



Youth of Gerrards Cross

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The Gerrards Cross Parish Council recognised that youth issues had not received the attention that they deserve. To establish some focus and resource on youth the Council established a Youth Committee in autumn 2009. The committee quickly concluded that we have fantastic youth in Gerrards Cross but also that Gerrards Cross may appear to be a bit of a dull place if you are lucky enough to be a young person. We also recognised that many youth activities that GX young people get involved take place outside of Gerrards Cross meaning that we, Gerrards Cross, miss out on the energy and vibrancy of our own youth and at the same time parents are converted into taxi drivers. Our vision is for GX Youth to find their village a stimulating and rewarding place to grow up in and at the same time for them to have the opportunity to play an active role in community life. We also want parents to have the chance to hang up their car keys from time to time. To convert this vision into a reality won't be an overnight job but to get ourselves started we have set ourselves 3 objectives for the coming year:

- Publicise better the youth activities in GX

- Establish a dialogue so we can understand better what GX youth would actually like
- Organise at least one event for GX youth

The Youth Committee meets as part of the monthly cycle of Parish Council committee meetings but also informally on the third Monday of each month in the Community Association Bar in the bar. If you have some ideas you would like to share or better still like to join us please feels free to hunt us out in the bar, usually between 7:30 and 8:30 but better check with the Clerk first to make sure we will be there.

To help us, we have recruited 3 Duke of Edinburgh Students who are busy developing Facebook pages which we hope to launch in the coming weeks. We have also recruited an associate member to who will help us with our objectives. However, what we would really like is to hear from you if you have ideas for this initiative and particularly if you interested in getting involved. So if you are interested in starting up say a drama club, community choir, or anything else that can be done in GX then please contact us at clerk@gerrardscross.gov.uk, we would love to hear from you. We do have a small budget and other resources available to help get things started.



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