

Community & Youth Report:

Harry Parker Pitch Renaming.

Saturday 22nd February, we invited Harry Parkers close friends and family down to re name the Moredon 3G Pitch in his memory. The MSH 3G pitch is now renamed the Harry Parker memorial pitch.

Pride of the Parish.

On Monday 10th February we ran our annual pride of the parish event. It was a well-run evening at MSH, each award winner was extremely pleased with their awards one award winner stated "This is the best day of their life" This event will be back in February 2026.

Human Trafficking Foundation and County Lines & Child Criminal Exploitation Conference.

Last week I attended two free conferences in London below is a list of interesting stats and figures which I came away with

- *Understanding Criminal Exploitation of Children.*

Children exploited by criminal networks are victims of abuse, not perpetrators. Recognising them as victims is crucial for providing appropriate support and intervention.

- *Roles of Local Authorities.*

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Officers: It is essential for each local organisation to appoint an ASB officer to address and manage anti-social behaviours effectively.

Modern Slavery Leads: Only 9 out of 339 local authorities in the UK have designated modern slavery leads, leaving approximately 85% without one.

- *County Lines and Swindon's Situation.*

Swindon has been identified as a significant hub for county lines drug trafficking. In recent ops, Wiltshire Police dismantled 15 county lines gangs, Swindon is in the top 3 county lines areas in the UK.

- *Targeting of Vulnerable Children.*

Criminal organisations often prey on vulnerable children, including those with special educational needs (SEN), exploiting their circumstances for illicit activities.

Young people from financially disadvantaged backgrounds face a much higher risk of involvement in criminal activities.

Youth and Community Programmes. Please see attached our updated youth delivery timetable across all our youth sites during term times. Also attached is the Easter Half term delivery programme.

Youth Update.

Number of interactions with young people:

Parkside Hub: 114, MSH: 72, MSH Friday Football: 82, MSH & PTCC Disability: 14 Swindon Academy Friday Football: 89, PTCC Youth Club: 142,

Topics Discussed: Friends, Family, School, Mental Health, Relationships, Community Safety, Social Media Careers Advice.

KPIS myself and Tikara are working on a list of KPIS that we would like to present to the community and development committee next month for Cllrs discussion and for their approval.

