



BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME ANNUAL SUMMARY 2018

Battersea Summer Scheme is the primary project of Battersea Crime Prevention Panel



Come Dine With Me Competition
over 40 participants



10 Residential Trips



61 Day Trips / 2,800 places



SPORT IN THE PARK
1750 young people
67 volunteers
30-plus activities





WHAT WE DO

We give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds across Battersea and Balham the opportunity to have a great summer and make a positive difference in their lives throughout the year.

We do this by running the following programmes:

- Our ground-breaking annual Summer in the Park in Battersea Park
- Summer day trips & residentials
- Learning Opportunities including cookery, music, drama, sports & first aid workshops

In partnership with Wandsworth Council Youth Services and the Metropolitan Police, we work with youth clubs across Battersea & Balham to give young people access to our programmes.

A grant from the Panel ensures that all administrative costs of this project are met by the grant and that our independent fundraising is allocated 100% to our activities.

WHY WE DO IT

Violent crime is on the increase and last year represented the worst year for knife crime in London in a decade.

Families across Battersea and Balham face daily struggles – overcrowding, unemployment and households lacking in amenities to name but a few. The areas that we work in feature severe deprivation with poor statistics for health, educational achievement and crime.

All these issues make life tough for children and young people locally.

We want to give these children & young people summer opportunities that they can go back to school and talk about. Our projects are not only fun but help to build confidence and resilience in our participants and ultimately will help them to achieve their full potential.



2018 PROJECTS

SPORT IN THE PARK

1700 attendees
30 activities
67 volunteers

Sport in the Park (now renamed Summer in the Park) took place in the hottest week of the summer in 2018, with weather warnings encouraging people to stay indoors. Despite this we achieved our usual attendance with 1700 people coming along.

The event gives local young people the opportunity to try out new activities, with sports including tennis, boxing, archery and the climbing wall, as well as arts & crafts, music and drama.

Many of the activities are run by a small army of volunteers aged from 10 to 85! Student sports coaches from local colleges and clubs get their work experience hours by helping us. Accompanied young offenders come and help with tasks such as face painting as part of their community hours. The Volunteer Metropolitan Police Cadets joined us again, as well volunteers from Battersea Power Station contractors, Sir Robert McAlpine, Mace & HSS.

We are grateful to CidaSports who provided a free professional tennis coach, who worked tirelessly alongside two of our volunteers. We are also grateful to Bedhead for providing two coaches for the football, and to Carney's who ran boxing.



Battersea's youth clubs came again and ran their own special activities to promote their club. One of the youth clubs tried to run a mini Olympics on the last day, but despite their best efforts it was just too hot to do anything other than sit in the shade and drink masses of water! We had bowls for the first time - a great success! Cricket was not as successful - partly due to the weather and partly due to limited space. The climbing wall, trapeze, circus skills, human demolition, tag rugby and athletics continue to be firm favourites.





DAY TRIPS

2800
places

61
trips

30
venues

Our day trips offer Battersea & Balham's young people an opportunity to get out of London and to have fun.

In 2018 young people embraced the outdoor adventure sites, where, apart from getting dirty and exhausted, they develop their initiative, leadership and team building skills. Some groups got to go to theme parks, usually as a reward for completing a course with their youth club. Other outings are as simple as fruit picking or a trip to the seaside – a first for some!

Once again, we were able to pay all transport costs and subsidised the entry fees to the venues as much as possible to ensure as many young as possible can benefit.



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The work that Battersea Summer Scheme do is to ensure that children within Wandsworth can have a fun-filled memorable summer, and goes a long way to not only helping the child, but also easing the financial burden on parents who often dread Summer Holidays, with the burden of child care costs and potentially expensive outings.

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**- ESTHER, LEAD YOUTH WORKER,
PROVIDENCE HOUSE**



RESIDENTIAL COURSES

10 different courses
149 young people
44 days of activity

We aim to send as many young people as possible on residential courses. The young people selected are mostly disengaged from the education system and time out of their familiar surroundings is often very beneficial to them.

In 2018 we organised nine different residential courses – including sailing, farm life in Devon & Berkshire and a range of outward bound centres. The centres have a diverse range of activities which include abseiling, gorge scrambling, sailing, hiking and camping. The youth workers deliver evening workshops on hot topics such as online safety and drug abuse.

All the activities that young people take part in help them to develop better life skills and improved self-esteem. They learn to work as a team, bond with their contemporaries and staff members and stretching them both mentally and physically.

For many of them it is the first time they will have stayed away from home. Their time away teaches the young people to approach new challenges with a positive outlook and fosters the ability to develop and sustain effective relationships.



