
Record breaking year for South Downs Extended Schools Clubs

The South Downs Extended Schools (SDES) Summer Clubs took off in a big way in 2007. They provided 4,500 hours of fun and care with more places available to a greater number of children and young people than ever before.

Young clubbers aged up to 18 enjoyed sports and pastimes, played games consoles and used PCs. They were also taught to prepare and cook food as part of a range of activities at clubs in Crowborough, Eastbourne (where there are two) and Hastings .



Lead organiser, Cathy Wicks says " *It's been a record breaking year for us at South Downs Extended Schools. We provided over 1,100 half-day breaks in care and nearly 4,500 hours of care overall in just one month during the summer. It's a fantastic achievement.*"

Parents urged to book early

Cathy adds that " *the October half-term, too, was most successful and enquiries about our forthcoming breaks are coming in thick and fast. We can only urge parents to watch out for information about these and to get their requests for places in as early as they can . The children and young people who came to our clubs in 2007 had a really great time. If you would like your family to benefit from them in the future, just make sure we have all the details we need, in plenty of time.*"

The total number of families on the SDES register now stands at 110. This means that more parents than ever before are getting welcome respite during the crucial summer months and other school breaks, with over 50 staff and outreach teams undertaking supervision and care for children and young people with a wide range of special needs.

To find out more about **South Downs Extended Schools Clubs** email [Barry Lane](mailto:Barry.Lane@sdsc.co.uk).

Young Hobbits bid successfully for YOF funding

Hobbits is the newly formed Residents Association in Robertsbridge, covering residents of Heathfield Gardens, Bishops Lane and Orchard Flats.

Young people from Hobbits recently placed a bid for money from East Sussex County Council's Youth Opportunity Fund for day trips to various activities of their own choosing. These trips are open to young people aged between 13 and 19 years old. The bid included all travel, meals and Youth Development Service staffing.

Hobbits are pleased to say that the bid has been successful and that the young Hobbits have been granted the full award of £3,700. The award also covers activities for both the Christmas holidays and February 2008 half-term.

Colin Edgley, Youth Matters Development Manager said *"The Youth Opportunity Fund has been a fantastic success in East Sussex over the past two years. Young people from across the county have successfully bid for funding to support activity programmes and improvements to buildings used by young people."*

The Hobbits would like to thank the working partnerships of Rother Homes, who have provided committee administration, committee training and funding of £450 for Christmas activities. Also thanks to

Downland Housing Association who have supported them and provided funding for start-up costs.

Hobbits Halloween Party



The Hobbits held a Halloween event on the Green at Heathfield Gardens.

Local PCSO Tina Grevett said, *"There was a fantastic turnout and the whole evening was a great success. It was a good, old fashioned, community spirited event."* There were jacket potatoes, fancy dress for the under 7s and lots of games such as apple bobbing (apples kindly donated by Ms de Quincey of Salehurst) and a pumpkin competition which was judged by PCSO Grevett.

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