



Community Safety News

Youth Forum in Basingstoke

Young people in Basingstoke and Deane are helping to set the agenda this year with the launch of a new Youth Forum.

The borough council's Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) team facilitated the first event in April, inviting young people to have their say on the biannual Streetz project.



They gave their views on the current programme, which offers young people the chance to take part in activities during the school holidays, and offered suggestions on what to change.

The forum was set up following the re-launch of a Youth Network Forum last year for those who work or volunteer with young people, offering them the chance to share ideas and best practice. The council is offering further support to those who work with young people, having invested in a package of training opportunities.

A group of ten people who either work or volunteer with young people in the borough are studying for an NVQ level 2 in Youth Work in conjunction with YMCA George Williams College, covering topics such as the theory of youth work, safeguarding and challenging behaviour.

A package of 17 training courses is also available to youth workers for a subsidised cost, giving those who work with young people the chance to develop their skills and knowledge.

Topics include anti-bullying, cognitive behavioural approaches, understanding self-harm and managing peer pressure. Courses can be booked via Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA) website: bvaction.org.uk.

You can find out more information by following the CYPF team on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cypfteam>.

Changes to Drone laws

Changes to the law round drone usage will come into effect between July 2018 and November 2019 following a number of near misses with aircrafts.



Drones will not be allowed to fly within 1km of airports, and not above a height of 400ft.

Drones weighing more than 250g will have to be registered with the Civil Aviation Authority, and users will have to pass an online safety test.

Users who fail to adhere to flight restrictions could face fines, up to five years in prison, or both. Owners of drones over 250g who do not complete the online safety test or register with the Civil Aviation Authority could also be fined up to £1000.

Locally the new flight restrictions are likely to affect users in the areas of:

- Farnborough Airport
- Blackbushe Airport
- RAF Odiham
- Military areas around Ash, Aldermaston and Aborfield

You can find out about restricted flying areas at www.noflydrones.co.uk and more about drone safety at www.dronesafe.uk. You can keep up to date with changes to the law on the Civil Aviation Authority website at www.caa.co.uk.

Community Court

Safer North Hampshire and Hampshire Constabulary are seeking volunteers aged between 14–25 to take part in the Hart & Rushmoor Community Court. The project involves a peer-led court hearing for first time offenders.

You can express interest by emailing community.court@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or by calling 01252 774476 for more information.



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