

Harborough Youth and Community Trust

Record of Community Consultation

4th May 2011

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Introduction

Harborough Youth and Community Trust (HYACT) was established in 2005 as a Churches Together Charity to deliver services that benefited the Young People of Market Harborough. Between 2005 and 2008 it ran the successful 'Cube' youth café from the Settling Rooms in Market Harborough. Since 2008 the Charity has undergone some changes; appointing new Trustees, strengthening the Supervisory Board and setting out a vision and strategy to once again deliver quality services for the young people of Market Harborough.

HYACT has carried out significant assessment of the needs of the young people of Market Harborough. Surveys have been carried out amongst the young people of the town as well as consulting with many community organisations. This has allowed us to set out a development strategy for the charity that will meet the needs of the young people of the town. Letters of support from many relevant community organisations are included in this document.

On Wednesday the 6th April we invited neighbours from 280 houses surrounding Symington's Recreation Ground to come to a consultation meeting in the Bowls Pavilion Building. After the event we then delivered another leaflet outlining our plans for the site to all 280 houses to ensure that everyone had been made aware of our proposals and had the opportunity to comment. These leaflets, along with a map illustrating which houses received the leaflets can also be found in this document.

Neighbourhood Meeting Invite

Dear Resident

Harborough Youth and Community Trust
Information Meeting

at

Symington's Bowling Club

Wednesday 6th April

6.30 – 7.15

We are a local charity supporting work with young people in Market Harborough.

We are looking for a new home and are exploring the opportunity to make use of Symington's Bowling Club.

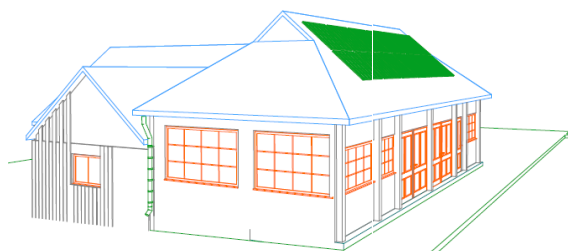
Please come and join us to hear more about our exciting ideas and future plans.

Our aim is to include the community in everything we do.

Yours Sincerely

Jean Molcher
Chair of the Trustees
HYACT

Contact: Gary Brown, Youth Worker
07722 190794



Proposed Youth and Community Centre at the former Bowls Pavilion Building on Symington Recreation Ground

On Wednesday the 6th April 2011 you were invited to a consultation meeting hosted by Harborough Youth And Community Trust about their proposals to refurbish the former Bowls Pavilion Building into a Youth and Community Centre. Below is an outline of what was presented at that meeting.

Harborough Youth and Community Trust (HYACT) is a registered charity established in 2005 to benefit the young people of Market Harborough. The charity was established by members from a variety of churches in the town and our main aim is to care for all young people in our community, providing the quality leisure time and development opportunities they deserve. We formerly ran 'The Cube' youth café from the Settling Rooms in Sainsbury's car park. We are currently looking for a venue to open a new Youth and Community Centre and are shortly going to be submitting a planning application to refurbish Symington Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion.



We plan to fully refurbish the building, in keeping with it's current style, to make a top quality centre that can be used as a Youth Club a few evenings each week, and a community café during the day. It is anticipated that the Youth Club will run from 7.30pm until 9.30pm and will be staffed by qualified and experienced staff and volunteers.

There will also be a small meeting room that can be used by any community group. This is an attractive building and we want to ensure that it remains for community use for many years to come.

We hope to work with members of the local community to develop a community garden on part of the former bowling green. If you would like to support us in this initiative or want to find out more then please contact Gary Brown on cube.gary@harboroughchurches.org.uk or telephone 07722190794. We would value any thoughts or suggestions you may have and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Map of Houses who received invite and Report of Neighbourhood Meeting

