

# BATTERSEA SUMMER SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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



# 2021 PROJECTS



After the challenges of trying to run a summer programme in 2020, 2021 was an amazing summer with the Youth Clubs embracing the opportunity to run activities and outings over the school summer holidays. We broke all records with an astonishing 3,500 day places booked over the summer! This included four residentials. On top of this there were two Roller Discos which were open to all.

## SPORT IN THE PARK

Sadly, we felt it was not safe to run Sport in the Park so yet again we had to cancel it. At the time of making the decision there were still major Corona Virus restrictions in place and although these eased significantly over the summer months, we could not guarantee this would be the situation. The event is heavily reliant on volunteers and many, quite understandably, were feeling very cautious about taking part. As it turned out there were so many other trips and activities taking place that the event was not missed.



## TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

It was with great relief that restrictions were lifted to enable the young people to take part in a whole load of activities. As the image suggests, we certainly did 'Stuff the Bus'! Over 90 day trips were booked of which over half required a coach which was great as the coach company we use had certainly been feeling the pinch over the past year. There were 20 day trips to the beaches around the South East coast and the sense of freedom felt by all was fantastic after all the lock down restrictions! There were a few trips which needed to be cancelled due to outbreaks of Covid-19 in the Clubs but venues were very understanding and we did not get penalised for this. Venues visited included:

- Adventure Island in Southend – a firm favourite
- Battersea Zoo
- Bike hire in Battersea Park
- Canoeing in Wimbledon
- Clay Pigeon shooting
- Climbing Walls
- GoApe in Battersea Park – a special thank you to them for donating the climbs
- Go Karting
- Guildford Spectrum (skate, bowl & swim)
- Horse riding
- Visits to Kew Gardens & Richmond Park
- Liquid Leisure – water activity park
- London Dungeon
- London Sightseeing Bus
- QPR Football Club guided tour
- Thames Rocket speed boats
- Trampolining
- 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. This could be done virtually so it really didn't matter if you had Covid at the time – if you felt well enough to join in you could! There was ongoing support for a Football programme which is always so popular. There was also a mini MasterChef type programme. Two Clubs held Roller Discos which could be attended by any young people, not just those belonging to the Club.



## COME DINE WITH ME

Based loosely on the TV programme of the same name, this has become one of the most popular events in the summer programme of activities. Five clubs were initially involved, sadly one of the clubs had to pull out due to Covid related staffing levels. The Clubs were tasked to cook for all the other clubs in turn and were judged on Entertainment, Atmosphere, Presentation and Food. There was a winner in each category and an overall winner for the whole competition. To add an extra twist, they were challenged to cook internationally themed menus. Two genres were pulled from a hat for each club and they needed to research and cook a fusion of both. This produced some interesting combinations! There was a fabulous Awards Ceremony held at



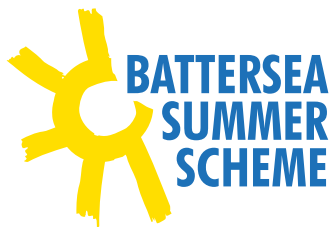
Mission Kitchen in New Covent Garden which was kindly sponsored by Battersea United Charities. The level of enthusiasm and engagement was really rewarding and this year's event is highly anticipated! Huge congratulations to Caius House – the overall winner and many thanks to Chef Luciano who helped us to organise this.

## RESIDENTIAL COURSES

We supported four residentials last year. Two were to a farm in Devon, one group for juniors, the other for seniors. There was also a residential to Bewl Water in Kent with lots of water activities and night time scrambles. The fourth was a larger group of 20 who went to Hindleap Warren activity centre. These residentials are really 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 really broadens their outlook by giving them new and challenging experiences. These residentials are great for focussing youths on study, development, responsibility, respect and understanding.





**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 in their lives throughout the summer and for their future.

We do this by running the following programmes:

- Summer Day Trips
- Summer Residentials
- 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 the young people with an increase in overall crime and a notable upsurge in violent crime over the past few years.

Families across the Borough face daily struggles – overcrowding, unemployment, poverty and households lacking in basic amenities which has only been made worse due to Covid-19. 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.

## WHAT WE DO



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.

Looking forward to this summer, we are optimistic that a full programme of activities will be taking place again whilst of course working within any restrictions that may still be in place. We are determined that all our Young People in the Borough will have the opportunity to have a dynamic summer!





# 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.

In light of the many months the young people were unable to be at school, unable to be with their friends, 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 to make up for the lack of activities this last year. 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. We still need to be aware of the impact of Covid-19 whilst 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:

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Summary Accounts for Battersea Summer Scheme				
	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022
<b>Income</b>				
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0
100 Club	660	0	0	0
Sport In Park	15,079	9,548	0	0
Trips Income	36,501	19,554	0	16,383
Trust Donation~	13,050	9,750	14,750	27,338
Corporate Donation~	5,732	1,158	1,006	1,018
Public Donation	# 52,560	39,123	47,302	36,509
Gift Aid	6,394	9,550	10,360	8,435
BCPP	33,500	34,000	34,000	17,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>166,476</b>	<b>122,683</b>	<b>107,418</b>	<b>106,683</b>
<b>Expense Categories</b>				
100 Club Prizes	230	0	0	0
Sport in Park Costs	32,430	42,013	0	0
Day Trips & Workshops	37,589	44,544	5,251	50,728
Residential Trips	35,719	29,605	1,624	18,974
General Office	7,674	7,289	6,269	7,715
Salaries inc HMRC & Pension	26,242	26,975	27,116	26,950
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>139,884</b>	<b>150,426</b>	<b>40,260</b>	<b>104,367</b>
<b>Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>26,592</b>	<b>-27,743</b>	<b>67,158</b>	<b>2,316</b>

