

Positive Activities Overview for Calne Community Area **Local Youth Network**

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This document is in a *draft* format and is a *working document* as certain information is needed to be gathered over the coming weeks/months that will inform and direct the positive activities for young people that need to take place in this area.

1. Vision Statement:

Calne Community Area Local Youth Networks Vision for young people in the Calne Community Area:

Calne Community Area Local Youth Network is committed to supporting young people and their communities to come together to develop a responsive and locally driven positive activities offer for young people.

2. Key Outcomes:

We want to achieve the following outcomes for young people in the Calne Community Area:

- Consult with young people and respond to the needs and ideas of young people in the area
- Help young people connect with their communities, enabling them to belong and contribute to society e.g. through volunteering, starting their own groups etc
- Provide opportunities for young people to take part in a range of activities where they can socialise safely with their peers and develop relationships, including with adults they can trust
- Ensure safeguarding is a priority and provide opportunities for development and quality assurance across the community area
- Encourage young people's personal and social development
- Improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Help young people to achieve in education, work or training
- Prevent and divert young people away from risky behaviours e.g. teenage pregnancy, substance misuse and involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour

3. Needs Assessment:

How has the overview been developed?

An initial consultation season between October 2014 and February 2015 including street based youth work, schools based outreach and a local youth network launch event.

The second phase of consultation will be completed in March 2015 as a result of a detailed survey of a larger proportion of young people in the Calne community Area.

Equality Considerations

The LYN recognises that there is a diverse range of educational opportunities in Calne. There are 3 secondary schools, one is a residential private girls school, one is a residential school for young people with special educational needs and complex behavioural needs and includes young people from all over Wiltshire. There is also an extensive home schooling network and individuals with whom the LYN would like to make sure are included in the needs assessment. It has become clear that within the home school network, there are very few young people, however, the LYN now has links with these networks to allow children to input as they grow older.

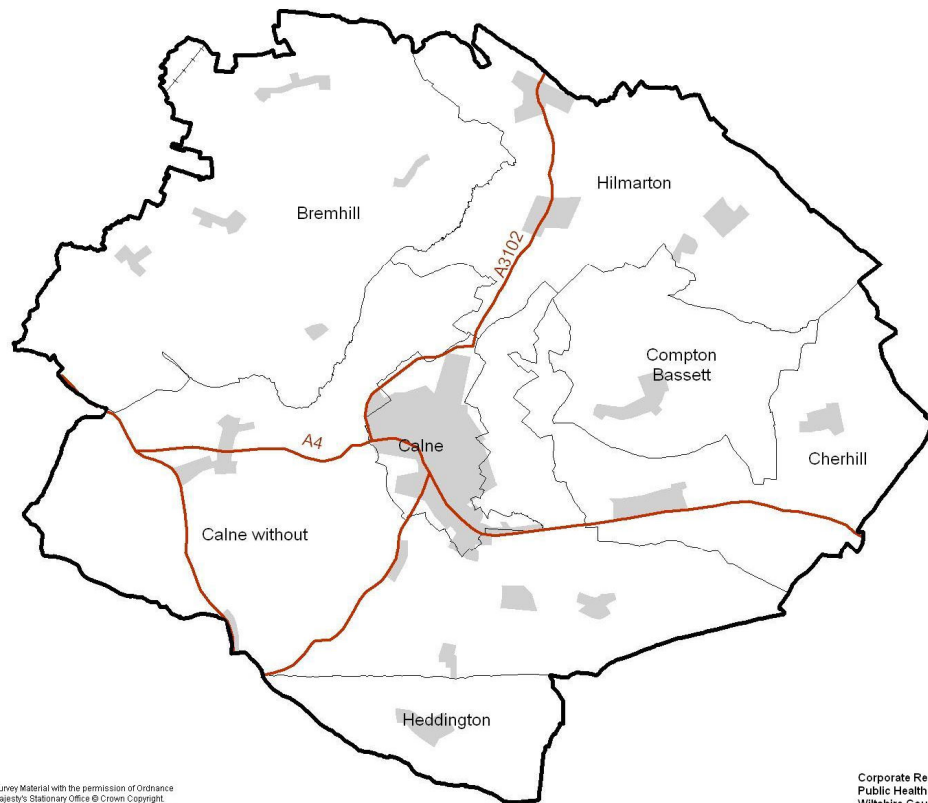
During the initial assessment period, it was identified that many older young people with special educational needs and disabilities were not accessing provision because of the nature of groups. Many of these young people expressed a wish to have a social space in order to help them transition as adults. This was highlighted as a need in the area and is being subsequently addressed. This should also be taken into consideration in regards to the 'safe place' programme in planning stages in Calne.

