the postal STI test to come to their home).</p> <p>2) In consultation with Warwickshire County Council Bikability Level 2 and 3 courses will be running in the Summer holidays, from the Eric Payne Centre. Free for young people/residents. Alcester Town Council are providing the Venue and petrol costs for the trainer. See https://outspokenbookings.co.uk/PublicBooking</p>
FUTURE PLANS:	<p>1) In consultation with Sexual Health Services, aim to improve the local provision for young people in Alcester.</p> <p>2) Continue engaging youth with Window Wanderland with the aim to increase engagement with schools, Nurseries and local youth groups. Aiming to focus on celebrating Community Groups in the High Street.</p> <p>3) Explore opportunity to continue Cllr Mark Cargill's work with year 9 at secondary schools Long term goal: establish Youth Forum</p> <p>4) Engage with schools climate change / eco groups . To encourage Secondary Schools to take up Warwickshire County Councils offer of free Bikeability sessions .</p> <p>5) Explore other ways for young people to volunteer in the community (i.e. The Depot / young leaders)</p>

	<p>6) Further work required on website regarding Specific Youth engagement page. To evaluate the additional sessions of the Youth Club for the 14+. E.g. the needs identified and the benefits of such a provision.</p> <p>7) To explore with AYP (Alcester Youth Projects) funding that could be applied for youth focused projects.</p>
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