



HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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2nd June 2026

To: Members of the Community Engagement Sub-Committee

Cllrs: E Cooper, Y Farrell, M Herber, T McMahon, A Slough

(Copies to other Councillors for information)

Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **Community Engagement Sub Committee** to be held at the Council Offices, Peel Street, on **Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.00 pm.**

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so in person or remotely through the meeting link below.

To attend remotely through Teams please follow this link: [MEETING LINK](#)

Clare Evans
Town Clerk

<i>THIS MEETING MAY BE RECORDED¹</i>
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Agenda

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR

Members are invited to elect a Community Engagement Sub-Committee Chair for 26/27.

2. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR

Members are invited to elect a Community Engagement Sub-Committee Vice-Chair for 26/27.

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3. CO-OPTION

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An application from Mr Ken Wattinghan and Mr Chris Slough to be co-opted onto the Community Engagement Sub-Committee for 2026/2027 has been received and circulated to members of the sub-committee under separate cover. Members are requested to consider the co-option.

Recommendation: To Co-opt Mr Ken Wattinghan and Mr Chris Slough onto the Community Engagement Sub Committee for 2026/2027.

4. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with approved Standing Orders 1(e)-1(l) Members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

The total period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes and an individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of any such interest.

Members are invited to submit any requests for Dispensations for consideration.

7. MINUTES

Pages 8 - 13

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th March 2026.

Recommendation: To confirm the minutes of the Community Engagement Sub Committee meeting held on 24th March 2026, and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

8. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Pages 14 - 15

Members will find attached the Committee Terms of Reference.

In accordance with Standing Order 4, the council is required to review its delegation arrangements to committees and sub-committees.



Houghton Regis Town Council
APPLICATION & AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPTEEES

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Of particular note is the requirement of Co-Optees to follow the principles of the Council's Code of Conduct, as attached, so as to maintain the standards of the Council in the work undertaken.

Upon appointment training will be provided by the Clerk covering Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Officer & Member Protocol.

The term of office for a Co-Optee is ideally May to April each year, although invitations and applications can be considered part way through a year.

The Council will keep you informed of the progress of your application.

If you would like to become a Co-Optee please provide the following information and sign the agreement:

Co-Optee Application	
Name	Ken Wattingham
Address	
Contact number	
Contact email address	
Name of Committee, Sub Committee or Working Group to which you would like to be co-opted:	Community Engagement
Why would you like to become a co-optee? I was a previous Councillor who was on the events committee and enjoy the engagement with the public.	
What skills and experience do you feel you can bring to the Council? As a previous Committee member over many Years I have plenty of experience & knowledge on how events work within the Council and feel I have plenty of skills to still give	
Agreement	
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- To abide by the Councils Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Officer & Member Protocol. These can be found at: http://www.houghtonregis-tc.gov.uk/council-policies-procedures - To attend meetings as required or to offer apologies if you are not available. - To attend and support events (if appropriate) as required. - To work with the Council to secure the best outcomes for the community.	
*the Council reserves the right to remove this position should the agreement not be upheld.	
* the Co-optee may at any time withdraw from their position.	
Name	Ken Wattingham
Date	27/5/26
Signature	Ken Wattingham



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Co-Optee Application	
Name Chris slough	
Address [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
Contact number [REDACTED]	
Contact email address [REDACTED]	
Name of Committee, Sub Committee or Working Group to which you would like to be co-opted:	
Why would you like to become a co-optee? To represent All Saints and contribute community activities	
What skills and experience do you feel you can bring to the Council? As Town Cllr and Churchwarden	
Agreement	
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Name Chris Slough	
Date 29/05/2026	
Signature CRLS	

**HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL
Community Engagement Sub-Committee
Draft Minutes of the meeting held on
24th March 2026 at 7.00pm**

Present:	Councillors:	Y Farrell E Cooper T McMahon C Rollins C Slough	Chair
	Also in attendance:	E Farrier T Haines H Lawrence	Land Improvement Holdings, Linnere Devt Bidwell West Houghton Regis Baptist Church
	Officers:	Sarah Gelsthorp Tara Earnshaw	Events Manager Administration Officer
Apologies:	Co-opted members:	K Wattingham	

CESC88 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from co-opted member K Wattingham

CESC89 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

CESC90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

CESC91 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 25th November 2025 and 20th January 2026.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Community Engagement Sub-Committee meetings held on 25th November 2025 and 20th January 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed accordingly.

