

BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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

2022 PROJECTS



We had a terrific summer of activities with trips, competitions, residential and workshops. As ever there were a myriad of venues with trips to the Beach ever popular. The Youth Clubs ran many summer outings which the young people enjoyed very much. We booked more than 3,500 day places, our highest number yet, and we had four residential courses and Sport in the Park returned even though it was for only one day.

SPORT IN THE PARK

It was so lovely to be back – if only for one day! It was a fun packed, busy day with lots of activities. Held at the beginning of August, the weather was good and everybody enjoyed themselves. Marsha de Cordova MP for Battersea came along to see the action and meet lots of young people. This year it was held in memory of Cathy Edwards with funds donated from her funeral. The event gives local young people the opportunity to try out new activities from tennis, football to crazy golf, plus lots of arts and crafts run by volunteers. The Police were on hand offering advice and bike marking. Local sports groups also attend to give taster opportunities of sports such as boxing and judo encouraging the young people to attend their Clubs.



TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

With no restrictions in place there was a full-on programme of outings to venues mostly around the south east of England. With all transport costs being paid by Battersea Summer Scheme and entry fees to venues being subsidised, the range of activities is vast, giving young people days out to remember. Mostly these young people would not be able to afford to have these outings and it is very important for their wellbeing to have the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities.

Trips to the beach were incredibly popular: Bournemouth, Brighton, Littlehampton, Margate & West Wittering being the most visited.

- Adventure Island in Southend – a firm favourite
- Air Thrill (Inflatable Assault Course)
- Aqua Park
- Arena Pursuits – outdoor activity courses
- Battersea Zoo
- Bike hire in Battersea Park
- Boating in Battersea Park
- Butlins
- Clip 'N' Climb
- Flip Out
- GoApe in Battersea Park – a special thank you to them for donating the climbs
- Guildford Spectrum (skate, bowl & swim)
- Hollywood Bowl
- Kew Gardens
- Laser Tag
- Liquid Leisure – water activity park
- London Zoo
- London Sightseeing Bus
- Ninja Warriors
- Oxygen Jumping
- Richmond Park
- River Taxi with Cable Car
- Sea Life Aquarium
- Skateboarding
- Snow Centre
- Tobogganing
- TOOT Bus London Tour
- Trampolines
- Up at the O2
- Vauxhall Farm
- Woburn Safari Park



WORKSHOPS

Over and above all the trips, we funded various workshops being run by the clubs. A couple of the clubs focused on running Art Workshops throughout the summer months, many of them being held outside in the sunshine. Mostly very messy but huge fun. A couple of the clubs ran cookery workshops and produced some spectacular dishes. There was an inter-club Football Competition which is always so popular. One of the clubs ran a Roller Disco which was open to all young people, not just those belonging to the club.



THE GREAT BATTERSEA BAKE OFF!

This year's Bake Off produced some imaginative and exceptional creations. The theme was the Jubilee and after much deliberation, Caius House were pronounced the overall winners. The competition was kindly sponsored by Rotary Club of Battersea Park and their President Senia Dedic and Treasurer John Hallmark were present at the awards. The Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jeremy Ambache presented the prizes.

RESIDENTIAL COURSES

There were four residential courses this year. These residential courses are beneficial for the young people as they are removed from the safety net of their home and have to, by necessity, learn to interact in an unknown environment with their peers and mentors. This broadens their outlook by giving them new and challenging experiences. These courses are great for focusing youths on study, development, responsibility, respect and



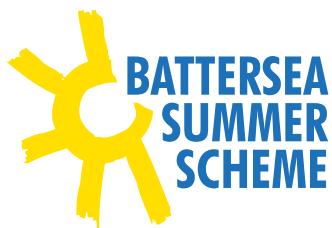
understanding. The first was run by the Police for their Cadets and was at an outdoor adventure camp in North Wales. They did caving, abseiling, coast steering, mountain and beach walks. Another club went sailing in the English Channel, with one boat filled with boys and the other with girls. There were two visits to a farm in Devon where they had hands on experience looking after the animals and gaining knowledge about the food production and rural lifestyle - a far cry from a life in London.



