

Youth Council Update

We are lucky to have such conscientious and articulate young people in our New Youth Council. They are our next generation and care greatly for our village. Please support their enthusiasm!

Our Youth Council was formed earlier this year with the help of Ann Wright and Councillor Gibson. Lisa White has stepped in as the Parish Council representative following the departure of Councillor Gibson.

Presently the Youth Council consists of 7 girls from Tattenhall in years 6 and 9. They have worked exceptionally hard this year, they have had some great ideas of their own and are happy to come aboard and help the adult PC with our projects.

They have an Instagram account and have approximately 75 followers.

Youth Hub

There has been a lot of bad press in the village regarding the Youth Hub over the years. Various sources have explained that the young people of Tattenhall, and ultimately their parents think of it as a frightening and secluded place to hang out, it is therefore only being used by a small number of Youths. Recently there have been reports of broken glass, graffiti, unsocial behaviour and noise.

It has been suggested that when the MUGA is being developed, that the Youth Hub could be moved to that area **OR** another location, one that is less secluded, in a more friendly and safe location.

Dedicated Teenage Space

To try to make the hub a more 'friendly' and 'safe place' the youth council have asked if the hedge could be cut low and that some log seats (or similar could be added) to use more of the area around the actual hub. The YC suggested a revamp of some sort. After the last bout of graffiti it was suggested that a 'Graffiti' workshop could be organised to (1) revamp the hub (2) get young people involved – to take pride and ownership of the hub (3) attract more YC members.

Examples of graffiti workshop designs.



Dedicated Teenage Space - YOUTH CLUB

The YC would like to explore the idea of youth club nights - a safe place where young people can just come along and meet up, have access to table football/games etc. or to just make drinks and chat to mates.

MUGA

The Youth Council are excited at the prospect of the MUGA and hope that the project will attract more YC members, especially boys.

Halloween

Due to the Pandemic restrictions preventing trick and treat this year the YC helped to promote the Halloween/pumpkin trail around the village. Photos were posted on the YC Instagram and increased their number of followers.

Elf Trail

The YC have taken the lead in our Elf trail around the village this month. They have created their own Youth Council Elf (at the Barbour) and have promoted a competition to name their Elf. The winning name will be announced on Christmas Eve.

Transition

Nick Benefield and Charlie Cooke joined a YC zoom meeting and gave a presentation of 'Transition in Tattenhall'. This is a project that the YC can get involved in and promote it amongst the younger members of the village. They are preparing a Transition leaflet with ideas about how young people can get involved!

Already they are organising the recycling of crisp packets (as we know these cannot be recycled and end up in landfill). The school and many businesses in the village have been very supportive and are asking for recycling boxes. Plastic boxes have been purchased and distributed. The YC will promote this initiative in school.

Nick and Charlie were impressed with the YC ideas and dedication. They have recognised



the contribution that the Y C will make.

Spinney

Spinney plans have been presented to the YC and is another project they would like to get involved in. They have written a supporting letter for the grant funding which was included in the grant application.

Promotion of Youth Council

The YC are currently putting together a power point presentation re: all of the above to show to the school in January. If it can't be shown in assembly (due to covid bubbles) then 2 of the year 6 girls are going to ask Mrs Hawkins if they can present it in classes. This is to let other year groups know more about the Youth Council, what they are doing, how they can get involved in their village and to try to attract more YC members.

Well done Youth Council.