## 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

## BATTERSEA CRIME PREVENTION PANEL



Battersea Summer Scheme is the primary project of Battersea Crime Prevention Panel. The Charity's aim is to make Battersea and Balham 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. For two years now, the Panel has not been able 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. We hope this will be temporary until the Ball fundraiser can resume.

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, we would really love to hear from you.

## VOLUNTEERING

## WHAT THEY SAY!!

"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 :)"

"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."

"Many congratulation to Battersea Summer Scheme in what must have been a frustrating year. Sincerely hope for good things in 2022"

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

"I wish you all a happy sunny and safe summer! Keep up the great work!"

"Well done for helping the kids of Battersea get out and about again."

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

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

"This donation is from Mark. He wanted the cost of his garden service he did in my garden to be donated to BSS. He is very keen on the work BSS does and he hopes a "beautiful Kid can benefit"

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

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

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

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

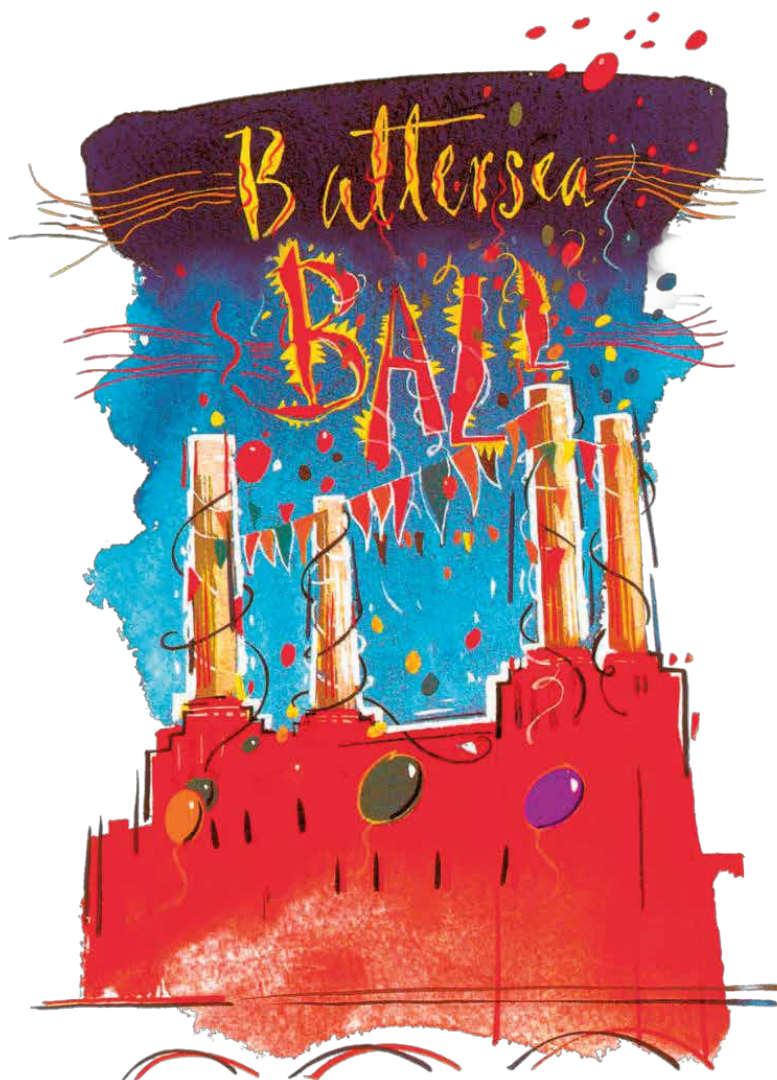
"We want to thank you for the Summer activities. My children enjoyed all the activities, cooking was very good. Thank you"

Don't forget that the Battersea Ball raises funds for Battersea Crime Prevention Panel which supports Battersea Summer Scheme's administrative costs. So, watch out for when tickets go on sale and come and support us at probably the

## **BEST CHARITY BALL IN BATTERSEA!!!**

After two years of being cancelled, this year will really be a chance to celebrate bringing the community together again and supporting your local Charity.

Tickets will be on sale from **September** so check the website for more information.



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you have never left London

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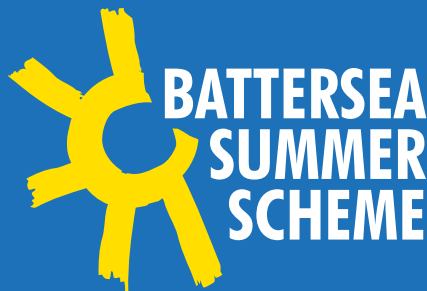
the streets are your playground

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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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