The Wiltshire Parent Carer council will be a key point of contact for young people with SEND.

Equality is explored continually within the LYN management group. They are keen to question new groups on how they are including opportunities for every young person.

More information on demographics of the community area is below in the population profile and Joint Strategic Assessment.

13-19 population profile and the community area



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The 2011 census gives us details of the Calne area population. There are 2281 young people in the community area.

Of a total of 23'196 in the whole population, this means young people aged 13-19 comprise approximately 9.8% of the Calne Community Area Population.

The Calne community area is over 97% White British, indicating there is an ethnic minority in the area which we must work to make sure that there is a representation within the local youth network and the local provision.



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Information gathered from:

Joint Strategic Assessment

For 2013, new and more detailed data is available, drawn from the 2011 Census, looking at a number of factors relating to deprivation. This data identifies deprivation in much smaller areas than the previously included IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation) 2010 data, giving a more detailed view of the issues within a community area. This new information tells us that:

- there are four OAs (out of a total of 72) in the Calne Community Area which are among the 20% in England with the highest percentage of households experiencing three or four types of deprivation.
- 3.3% of households in the Calne Community Area are deprived in either three or four of the Census dimensions, this is just above the Wiltshire average (3%).
- Just under half (49.8%) of households in the Calne Community Area are not deprived in any dimension.

Calne's community key issues for **Young People** from the Joint Strategic assessment were as follows:

- Child Poverty
- Children in need
- Health of children and young people
- Pupil achievement

A community priority was voted in this area to be '**Recognise and address child poverty and childhood obesity.**'

The 2 other Community priorities for Calne were;

Economy: Better opportunities for young people to get into work through apprenticeships and work experience

Community Safety: Increase employment opportunities and youth activities (in consultation with young people).

These three priorities clearly demonstrate needs led approaches and young person focused priorities for the community area.

Taking these three priorities in consideration which have been formed through research which can be viewed in the full JSA (www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk), there is a need for more activities, employment activities, consultation with young people and early intervention regarding poverty and childhood obesity.

Initial Consultation Oct 2014-Feb 2015

LYN launch

The launch event on 18th November 2014 attracted 41 stakeholders and young people from the Calne Area. The detailed feedback from this meeting is in Appendix 1.

Young people consulted on JSA priorities and developed their own themes around positive activities feeding opinions and ideas into a wall of idea.

Outreach

During evening outreach sessions a cross section of approximately 40 young people, majority male, between the ages of 12 and 20 were asked what young people would like in Calne. Most answered somewhere warm and dry to hang out. When discussing what this may look like there was a spectrum of answers ranging from better youth shelters, well lit and away from residential

areas but close to shops for safety and to buy drinks and use toilets, to a building which offered open access universal services as well as activities. There was also a level of engagement from most of these young people that suggests that street based youth workers working with young people who did view the streets as a social space were welcomed.

Outreach in a school during lunchtimes elicited more responses based around activities. These were wide ranging and demonstrated the need for a broad range of activities which need to be accessible to young people. However, 'a youth centre' or 'somewhere just to hang out' was a regular answer. Many did not know the youth centre had shut or that the youth trust was open 2 evenings a week.

Visits to existing provision

Through visiting the youth club at Derry Hill, a village youth club with 2 sessions, a junior and senior ranging from year 6 to Year 10, it is clear that they have engaged nearly every young person who lives in their village with an attendance of over 70.

