

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Chief Execs Blog.

Safeguarding update

You may have heard mention of the Munro Report whenever the media talks about the safety of children and young people. You may also be wondering what if anything it has to do with you. Well, there are a few positive signs.

- There is growing recognition of the importance of what are known as universal services, in other words the kind of activities that many SCVYS member groups put on for local children and young people each and every week.
- In the past people have talked about "early intervention" well, this is being rebranded "early help" to reflect a more collaborative and cooperative approach, rather than something that is done to an individual!
- And it is not just about the individual, this early help is to be offered to whole families in recognition of the fact that this environment contributes enormously to a young person's world.
- Ongoing relationships with young people throughout adolescence are to be afforded higher value. I think we can all be pleased about this.
- The voice of children and young people also needs to be heard more loudly and more clearly.

So in the midst of the complex, often confusing arena of child protection, the basic principles of a child centred approach are to be proposed. I am convinced that this way of working fits much better with our voluntary sector values and practice, so if this resonates with you, then brilliant, and if you are sitting there thinking "I need help ensuring the children and young people who access our activities are safe", then please do contact your SCVYS field worker who will be only too happy to help.

Phil,

Operations Manager Blog.

It has been a busy three months; we have now visited the majority of our members and have got to know more about the fantastic work that is happening around Staffordshire. With this clearer picture of what is happening at a local level we are now able to look at what has happened historically and how we can move forward as an organisation. We are currently working on developing a new SCVYS offer for you, our members, so keep an eye out over the next few months as we pull together some exciting training programmes and workshops, develop our new look website and work with others to make your membership more valuable for you, your staff, volunteers and the children and young people you work with.

In the meantime we may need you to help us further by providing us with additional information. We know that this is time consuming and that many of you have little time to spare as it is. However, helping us by completing surveys or questionnaires will enable us to improve our services to you. We promise to keep them as short and infrequent as possible but your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to meeting you at our September AGM.

Les,



MEMBERSHIP 2011

Competition Winners!

Thank you to all those member groups who returned their census forms to us this year. The draw took place last week and Debbie our office manager pulled out these groups who have been awarded a craft pack:

- St Johns Youth Club
- Marsh Hall Youth Club
- Haregate Junior Youth Club
- Swynnerton Youth Club
- Florence Street Youth Club won the sports pack



Congratulations to all these groups!



Benefits of SCVYS Membership

Don't forget that as a member of SCVYS you have access to the following support and resources:

- Free CRB checks for volunteers
- Minibus Medicals
- Insurance through BJK
- Support from Community Youth and Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Funding Advice
- Accommodation grants
- Access to free training
- Access to accredited training



SCVYS AGM

The SCVYS AGM is taking place on the 29th September at Girlguiding Headquarters in Hixon, arrival for 6.00pm with the meeting starting at 6.30pm.

Invitations will be sent out week commencing the 18th July, if you haven't received your invitation by the 1st August please contact the office on 01785 240378.



SCVYS TRUSTEE RECRUITMENT

Each year 1/3 of SCVYS Trustee Board retire and the opportunity arises for you or a member from your organisation to become a member of the SCVYS Trustee Board. You can download an information pack from the website by clicking [HERE](#) ALL nominations must be received by 15th September 2011

If you want more information about becoming a trustee then please call Debbie at the office on 01785 240378.

EVENTS



Beaudesert Bonfire, BBQ And Fireworks

7pm start fireworks at 7-40pm

Guides, Scouts and all Youth Organisations are invited to come and join us for a bonfire festival, Barbecue and firework display at Beaudesert Park Campsite. Tickets are £4 per head (which includes a hotdog and a drink) and are available from the site office or you can order on line from the web site. There will be a competition for the best Guy so why not make this a program activity and then just bring it along for judging. We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd!

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MEMBERS NEWS

WERRINGTON FRIDAY CLUB



As the Werrington Young Persons Support Group Friday Club attracts more young ladies one of the volunteers, Rebecca Taylor, who lives in the village, decided to pass onto the youngsters jewellery making skills she learned from a neighbour many years ago.

This has proved to be a big success, but not only with the girls but also with the boys who are now making gifts for their mothers. Rebecca goes to the club every Friday showing how to make earrings, necklaces and bracelets and more recently making them out of paper which is rolled from colourful strips to create unusual beads.

Rebecca is delighted with the response - "It is so rewarding to see the youngsters joining in and letting their imagination run riot as they experiment with new ideas, colours and materials as they develop their own designs to create individual items. There is a great feeling of satisfaction and the youngsters really do get involved as they craft individual fashion accessories"

Everything is provided and so it is simply a matter of coming along and having a go to make something special you just could not buy in a shop. The Werrington Friday Club is open from 7 to 9pm every Friday during term time at the Werrington Methodist Church, Ash Bank Road and is for ages from 11 to 16 years.

Other attractions include - X-Boxes, Wii's, table Tennis, Twister, Air Hockey, Pool, Nail & beauty Bar, Chess, draughts, Deal or no Deal, Electronic games, Soft Football and Table Football. Fun, games, chat and refreshments all for £1.

