



# Sevenoaks Youth Council

## Meeting of Sevenoaks Youth Council 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 6.00pm

Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road,  
Sevenoaks, TN14 3QG



### Youth Council Members:

Henry Barden de Leon	Darcy Hogg
Mahedy Basher	Isabella McGlynn
Emilia Britain	Max Pound
Phoebe Critchlow, <b>Treasurer</b>	Vince Rands-Webb
Jasmine Geer	Mia Stack
Maya Goodrich	Anna Tarasheva, <b>Vice-Chairman</b>
Valentina Groves	Katie Willis, <b>Chairman</b>

In attendance: Linda Larter, Town Clerk, Alison Futtit, Senior Committee Clerk, and Daren Mountain, Manager of House in the Basement Youth Café.

### AGENDA

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> To receive and note apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> To receive and adopt the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	Attached
3.	<b>Finance Report</b> To note the balance of the Youth Council budget 2021/22.	Attached
4.	<b>House in the Basement [HiTB] Youth Cafe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive and consider HiTB report January to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022</li> <li>Offers of help for promotion</li> </ul>	Attached
5.	<b>Youth Survey</b> To review Youth Survey replies received to date, and letter received from Solefield School, and compare to Youth Council Aims.	Attached
6.	<b>Update on Youth Mentor Project</b> To note flow chart	Attached

7.	<b>Skate Park Event</b> To note plans for Skate Park Fun Day and consider promoting through contacts and social media	Attached
8.	<b>Greening Sevenoaks</b> Youth Councillors are requested to complete the online survey: <a href="https://qrco.de/bcrR02">https://qrco.de/bcrR02</a>  	Attached
9.	<b>Appointment of Representatives to Other Bodies</b> To consider nominating a member of the Youth Council to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve Working Group</li> <li>• Town Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group</li> <li>• Town Council's Youth Services Committee</li> </ul>	Attached
10.	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b> To note the dates of future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>• 29 June 2022</li> <li>• 7 September 2022</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022</li> </ul> To be held at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Council Offices.	

# Meeting of the Sevenoaks Youth Council

Held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

at House in the Basement Youth Café,  
Stag Community Arts Centre, London Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ZZ

**Meeting Commenced:** 6.00 p.m.

**Meeting Concluded:** 6.45 p.m.

**Present:**

**Youth Council Members:**

Kate Willis, Chairman	Present	Maya Goodrich	Present
Anna Tarasheva, Vice-Chairman	Present	Valentina Groves	Present
Phoebe Critchlow, Treasurer	Present	Darcy Hogg	Apologies
Henry Barden de Leon	Present	Isabella McGlynn	Present
Mahedy Basher	Present	Maximilian Pound	Present
Emilia Britain	Present	Vincent Rands-Webb	Present
Jasmine Geer	Apologies	Mia Stack	Present

In attendance: Linda Larter, Town Clerk; Alison Futtit, Senior Committee Clerk; Daren Mountain, Manager of House in the Basement Youth Café; Cllr Andrew Eyre; and Andy Watson, Kenward Trust.

## 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Received as shown above.

## 2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Youth Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

## 3. **Finance Report**

The Treasurer advised that the current balance of the Youth Council budget was £1,834.60. It was anticipated that items of expenditure would arise as projects developed.

**RESOLVED:** to note

- (i) the income and expenditure report for the Youth Council 2021/22; and
- (ii) that the balance as at February 2022 was £1,834.60

## 4. **House in the Basement Youth Café (HitB)**

Daren Mountain, Manager of HitB, advised that the Youth Café was being relaunched following the extensive closure periods arising from the pandemic. A lot of focus was on promoting HitB, including Daren visiting schools. A half term trip to Bewl Water had been arranged.

Daren reminded Youth Councillors of the opening times:

Tuesday (SEN) 5.00 – 8.00 pm  
Wednesday 4.00 – 8.00 pm  
Friday 4.00 – 8.00 pm  
Saturday 2.30 – 8.00 pm

He invited Youth Councillors to come along, to use HitB as a place to meet friends and relax, or to volunteer. He also advised that it could be used as a venue if young people had a campaign or activity that needed space.

Daren also asked for suggestions for activities and ways to draw people to the café. Youth Councillors felt that the front of the Youth Café could be made more appealing, particularly by being lit at night. The Youth Council meeting was followed by an informal discussion where ideas and opportunities for Youth Councillors to contribute were discussed.

It was noted that HitB was working with Sevenoaks District Council on the Young Mentor Project and had prepared a survey to record the impact of Covid-19 on young people, their lives, and their hopes for the future. Youth Councillors were invited to complete the survey.

As part of the same project, a Skate Park Fun Day was being held at Greatness on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00 – 4.00 pm. There would be exhibitions from professional skateboarders and BMX riders, workshops, music and food from the funds provided for completing the survey. A visit to the indoor Skateboard Park in Hastings was also being arranged for the summer.

**5. Youth Council Two Year Programme 2021 – 2023**

The notes of the workshop were received. It was noted that key questions considered at the workshop had been included in the HitB Youth Survey, to obtain responses from a wider group of young people:

- What is the main problem young people face in Sevenoaks?
- What one improvement you would make to Sevenoaks? (Facilities, Clubs etc)
- What, in your opinion, should the Youth Council do for young people in Sevenoaks?

Youth Councillors welcomed the widening of the consultation and looked forward to considering all responses at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the notes of the workshop held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 to discuss issues and share ideas for Sevenoaks Town.

**6. HRH The Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

It was noted that there was an extended Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in celebration of HRH The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Town Council was busy planning activities to mark the occasion including:

- participating in the national Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail, with a lighting ceremony taking place by the war memorial from 9.30pm (beacon lighting at 9.45pm)
- a family event at Vine Gardens, including food/stalls/music from the 7 decades of The Queen's reign
- preparation of a Souvenir Brochure
- holding a make a crown competition
- a literary competition for young children based on "If I was Queen or King for the day....."

Youth Councillors were invited to forward any ideas to the Town Clerk, in particular suggestions for activities to engage young people of their age group.

**7. Sevenoaks Town Council's Draft Green Community Investment Plan 2021**

The Town Clerk presented the Draft Green Community Investment Plan, setting out the Town Council's aim to put in place affordable and practical initiatives with long term green benefits for the local community and to support and encourage residents to pursue individually. The Plan set out climate change initiatives under five themes: Buildings, Transport & Movement, Making Sevenoaks Greener, Consumption, and Information and Access to information.

She thanked Sevenoaks School for the detailed response they had submitted as part of the public consultation exercise.

Youth Councillors expressed their support for cycle paths and discussed some of the challenges this presented. It was noted that the powers to introduce cycle paths lay with Kent County Council who considered the strategy on a county wide basis. It was noted that changes to the Highway Code in favour of cyclists would help encourage more people to cycle, which in its turn could help to slow down traffic.

It was noted that the Plan set out practical things that the Town Council could do.

Youth Councillors expressed their support for 20 mph speed limits and also raised the issue of the unsightly Farmers Site by the railway station. They were advised that the Farmers Site was owned by developers who were not planning to develop the site in the near future. The Town Council however was looking to take action to improve the look of the outside of the site.

