

Bradford on Avon Town Council



BoA Youth Services Partnership

The BoA Youth service is continuing to develop, membership has increased to seventy-three young people. A new ‘drop in hub’ service commenced on the 3rd March, where the young people can drop in to discuss the services and support that is available.

The detached work has been successful and really developed over the last year, BoA Youth Workers have established a good relationship with those harder to engage young people who are now the ones keen to engage with skate park plans. The ‘one to one’ scheme with St Laurence, working with young people who are ‘hard to reach’ and at risk of antisocial behaviour, are also working well.

There are older young people volunteering and helping out at the youth centre sessions which is great for them to gain experience, confidence and improve their skills.

The service is monitored by Bradford on Avon Town Council’s Community and Recreation committee, via an update report. At the Annual Town Meeting 2019, there was a presentation from Community Family Care (CFC) on the work undertaken, by a project youth worker and an a former attendee of the Youth Centre, now a Work Experience person, who shared his past experience while attending the Centre and the benefits he had gained from this valuable resource.

The intention is to introduce a six-monthly ‘commissioners’ meeting with CFC, The Area Board and Bradford on Avon Town Council, meeting in April and October.

The Council’s communications manager is working with CFC to improve its social media and communications. This will include the development of a calendar and success stories.

CFC are also intending to trial a monthly provision of the youth centre provision in Westwood for a three-month period.

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