

Central Swindon North Parish Council Community and Youth Team Report

Overview

The Community and Youth Team at Central Swindon North Parish Council plays a vital role in supporting young people, families, and residents across the parish. Through a combination of youth provision, community engagement, partnership working, events management, and targeted support programmes, the team works to improve opportunities, wellbeing, community cohesion, and quality of life for residents.

Youth Provision

The team delivers a comprehensive programme of youth work throughout the week, providing safe spaces, positive activities, personal development opportunities, and targeted support for young people.

Weekly Youth Sessions

Monday

- Parkside Hub Youth Session
- Moredon Community Centre (MCC) Youth Session

Tuesday

- Moredon Hub (MSH) Youth Session
- Parkside Hub Youth Session

Wednesday

- Pinetrees Youth Club
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Youth Session at Pinetrees

Thursday

- Moredon Hub (MSH) Youth Session
- Detached Youth Work within the community

Friday

- Moredon Hub (MSH) SEN Session
- Friday Football at MSH

These sessions provide opportunities for young people to socialise, build confidence, develop life skills, access support from youth workers, and participate in structured activities within a safe and welcoming environment.

Targeted Programmes

Cookery Programme with Wiltshire Police

The Youth Team delivers a daytime cookery programme in partnership with Wiltshire Police. This initiative is specifically targeted at young people who would benefit from developing positive relationships with police officers and other professionals.

Community Events and Activities

The team plays a key role in the planning, coordination, and delivery of major parish events that bring communities together and celebrate local culture and achievement.

African Festival

The team supported the organisation and delivery of the African Festival, helping to celebrate cultural diversity, community cohesion, and the rich heritage of residents across the parish.

Pride of the Parish Awards

The Community and Youth Team oversee the annual Pride of the Parish Awards. This event recognises and celebrates the outstanding contributions made by:

- Individual residents
- Community groups
- Volunteers
- Young people

The awards provide an important opportunity to acknowledge the positive impact made by local people and organisations within the parish.

Penhill Park Firework Display

The team supports the planning and delivery of the annual Firework Display at Penhill Park, providing a safe and accessible community event for local families and residents which attracted many residents.

Family and Community Support

Subsidised Trips

To improve access to affordable family experiences, the team organises subsidised trips for local residents, including visits to:

- Weston-Super-Mare
- Barry Island
- Garden Centres

These trips help families enjoy quality time together and access opportunities that may otherwise be financially challenging. Also supporting our over 60s in being isolated.

Community Free Shops

The team oversees and supports free community shops located at:

- Pinetrees

- Even Swindon Community Centre

These facilities provide free household items and essential goods to residents experiencing financial hardship, helping to reduce pressure on household budgets while promoting sustainability through reuse and recycling.

Community Engagement and Development

Pride in Place Programme

The Community and Youth Team are an active member of the Pride in Place initiative in Penhill.

As part of this work, the team gathers data, feedback, and insight from residents to better understand community needs, and priorities. This information helps inform future investment, service development, and community-led projects designed to improve outcomes for residents.

Impact

Through its youth provision, targeted interventions, community events, family support initiatives, and community engagement work, the Community and Youth Team continues to make a significant contribution to improving the lives of residents across Central Swindon North Parish.