CESC92 EXTERNAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Representatives provided the following updates on community events:

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- Soft Play over the Easter period: this would be a ticketed but free event
- Roam café, Easter egg painting in the park and pizza afternoon – dates to be confirmed

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- Messy Play booked every Tuesday morning in the Farmstead hall space – run by a private organisation and a fee charged
 - Adult fitness classes on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Gymnastics would be held in the hall after Easter. Fees applied
 - Bounce Camp was planned for late May
 - A new play park would open in Oasis Park in April.
 - Hockett Street had opened and a cycle route a children's walking route were planned for the area

Bidwell West

- Thorn Easter Egg Hunt would be held on Easter Saturday
- In partnership with Messy Church, a pop-up event was planned and would include crafts and activities. Regular Messy Church sessions were held on the third Saturday of the month at the Farmstead.
- Regular litter picks continued to take place
- 27th May: Community Engagement Day. This was an opportunity for residents to meet with representatives from the police, councillors etc.
- 21st April: the Community Forum would provide an update on the previous year
- 5th July: car boot sale in the pavilion car park at Thorn

Houghton Regis Baptist Church

- A 50th Anniversary Golden Gala had been held in September 2025 to celebrate over 50 years of the HRBC. This had been a success and a similar event was planned for this year.
- Carols by Candlelight held every year. A new banner made by sewing club Look What I've Sewn for You for the church.
- There were five regular community user groups who paid donation to cover utilities and it was hoped that this was something that could be expanded
- Church members had assisted with the Dunstable Food Bank
- There were plans for a Welcome Café to be open for all on alternate Wednesdays
- Continued to take part in local events including Carnival

Houghton Regis Helpers

- AGM was held on 13th February
- Working in partnership with HRTC, Jewels and two local schools HRH had distributed household support funding from CBC
- Between February–March supermarket e-vouchers had been provided to over 100 households. Household Support Fund money had also provided pre-paid meter top-ups and household items.

Memorial Hall

- Still sourcing suitable furniture
- Easter Fair on 29th March
- Afternoon Tea which had sold out
- There were plans to refurbish the parquet floor

All Saints Church

- A number of successful coffee mornings had taken place with the February event raising over £100 for Signposts.
- Church Graffiti had taken place in February
- Funds were being raised for Headway on the coming Saturday. There would be displays from All Saints Heritage and the theme was The Gothic Revolution
- A quiz night would be held at St Thomas's on the same day
- Two scout groups had visited All Saints. Both groups had received a slide show, and a heritage tour had also been provided to one group
- A Spring Fair was scheduled for 25th April
- The monthly newsletter had over 200 subscribers.

CEC93 EVENT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Events Manager updated Members on past and forthcoming events.

- Half term activities had been held in February. Teaching Talons had been at Houghton Hall Park (HHP) for three days and in excess of 300 people visiting per day
- An Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for the coming Saturday at HHP and would include craft activities, an Easter Egg trail, facepainting and stalls
- Medieval Mayhem was scheduled for 2nd and 8th April. This was a free event that would include dragon puppets, a dragon egg trail around the park and craft activities
- The 2026/27 programme of events was as follows:
 - 23rd May Dog Show HHP
 - 27th / 28th May Half-term activities HHP
 - 6th June Classics in the Park car show
 - 11th July Carnival
 - 25th July Arts and Culture event (rescheduled from May)
 - 28th July Skate Jam
 - 29th July Open Air Cinema
 - 18th August Open Air Theatre
 - 29th August Houghton Rocks
 - 19th September Heritage Day at HHP
 - 6th November Fireworks
 - 8th November Remembrance Sunday
 - 11th November Armistice Day
 - 5th December Christmas Light Switch On
 - 12th December Santa's Grotto
 - 20th March 2027 Easter Egg Hunt

SG confirmed that the fireworks display would be held at Thorn

CEC94 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Members were provided with a report from the Youth and Community Manager regarding past and forthcoming events.

The Youth and Community Manager informed Members that, in addition to the Skate Jam, the following events and activities were planned:

28 th July	Crazy Golf and Garden Games, Parkside
30 th	Sensory Day, Village Green
4 th August	Inflatable and Garden Games, Parkside
6 th August	Roller Disco, Farmstead
11 th August	Go-karting, Thorn Park

A sensory tent was being created and would be installed at all events as a calm space.