The young people said the success of it was that as they left the primary school in the village they still had a point of contact with their friends and valued the support of adults in the village. Many of them split up to different secondary schools in both Calne, Chippenham and Devizes but feel relatively isolated from these towns because of the location of their village. This group means they have a space that is for them to maintain friendships in the village and not lose touch. There is no other such open access provision in any other village. However, Calne Deanery expressed a wish to help roll out this as a model in each parish in the Calne Community Area.

Visit to Calne Youth Trust. There is a need for more volunteers and to help decorate and maintain the building to keep it fit for purpose. There is also a need for more young people to know about it. Young people who do go there enjoy their time and would like it to be used more.

Existing provision mapping

Community Voluntary sector

Appendix 2 includes a list of all the known activities in Calne Community Area, correct as of February 2015. This list includes activities both specifically for young people and where young people are welcome. This list is compiled alongside the Calne Community Area Partnership who sit on the LYN management group and have a face to face role with the public. They and the Community Youth Officer update this document.

How is information currently being made available?

County Wide: Sparksite website is the most up to date base of information for young people where groups and young people can update their own information. This is monitored by the Community

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Youth Officer and Sparksite officers. Current events and communication of youth related issues also happens primarily through this resource.

Calne Specific:

The local youth network is keen to develop different ways to communicate the offer in consultation with young people.

Currently they hold a facebook page which connects to other social media and utilises Calne community social media networks. (www.facebook.com/calneLYN)

The Community Youth Officer writes updates for the Calne Community Matters website which publishes a newsletter regularly.

The school is key in publicising the offer and will implement a notice board for positive activities during 2015.

A booklet will be commissioned during 2015 with details of existing clubs and links to the Local Youth Network. This is as a result of asking young people if it will be helpful.

A wider LYN meeting is held 3 times a year to bring stakeholders and young people together in order to share practice and promote provision.

Street based youth work happens on an ad hoc basis to consult young people and a strategy is in development.

Where are the gaps?

During the initial consultation there was a large emphasis on places to 'hang out'. This is widely defined as somewhere warm, dry and light where young people can meet together without having to join a club or activity. The reasons behind hanging out on the street ranged from being in groups to feel safe, trying to be away from residential areas so as not to annoy people, therefore meeting outside Sainsburys or in car parks. Wanting light areas and to be close to a shop to get a drink or go to the toilet. Many said that youth shelters were not sufficient as they did not keep dry enough when it was wet. This was expressed by young people we met during street based outreach as well as in John Bentley School and at our LYN launch event.

Moving on from this, many also wanted an indoor area where they could hang out that still didn't involve specific activities. Very few young people use Calne Youth trust and so advertising of existing provision was identified as a gap as well as providing more spaces for this.

The LYN launch showed up a large variety of activities. The areas which came up most often were alternative sports; specifically Parkour, nature based activities, volunteering opportunities and arts and music activities. There are lots of sports opportunities and the community area is developing activities to meet some needs, but there is a gap around open access arts and music activities which are not specific to an end goal such as a theatre company, but somewhere for young people to practice and develop their own material. There was also a large response asking for 'gaming

activities' including role play, board games and electronic games, but to be accessed in a group environment.

4. Priorities:

From the initial consultation stages the Local Youth Network priorities are:

- Increase advertising and information dissemination of existing provision
- Continue consultation
- Street based youth work
- To develop the wider youth network
- Work with the wider community to include culture of young people
- Address gaps in positive activities
- A commitment to safeguarding through relationships with providers, quality assurance processes and training

5. Objectives:

- Complete wider questionnaire and analyse data
- Develop open access provision at different times of day
- Develop street based youth work in the Calne Community Area to address needs of young people who wish to hang out on the street
- Develop a village youth club model alongside the parishes and deanery
- Support Calne Youth Trust in delivery through the Calne area apprentice as well as recruiting volunteers.
- Develop more ways for young people to volunteer within the local youth network and other positive activities.
- To support and develop volunteers and local organisations to address the gaps in provision
- To help with the development and culture setting of the new skatebowl.
- To run an introduction to youth work course to make available to the community area providers and volunteers.

Appendices

Appendix 1:

LYN launch event feedback



LYN launch idea
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Appendix 2: Community mapping



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youth provision 13-19.