**8. Youth in a Changing Climate**

The Youth Council noted the Youth in a Changing Climate report prepared by Groundwork UK, a federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment. The report explored the perspective of young people, aged between 16 and 25, on climate change and discussed barriers which prevent young people from taking climate action.

**9. National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Young people Case Studies**

The Youth Council noted the NALC Young People Case Studies which set out examples of work with young people carried out by Town and Parish Councils.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 in the Council Chamber at the Town Council Offices.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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**Agenda Item** Sevenoaks Town Council**9A** Youth Council General Income and Expenditure:  
7555/38

2021/22

		Expenditure £	Income £
Carried Forward from 2019/20:	879.60		
Unspent budget 2020/21:	500.00		
<b>2021/22 Budget allocated:</b>	<b>500.00</b>		
<b>Total 01/04/21 starting balance:</b>	<b>1,879.60</b>		£ 1,879.60
YC App Form Leaflets	03/09/2021	£ 45.00	
		£ 45.00	£1,879.60
<b>Available Funds</b>		<b>£1,834.60</b>	
		<b>£ 1,834.60</b>	

**Agenda Item** Sevenoaks Town Council**9B** Youth Council **Charity** Income and Expenditure:  
7555/38

2021/22

		Expenditure £	Income £
<b>Starting Balance:</b>	01/04/2021		£ -
<b>Budget allocated:</b>	0.00		£0.00
		£ -	£0.00
<b>Available Funds</b>		<b>£ -</b>	
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### Manager's Report

HitB continues to see new young people on a regular basis, with our SEN club on a Tuesday almost at capacity. Wednesday tends to be quieter, with Fridays & Saturdays somewhere in between.

Since the last report:

- 89 young people attended, 12 of whom were new
- 36 were SEN, 7 of whom were new
- We closed for 1 day(weather) and opened for 15 days.
- We took £180.11

Some detached work advertising HitB has been done in Sevenoaks Town, Greatness Park, Bradbourne Lakes & Dunton Green in partnership with West Kent, Kenward Trust and Sevenoaks District Council using their youth bus.

41 Youth Surveys have been completed by young people gathering information on youth work provision in Sevenoaks & the effects of Covid on young people. (See agenda Item 5 for detail)

A trip, in partnership with West Kent Housing Association went ahead in February half term to Bewl Water and plans for the Greatness Park Skate Youth Festival in the Easter holidays are at an advanced stage. (Promotional Poster attached)

Art projects at HitB are going ahead and a separate art project at Greatness Skate Park is planned for the festival.

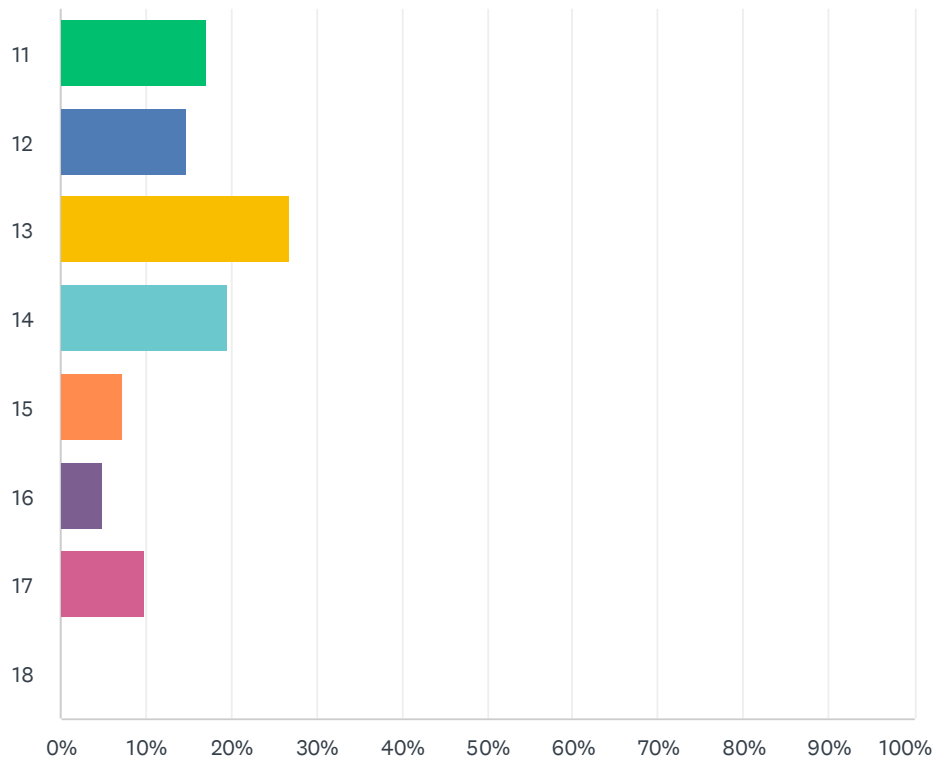
Finally, the Youth Mentor Programme, in conjunction with Sevenoaks District Council and several other agencies is starting to take shape.

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## Q2 Age:

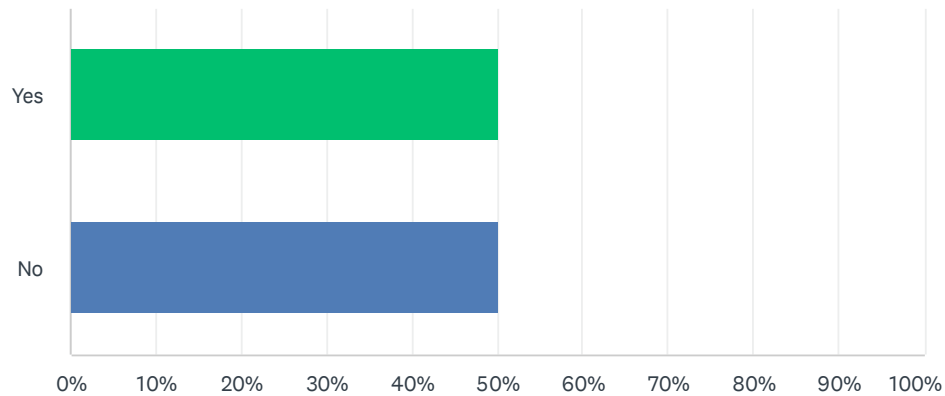
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
11	17.07%	7
12	14.63%	6
13	26.83%	11
14	19.51%	8
15	7.32%	3
16	4.88%	2
17	9.76%	4
18	0.00%	0
TOTAL		41

### Q3 Do you feel the Covid pandemic had any impact on you your friends?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.00%	20
No	50.00%	20
Total Respondents: 40		

