



BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME

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BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME REPORT 2016

enriching young lives

The principal project of Battersea Crime Prevention Panel. 25 years of organising positive activities, trips and outings for young people lacking in opportunities. We focus on the poorer and most disadvantaged areas of Battersea and Balham to help prevent disruptive and antisocial behaviour.

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GIVING


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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2016

Battersea Summer Scheme provides summer activities and opportunities for young people with multiple disadvantages who come mainly from the poorer and more deprived local areas, which suffer from unemployment, overcrowding and households lacking in amenities and are some of the worst nationally. We work very closely with all types of local youth clubs and groups, Wandsworth Borough Council youth services and the Metropolitan Police to achieve our aims. Please remember these young people come from homes suffering severe deprivation with poor statistics for health, educational achievement, crime (particularly relating to drug use and abuse) and 'at risk' children in the borough. Most of these disengaged young people have no other distractions and there is little interaction between young from different estates and cultures so these trips and activities help them to integrate with each other and their local community to help expand their horizons and give them better opportunities.

DAY TRIPS

The demand for day trips was as high as ever. We booked 2,000 day places to 18 different venues during the summer holidays. All the venues were chosen after consulting the leaders of the various youth clubs/groups and were places where the young not only enjoyed their day away but were challenged to try something new. Among the many activities, they went kayaking, mountain biking, to a stimulating Clue Quest venue, Car Drome and to giant trampolines, a dry ski centre, climbing walls and much more! As usual we did not include theme parks except for Adventure Island, Southend where many not only saw the sea for the first time, but they also enjoyed well organised rides which were exciting challenges in themselves. We provided all coach hire and subsidised entry fees. [Approximately £25 per person](#)

RESIDENTIAL COURSES

This year we sent more young people away on a residential course than ever before. Nine groups (132 young) went to 8 different venues. One group from Caius House joined up with Positive Futures, based at St Mark's Church, to go to an outward-bound centre near Swanage. A group from Elays, went to Bewl Water where they tried many water sports and various challenging activities. Other groups went to Blacklands Farm, Rushall Farm and Shallowford Farm and met live farm animals! We sent two groups sailing with the Island Cutter Trust (who subsidise the trips enormously) out of Plymouth, this is a particularly marvellous course, quite tough but one they will never forget. All the courses were highly successful with excellent feedback. They are expensive, but hugely beneficial and we want to send more young people next summer to help them develop for their futures. We provided all travel expenses and most hugely subsidised course costs. [Approximately £165 per young person!!](#)

SPORT IN THE PARK

Held, as before at the beginning of August over 4 days in and around the Millennium Arena in Battersea Park. We believe that 2,000 is an accurate attendance estimate, as we know that not all pay! We officially sold 1,779 wristbands, plus over 100 bands donated to our young volunteers. Most attending were local but we do know we get young from across the borough and further afield.

We could not manage without our enthusiastic volunteer workforce aged 12 to 84 (!), the younger ones came from private and state schools, and the Police Cadets joined us again to help. They all bonded and became an efficient team to work alongside the professional paid staff and sports coaches (who often donate their time or work at a charitable rate). Together they ran the 26 different activities which included various sports, dance, art and challenges such as a high rope course, climbing wall and trapeze. Also, workshops offered first aid training, fire and personal safety advice. As before Linford Christy's Street Athletics joined us which is always so popular, and we hope to see them again next summer

We have received excellent feedback from the sport coaches, club leaders and families saying thank you and that their young want to continue with a sport or activity. One young person has joined the Police Cadets. This helps show that we have achieved the main reason for holding the event as an introduction to a new sport or activity, which spurs us on to find sponsors to raise enough funds for this coming summer so continuing this worthwhile, successful project. We charge £1 entry. [Approximately £20 per person](#)

WORKSHOPS

We sponsored a Cooking Course with the staff from Cactus Kitchen held at Providence House. They volunteered their instruction, while we provided the food. These classes were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and instructors!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We took a stall at the Give and Gain day in the Doddington & Rollo Community Centre to meet local businesses and to promote Battersea Summer Scheme. We provided First Aid cover at the sports event run by Sports Development (now Enable) in York Gardens. We took a stall with Battersea Crime Prevention Panel, our parent charity, at the Falcon Road and the Northcote Road Festivals to promote our charity, our Sport in the Park event plus the Battersea Police Ball, our main fundraising event. We also attended Wandsworth's Get Active Day in King Georges Park, Wandsworth and promoted our own Sport's Event.



