

Youth Committee report January 2024

The Youth committee met to discuss its budget, strategy and compile further research into potential youth provision in Kingskerswell.

We are looking at similar sized councils and what they offer and how it is delivered. We will also investigate the different costs and how money is raised across different towns and parishes.

The committee agreed to continue its survey of young people in the village and is going to reach out to schools that serve our parish population. This feedback is useful in gathering information on what services young people would like.

Other councils either provide their own youth worker or contract out to a youth work provider. Some councils such as Abbotskerswell and Ipplepen have no provision and there was a suggestion that we could reach out to those other councils to look at partnership working with maybe a shared youth worker between us. We also agreed to contact Haccombe and Coffinswell to find out how many children live there as it would be likely any children would want to participate in the youth services provided in Kerswell.

We have identified the need for more volunteers especially young people who could be a voice on the committee and provide peer to peer communication for the councillors.

We did identify a couple of young people who would be suitable for that role, who were really keen to be involved.

We agreed to look at population statistics to find out how many children are in the village and found the following;

In Kingskerswell 280 young children from 5 to 9 years old Of these boys - 143 and girls 137.

There are 289 children from 10 to 14 years old. Of these, the boys are - 147 and girls - 140.

280 teenagers from 14 to 19 years old. Of these, the girls are - 136 , boys – 142

The main sources of data on the population and other in Kingskerswell, United Kingdom:

- United Nations (UN) Kingskerswell, United Kingdom statistic;
- World Bank Kingskerswell, United Kingdom statistic
- World Health Organization (WHO) Kingskerswell, United Kingdom statistic;

The councillors agreed to arrange a visit to a youth club. Jo helps out at Marldon YC, but we would like to visit Newton Abbot or Kingsteignton to look at their provision.

The report from the PCSO concluded there is little reported Youth ASB in the village and drugs were not an issue. There is a new NBM, Rachel Willicott who we would like to invite to a PC meeting.

Jo Rice

Chair Youth Committee