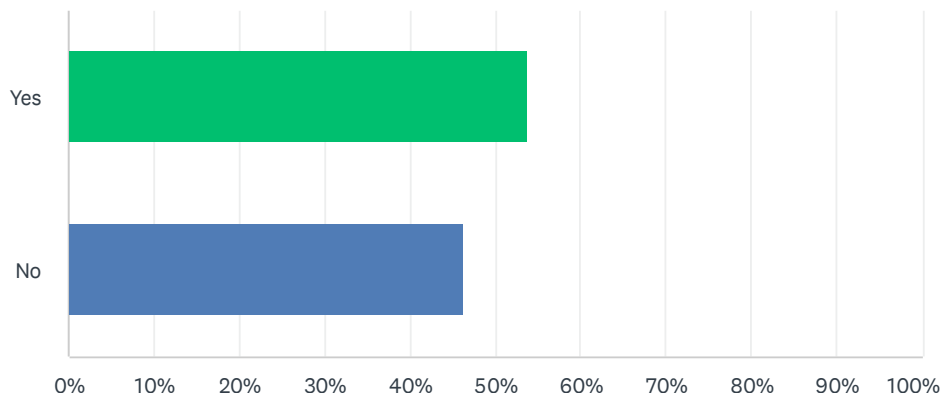
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	<b>Negative Impact</b> Friends fought and disagreed with each other more.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
2	<b>Minimal impact</b> We kept hanging out	2/17/2022 1:33 PM
3	<b>Negative Impact</b> Yes because I don't see them anymore	2/14/2022 9:18 AM
4	<b>Negative Impact</b> Harder to get together	2/11/2022 9:35 AM
5	I don't know	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
6	<b>Minimal impact</b> We had fun playing online	2/11/2022 9:28 AM
7	I did not see them in school	2/10/2022 9:47 AM
8	<b>Negative Impact</b> My friends and I have missed holidays and school due to it.	2/10/2022 9:33 AM
9	<b>Negative Impact</b> More stress	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
10	<b>Negative Impact</b> Yes feelings of isolation	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
11	It has caused schools to be closed	2/10/2022 9:24 AM
12	<b>Negative Impact</b> We drifted. I wasn't able to talk to them as much.	2/10/2022 9:23 AM
13	<b>Negative Impact</b> I think not being able to see friends and trying to communicate online has been difficult	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
14	It changes how we make plans to meet up in big groups	2/9/2022 10:08 AM
15	<b>Minimal impact</b> None of my close friends have got COVID.	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
16	<b>Minimal impact</b> No we could still keep in touch	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
17	<b>Negative Impact</b> It stopped us being able to go out and play together as much	2/7/2022 11:20 AM

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18	I don't know.	2/7/2022 11:09 AM
19	<b>Minimal impact</b> Still see them :)	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
20	<b>Negative Impact</b> It made it harder to see each other.	2/2/2022 7:20 PM
21	Most of my friends have had it.	2/2/2022 10:37 AM
22	<b>Minimal impact</b> I could still talk to them over the phone so nothing changed for me.	2/2/2022 10:35 AM
23	<b>Negative Impact</b> Brother got covid bad	1/21/2022 6:27 PM

## Q4 Did the events of the last 18 months to 2 years make you feel different in any way?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.66%	22
No	46.34%	19
Total Respondents: 41		

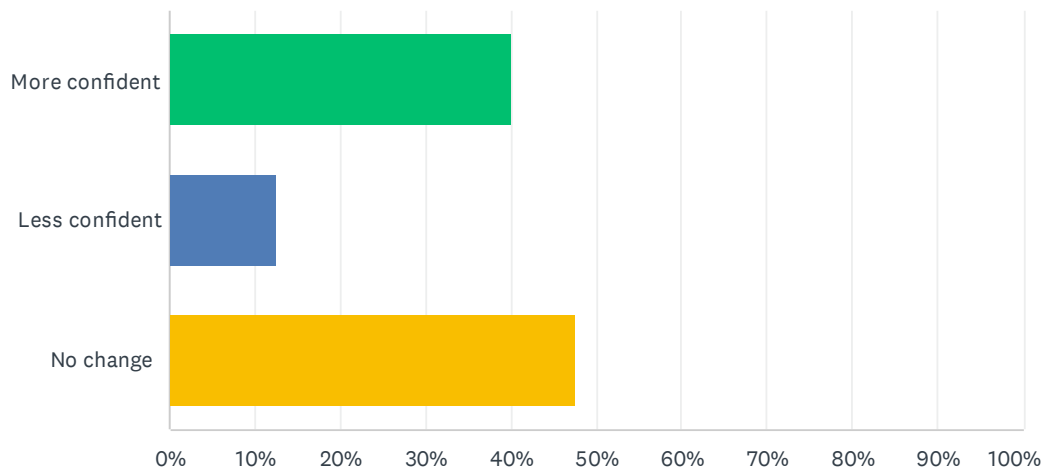
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Negative impact It made me scared - change to normal routine and isolated.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
2	Minimal impact I just carried on with my life	2/17/2022 1:33 PM
3	Negative impact More antisocial	2/14/2022 9:18 AM
4	Negative impact Scared at one point when it first started and lockdown + no school to see friends was hard	2/11/2022 9:32 AM
5	Negative impact I was bored at home and I missed school, I could not do horse riding and swimming	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
6	Negative impact It was hard at some points to be really happy	2/10/2022 9:33 AM
7	Minimal impact I think it made me value time with family and friends more	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
8	Minimal impact they made me see a new way of life in which you have to learn to adapt to the situation you've been given	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
9	Minimal impact I have been keeping up with my friends.	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
10	Minimal impact Everything with my friends and family has been fine	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
11	Minimal impact Because I don't really stop having fun.	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
12	Minimal impact I didn't feel much change.	2/7/2022 11:09 AM
13	Negative impact Bored (very)	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
14	Negative impact I didn't get to do the whole year of year 5.	2/2/2022 10:37 AM
15	Negative impact I was mostly just bored because of the shops closing down.	2/2/2022 10:35 AM

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16	Negative impact	Don't like the feeling	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
17	Minimal impact	More sociable, key worker YP so went into school	1/21/2022 5:44 PM

## Q5 Do you feel more, or less confident about the future after the pandemic? What reasons do you have for your answer?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More confident	40.00%	16
Less confident	12.50%	5
No change	47.50%	19
Total Respondents: 40		

#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	<span>More confident</span> I feel I survived Covid - now I know I can survive other events.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
2	<span>More confident</span> Because its almost over	2/17/2022 1:36 PM
3	<span>More confident</span> <span>Vaccinations</span> More vaccines	2/17/2022 1:33 PM
4	<span>Less confident</span> I feel like it would be harder because of all the money spent	2/14/2022 9:17 AM
5	<span>Minimal impact</span> Does not have a huge impact on me	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
6	<span>More confident</span> <span>Vaccinations</span> Gov knows how to deal virus	2/11/2022 9:35 AM
7	Don't know	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
8	<span>More confident</span> More opportunities have appeared due to it	2/10/2022 9:47 AM
9	<span>Minimal impact</span> I feel like I will just keep living	2/10/2022 9:33 AM
10	<span>More confident</span> <span>Vaccinations</span> More vaccinations, less quarantine periods, more confident about future	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
11	<span>More confident</span> We've learnt to be more flexible.	2/10/2022 9:23 AM
12	<span>More confident</span> I think that there have been both negative and positive impacts of the pandemic so they balance each other out	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
13	<span>More confident</span> <span>Vaccinations</span> i'm confident that more people will continue to get the vaccine and we will be able to learn from what has happened	2/9/2022 5:24 PM