MEMBERS NEWS



Stafford Lancers Unveil their new uniform, perform at the Goodwood Festival of Speed and a first competition win of the season!

Stafford Lancers finally unveiled their brand new uniform to the world on Sunday 26th June 2011 at the British Youth Band Association "Spotlight on Youth" Contest in Nottingham.

The new look features the introduction of the electric blue that has been seen on the website, members T-shirts and last year's Colour Guard outfits, the dark navy blue that has been a feature on all previous uniforms appears on the front of the jacket & shako, along with the 5 stripes from the Lancers shield emblem, that represent a music staff; the front of the jacket also keeps a subtle pearl grey silver cross and the back is completely electric blue to give contrast when facing away from the audience.

9 different designs were whittled down to 3 and then 2, at this point prototypes were made and the final design was settled on. From there 4 different prototype jackets were produced until an overwhelming favourite emerged and went into production over the last few months.

Our new uniform was actually designed by a longstanding member and alumni Chloe Robison who is currently doing a degree in textiles at university, our thanks go to her and everyone that contributed to the process.

Director Dave Milton stated " I am absolutely delighted with the new look, it ticks all the boxes; smart, fresh, maintains elements of our tradition and looks fantastic". Stafford Lancers would like to thank everyone for their kind words and comments on the new look.

The Lancers have recently performed at the World Famous 2011 Goodwood Festival of Speed, the band performed on 3 days of the festival, (1, 2, 3 July 2011), which this year was celebrating 100 years of Indy 500.

The Lancers are also celebrating after their first win of the 2011 Season, after taking part in their first competition of the British Youth Band Association season in Nottingham and took First Place winning Best Brass Section, Best Music, Best Display & Best Drill a fantastic start to the season.

Stafford Lancers are holding a competition which already has over 20 bands from all over the UK entered at Stafford Rangers FC on Sunday 18th September 2011



Staffordshire Ghana Exchange

On 19th July 2011 a group of 12 young people and their 3 leaders will arrive in Staffordshire from Ghana as part of an Exchange that has been in existence for over 30 years.

The exchange is associated with the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the equivalent Ghanaian Head of State Award linked to the International Award. There is a varied and interesting programme for three weeks up until they depart back to Ghana on 10th August. Students from Chase Terrace Technology College, Walton Special School and King Edward VI Stafford have all been involved putting the programme together. The themes for the programme are Global Warming, Global Citizenship and Community Cohesion.

Thanks to SCVYS for all the help to formulate the relevant policies for the voluntary group named Duke of Edinburgh Award Staffordshire Overseas Links Committee. Young people and leaders have worked hard over the past eighteen months raising funds to make sure the exchange can take place and there is more to do for the return leg to Ghana in 2012.

MEMBERS NEWS



Summer of a lifetime!

Burton YFC has supported 16 year old volunteer, Michael, to experience 2 diverse opportunities this summer. In early July, rather than putting his feet up after his GCSE exams, Michael travelled with a group of 7 teenagers and 2 adult leaders to Annecy, France. He was involved in running ten days of sports activities such as basketball, football, Frisbee, cycling, swimming, team games, etc. for local children and young people in partnership with young people from a local church in the area.

Later this month, Michael is part of a team running the CLAN Community Games in St Andrew's, Scotland, where again he will be helping to put on a variety of sports related activities for local children, young people and families. He will be accompanied by Graham Haynes, a YFC volunteer and founder of Smile Academy, a local business set up to communicate life skills through sports and games.

Graham said "Michael has been helping me with Smile Academy for a couple of years now, and it is great to see him grow in confidence. He is an excellent role model for the young people and is developing into an excellent youth leader for the future."

Michael has volunteered regularly with Burton YFC since he was 13, doing social action projects such as gardening, litter picks, visiting old people's homes, running youth events and summer activity programmes as well as regular after school clubs and a week of work experience.



BLYTHE BRIDGE HAS GOT TALENT!!

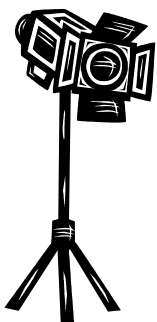


BLYTHE BRIDGE & FORSBROOK YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP hosted a talent show for the young people from the area on June 24th 2011. The show was organised to raise money for the Youth Support Group. Many acts took part and after a hard decision made by judges 6 acts went through to the final, which will be held on September 23rd in Blythe Bridge Village Hall. Good luck to all those in the final!

ARTICLES WANTED

The SCVYS monthly update will be sent out on the 29th July, if you have any pieces of news that you wish to submit the cut off date is the 22nd July

The closing date for articles for the Autumn Newsletter is the 7th October. You can email photos and text to the SCVYS office email address which is office@staffscvys.org.uk



MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT!

Burton Venture Trust



"Inspiring Young People"



The Burton Venture Trust is a voluntary Registered Charity (No. 507895) based in Burton upon Trent. Its aims are to support families and young people in the Burton area by providing recreational, educational and outdoor activities to broaden their experience and extend their potential. Its activities are open to any family living in, or near to, the East Staffordshire area.

