



Shotley Youth Club was successfully launched in November 2006 with funding for 40 sessions. The club has grown steadily in numbers and now has a total membership of 40 young people of High school age. The sessions run once a week 3.30-5.30 during school term time at the Shotley Village Hall.

We have recruited an experienced youth worker: Cal Webster and a trainee: Naomi Frost. We also have a small group of local volunteers who support the sessions. This group and the activities and planning are also supported by a management committee of local people.

In consultation with the young people we have purchased some equipment i.e. Boom Box and had some equipment donated. Future plans include working with the Village Hall Management Committee to furnish the small committee room as a 'Den.'

To give a flavour of the activities we offer – table tennis, unihockey, badminton, pool, cards, baking sessions, pancakes , making paste boards, listening to music, outdoor cricket and football , a clay work session. Future activities include Hip Hop sessions, music sessions, First Aid training for young people, staff and volunteers.

Due to the popularity of the after school sessions, we are now able to expand youth provision during the school holidays. Two of our young volunteers, Naomi Frost and Naomi Bateman supported by Cal successfully applied to the Youth Opportunity Fund and obtained a grant for a summer activity project.

We ran a trip to the Ski Slope during half term as a trial run for the summer activities. A range of activities are planned for the summer- once a week at the village Hall – and once a week on an activity outside i.e. Alton Water, Bowling etc. A full programme will be circulated soon. A 3 day residential is planned in mid August. All activities will be subsidised and should be in the reach of young people and their families. At the end of the holidays we hope to have a celebration event to celebrate our success.

The youth club also looks forward to contributing to the Rose Fete by booking a stall and organising activities for young people in the community.

Thanks for the support so far from the local community, parish council and village hall committee – please contact the secretary if you wish to volunteer or join our management committee or take a look at the youth pages on www.myshotley.com

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Shotley Youth and Community Project

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**Volunteers.... Volunteers.... Volunteers.... Volunteers....
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Can you help to keep Shotley Youth Club a vibrant and active organisation for the young people.

Shotley Youth Club is looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 5.30 pm or to join the committee, which meets once a month to plan and oversee the progress of the Club,

Youth Club membership is currently 30-40 aged between 11 and 16 of which 12 regularly attend the Wednesday session. With more volunteers we would be able to offer more opportunities for extra activities, longer hours and a wider age group.

To chat about getting involved call Janet Norden, SYCP Secretary on 01473 787757 or info@myshotley.com

All Volunteers and staff are CRB checked to ensure a safe environment for the children and young people. We also offer training and support so experience is not necessary.