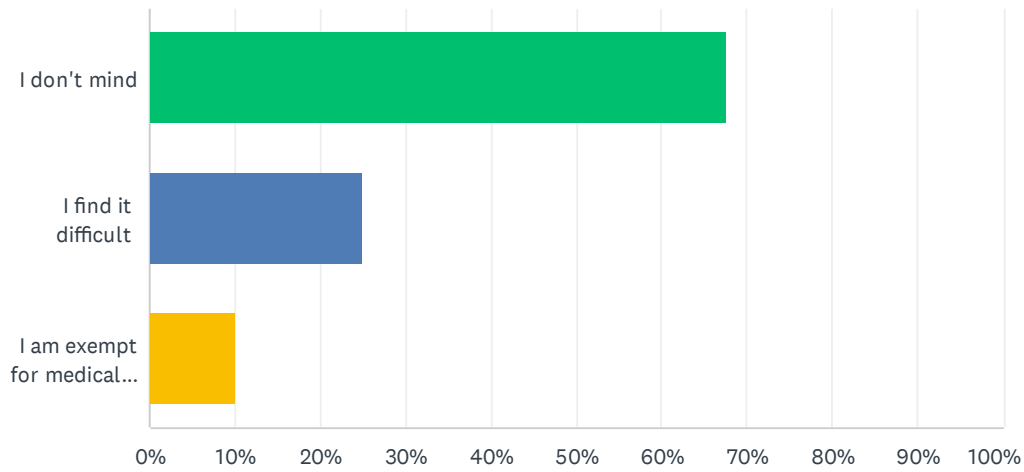


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14	Minimal impact	My school has been sensible about it and my learning is the same	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
15	Minimal impact	Nothing has changed my education or anything	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
16	Minimal impact	I don't really have opinions about the future in general	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
17	Less confident	Lack of initiative within the rulemaking and Gov.	2/7/2022 11:16 AM
18		I don't really know.	2/7/2022 11:13 AM
19	Minimal impact	Because I will have same friends.	2/7/2022 11:09 AM
20	More confident	Vaccinations Vaccine	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
21	More confident	The UK has had enough time to research the virus to find a way that to live with it.	2/2/2022 7:20 PM
22	Less confident	I'm not a very confident person.	2/2/2022 10:37 AM
23	Minimal impact	Covid is a thing that happened to everyone so we're all at a some sort of same point	2/2/2022 10:35 AM
24	More confident	Vaccinations Vaccine rollout	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
25	More confident	Vaccinations Feel its getting better, vacines	1/21/2022 5:44 PM

## Q6 What are your thoughts on mask wearing?

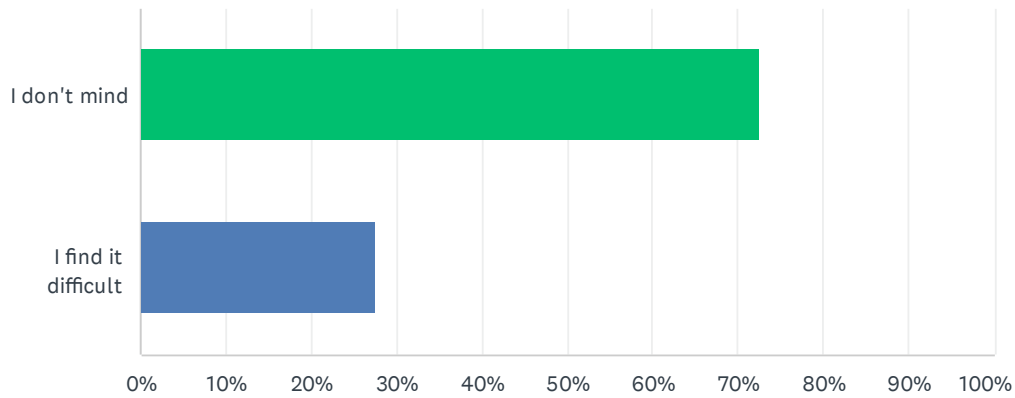
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't mind	67.50%	27
I find it difficult	25.00%	10
I am exempt for medical reasons	10.00%	4
Total Respondents: 40		

## Q7 What are your thoughts on social distancing?

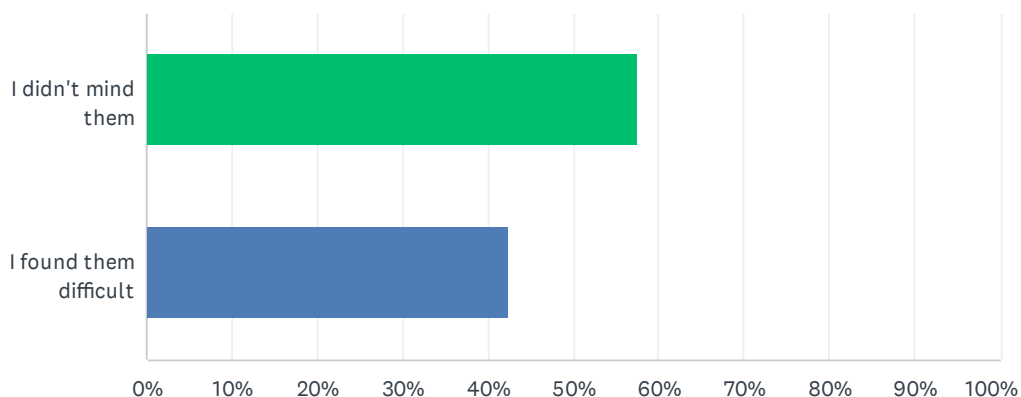
Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't mind	72.50%	29
I find it difficult	27.50%	11
Total Respondents: 40		

## Q8 What did you think of the lockdowns?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



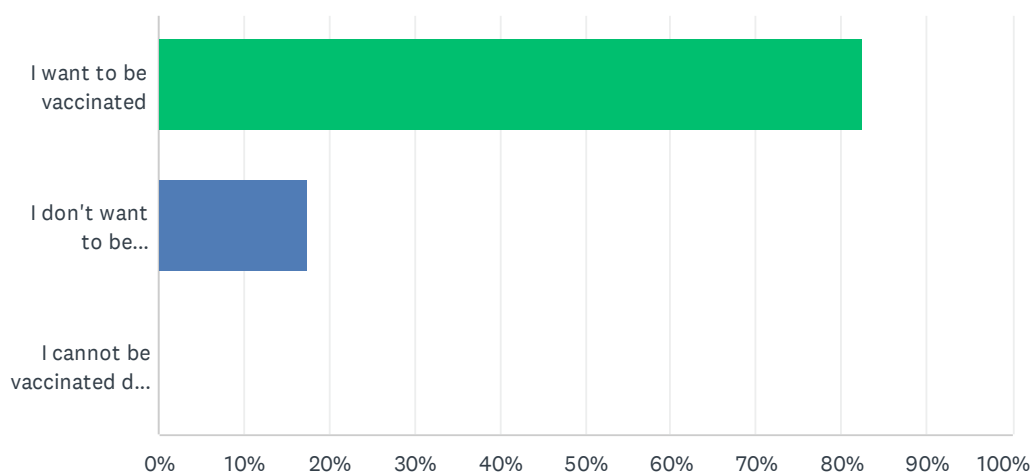
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I didn't mind them	57.50%	23
I found them difficult	42.50%	17
TOTAL		40

