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**Annual Report**

**enriching young lives**

**Battersea Summer Scheme, a principle project of Battersea Crime Prevention Panel, organises a wide range of positive activities to attract and engage young people lacking in opportunities.**

**The scheme focuses on the poorer and most disadvantaged areas of Battersea and Balham to help prevent disruptive and antisocial behaviour.**

## **Thank You for Your Support**

Without the generous help of our supporters and volunteers, we wouldn't be able to achieve all the amazing projects in this report, which are benefiting young people living in our community.

Grateful thanks received from participants: "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 :)"

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# BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN 2017

## SPORT IN THE PARK



For the first time, in addition to the local Sports Clubs, several local Youth Clubs came and ran activities within the Event to promote and to showcase the opportunities they provide throughout the year at their Club. This was incredibly popular and benefitted Clubs and Sport in the Park alike, which we hope to develop further for this coming summer.

First established in 2000 Battersea Summer Scheme's Sport in the Park started as a 'family day' and has now become our flag ship event. For four days at the beginning of the summer holidays we hire an area of Battersea Park and organise a variety of sports run by professional sports coaches. There are also more daring activities such as high ropes, a climbing wall as well as arts and crafts and music. Various agencies which includes school nurses, police and the fire brigade attend giving advice and information in a fun and entertaining way. We had some great sponsorship this year from various organisations for which we are extremely grateful, without it we would not have achieved such a success.

As always, we target the unprivileged young in the borough aged between 8 and 16 although the event is open to all. This year was one of our most successful ever – wristband sales were considerably up despite having one dreadfully wet day – and we had well over 2,000 young people attending with either their families or youth groups. The young people pay £1.00 per day which lets them try everything.

Ahead of the Track & Field World Championships 2017 last summer in London, we received a special visit from the USA team who shared their top tips with aspiring young athletes. Lewis Lukens, the Acting U.S. Ambassador, was also in attendance and welcomed the athletes and Sport in the Park participants, which included young athletes from Belgrave Harriers.

## DAY TRIPS



These outings are mostly to outdoor adventure sites across South East England where, apart from usually getting dirty and exhausted, they are designed to develop an individual's skills such as initiative, leadership, creativity and time management and cost us approximately £25 per person. We booked in excess of 2,500 places visiting at least 30 different venues!

As well as being enjoyed, the competitive element and teamwork is of immediate benefit for now and in the future. Some groups also went to theme parks which were undertaken as a reward for completing an in-club course. Always popular and well deserved. Other outings were as simple as fruit picking or a trip to the seaside – a first for some!

These day trips help to ensure a packed summer of activities for the young to enjoy. We paid for all transport costs and significantly subsidise activity costs. Although we organise these trips throughout the summer holidays, it is the youth clubs and groups who promote and encourage attendance of the young and their staff who accompany them. They also help and encourage fundraising towards the subsidised cost of these trips which helps to improve the interaction between the young people and staff. It also insures the young turn up at the appointed time and attend.

## RESIDENTIALS



We had 10 groups going to a variety of venues as diverse as a farm in Devon, sailing in the English Channel as well as various activity centres - all stimulating and challenging environments. The young people selected come mostly from pupil referral units and are often difficult to engage. We had a borough-wide girl residential for those who had been identified as being sexually at risk which was a particular success.

The youth workers deliver evening workshops which engage and inform the young people with pertinent information in relation to cyber, drugs and various safety issues. It enables the young people to discuss their problems and help resolve shared issues. They also improve their social skills particularly when the use of mobile phones may not be possible!

They learn to work as a team, bonding with their contemporaries and staff giving not only a sense of pride but also trust within the group. For many of them it is the first time they will have stayed away from home and the courses really stretch the young people both mentally and physically.

## WORKSHOPS

Funding this year limited what we were able to provide. This year's most popular activity was kindly hosted by Cactus Kitchens (the home of Saturday Kitchen) where 3 groups spent a day learning where their food came from before cooking it in a professional kitchen. Very grateful thanks to the staff at Cactus, who also volunteered in-club cookery sessions.

