

## Facts and Figures 2005/06

### Priorities

The service works with young people between the ages of 10 and 25 years, with the priority age range being 13 to 19. The priorities for the service are:

- To enable young people to develop personal skills, social skills and high aspirations
- To involve young people in democracy and decision making
- To promote the social inclusion of young people
- To engage young people in new opportunities and challenging experiences
- To encourage young people to lead healthy lifestyles.

### Targets

The County Youth Service in Havant district worked with 4,031 young people, 3,271 of whom were aged 13 to 19 years, equating to 30% of the target population. Of the 3,464 active participants in the service, 2,774 were 13 to 19 year-olds, which equates to 25% of the 13 to 19 population.

There were 15,224 recorded attendances at youth service units in Havant district, of whom 12,924 were 13 to 19 year-olds. There were 680 recorded outcomes resulting from young people being involved with the service, equating to 20% of the active participants. In total, 42 young people gained an accredited outcome, equating to 1% of the active participants.

The county youth service as a whole has exceeded the national benchmarks for reach and active participation, and recorded and accredited outcomes have significantly improved. This positive direction of travel is under-pinned by a robust system for the collection of the required data.

### Management and range of youth work

The youth service is located in Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department and strategic management of the service is the responsibility of the management team. Eleven district teams cover areas coterminous with district council boundaries and each team is led by a Senior Youth Worker. The service in Havant district managed 19 units and the range of work includes youth centres, targeted group-work, detached work, mobile projects, inclusion projects, Duke of Edinburgh's Award groups and a whole host more.

### Supporting youth work

The service in Havant has seven full-time posts, 20 part-time posts and three volunteers. Nearly all youth service units in Havant work with at least one other partner agency. The service provides a wide range of staff development opportunities for youth workers in the statutory and voluntary sectors.

### Promoting youth work

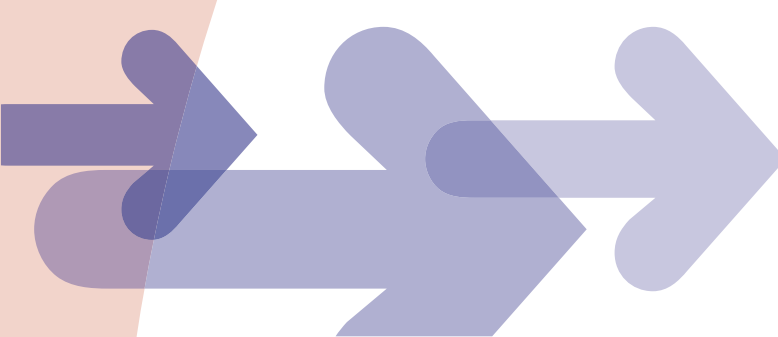
The service in Havant district works in partnership with the Voluntary and Community Sector and has close working arrangements with the Borough, Town and Parish Councils.

### Financing youth work 2005/06

The Hampshire County Council delegated budget for the county youth service as a whole is £5.1 million; this equates to approximately £46 per 13 to 19 year-old living in Hampshire and £163 per 13 to 19 year-old involved in the service. The County Youth Service generated a total of £1.1 million of external funding.

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### Foreword



It has been an exciting year with some wonderful opportunities to develop new projects - Ria Emery, Senior Youth Worker

Welcome to the Hampshire County Youth Service annual report for Havant district. I hope you enjoy this opportunity to look at a snapshot of youth work across the Borough.

I am pleased to report that we have extended the range of new and challenging activities offered to young people in Havant this year. There have also been more opportunities than ever for young people to influence the services they receive and to make a positive contribution to their communities through their projects, local forums and youth councils.

This year's county youth service survey identified a user satisfaction rate in Havant of 93%. Such an excellent response from young people gives an indication of the popularity and high quality of the youth work delivered by the district team. The result of the survey is supported by what young people have said to me when I am out and about in the district. For example, a young man attending the drop-in session at his local youth centre recently said:

"It's great here. I have fun, meet my mates and learn new things."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our paid staff and volunteers, and colleagues from all the agencies working in partnership with us, for their enthusiasm, passion and hard work. Most of all I would like to thank the young people who have worked with us during the year, particularly those who have helped us put this report together. Our staff team is committed to responding creatively to the needs of young people and to establishing new ways of working. Here's to another exciting year in 2006-07.

### Introduction

Malcolm Rittman, County Youth Officer

I am delighted to introduce you to the Hampshire County Youth Service Havant district report for 2005-06. Our youth workers in Havant are to be congratulated for the constructive and energetic way they have responded to the changing needs of young people. The Havant team has ably demonstrated the wide range of skills and qualities needed to enable young people to make a positive contribution to their communities and to their own future.

This report gives a range of interesting examples of how county youth service staff in Havant work in partnership with other agencies and make a significant contribution to young people achieving the five outcomes - staying safe, being healthy, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well being.

There is much to do in the year ahead and the service in Havant is well placed to play a full and active part in delivering on the four challenges of the government Green Paper - Youth Matters:

1. Empowering young people - things to do and places to go.
2. Young people as citizens - making a contribution.
3. Supporting choice - information, advice and guidance.
4. All young people achieving - reforming targeted support.

There has never been such an interesting and exciting time to be involved in developing the high quality services young people require and deserve. I am looking forward to next year with optimism and to the birth of a new era in youth work in which every young person matters.



