

BORDON CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

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CO-Coordiators News

Since January I have been busy with various projects. I was involved with the CREW (Crime Reduction and Environment Week) in Alton and Bordon which I found to be an eye opening experience and which also gave me a chance to work along side other agencies including the Police, Drum Housing and the Youth Service. The week consisted of litter picking, graffiti removal, Fly tipping removal, abandoned car removal and a Road show in both Towns. On the Friday night in Bordon, a Chip and Chat night was laid on at the Youth Centre in which young people were invited to ask the local Police sergeant about facilities for them in the town and to inform him of what they would like. The outcome seemed to be a youth shelter and some equipment (basket ball nets) and lighting on the recreation ground. They said that one of the main reasons for them hanging around the Forest Centre was due to the fact that it was undercover and had lighting on dark cold winter evenings and that they felt safer there rather than on a field that had no shelter or lighting at all.

Hopefully something will come out of the evening and the young people's voice will have been heard.

At present, I am compiling a questionnaire to be sent to parent's regarding play park facilities in the area. I have been approached by a few Parent's regarding Jubilee Park having something and have been in contact with the Town Council and Guy Riddoch at EHDC to express these concerns. The Town Council have stated that Play Parks are on their agenda and have put me in contact with Zoya Faddy. They have also said that Parent's should attend a council meeting that has a question time to express these concerns! They also stated that some residents on Branson Road (Gardens back onto Jubilee Park) maybe unhappy with facilities on the park due to noise levels. This I can understand but will wait to see the outcome of the questionnaires. I will be sending them out via schoolbook bags to All the schools in the town to ensure that as many parent's have a voice. If another area is highlighted as having a greater need, then I will go with the consensus.

When I spoke to Guy Riddoch, he did say that there was a possibility for a play park by the skate park on Budds Lane. I did inform him that this was unsuitable due to the

distance from housing estates other than the Army Camp, which has two very good parks on either side of the A325, and if the council wanted parent's to access this park, then they would have to think about the road having to be crossed and the location.

I will forward a draft version of the questionnaire once I have completed it, but if you have any ideas on any questions then please forward them to me.

Another project I am involved in at present in a Transition Project called 'Songs and Rhymes' which I am helping with at Weyford Infants School. Some of you may or may not have heard of it, but is along the same lines as PEEP (Peers Early Education Partnership). It is a new project being rolled out in Infant schools across the county to help children settle in to Reception from Nursery or Pre-School. The idea is that children moving up to a school will learn some new songs and rhymes whilst still in Nursery that their new school will also be using. Feeder nurseries receive a visit by someone from the Infants school, and then those children going to that school are invited to attend a taster session with their parent's and a Music Advisor from HCC. The children and Parent's sing songs from the book allocated to the project and at the end of the session receive a book and CD to take home and listen to with their child. Parent's are invited to attend an 8 week course (along the same lines as PEEP) to enhance the transition process. It is hoped that with three parties involved (Nursery, Parent's and Infant School) transition for the child will be much less stressful and continuity of care will be carried on.

I have also attended the opening of the Internet Café.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Children's Fund
HomeStart
Hampshire Play Strategy (New)
Bordon Youth Umbrella Group
Working With Young People Surgeries. (Flyer attached)
Teenage Sex and Relationship Evening
CREW

CONSULTATION EVENTS (Sure Start)

The consultation topic for this term has yet to be set. The update of the Support for Young Parent's is a positive one. I visited the Teenage Bumps and Babes session where I spoke to some mum's and received great feedback and information to help complete my handout. The Youth Service and the Pregnancy Crisis Centre have asked for a completed copy. I have given them a copy. If any one would like a copy, please let me know. The

mum's I spoke to said that it was just what they needed as they were forever having to find important numbers to help them.

NEWSLETTERS

Don't forget if you would like to put anything in the newsletter give me a call or email me at bandl@hcff.org.uk, the deadline for the autumn term will be Friday 5th May. At present only 500 copies are being printed due to funding. I am therefore looking for other sources of funding and thought I would approach Bordon Youth Umbrella Group and also Bordon Charity. The cost of 2,500 copies 3 times a year is about £1,000. I have also thought about obtaining adverts and charging for these. Any ideas greatly received.

DIRECTORIES

I still have some directories left, so if you would like any then please let me know. I am considering updating the directory next year so I will be looking for funding. Any updates can be either emailed to me, or amendments can be made in the directory held at the Chase Centre.

HELP!

I am STILL searching for a Chairperson for the Bordon Branch; if you know of anybody who has a few hours (2-3) per month spare please encourage him or her to step forward. I would desperately like to get the Alton branch up on its feet and active within the community, but need someone with local knowledge and as they say two heads are better than one. On that note, if you would like to see anything happen within your community and have ideas of what might be able to be done, please let me know.

HCCF WEBSITE

Don't forget HCCF are now on the web at the following address: www.hcff.org.uk. I can place all listings in the area and advertise events, anything you want placing on there please let me know. It is an excellent advertising tool for events and information.

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