#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Negative impact I couldn't see anyone so it made me more recluse.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
2	Negative impact long boring	2/17/2022 1:36 PM
3	Negative impact Because of online school	2/17/2022 1:33 PM
4	Negative impact Very hard	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
5	Negative impact I found it difficult to do schoolwork and not go anywhere	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
6	Negative impact I missed my friends and grandparents	2/10/2022 9:33 AM
7	Negative impact But I know they were important	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
8	Negative impact Due to feelings of isolation	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
9	No/positive impact I liked the slowing down of life	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
10	Negative impact i think the lockdowns took a toll on many peoples mental health	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
11	Negative impact I found them difficult, but would rather have them to prevent excess deaths.	2/9/2022 10:08 AM
12	No/positive impact I did lockdown school because my mum is a key worker	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
13	No/positive impact They didn't really affect my family and friends	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
14	Negative impact I have to put up with a lot because of my brothers so yeah!	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
15	No/positive impact It was easy and fun.	2/7/2022 11:09 AM
16	No/positive impact I kinda like them :)	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
17	Negative impact I didn't get to see my friends.	2/2/2022 10:37 AM
18	Negative impact Spending too much time with siblings	1/21/2022 6:27 PM



## Q9 What are your thoughts on being vaccinated?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I want to be vaccinated	82.50%	33
I don't want to be vaccinated	17.50%	7
I cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 40		

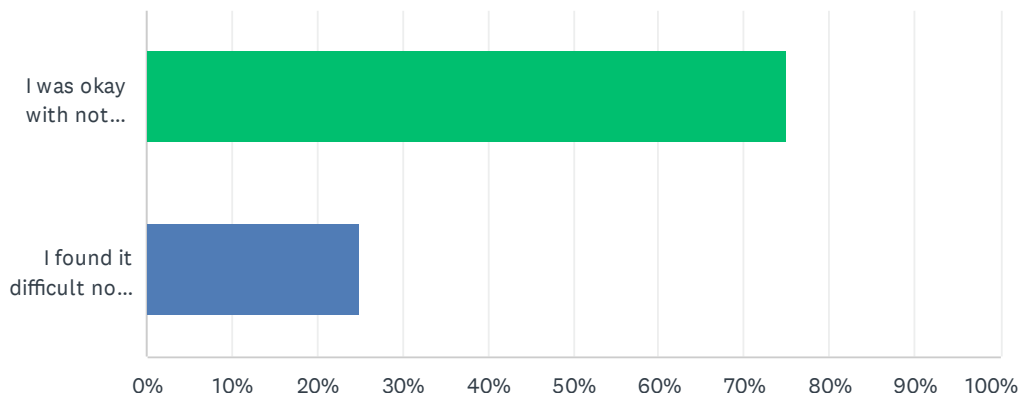
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	Vaccination positive I will feel more protected.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
2	Vaccination positive I am already	2/14/2022 9:17 AM
3	Vaccination positive I could not be vaccinated in school because I had COVID too recently but I am getting vaccinated on Saturday	2/10/2022 9:33 AM
4	Vaccination positive I am vaccinated	2/10/2022 9:26 AM
5	Vaccination positive I've had both and a booster	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
6	Vaccination positive i have already had my first vaccine	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
7	Vaccination negative My parents don't want me to	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
8	Vaccination positive I was vaccinated once and it was fine	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
9	Vaccination positive I don't care if I am or am not vaccinated.	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
10	Vaccination negative I don't want to because once I had a blood test and I put the numbing cream on wrong so it really hurt.	2/7/2022 11:13 AM
11	Vaccination positive It will keep me safe.	2/7/2022 11:09 AM
12	Vaccination positive My mom won't let me but my dad will so I am getting it on 9th February.	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
13	Vaccination negative But I'm underage.	2/2/2022 10:37 AM
14	Vaccination positive I want to keep myself and others safe.	2/2/2022 10:35 AM

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15	Vaccination negative	Arm ached	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
16	Vaccination negative	Hurt	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
17	Vaccination negative	didnt like it	1/21/2022 5:44 PM

## Q10 How did it affect you not being able to attend school clubs and other social events during lockdown?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I was okay with not attending clubs	75.00%	30
I found it difficult not attending clubs	25.00%	10
TOTAL		40

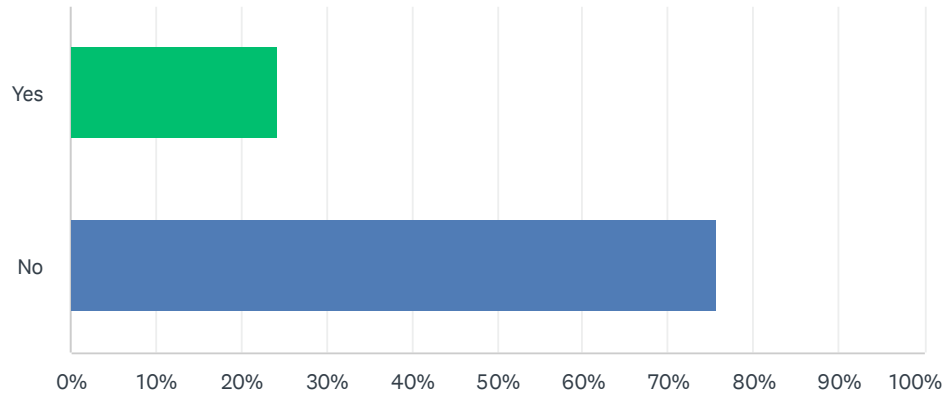
#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	No clubs pre-lockdown I don't socialise well.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
2	No clubs pre-lockdown I never really did clubs	2/14/2022 9:18 AM
3	Missed clubs Missed doing activities	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
4	Minimal impact Many clubs were still online	2/10/2022 9:45 AM
5	Missed clubs I missed lots of activities	2/10/2022 9:33 AM
6	Missed clubs I run 2 clubs so it was difficult that I couldn't hold them in person	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
7	Missed clubs There weren't very many running online	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
8	Minimal impact many moved online so i could still participate	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
9	Minimal impact I played football in the garden with family	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
10	Minimal impact I knew we could do them again so I was fine	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
11	Missed clubs They're fun	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
12	No clubs pre-lockdown I don't do clubs.	2/7/2022 11:18 AM
13	No clubs pre-lockdown I don't really do clubs.	2/7/2022 11:09 AM
14	Minimal impact Still fun.	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
15	No clubs pre-lockdown I don't really like clubs (obviously I like this one)	2/2/2022 10:37 AM
16	No clubs pre-lockdown I didn't go to clubs.	2/2/2022 10:35 AM
17	Missed clubs Less education	1/21/2022 6:27 PM





## Q11 Are you finding it difficult to go back to school & clubs since the pandemic?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 0