COME DINE WITH ME

As popular as ever, this year's Come Dine with Me was a great success and enjoyed by all. There were five youth clubs taking part who were challenged to put together a fun evening of food, drinks and entertainment. The Clubs were tasked to host and cook for all the other clubs in turn and were judged on Entertainment, Atmosphere, Presentation and Food. This was an incredibly successful competition and the clubs all put a lot of effort into their evenings and were creative and imaginative.

The overall winner was Carneys and the runner-up Providence House. Congratulations to all who took part!! There was a lovely Awards Ceremony held at Caius House with the evening's food provided by Hadas from Waste Not Want Not Battersea and the event was again kindly sponsored by Battersea United Charities.



WHAT WE DO

Battersea Summer Scheme, established in 1992, is a successful youth empowerment programme and the principal project of Battersea Crime Prevention Panel (BCPP). We aim to give young people from disadvantaged backgrounds across Battersea and Balham the opportunity to have a great summer and make a positive difference to their lives throughout the summer and for their future. We do this by running the following programmes:

- Summer Day Trips
- Summer Residential outward bound type courses
- Learning opportunities including cookery, music, drama, sports and other 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. Working closely with the Youth Clubs we put in place a programme that focuses on physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices. This all helps to support the children and young people's mental and physical health and gives them more confidence to get active, eat well and engage positively with their peers and mentors.



WHY WE DO IT

Sandwiched amongst areas of extreme wealth, our local housing estates suffer from severe deprivation. There is a long history of violence and anti-social behaviour amongst these young people. This last year has seen a dramatic increase in gun crime with an increase in overall crime and a notable upsurge in violent crime over the past few years. Many of the tragedies we hear on the news involve young people and the age that these youngsters become involved is getting younger.

Families across the borough face daily struggles – overcrowding, unemployment, poverty and households lacking in basic amenities. The local statistics relating to young people show poor educational achievement and poor health, a lack of self-esteem and missing core values. There has been a disconnect between primary school children and school engagement partly due to Covid. We want to give these children and young people summer opportunities to inspire them, build their confidence and resilience and so help them to achieve their full potential.

Many of these disengaged young people have no other distractions during the long school summer holidays and this is when problems can begin. They are living in chaotic homes without facilities, stability or role models. One of the borough's issues is the lack of interaction between the young from different estates and cultures, the root cause of many of the problems so we integrate them on our trips and activity days and projects such as Come Dine with Me.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Looking forward to this summer, we are confident that we will again have a full programme of activities and we are determined that all our Young People in the Borough will have the opportunity to have a dynamic summer!

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.

The mental health and wellbeing of the young people of Battersea is at the forefront of our minds. We want to ensure that every young person in the clubs we work with has the opportunity to take part in an activity / day trip or residential trip. We would be grateful if you would consider supporting us to ensure we can keep our promises to the clubs so enabling us to keep on expanding our summer programme allowing the young people to gain some valuable support and mentoring as well as having fun learning new skills enabling them to make better life choices.

If you would like to support us, please go to our website and follow the links to Total Giving and PLEASE if you can tick the Gift Aid box.

Or you can send us a cheque to our new address (and new phone number):

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Summary Accounts for Battersea Summer Scheme

	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023
Income				
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
Sport In Park	9,548	0	0	0
Trips Income	19,554	0	16,383	29,280
Trust Donation~	9,750	14,750	23,838	16,255
Corporate Donation~	1,158	1,006	1,018	594
Public Donation	39,123	47,302	34,936	34,801
Gift Aid	9,550	10,360	8,506	6,830
BCPP	34,000	34,000	17,000	17,000
Total Income	122,683	107,418	101,681	104,760
Expense Categories				
Sport in Park Costs	42,013	0	0	6,735
Day Trips & Workshops	44,544	5,251	50,728	71,849
Residential Trips	29,605	1,624	18,974	9,825
General Office	7,289	6,269	7,726	9,808
Salaries inc HMRC & Pension	26,975	27,116	26,950	28,874
Total Expense	150,426	40,260	104,378	127,091
Income less Expenditure	-27,743	67,158	-2,697	-22,331

