

Report for Parish Council AGM - May 2012

The Base has now been open and operating since Sept 2011 and has been open every Friday night since, from 6.30pm - 10.30pm for 11-17 year olds.

Average attendance is over 80 each week and since Sept we have had contact with over 200 different young people who have registered with us.

We have also had the privilege of engaging with many parents of the young people attending The Base. We have done some one to one work with families, some group training around alcohol and substance misuse, and been involved in some CAF procedures alongside Debenham High School.

The Base operates with a fantastic bunch of well trained volunteers....16 regulars (with an average of 7/8 on any one night) and then some additional folk who stand in when needed. We have a monthly leaders meeting and then additional training bi-monthly.

Special Events....to date....

- Sumo Suits
- Pancake Night
- Free Easter Eggs
- Candy Floss Machine
- Thorpe Park Trip
- Involved in Christmas late night shopping in the village.

Financially we are operating on grants. This has allowed us to purchase equipment and resources as and when needed, put on special events and activities. We are in the process of applying for a lottery grant which could see us securing 5 years worth of funding.

One of the highlights of the last few months was taking 90 young people to Thorpe

Park for the day. Was a fantastic opportunity to build on relationships with them and all had a lot of fun.

Coming up....

Summer program with day time activities (water day, pimp my bike, inflatable fun)
Caravan Refurb
Special Base evening for year 6 young people
Shopping Trip
Live Music

The Base is committed to...

- providing 11 to 18 years olds with access to a positive social environment and safe place to come together and socialise informally.
- being a source of information, advice and guidance, including mentoring and counselling on health and social issues, education and careers and local opportunities.
- improving relationships and communications between young people, parents and the local community for increased community cohesion.
- delivering a programme of educational and character building sessions to young people and parents.
- training and equipping local volunteers, to deliver effective community youth work.



Usual Friday Night.....

- Pool Table
- Table Tennis
- Xbox and Games
- Food: sweets, cans, toasties, waffles.
- Football
- 8 Base Leaders
- Music
- Detached work at Leisure Centre
- Outdoor gazebo