// I HAD NEVER BEEN ON A RESIDENTIAL TRIP BEFORE, IT FELT LIKE A HOLIDAY BUT WITH PEOPLE MY AGE AND LOTS OF ACTIVITIES //





WORKSHOPS - COME DINE WITH ME

4 youth clubs **40** young people **18** hygiene certificates

A new venture for 2018, Come Dine with Me is an inter-club cooking competition run in partnership with Wandsworth's Pick and Mix programme.

Based on the TV programme with the same name, the competition was judged in four areas – food, hospitality, presentation and entertainment. Four clubs acted as hosts with approximately 10 young people from each club taking part. The participants also took a hygiene course and received qualifying certificates.

The winning club – Caius House - was announced at a reception held at Battersea Power Station. Everyone involved was invited.

It was a highly successful project which we would like to expand so that more clubs and even more young people from across the borough can take part.



VOLUNTEERING

We would not be able to manage without our team of Volunteers we are so grateful for their help and support. We simply cannot thank them often enough.

Thanks to a great team of volunteers in the office in 2018, we were able to prepare and deliver letters about Battersea Summer Scheme to over 4,500 households.

If you feel you would like to help us going forward, we would really love to hear from you.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In 2018 we attended Falcon Road Festival and Summer in the Square in Battersea, where we promoted our projects and the wider work of Battersea Crime Prevention Panel.



We also attended some of the Local Roots Scratch meetings, sponsored by Battersea Power Station Foundation and the Wolcott Foundation at Battersea Arts Centre, to improve our fundraising skills.

GDPR

At the beginning of 2018, the fast-approaching GDPR regulations forced us to ensure that our data was being kept safely and used properly. Vanessa Wride, our administrator worked tirelessly to make sure we were compliant, for which we are really grateful.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are extremely grateful to all our individual donors, the charitable organisations and businesses who respond to our appeal letters and applications thereby enabling us to run all the activities in this report.

Over the last few years we have had to dip into our reserves to ensure we were able to deliver a full programme. This year we are delighted that due to an increase in income and some careful budgeting we are able to replace some of these funds back to our reserves.

If you would like to support us financially, please go to our website and follow the links to Total Giving or send us a cheque and confirm whether we can claim Gift Aid on your donation. We can also take donations over the phone!

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BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME **SUMMARY ACCOUNTS**

Below is a summary of our accounts - they show just how hard we need to work to raise funds.

	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018	2018 - 2019
INCOME				
Bank Interest	61	239	0	0
100 Club	1,068	1,428	612	660
Sport In Park	8,382	8,278	35,668	15,079
Trips Income	35,848	27,380	32,325	36,501
Trust Donation~	7,900	10,629	6,950	13,050
Corporate Donation~	475	1,477	1,540	8,732
Public Donation#	35,045	25,713	36,332	52,560
Gift Aid	11,752	5,535	4,374	6,394
BCPP	23,000	26,000	32,000	33,500
TOTAL INCOME	123,531	101,466	149,801	166,476
EXPENSE CATEGORIES				
100 Club Prizes	230	395	220	230
Sport in Park Costs	38,255	35,997	42,189	32,430
Day Trips	32,294	51,338*	58,226	37,589
Residential Trips	44,646	17,320	23,286	35,719
General Office	10,924	7,953	6,886	7,674
Salaries	23,693	24,619	25,098	26,242
TOTAL EXPENSE	150,042	137,622	155,905	139,84
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	-26,511	-30,943	-6,104	26,592

NOTES

The figures quoted are an overview of our income and expenditure.

A full copy of the accounts is available on request from the office.

Includes a one off bequeath of £10,000

~ Excludes ring fenced donations towards specific projects

* Includes debt of £4,055 from 4Children

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO



pays for one child to try lots of activities at Summer in the Park in Battersea Park.



pays for one child to go on a fun filled day trip.



pays for one child to gain a new skill at a workshop.



pays for one child to go on a residential and try outward-bound activities.

You can donate online at:
batterseasummerscheme.org.uk

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

This is the best place I have ever been to. I didn't know you got animals like this in England.

This reminds me of home in Somalia, I feel I can breathe properly here and I am at peace.

I had never been on a residential trip before, it felt like a holiday but with people my age and lots of activities.

That was mad, I've never done anything like this in my life!

PARENTS

My kids have been preyed on by other young people and only when they see that I am watching them do they look away. I worry for them! I am glad they have positive activities to attend where they are supervised.

YOUTH WORKERS

Battersea Summer Scheme give our young people opportunities to have a wide range of adventures and things to look forward to through the summer months. These opportunities challenge our young people and help to build their confidence and resilience. The summer holiday is not an easy time to be a young person around here but Battersea Summer Scheme's programme makes a real difference.



IMAGINE

never going away

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you have never left London

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the streets are your playground

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mostly being inside with nothing to do

This is "normal life" for many of the young people in our neighbourhood

**TOGETHER WE
CAN CHANGE THIS.**





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