

### Background

There are few facilities within the village for young people from the age of 10 and above. Activities are available in surrounding towns but there is poor public transport to access it. Residents link the fairly frequent incidence of low-level male youth anti-social behaviour with boredom. Young people used photographs, prompts, and interviews to identify the issues.

- Currently there are approximately 225 young people aged 10-16 living in the area.
- Parents identify young people between 12-17 years of age as needing a broader range of social activities.
- This is seen as being associated with poor transport links. It is recognised that Dorking and Epsom both offer high quality activities that are difficult to access.
- Many young people attend schools in the Dorking areas using school buses. However there is no direct public transport at other times and none on Sundays and in the evenings.
- Most single activity initiatives would not attract funding therefore multi-sports are seen as most attractive.
- There is locally provided football and golf.
- Some residents are concerned about young people congregating in most areas of the village.
- The village has active Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides groups.
- There have been successful local youth discos in the past.

### Action

- Buses4U will look at evening/holiday club transport provision, working with parents.
- Upgrade multisport facility. Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.
- Investigate and support proposed Youth Cafe in Dorking. Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.



- **Lead/Responsible Agency:** Buses4U  
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council multisport facility.
- **Resource:** Buses4U bus service to provide pilot initiative to Dorking.  
Funding from Councillors Award £1000.  
  
SHED Youth Funding would provide £4000 towards cost of multisports facility - staged project in partnership with Howard Close RA.
- **Timescale:** Development of Buses4U schemes 2007/08  
Upgrading multisport. 2007-08.
- **Outcome Measure/reporting:** Young people use the facilities
- **Local Community: What you can do**
  - Support the local schemes.

