

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Lack of local provision for young people

■ Background

- Although there is a range of social, leisure and sports provision available within the Horley area, the issue of a 'lack of provision' has been identified through a number of sources including one-to-one interviews with representatives from the Horley Youth Council, Oakwood School, the Police, Horley Town Council, Youth Development Service and local voluntary and community groups.
- As part of the work undertaken in developing this LCAP a youth questionnaire was distributed to pupils at Oakwood School. Over 500 completed questionnaires were returned and analysed. A report of the findings is included as annex 1.
- It is considered by the stakeholders that the level and range of current provision cannot meet the needs of the substantial youth population in Horley, many of whom find it very difficult to access provision in neighbouring areas.

■ Location(s)

- General within the area.

■ Action

Extend the range of provision available locally to further meet the needs of local young people by:

- Undertaking a comprehensive analysis of social, leisure and sports provision in the area and implement a promotional programme. The analysis will also help to inform the Local Development Plan and Leisure Review processes.
- Working to establishing the capacity to deliver regular activities through the Horely Young Peoples Event (HYPE) initiative. These may include a 'Youth Disco', a 'Band Night' or some other music based events at appropriate local venues.
- Researching transport links to neighbouring areas enabling young people to access available provision.
- Researching the potential to introduce and establish a Junior Warden scheme through RBHT in the Court Lodge estate.
- Investigating the most appropriate way to increase access to facilities for young people in the Hyperion Walk area.
- Supporting the existing youth facilities provided through the Keys Youth Centre, including Young Men's, Young Women's and Young Parent's Groups and future youth provision.

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:** Horley Multi Agency Group

■ **Resource**

- £1,000 pump priming - Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
- Research current transport links – Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Surrey County Council Youth Development Service
- Review and detail current provision – Surrey County Council Youth Development Service, Horley Youth Council
- Reigate & Banstead Housing Trust
- Hyde Housing
- Lead by Surrey County Council Youth Development Service

■ **Timescale:** Short term - 3 to 6 months

■ **Outcome Measure / Reporting**

- Increase access to facilities for young people leading to a reduction in reported levels of anti-social behaviour to the Police from the 2004/05 benchmark.
- Feasibility of 'HYPE' concept established, and if successful outcomes reported.
- Available transport links for young people promoted. Usage monitored.
- Comprehensive listing of local provision available through a range of media.
- Feasibility of Junior Warden scheme established and if successful outcomes monitored.
- Continued access to existing provision to provide for and support local young people.