Town centre initiatives included:

Tabletop Sale in Bedford Square

Crafty November

Later Living continued to meet twice per month; One meeting was tea and a treat; the other involved an additional activity. The Later Living volunteers also planned trips to various destinations.

Cllr Slough suggested that All Saints Church could provide an historical presentation/display if that would be of interest to the younger community.

CESC95 ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENT – MAY 2026

Members were informed that the Arts and Cultural Event had been rescheduled to 25th July to avoid clashes with other local events taking place in May. It was hoped that the Bedford Square Atrium and Community Centre would be available for use on the revised date.

It was anticipated that the event would include stalls, photography, art and music.

CESC96 CARNIVAL

The Carnival was scheduled for Saturday 11th July 2026.

The following items had been arranged:

- Last of the Summer Ukuleles (1 hour performance)
- Krisgar Children's Entertainment
- Circus Skills Workshop (all day)
- Roberts Family Band

A band was being considered for an afternoon performance (depending on available space in the programme) and local dance groups had been approached to take part.

The people powered parade has been advertised and had received some expressions of interest.

Stallholders had come forward, and additional activities were being investigated.

Members asked for it to be emphasised that the parade would not be on the road as in previous years; however, there was support for the new arrangements.

The Events Manager confirmed that consideration would be given to the layout of the event to enhance participation while avoiding congestion.

CESC97 HOUGHTON ROCKS

Houghton Rocks was taking place on Saturday 29th August 2026.

The following bands had been booked:

- Leech
- The Long Riders

The drum kit, stage and sound had all been confirmed for the event. Members were reminded that there would be a single annual dog show and car show each year; therefore, neither of these events would form part of Houghton Rocks.

The Events Manager confirmed the following:

- Tenth anniversary cups were being produced, and Lion patches had already been received.
- The warm-up act remained the same as previous years
- Members had been provided with a list of potential bands for the day
- Consideration was still being given to the act for the finale
- A host for the event was yet to be confirmed.

Members were invited to provide any ideas or suggestions they might have for the event.

CESC98 SANTA'S GROTTO 2026

Members were requested to confirm whether they would prefer to hold the Santa's Grotto and Craft Stalls etc at the Bedford Square Atrium / Houghton Regis Library (subject to permissions) or at Houghton Hall Park and the Kitchen Garden.

Members acknowledged that the event at Houghton Hall Park had been very successful; however, there was a consensus that the venue should revert back to the library and atrium site. It was felt that the advantages of doing this were: an opportunity to promote library use; make Bedford Square a more welcoming space; better accessibility and more facilities; and, suitability for winter weather conditions.

There were challenges with both the setting up of the event and taking everything back down again. The Events Manager confirmed they would discuss these arrangements with the library.

It was suggested that the text 'Houghton Hall Park and the Kitchen Garden' be removed from the recommendation.

Proposed by: Cllr Slough Seconded by: Cllr McMahon

Members voted unanimously in favour of the amendment

Members were requested to vote on the substantive.

Proposed by: Cllr McMahon Tm Seconded by: Cllr Rollins

Members voted unanimously in favour.

**Resolved: To confirm that the Santa's Grotto event is to be held at the
Bedford Square Atrium / Houghton Regis Library.**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Dated this 9th day of June 2026

Chairman

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Houghton Regis Town Council

Committee Functions & Terms of Reference

Community Engagement Sub Committee (reporting to Community Services Committee)

Terms of Reference

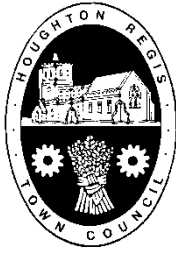
- To consider any matters referred to it by the Council or other Committees.
- To consider and submit to the Community Services Committee the scope, nature and form of the Council's community activities and council events (Programme of Events) for the following council year no later than 30th November each year.
- To assemble and submit to the Community Services Committee estimates of income and expenditure for each financial year in respect of all the services of this Sub Committee no later than 30th November each year.
- To monitor periodically the income and expenditure relevant to the Sub Committee.
- To consider and refer to the Community Services Committee any proposed expenditure or reduction in income for which no provision has been made in the approved budget.
- To recommend the level of charges for facilities in respect of all the services of this Sub Committee to the Community Services Committee.
- To monitor and review the Council's events.
- To monitor and review the Council's community activities.
- To advise Environment & Leisure Committee of events using land / buildings.
- To monitor and review each event and activity to ensure all areas of the town are covered by the annual programme of events.
- Delegate all operational decision-making and activities to the Head of Environmental and Community Services, Civic & Events Manager and Community Services Manager to take decisions on the arrangements for council events. The Community Engagement Sub Committee is to take a strategic view, and act as a critical friend to ensure the Council's activities and Events get better.
- To support and promote town wide events and activities to promote the town.
- To report to the Community Services Committee on the outcome of its deliberations.