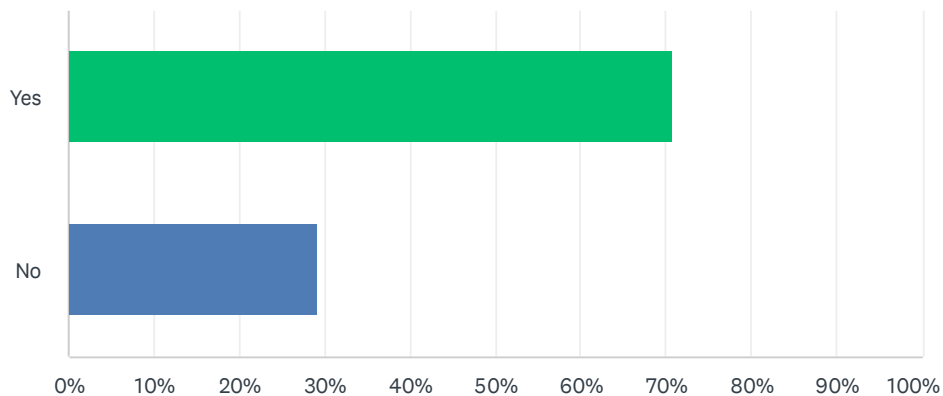


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.39%	10
No	75.61%	31
TOTAL		41

#	COMMENT:	DATE
1	<span>Minimal impact</span> I like routine and having a safe place.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
2	<span>Negative impact</span> When I first went back to school	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
3	<span>Minimal impact</span> I have joined more since	2/10/2022 9:47 AM
4	<span>Minimal impact</span> I did lots of lockdown schoolwork	2/10/2022 9:33 AM
5	<span>Minimal impact</span> I love being at school	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
6	<span>Negative impact</span> because its hard from not doing any to doing so many	2/10/2022 9:23 AM
7	<span>Minimal impact</span> Not really?	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
8	<span>Minimal impact</span> I have found it the same as before	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
9	<span>Minimal impact</span> I still have my confidence	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
10	<span>Minimal impact</span> I'm here aren't I	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
11	<span>Minimal impact</span> It is easy	2/7/2022 11:09 AM
12	<span>Minimal impact</span> I didn't do any.	2/2/2022 10:37 AM
13	<span>Negative impact</span> Its hard adjusting to get there on time.	2/2/2022 10:35 AM
14	<span>Negative impact</span> Exams	1/21/2022 5:44 PM

## Q12 Did you know there is a free, safe, fun space in Sevenoaks for young people, open Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.73%	29
No	29.27%	12
TOTAL		41

## Q13 We have a Youth Council in Sevenoaks to voice the opinions of young people to those in local government. We would also like your feedback on:

Answered: 24 Skipped: 17

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
What is the main problem young people face in Sevenoaks	91.67%	22
What is one improvement you would make to Sevenoaks? (Facilities, Clubs etc.)	95.83%	23
What, in your opinion, should the Youth Council do for young people in Sevenoaks?	91.67%	22

#	WHAT IS THE MAIN PROBLEM YOUNG PEOPLE FACE IN SEVENOAKS	DATE
1	<b>Improve safety</b> Do not feel safe	2/24/2022 12:28 PM
2	<b>Clubs&amp;Facilities</b> <b>Improve safety</b> A place to go to be safe to socialise in.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
3	<b>Clubs&amp;Facilities</b> <b>Mental health</b> Loneliness	2/17/2022 1:30 PM
4	Influencers	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
5	<b>Don't know</b> Don't know	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
6	<b>Mental health</b> Mental health	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
7	lack of community spirit	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
8	Climate change	2/10/2022 9:26 AM
9	<b>Mental health</b> Mental health	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
10	<b>Mental health</b> mental health issues	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
11	Not being able to go on holiday	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
12	Not being able to go on holiday	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
13	<b>Peer pressure</b> Peer pressure	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
14	<b>Don't know</b> I don't know	2/7/2022 11:18 AM
15	The spreading of COVID (not necessarily the symptoms themselves)	2/7/2022 11:16 AM
16	<b>Peer pressure</b> Peer pressure	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
17	<b>Clubs&amp;Facilities</b> Too few places to gather socially	2/2/2022 7:20 PM
18	<b>Don't know</b> Don't know	1/22/2022 5:19 PM
19	<b>Don't know</b> Not sure	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
20	<b>Peer pressure</b> Peer pressure	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
21	<b>Peer pressure</b> Smoking & vaping pressure & online addiction	1/21/2022 5:44 PM
22	<b>Clubs&amp;Facilities</b> No indoor free space for sports	1/21/2022 10:03 AM
#	WHAT IS ONE IMPROVEMENT YOU WOULD MAKE TO SEVENOAKS? (FACILITIES, CLUBS ETC.)	DATE
1	<b>Clubs&amp;Facilities</b> More clubs	2/24/2022 12:28 PM
2	<b>Clubs&amp;Facilities</b> More inclusive clubs for all people/interests/social groups	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
3	<b>Clubs&amp;Facilities</b> I would add bowling	2/17/2022 1:30 PM

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4	Clubs&Facilities	More open spaces for young people	2/14/2022 9:17 AM
5		Make it more affordable	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
6	Clubs&Facilities	Add more activity parks	2/11/2022 9:35 AM
7	Clubs&Facilities	More shops	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
8	Clubs&Facilities	Improve Leisure Centre pool	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
9	Cycling	cycle racks	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
10	Cycling	Cycle Lanes	2/10/2022 9:26 AM
11		More trees	2/10/2022 9:19 AM
12	Don't know	I don't know	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
13	Don't know	I don't know	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
14	Clubs&Facilities	More clubs like this	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
15	Don't know	I don't know	2/7/2022 11:18 AM
16	Improve safety	More mask wearing	2/7/2022 11:16 AM
17	Clubs&Facilities	More cool places like this	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
18	Cycling	I would add more parks, cyclepaths and places to hang out	2/2/2022 7:20 PM
19	Don't know	Don't know	1/22/2022 5:19 PM
20	Clubs&Facilities	More public spaces to chill	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
21	Improve safety	Less ASB	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
22	Clubs&Facilities	more youth workers & youth clubs	1/21/2022 5:44 PM
23	Clubs&Facilities	Youth club with a sports hall	1/21/2022 10:03 AM
#	<b>WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD THE YOUTH COUNCIL DO FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SEVENOAKS?</b>		<b>DATE</b>
1	Improve safety	Keep them safe	2/24/2022 12:28 PM
2	Engage youth opinions	More listening to young people and what they want.	2/17/2022 1:43 PM
3		Help them make friends	2/17/2022 1:30 PM
4	Clubs&Facilities	Not have to pay for other clubs	2/14/2022 9:17 AM
5		Motivate them	2/14/2022 9:16 AM
6	Don't know	Don't know	2/11/2022 9:31 AM
7	Mental health	Mental health and improve Leisure Centre pool	2/10/2022 9:30 AM
8	Clubs&Facilities	Engage youth opinions create more engagement	2/10/2022 9:28 AM
9	Cycling	Safer, greener transport	2/10/2022 9:26 AM
10	Mental health	make mental health a priority for young people	2/9/2022 5:24 PM
11		I think they are doing well	2/7/2022 11:26 AM
12	Clubs&Facilities	Make more clubs available	2/7/2022 11:23 AM
13	Clubs&Facilities	Cleaner toilets (for school)	2/7/2022 11:20 AM
14	Clubs&Facilities	Make fun stuff	2/7/2022 11:18 AM
15		Spread awareness of COVID-related problems.	2/7/2022 11:16 AM
16	Clubs&Facilities	More cool places like this	2/7/2022 11:07 AM
17		Make it a more attractive place for young people to live	2/2/2022 7:20 PM

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18	Engage youth opinions	More freedom of speech for teenagers in schools	1/22/2022 5:19 PM
19	Engage youth opinions	Give out flyers & questionnaires	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
20	Improve safety	Making parents aware of ASB	1/21/2022 5:52 PM
21	Clubs&Facilities	More music nights & lobby young people	1/21/2022 5:44 PM
22	Engage youth opinions	Have meetings in schools for students	1/21/2022 10:03 AM



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Madam Mayor  
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TN13 3QG

10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Madam Mayor

Thank you so much for taking the time to come and visit our students on Monday here at Solefield School. The boys were delighted to meet you and they commented on how interesting and valuable your meeting was and how happy they were to plant some trees with you in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Eco Committee representatives fed back to their classes and, as promised, have drawn up a list of ideas that they think would make Sevenoaks work better for younger people. Their ideas are outlined below according to age category.