FUNDRAISING

We are given an annual grant from our parent charity, Battersea Crime Prevention Panel, which covers all administrative costs meaning that every penny we raise goes towards our activities. 6,000 begging letters and appeal forms were prepared and delivered to residents in Battersea and Balham, by a team of 14 loyal volunteers. The Police Cadets also helped with the delivery. Applications were made to various Charitable Organisations and local Businesses to gain sponsorship and support.

Finton House School chose us as their charity to support at their annual summer fete during the summer and the Police Cadets helped us once again with a bucket collection at "Carols in the Square" held in Battersea Square organised by Thomas's school.

This year Sandra Munoz-Alvarez, Keepsake Videos made and donated an excellent video showcasing all Battersea Summer Scheme's activities organised during the summer holidays. The video is on our website and YouTube. We are extremely grateful to Sandra for this generous contribution - we showed it publicly for the first time during Battersea Police Ball. [YouTube Link](#)

We applied to Thomas's School (Battersea) Foundation, to be their charity of the year. We were amongst the last 3 applicants (out of 20), to be chosen to do a presentation to the pupils themselves for their final decision. Sadly for us the opposition was too strong, however the Foundation generously supported the sports coaches at Sport in the Park.

Councillor Melanie Hampton kindly put our name forward for the Aviva Community Fund Grant Award. Despite asking all and sundry to vote for us via the Aviva's website, and so many did, (thank you so very much for trying), we just did not have quite enough votes. There was little support for London based charities but we will be trying again!! However, Aviva did kindly donate 30 tickets to the Aviva London Double Header Event at Twickenham, on Saturday 3rd September, which we distributed to volunteers and young people who help or benefit from Battersea Summer Scheme.

One Debt

Sadly, 4Children, the charity who took over Children's Services from the Wandsworth Borough Council, went unexpectedly into receivership at the end of August owing BSS £4,055. We were not the only ones to suffer.

ACCOUNTS

Below is a summary of the accounts for 2016/17, an overview, it also shows how hard we need to work to raise enough funds for 2017.

SUMMARY ACCOUNT FOR BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME									
INCOME	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	EXPENDITURE	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Bank Interest	55	62	61	239					
100 Club	1,836	1,418	1,068	1,428	100 Club Prizes	330	245	230	395
Sport in the Park	12,270	30,122	8,382	8,278	Sport in Park Costs	26,705	37,710	38,255	35,997
Trips Income	16,762	26,370	35,848	27,380	Day Trips	36,013	22,082	32,294	* 51,338
Trust Donation ~	12,075	14,900	7,900	10,629	Residentials	17,577	23,805	44,646	17,320
Corporate Donation ~	395	4,550	475	1,477	General Office	7,587	5,936	10,924	7,953
Public Donation	28,703	35,360	35,045	25,713	Salaries	17,182	23,324	23,693	24,619
Gift Aid	6,399	# 0	11,752	5,535					
BCPP	23,000	30,000	23,000	26,000					
TOTAL INCOME	101,495	142,782	123,531	106,679	TOTAL EXPENSE	105,394	113,102	150,042	137,622
Income Less Expenditure	-3,899	29,680	-26,511	-30,943					
Notes:	~ Excludes ring fenced donations towards specific projects								
We have ring fenced reserves to enable us to forward plan	* Includes debt of £4,055								
A full copy of the accounts is available on request from the office	# Gift Aid for this year included in 2015/16								

Finally, a big thank you to everyone for their generosity and voluntary assistance to make all the above happen.
We are always looking for support in many other ways which includes delivering publicity material, helping out with office based tasks, sponsorship of activities, printing etc

THIS IS OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND IF WE ALL CONTRIBUTE JUST A LITTLE

WE CAN ACHIEVE A GREAT DEAL!