

# Debenham Youth Council Annual Report 23/5/11

The youth council was formed towards the end of 2010 to help to address the lack of youth provision in Debenham.

Following a successful and high profile launch event made possible by the generous donations of The Children's Centre, Councillor Alcock, Debenham Parish Council and Highland Ltd, they have continued to work quietly recruiting new members from varying age groups to ensure sustainability for the future and diversity of interest groups.

There are several ideas currently being explored to improve provision in a number of areas.

1. A regular under 18's club night is being trialled – the first event to be held 15<sup>th</sup> July at DS&L. The aim is to provide a high quality experience and a venue for up and coming young DJ's to perform. This is being funded by the Youth Council funds generated from the Skating event. A ticket price of £5 will be charged for this event to help cover costs or perhaps generate more income. The council wish to be as financially independent as possible.
2. Open Mic night. The council hope to reintroduce at Debenham Youth Club on the last Friday of each month. They are currently checking equipment at the youth club and sourcing bands who may wish to perform. There will be a nominal entry charge for this event to pay for room hire and any associated costs.
3. Drama workshops – run by young people with the help of professionals for school years 5, 6, 7 and 8 possibly. We are currently working something up with the aim of providing a series of workshops with a production at the end of it – The Jungle Book has been mentioned. A small charge will be made to pay for the professional acting help and room hire. Production costs have yet to be discussed.

The long term aim is to link the youth council into the youth club to ensure the future of this valuable group within the village.

We have been asked to work with Coddham young people to help them establish something similar.