Working closely with the local youth clubs as we do for all our activities, we meet to decide what workshops they would like to run. Some are easier to achieve than others! A recent request for life guard training from a young man who could not actually swim made us smile. Thanks to a new Council initiative to enable cheap swimming sessions, this young man is gaining some proficiency! The workshops can take place at the youth clubs or at external venues and can run over several weeks and many lead to an accreditation which will be a valuable addition to a young person's CV.



## TO CONTINUE THESE ACTIVITIES, WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT

BCPP pays for all office costs, so every penny raised goes directly to the activities.

Our local young people are deprived of so much, that they really do benefit from the opportunities which we can organise. So do please help us to help them as much as you feel able (if you have not already done so), by sending a donation.



## VOLUNTEERING

We are very grateful to all our volunteers as our events and activities take a lot of planning and preparation. They are, therefore not just busy during the events but also behind the scenes.

We believe that everyone has unique qualities and talents and we welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities. If you have any skills or talents which may benefit the running of a small organisation then please do get in touch.

We would like to thank all of you who are already working with us to help make the Scheme a success – **we couldn't do it without you!**



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We took a stall with Battersea Crime Prevention Panel, our parent charity, at the Falcon Road and Bellevue Road Festivals to promote our charity as well as the Battersea Ball, our main fundraising event. We attended Wandsworth's Get Active Day in King Georges Park to promote our own sports event, Sport in the Park. The Police Cadets helped us once again with a bucket collection at "Carols in the Square" organised by Thomas's School, held in Battersea Square.



## FUNDRAISING

During the spring 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 volunteered their help with the delivery. In addition, applications were made to various Charitable Organisations and local Businesses to gain sponsorship. We are extremely grateful to Battersea Power Station for a substantial donation towards Sport in the Park greatly contributing to its success and for their ongoing general support. We are equally grateful to Battersea United Charities, The Hedley Trust, M & G Investments, Sir Walter St John Charitable Foundation, T K Maxx, T Rowe Price, The Wimbledon Foundation, Wandsworth Grant Fund and a generous Anonymous Trust. This list would not be complete without mentioning the very generous and loyal support given to us by our local community, and the many local businesses and organisations who also supported us.





# ACCOUNTS 2017/18

Below is a summary of the accounts for 2017/18, it also shows how hard we need to work to raise enough funds for 2018.

Income	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018	Expense	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017 - 2018
Bank Interest	62	61	239	0	100 Club Prizes	245	230	395	220
100 Club	1,418	1,068	1,428	612	Sport in Park Costs	37,710	38,255	35,997	42,189
Sport In Park	30,122	8,382	8,278	35,668	Day Trips	22,082	32,294	* 51,338	58,226
Trips Income	26,370	35,848	27,380	32,325	Residential Trips	23,805	44,646	17,320	23,286
Trust Donation~	14,900	7,900	10,629	6,950	General Office	5,936	10,924	7,953	6,886
Corporate Donation~	4,550	475	1,477	1,540	Salaries	23,324	23,693	24,619	25,098
Public Donation	35,360	35,045	25,713	36,332	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>113,102</b>	<b>150,042</b>	<b>137,622</b>	<b>155,905</b>
Gift Aid	# 0	11,752	5,535	4,374					
BCPP	30,000	23,000	26,000	32,000					
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>142,782</b>	<b>123,531</b>	<b>101,466</b>	<b>149,801</b>	<b>Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>29,680</b>	<b>-26,511</b>	<b>-30,943</b>	<b>-6,104</b>

**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; # Gift Aid for this year included in 2015/16; \* Includes debt of £4,055 from 4Children







**IMAGINE** – never going away  
**IMAGINE** – you have never left London  
**IMAGINE** – the streets are your playground  
**IMAGINE** – 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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