## Years 1 - 3

- Vending machines around town with healthy snacks
- A park using recycled items e.g. tyre climbing frame, old fire engine to play in
- Waterslide at the leisure centre
- Cyclopark
- Ice cream shop

## Years 4-6

- A 'Gaming Café'
- Have more events/festivals in town with music and food
- A Youth Club which can organise days out to places like Bewl Water, soft play, trampoline park
- Hamley's toy shop.
- Chocolate-making venue.

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### Years 6 – 8

One of our students highlighted the point that if you do a google search on 'fun things to do in Sevenoaks' it comes up with 15 pages as opposed to doing the same search on 'fun things to do in Tonbridge', which has 67 pages. They say that many of the things suggested are activities for older people but there is not much to attract younger people. With that in mind they have drawn up this list....

- Improve/update the 'House in the Basement'. They say it isn't very well advertised and only one of our students knew it existed.
- They would love to see an 'Everyman' cinema in town. They say all young people like going to the cinema and the 'Everyman' offers a lovely experience where you can sit in comfort and have something to eat at the same time. An old building refurbished such as 'The Royal Oak' would be a great venue.
- In summer it would be lovely to use The Vine for outdoor cinema evenings. Families can bring picnics.
- International food stalls in Blighs, celebrating food from all over the world.
- Interesting activities to do such as 'KidZania', an ice rink, indoor climbing, virtual golf (many of these activities involve travelling to other places. It would be nice to meet up with friends in our town and access such activities).
- Perhaps on the outskirts to develop an activity centre based on a similar model to 'Tapnell Farm' in the Isle of Wight. They have indoor and outdoor activities for children of all ages – a full day out.
- As other towns have done, it would be lovely to pedestrianise the town centre. This would reduce carbon emissions and make it a safer place to walk around. It would also create more space for market stalls to be set up.

Separately, some of our older students think that there aren't any comfortable hotels to stay in and so therefore there is no attraction for visitors to come to visit and stay in our town.

These are some of the ideas that class brainstorming sessions generated. We also have some eager applicants for the Youth Council. Unfortunately, a couple of boys are still 10 years old. They will be turning 11 soon so were disappointed not to meet the criteria so I have encouraged them to apply next year.

Our thanks once again and we shall look forward to keeping you updated on how we as a school are doing our part in making our world a little 'greener'.

