

**Minutes of Bordon & Liphook Branch Meeting
Held 5.10.04 at Chase Children's Centre**

Apologies were received from Linda Pearcey.

Present: Ann Wright – deputy head teacher at Grayshott Primary School
Jane Butcher – Team Leader at Chase Children's Centre
Doreen Steel – Head of Chase Children's Centre
Tracey Kempton – SenCo
Verity Tucker-Brown – Portage
Mandy Batten – Health Visitor

Co-ordinators Report

Lucy Reported that as she had just returned from maternity leave she did not have much to report but that she had spoken to parents in several places and villages over the summer many of whom had raised concerns that play areas in the vicinity were constantly being vandalised by young people in the 8-14 age bracket and that there should be some other places for children in this age range to play and socialise.

Doreen reported that the skateboard park in Bordon is greatly used.

Possible research project could be to find out about parents/teenagers views on play areas etc.

Doreen raised her concern for the lack of support for parents of children with 8-11 year olds. There is possibly a lack of support here. Mandy asked whether any courses were available for this age range. Agreed to look into this. (There may possibly be a development worker for this in Winchester.)

Lucy will also ask the CIS for information.

Another issue raised was that there are some communities in the area that are still not accessing free pre-school places in the area and whether this was due to a lack of information.

SureStart

Lucy briefly went over new SureStart targets as outlined in report and informed the meeting of new work patterns to work quarterly instead of termly and more emphasis on consultation and research and not on information events.

Website Issues

Lucy informed the meeting of information that could be found on the website including minutes, newsletters, local information etc.

Web address : www.hcff.org.uk

HCFE Change in Objectives

Summarised HCFE new position paper on raising the age to 19.

Issues that arose were that this was an incredible age span to cover and that this would include a lot of teenage parents also. Concerns were raised that although it would make sense to cover older children it would need very careful forethought. Those present will forward any further thoughts on this matter in due course.

Local Issues/Information Exchange

- Mandy Batten reported that E.H.D Violence Forum is running an Away Day at the Millennium Hall in Liphook on the 19th October if anyone is interested.
- Doreen informed the meeting that Chase Children's Centre is holding a Family Learning Day at the Forest Centre on Saturday 23rd October.
- The Toy Library is now up and running

Date of next meeting Tuesday 11th January 2005 at Chase Children's Centre at 4pm.