## → Enjoying and achieving

### Local band Amethyst pays tribute to the Ozone band nights

The very popular Ozone band nights at the Original Place youth centre in Leigh Park provide the opportunity for young musicians to meet each other, develop supportive networks, share knowledge and develop skills. As a direct result of the project a number of new bands have been formed this year; one of the most popular is called Amethyst.

The members of Amethyst are aged between 14 and 19 and they all come from the local area. During the year, Amethyst performed free at the Leigh Park Carnival and headlined gigs at the Original Place and the Havant Arts Centre. The band has a high profile locally and has developed its own business plan. One of Amethyst's founder members recently acknowledged the support received by the band from the Ozone project and said:

"Looking back on it, we had some of our best times with the people who are at the Original Place. We would like to thank the youth workers for giving us the space, time and support to be who we are, not only as a band, but also as young people in the local community. The youth service has provided us with somewhere to practice, hang out and a chance to meet new people.

We have a lot of trust in the people who attend, run and organise everything to do with the band nights, and if it wasn't for their kindness and support we wouldn't be the band we are today.

If I had to say anything about Amethyst as a band, I would say one word "vision". We have always had a vision to become something that other young people would look up to and think "Wow, I could do that". The people who worked with us at the Ozone band nights have done everything in their power to help us with that vision."

## → Staying safe

### Havant young carers project

Havant Young Carers Project offers support to young people who look after family members with a long term illness or disability. The project has grown rapidly since its inception in May 2005 and now helps meet the needs of 25 young carers aged 10 to 18 years.

Members of the group feel a sense of relief when they realise they are not the only young person whose life has been affected by having to play a major caring

role within their family, as one of them recently put it:

"I just didn't realise how many people were in the same position as me. Its great to be able to talk to other young people knowing they understand what it's like for me as a young carer."

An informal programme of visits to places of interest has been developed by the group and ensures that young carers have the chance to have fun and enjoy themselves. The picture shows some members of the group using the climbing wall at Calshot Activities Centre.



Healthy food options are available at all group sessions. During the activities and the shared meals, the young carers take the opportunity to raise issues and to learn from each other. To help the young carers and the people they care for to stay safe, youth workers facilitate discussions and offer relevant advice and information. Key professionals help young carers to deal with any issues raised by members of the group, recent examples include: how to respond if a person who is being cared for wants more of their medication than the recommended dose; how to deal with family emergencies; and the role schools can play in supporting young carers.

The increasing number of referrals to the group and the feedback received from young people, demonstrate the need for the project to continue to develop in the year ahead.

## → Making a positive contribution

### The Youth Council in Havant makes a difference

At a time when the public often associates young people with anti-social behaviour it is refreshing to consider the positive contribution made to local communities by organisations like the Havant Borough Youth Council (HBYC). HBYC is made up of young people, aged 13 to 19, drawn from schools, colleges, youth groups and other local organisations. The elected members of HBYC are involved in a wide range of projects and campaign on issues of their own choosing.

This year HBYC has influenced the development and design of local skate parks and helped to plan community events. HBYC have also made a



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significant contribution to the development of the careers advice and health information available to young people in the Borough. Monthly meetings are held at various venues around the district to encourage as many young people as possible to become involved.

One of HBYC's main objectives is to let adults know what young people think about local services. HBYC members do this at their regular meetings with local decision makers including County and Borough Councillors. It's not all hard work and meetings however, the officers of HBYC make sure that they make time for some enjoyable social activities.

HBYC makes a real difference at a local level and it provides opportunities for young people in the Borough to become involved in major youth conferences, countywide consultations and national forums.

## → Moving towards achieving economic well-being

### Young people raise funds for a local charity and learn key skills in the process

In the autumn of 2005, members of the district youth work team began to work with a group of young men from Purbrook Park School on developing key skills important to their further education, training and employment prospects. The programme was accredited by the Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) and involved the group in a diverse range of challenges.



The first challenge faced by the young men was to raise funds for a charity through participating in the Junior Great South Run. In the build-up to the run, the group regularly trained with the Havant Borough Council's sports officer and raised funds from local businesses. The teamwork and high level of commitment shown by the young men indicated how they could apply themselves in ways highly valued by local employers and training agencies.

Preparing for the group's involvement in the fun run also helped the young men develop transferable skills including making presentations and project planning.

After the run, the group were very proud of what they had achieved. Their efforts had resulted in more than £300 being raised for a charity dedicated to helping people with cancer.

## → Being healthy

### Wecock young people's project contributes to the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy

Youth workers are skilled in building up good working relationships with young people including those considered 'hard to reach' by most agencies. This places youth workers in a good position to deliver the personal, social and health education in the informal ways young people often prefer. A good example of the effectiveness of this approach is evident in the sex and relationships education delivered by the team at Wecock young people's project. The project is partly funded by the Hampshire Teenage Pregnancy Partnership.



The project team worked with young men on issues relating to teenage fatherhood during a series of workshops and at a residential event. The topics covered included contraception, sexually transmitted infections and taking appropriate responsibility for caring and nurturing a child. A second piece of work undertaken by the team was focused on emotional health, safer sex and the ways in which culture, race, religion, gender and sexuality affect sex and relationships.

Feedback from the young people involved indicates that here were some important learning outcomes:

"I've learned that it's important to respect the choice of other people."

"There are so many diseases to catch, it's enough to put you off!"

"I can recognise the difference between being assertive, passive and aggressive."

"I didn't realise before just how much it costs to look after a baby."

"It's alright doing this sort of stuff out of school. It's been a laugh and I feel I have learned loads."