Kind regards,

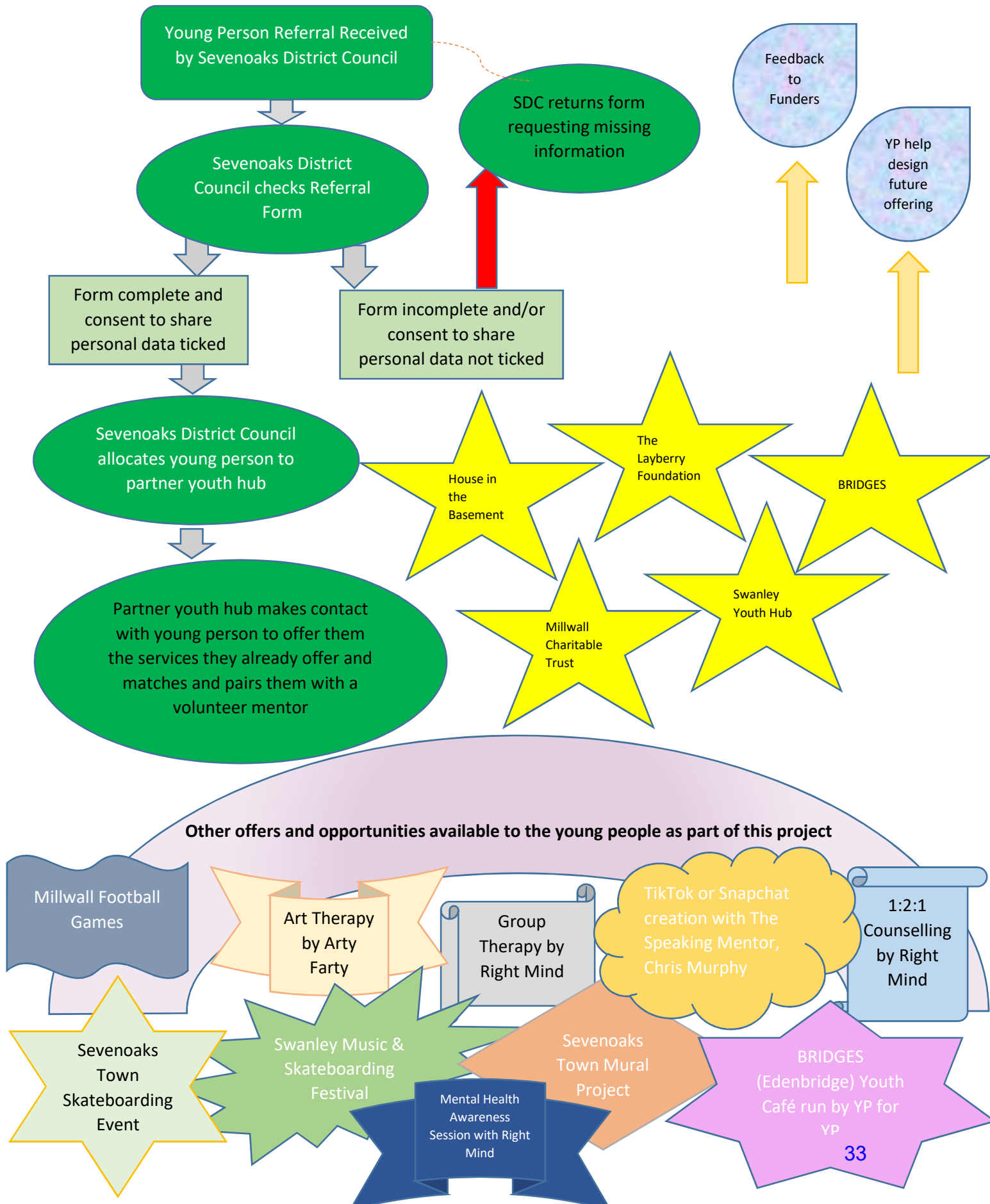


Sarah Shanmuganathan  
Head of Religious Studies



**Young People Mentoring Project**

**Flowchart showing FULL offering**



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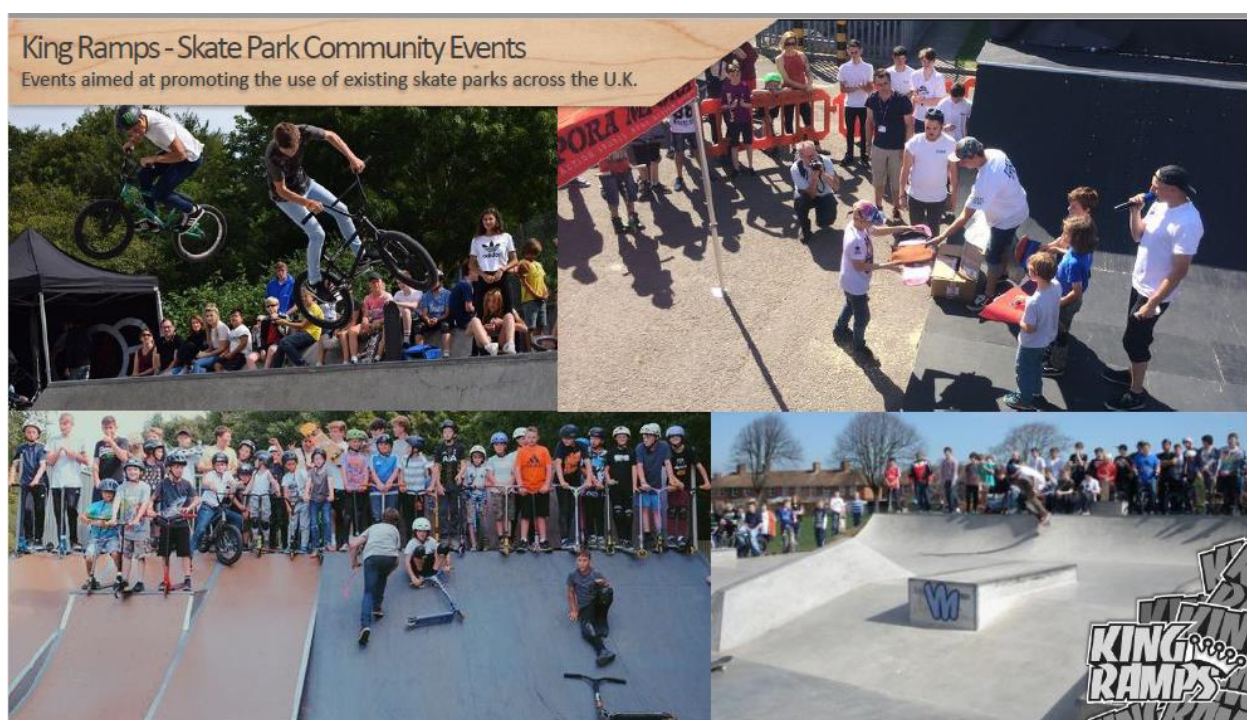
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**Sevenoaks Town Council  
Sevenoaks Youth Council – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022  
Youth Services Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

**Skate Park Fun Day**

As part of the Youth Mentor Project, the House in the Basement (HitB) is holding a Skate Park Fun Day at Greatness on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 11am to 4.00pm. This will be a mini-Youth Festival.

King Ramps will be hosting the event, providing exhibitions from professional skateboarders and BMX riders, together with workshops and competitions. There will be music, food and drink.



Stalls will be provided by HitB and our partner youth services providers (The Kenward Trust and West Kent Housing Association.)

A Community Artist Workshop will also be held, to develop a mural design for the Skate Park



WEDNESDAY  
**06.04.22**

GREATNESS SKATE PARK,  
GREATNESS RECREATION  
GROUND, TN14 5BX

**11-4**



# FREE SKATE PARK FUN DAY

EXHIBITIONS  
BY TOP  
PROFESSIONAL  
SKATEBOARD  
& BMX RIDERS

SKATEBOARD PARK MURAL DESIGN WORKSHOP  
COMPETITIONS | FOOD, DRINK, MUSIC



## Greening Sevenoaks Survey

Sevenoaks residents are being asked to help with research into the town's progress to reduce its carbon footprint.

Following the adoption of its Green Community Investment Plan on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the Town Council is now communicating more to the public about the practical local initiatives it is already undertaking and its plans for the future, so that STC takes a local leadership role, providing information about simple measures that can be taken to help the local community Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Full details and a copy of the plan can be seen on the Sevenoaks Town Council website:

[https://www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk/Green Community Investment Plan](https://www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk/Green%20Community%20Investment%20Plan)

To enable a check on progress of the town to a greener future, a survey is being undertaken. Respondents are asked a series of questions relating to their current position on things like transport, meat-free days, home grown food etc and their own estimation on how green their household is now. Then, next year and in subsequent years the same survey will be run again to determine what progress has been made towards the goal.

Mayor Marilyn Canet is very keen that Sevenoaks becomes a beacon town in “going green” and asks that everyone takes part in the survey “I am delighted that the town is taking this path to a more sustainable future.”

The survey is available via the following link or QR code:

<https://qrco.de/bcrR02>



**Youth Councillors are invited to complete the survey and to share the links with their contacts.**

The more responses we receive the better the picture we will have of climate change attitudes in Sevenoaks, so that we can measure the progress to a more sustainable town and play our part in reducing damage to the climate.

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## Sevenoaks Youth Council – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

### Nomination of Representatives to Other Bodies

The Youth Council is asked to consider appointing representatives to the following bodies:

#### 1. Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve Working Group

Kent Wildlife Trust has recently setup a new working group for Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve to help them manage the site in collaboration with local interest groups, stakeholders and neighbours.

Currently they have members from Kent Wildlife Trust, Bromley District Angling Society (BDAS), Birdwatching group, Photography Group, Volunteer representatives and Bradbourne Stables. They will have also invited Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council to appoint representatives to the group.

**Kent Wildlife Trust is very keen to also appoint someone who could represent the youth view of the site and have invited the Youth Council to consider appointing a representative.**

Their next meeting is at Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting itself will be at 2pm in the Visitor Centre (finish at 4pm), but there will also be a guided walk around the site from 12:30 to discuss the history, current management and wildlife importance of the site.

#### 2. Sevenoaks Town Council Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group

The NDP Steering Group allows organisations outside of the Town Council to contribute to and influence the contents and direction of the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Organisations represented include but aren't limited to various Residents Associations in Sevenoaks, professionals in Sevenoaks and various levels of local government.

The next meeting is on 22nd March 2022 at 6pm at the Council Chambers and will include an update on the past and projected progress of the NDP from STC's consultant Hugo Nowell.

#### 3. Sevenoaks Town Council's Youth Services Committee

The Youth Services Committee is one of the Town Council's standing committees, which meets regularly throughout the year. It is responsible for matters relating to

- Sevenoaks Youth Council
- House in the Basement Youth Café
- Liaising and working with other youth service providers with aim of assessing needs and to encourage and support activities with the aim of fostering the personal development of young people.
- Arranging events and facilities for young people
- Youth Grants

The Youth Services Committee may co-opt non-voting members to the Committee, including two Youth Councillors. Meetings of the Youth Services Committee are held immediately after Youth Council meetings.