The Trust offers a wide range of activities, mostly staffed by its own team of Instructors and Activity Assistants, except where it joins with other specialist groups, these activities include:

Sailing, hill walking, orienteering, caving, canoeing, archery, rock climbing, ice skating, camping, residential courses, specialist activities and much much more!

The Trust is open to any family or young person in the Burton area regardless of race, religion, gender or age. All that is required for membership is a willingness to leave behind the games consoles, televisions and join us to make new friends and enjoy the excitement and challenges of the outdoors.

Over the last four decades the Trust has established a reputation for its professionalism and safety when working with local youngsters. Its 20 strong voluntary staffing team receive training to support the many hours of voluntary work they carry out to staff the Trust's activity programme. Between them, they collectively have many hours of experience and a wide range of skills which ensures that children are safe when on activities.

Many of the current staff have grown up in the organisation and are happy to give back a little of what the Trust gave them in their early years.

Recently the BVT has been featured in the Burton Mail, celebrating being awarded funding to pay for first aid training for their leaders.

WISH IS GRANTED CHARITABLE TRUST CASH SECURES UP-TO-DATE FIRST AID TRAINING FOR ACTIVITIES GROUP LEADERS

PRESENTATION ... on the back left is Adrian Wedgwood, Burton Breweries Charitable Trust trustee, with Burton Venture Trust trustee Jenny Spiers (holding the cheque), fellow trustee Tony Russell (back right) with Burton Venture Trust youngsters celebrating at St Madewen's Catholic Primary School.

YOUNGSTERS from Burton are now certain that their youth group can provide up-to-date emergency first aid thanks to a £1,160 grant from the Burton Breweries Charitable Trust. The organisation funded a one-day emergency aid requalifying course for Burton Venture Trust's 12 leaders and a two-day full first aid requalifying course for their activity leader.

Following a recent membership boom the Burton Venture Trust, now in its 44th year, has a full list of activities planned this summer. Graham Marshment, joint activity leader, said "Burton Venture Trust is eternally grateful to the Burton Breweries Charitable Trust for its continuing support, without which we would struggle to exist and our youngsters would miss out on the excitement and challenge of the outdoor activities that are our speciality". The trust is keen to support other young people's organisations throughout East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire. Anyone interested can apply for grants of up to £2,500 by visiting the website www.burtonbvttrust.co.uk

If you would like to know more about Burton Venture Trust visit their website www.burtonventuretrust.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

New Crazy Saints Youth Club Volunteer Activity Leader

Looking at a career in working with children and young people? Volunteer a few hours a week for New Crazy Saints Youth Club and you'll be able to get involved in organising, supervising and joining in all kinds of activities for children and young people aged between 6 and 16 years. Make a real difference to the social capacities of children and young people.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the running of the Thursday Club. You will be working as part of a team with other volunteers. The activity leader role includes organising and supervising activities and working with all members of the club.

New Crazy Saints Youth Club provides positive activities for children and young people aged 6 - 14 in the Cannock Chase Area. We are open two nights a week during school term time, our Wednesday Club is for children aged 6 - 9 on a Wednesday evening and our Thursday Club is for young people aged 11 - 13 on a Thursday evening.

The Thursday Club has been closed since April and we are reopening in September and need you help!

Skills/Qualifications

Volunteers should have patience and good communication skills, be friendly and able to working with young people from all backgrounds. All volunteers will be required to undergo an enhanced CRB Check.

For more information contact Kelvin Stephens on Kelvin@crazysaints.org.uk



TRAINING

Burton Caribbean Association offer various courses in a friendly and relaxed environment. The centre boasts brand new up to date I.T facilities installed with the latest software.

The majority of our courses are free (subject to conditions) and offer a free crèche facility, so that you can learn knowing that your children are safely cared for.

Courses on offer:

- ESOL Improvers - Monday, 9.30-11.30pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- ESOL Beginners - Tuesday, 9.30-11.30pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- ESOL Complete Beginners - Wednesday, 9.30-11.30pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- ESOL with Citizenship - Friday, 9.30-11.30pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- Literacy (Level 1-2) - Thursday, 1.00-3.00pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- Numeracy (Level 1-2) - Thursday, 9.30-11.30pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- Everyday English (Level 1-2) - Monday, 9.30-11.30. Free to everyone. Free crèche available.
- Everyday Maths (Level 1-2) - Wednesday, 3.30-5.30pm. Free to everyone.
- ITQ (Level 1-2) - Monday, 12.30pm-2.30pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- Employability - Wednesday, 12.30-2.30pm. Free to those on certain benefits.
- UK Online computer drop in - Tuesday, 1.00-2.30pm. Free to everyone.
- UK Online computer drop in - Wednesday, 10.30-12.30pm. Free to everyone.
- Job Club - Wednesday. 1.30-3.00pm. Free to everyone.
- Coming soon are taster sessions in Spanish, German, Italian, Greek, First Aid and Cake Decorating!

For more information contact Debra English on 01283 512182 or email info@burtoncaribbean.co.uk