NOTE

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

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

~ Excludes ring fenced donations towards specific projects

BATTERSEA CRIME PREVENTION PANEL



Battersea Summer Scheme is the primary project of Battersea Crime Prevention Panel. The Charity's aim is to make Wandsworth a better and safer place to live, work and play. Established well over 25 years ago to benefit the local community the Panel works with the Metropolitan Police and the Council supporting projects across the Borough to help prevent Crime and all the associated problems.

Battersea Summer Scheme normally receives a grant from the Panel to ensure that all administrative costs are covered and therefore that 100% of our fundraising is

allocated to our activities. In 2021 and 2022 the Panel were unable to hold its main fundraising event – The Battersea Ball – due to Covid restrictions. As a result, the Trustees have been forced to make the decision that as from April 2021 their contribution to Battersea Summer Scheme has to be cut back, which means we may have to spend up to 10% of any donation made to Battersea Summer Scheme from April 2021 on our administrative costs. Full funding is in place for 2023 as they held a successful Ball this year.

We would not be able to manage without our team of Volunteers – we are so grateful for their help and support and we simply cannot thank them enough. Please if you feel able to help us going forward, particularly if you would like to get involved with the Ball, our main fundraising event, we would really love to hear from you. We are always looking for new Panel members so if you are interested please do contact us on bss@bcpp.co.uk.

VOLUNTEERING

WHAT THEY SAY!!

Youth Workers:

"I would like to thank Battersea Summer Scheme for providing low cost trips to popular destinations - without your continued support and the positive impact your presence has within the community, a lot of our hard to reach parents and families would not have engaged."

"You have helped to create long lasting memories as well as strengthen sometimes fractured relationships between young people who come to our Club and their families. So once again a big thank you :)"

Supporters:

"I hope the young people this supports enjoy an activity that maybe they otherwise would not have got to experience. Have a great summer!"

"Keep doing all of the good work you do. I love receiving your update each year."

"Thank you for all you are doing for the young people of Battersea."

"It is a pleasure to support your valuable work."

"Happy to be able to continue to support your excellent programme."

Young People:

"I really loved everything we done this summer especially the sports. Thank you very much."

"I don't know how to say thanks to you. It was very nice time for me and for everyone. This is also a nice memory."

Parents:

"All my children enjoyed the football trips and loved the art club and the trips to Adventure Island. Thank you."

"My foster children had a great summer because of these activities, they would have been at home doing nothing without the Scheme"

"We want to thank you for the Summer activities. My children enjoyed all the activities, cooking was very good. Thank you"



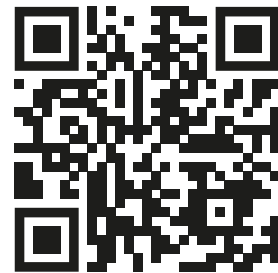


BATTERSEA BALL

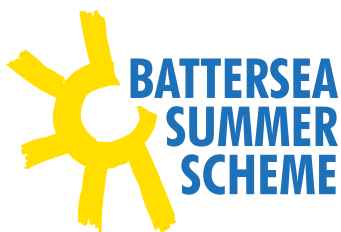
After last year's success and wonderful evening celebrating the Battersea Balls come back, we are thrilled to announce that this year's ball will take place on **Friday 24th of November** at Battersea Evolution, Battersea Park.

Please put the date in your diary and visit the Battersea Ball website for ticket sales and more information.

The Battersea Ball's aim is to raise funds for the Battersea Crime Prevention Panel which supports the Battersea Summer Scheme. We hope you will come, even bring a party to the party for a fundraising fun-filled evening of dinner, dancing, cabaret and so much more.



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your playground

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Mostly being inside
with nothing to do

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The effect of COVID-19
on your life in a high
rise block

**This is “normal” life for many of the young
people in our neighbourhood**

**TOGETHER WE
CAN CHANGE THIS.**