Functions

- The Community Engagement Sub Committee shall function and operate in accordance with the Council's approved Standing Orders.
- The Community Engagement Sub Committee shall consist of five Councillors. The quorum shall be half of its members (three).
- To appoint sub-committees or working groups as necessary including setting out membership and terms of reference.

Co-option

- To support engagement with local stakeholders the sub-committee can co-opt members from local representative groups, as appropriate, up to a maximum of 5. Each co-opted Member will be able to engage fully in all discussions but will not have any voting rights. Co-opted members can be removed from the sub-committee by joint agreement of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- The list of co-opted Members should be reviewed annually.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 10

Date:	29th May 2026
Title:	Event Managers report
Purpose of the Report:	To provide Members with an update on past and forthcoming events.
Contact Officer:	Sarah Gelsthorp, Events Manager

1. RECOMMENDATION

This report is provided for information purposes.

2. BACKGROUND

Houghton Regis Town Council delivers a variety of community events throughout the year, on Town Council land and also at Houghton Hall Park.

This report sets out the work delivered and plans for future initiatives.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Past events:

Easter Egg Hunt at Houghton Hall Park

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success, with 700 Easter Eggs given out. The response on the day was phenomenal

Medieval Madness at Houghton Hall Park

The Two Days of Dragon Fun in April were also hugely successful, with an amazing participation in the Dragon Egg Trail around the park. We exceeded last year's attendance, and over 500 goodie bags were distributed over the two days.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who supported the events.

Dog Show – 23rd May 2026

The Dog Show took place on Saturday 23rd May, but with adjustments owing to the weather.

The event was a success, but finished at 12.20 pm, before the weather got too hot.

Half Term Activities – Science Days 27th and 28th May 2026

Explorer Dome came in to deliver two days of science experiments in the Visitors Centre. There were 8 shows (4 on each day), with an average of 25 people per show. The days were excellent, and there were many positive comments about the activities.

We also provided some free Windmill Kits and science info to give out to the children.

Car Show – 6th June 2026

This is due to take place on 6th June 2026, and an update will be given at the meeting.

3.2 Future events until October 2026:

- 11th July 2026 – Carnival
- 25th July 2026 – Arts and Cultural Event
- 29th July 2026 -Open Air Cinema - (GOAT and Wicked)
- 18th August 2026 -Open Air Theatre August 2026- (Treasure Island and Peter Rabbit)
- 29th August 2026 - Houghton Rocks
- 19th September 2026 – Heritage Day (HHP)

3.3 CARNIVAL

A full day has been planned for Carnival, which includes A Steel Band, Dance Displays, Last of the Summer Ukuleles, Circus Skills, information from Bellator Boxing, The Roberts Family Band, Prize presentations, stalls, food and some fairground rides.

The parade is still being worked on, but is beginning to come together.

A programme of the day will be circulated to local venues.

3.4 ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENT

The Arts and Cultural event is being planned at the current moment, but so far, the following has been confirmed:

- 5 stalls selling craft items
- Facepainting
- Shows from Full House Theatre in Bedford Square
- Cultural Trail in Bedford Square with a few participating retailers
- Music from Jewels.

The Community Centre has also been booked for the event, and workshops are being planned. Additional details will be confirmed at the meeting.

3.5 HOUGHTON ROCKS

A full lineup has been arranged for the day, from 11.45 am until 7.25 pm. The headline band is a Police Tribute, called The CoPolice, and a new event host has been arranged.

4. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

5. HRTC CORPORATE PLAN

1 Town and Community: To unify all areas of the parish as one community and foster civic pride in our town

1.1 Improve integration between existing and new communities.

1.4 Develop an annual programme of community events across the Parish.

1.6 Promotion and protection of the cultural and heritage assets.

6. IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Implications - There are no corporate implications arising from the recommendations.

Legal Implications - There are no legal implications.

