

**WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE ASB BUDGET  
WIRRAL WEST YOUTH DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMME**

**Update August to Dec 2016**

<b>Aims and objectives:</b>
<p>Funding has been made available to deliver additional diversionary activities for young people in Upton, Overchurch, Pensby and Greasby to provide positive youth engagement in areas of high reported anti-social behaviour, helping to tackle issues linked to a large number of young people at risk of participating in low level crime/anti-social behaviour and risk taking behaviour. The objective set for the youth outreach team was to establish a greater understanding of the needs of young people in key areas and put together a programme which would impact on the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour and risk taking behaviour. The additional benefits of this programme will be to increase young people's understanding and awareness of the impact of risk-taking behaviour and levels of anti-social behaviour on their wider community.</p>
<b>Needs identified:</b>
<p>The Constituency Manager had been involved in ongoing discussions with all agencies about levels of anti-social behaviour in the Wirral West area, including the Woodchurch hotspot areas. The issues are complex and incidents over the summer in Arrowe Park and Pensby suggested that increased engagement with young people covering a wider geographical area was required.</p> <p>Youth workers had provisionally assessed and considered the needs of young people in these areas building on existing relationships. Based on this, the team wanted to work with the young people further to promote team work, leadership and organisational skills and to and improve essential life skills.</p>
<b>Method of delivery:</b> <i>(e.g. one-to-one work, group work, discussion, sports sessions, etc.)</i>
<p>The method of delivery identified was to work with young people by engaging them via outreach and then by having the kontactabus at key locations. This has proven to be an effective approach when dealing with large groups where risk-taking behaviour is a factor.</p> <p>Two ice skating trips were delivered in Nov/Dec utilising the Committee's funding to build on the relationships developed in late Summer / early Autumn with young people in conjunction with key partners e.g. Police and the ASB team.</p>

**Outcomes to date: (what difference has been made?)**

- Outreach numbers worked with - over 100 young people of mixed gender
- Trips: 30 young people of mixed gender (14 – 16yrs old)

Young people felt confident and pleased about getting funding for their local area. Young people felt they come together closer as a group and were able to share with others opportunities they had deemed valuable and useful for the development of skills and knowledge. They also acknowledged that the support they had accessed that would be of benefit to them in respect of achieving better outcomes at school and in dealing with a range of situations.

The work since summer has brought together agencies and community stakeholders and the diversionary programme is having an impact. Relationships between young people, outreach teams and other agencies are developing well. The youth outreach team has found young people have opened up and explored issues they had not raised previously. This is evidence that the safe environment provided by the kontakta bus and as part of supported diversionary activities is facilitating positive engagement.

ASB data for the 2 months before 16th August 2016 (i.e. mid-June to mid-August) and 2 months after (i.e. mid-August to mid-October) shows an overall decrease:

<b>In park</b>	<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>
Arrowe Park	20	16
Pensby / Ridgewood		1
Total	20	17

<b>Park and surrounding area</b>	<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>
Arrowe Park	41	25
Pensby / Ridgewood	4	2
Total	45	27

**ASB budget spend to date:**

- Total spend to date (trips) - £298.50