Financial Implications—Some funding opportunities will naturally end during the new financial year. Therefore, during the 2026/27 budget-setting process, consideration must be given to whether these activities will continue.

Risk Implications - There are no risk implications.

Equalities Implications - Houghton Regis Town Council has a duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

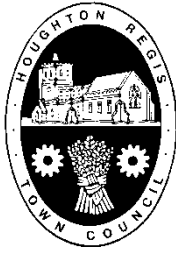
These projects/issues do not discriminate.

Climate Change Implications - There are no climate change implications.

Press Contact - Deliveries of these projects will continue to be communicated to the press.

7. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

This report summarises the ongoing projects being delivered and plans for future initiatives provided by the Events Manager.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 11

Date: 1st June 2026

Title: Youth & Community Manager's report

Purpose of the Report: To provide Members with an update on community work.

Contact Officer: Tara Earnshaw, Youth & Community Manager

1. RECOMMENDATION

This report is provided for information purposes.

2. BACKGROUND

Houghton Regis Town Council delivers a variety of community initiatives, including Town Centre Initiatives, Summer and Easter Family Fun Days and trips.

This report sets out the work delivered and plans for future initiatives.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Past events:

Tabletop Sale

A tabletop sale was arranged for Saturday 30th June, and was to be held in the atrium at Bedford Square to increase footfall. Posters and booking information were put on social media at the library and in shops. Despite this, only four residents booked stalls, and as a result, the event was cancelled. Those stallholders will be offered the opportunity to have a stall on beach day.

Later Living Social Group

Members have attended 3 LLSG Tea & Treat sessions at All Saints View, one of which they enjoyed a quiz. The LLSG volunteers have had two meetings since the last report. The tea and treat sessions continue to be extremely popular with around 50 residents in attendance.

Later Living Social Group Trip to Poplars Garden Centre

30 Members of the Later Living Social Group enjoyed a trip to Poplars Garden Centre on Tuesday 26th June 2026, with support from volunteers.

3.2 Future Events:

Family Fun Days

Staff have developed a draft plan for Family Fun Days over the summer holidays, featuring a variety of activities across several locations. This includes a day trip to Southend-on-Sea.

Summer Fun Activities			
Activity	Date	Venue	Time
Skate Jam	Thursday 23rd July 2026	Tithe Farm Rec	11.00-14.00
Crazy Golf & Garden Games	Tuesday 28th July 2026	Parkside	11.00-14.00
Sensory Day	Thursday 30th July 2026	Village Green	11.00-14.00
Inflatables Fun & Garden Games	Tuesday 4th August 2026	Parkside	11.00-14.00
Roller Disco	Thursday 6th August 2026	Linmere Farmstead	11.00-14.00
Go Karting	Tuesday 11th August 2026	Thorn Park	11.00-14.00
Trip to Southend	Thursday 12th August 2026	Southend-on-sea	09.00-17.00
Sensory Tent	All	All	

Town Centre Initiatives

Staff are currently planning Beach Day at Bedford Square, which will include activities such as sand and water trays, beach chairs, an entertainer and craft stalls.

Later Living Social Group

The volunteers continue to meet monthly to plan initiatives and enhanced activities for members. They are currently organising tea at the Kitchen Gardens and an intergenerational technology day as part of the Tea and Treat programme. In addition, they are planning a trip to Bourton-on-the-Water and a Christmas outing to the Grove Theatre for the pantomime.

4. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

5. HRTC CORPORATE PLAN

1 Town and Community: To unify all areas of the parish as one community and foster civic pride in our town

- 1.1 Improve integration between existing and new communities.
- 1.4 Develop an annual programme of community events across the Parish.

3 Quality of Life: To enhance the quality of life of our residents

- 3.3 Improve access to services and support through the provision of a network of Parish-wide community hubs.
- 3.4 Improve existing and develop new opportunities for young people across the parish.

6. IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Implications - There are no corporate implications arising from the recommendations.

Legal Implications - There are no legal implications.

Financial Implications—Some funding opportunities will naturally end during the new financial year. Therefore, during the 2025/26 budget-setting process, consideration must be given to whether these activities will continue.

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These projects/issues do not discriminate.

Climate Change Implications - There are no climate change implications.

Press Contact - Deliveries of these projects will continue to be communicated to the press.

7. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

This report summarises the ongoing initiatives being delivered and plans for future initiatives provided by the Youth & Community Manager.