Register of Attendance, Neighbourhood Meeting 6th April 2011

RESIDENTS MEETING AT THE SYMINGTON BOWLING CLUB PAVILLION 6th APRIL 2011

	NAMES	ADDRESS
1	Cllr Phil Knowles	Bream Cottage, Back Lane, East Langton LE16 7TB
2	Cllr Barbara Johnson	20 Hillside Road, Market Harborough LE16 7PG
3	Cllr Dr Sarah Hill	13 Smyth Close, Market Harborough LE16 7NS
4	Mr Tushar Josh	PCSO 6162 Police
5	Matthew Bills	Harborough District Council
6	Stella Renwick	Harborough District Council
7	Sian Ponting	Harborough District Council
8	Suzanne Nockels	Congregational Church
9	Marion Lewis	2 Yeomanry Court, Market Harborough
10	Lou Bamber	21 Kettering Road, Market Harborough
11	Neil Stacey	18 Victoria Avenue, Market Harborough
12	Angela Zemlak	21 Park Drive, Market Harborough
13	Stacey Richards	Flat 2, 89 St Mary's Road, LE16 7DT
14	Penny Ulyyett	6 Harborough Road, Dingley LE16 8PH
15	Gary Brown	84 Tungstone Way
16	Jon Wragg	5 Waterfield Place, Market Harborough LE16 7LR
17	Helen Ulyett	6 Harborough Road, Dingley LE16 8PH
18	Jack Astbury Crimes	Chatsworth Drive
19	Charlie Tuck	Welland Park Road
20	Elliott Wragg	5 Waterfield Place, Market Harborough LE16 7LR

Young People's Survey August 2010

Question 1

Do you think there are enough things to do in Market Harborough for your age group?

Yes	No
17	32
34.6%	65.3%

Question 2

If a youth club was set up for your age range near Market Harborough Town Centre would you go to it?

Yes	No	Maybe
21	4	24
42%	8%	49%

So 91% of people would consider attending a Youth Club set up for their age range near Market Harborough Town Centre.

Question 3

If you did go to the youth club what times would suit you best?

After School	Evenings	Holidays	Didn't say
3	45	12	1
5%	73%	19.6%	1.6%

Question 4

What days of the week would you go to a youth club if you did?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat	Sun
14	18	16	20	20	14	10
12.5%	16%	14.2%	17.8%	17.8%	12.5%	8.9%

Age range of complete questionnaires

under10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	20+
4	2	8	2	1	3	20	10	0	1	1	0	1
7.5%	3.8%	15%	3.8%	1.9%	5.6%	37.7%	18.8%		1.9%	1.9%		1.9%

Letter of Support PC Malcolm Roberts

----- Original Message -----

From: [Roberts Malcolm](#)

To: 'Gary Brown'

Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2011 7:41 PM

Subject: NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED:- Youth Centre

Hi Gary

It was good to meet you at the proposed site for the Youth centre and talk about the ideas for the building. As the Beat officer for the area I believe it is important to keep ties with local agencies that are promoting Market Harborough.

I, and Market Harborough Police Station, fully support the idea of a Youth Centre on Symington Rec. The park has recently seen an increase in use, mainly due to the excellent play equipment that has been installed, and I believe the Centre you are proposing would add to the enjoyment of the Park and give younger members of the Community more options on how to spend their spare time and also show the Youth of Harborough in a positive light. Something that does not always happen from my experience as a Police Officer.

I hope once the centre is up and running we can speak again and maybe use some of the resources we can provide at the Youth Centre.

Regards

PC 2178 Malc Roberts

Market Harborough Police Station

Leicestershire Constabulary

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Letter of Support Market Harbourough Street Pastors

----- Original Message -----

From: [James Shakespeare](#)

To: '[Gary Brown](#)'

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2011 6:21 PM

Subject: Letter of Support

To Harbourough Youth and Community Trust,

As the Co-ordinator of Market Harbourough Street Pastors, I would like to offer my strong support for the CUBE youth project, and particularly the plans with regard to the old bowls club building at the Symington Pavilion. A great deal of work has gone into the development of this Churches' youth outreach project, and there is a sustainable base of young people from the local Churches, as well as the skilled volunteers, project officer and representative members of the CUBE board. As the representative of Street Pastors, I strongly believe that there *is* a need for further facilities for young people in Market Harbourough. At a time of shrinking public sector budgets, this is exactly the kind of need that can be met by a faith-led youth & community initiative. I hope that this planning application is successful, and believe the plans for this site meet a significant local need and are deliverable and sustainable. The nature of this project is that I do not believe it will provide cause for concern from local residents.

The Revd. James Shakespeare

Co-ordinator, Market Harbourough Street Pastors

Letter of Support Rural Youth Voice Project Worker

----- Original Message -----

From: [Sian Ponting](#)

To: [Gary Brown](#)

Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 12:06 PM

Subject: RE: Why is the Cube Needed?

Hey,

There has long been a need for generic youth provision in Harborough Town, developed in partnership with young people. Since the closing of the Cube there has not been the variety of provision which offers young people a real choice and opportunity to engage in services they are involved in and that are appropriate for them. There are many upcoming developments within the Youth Service that will dramatically effect provision for young people across the county, and particularly in Harborough District within the next 6 months. This includes the movement towards a much reduced offer of youth provision coupled with services being shifted almost exclusively to targeted groups. There will very soon be no generic youth work offered in the local area, and the targeted work that will be offered will also be much less. There is as a big danger of young people in the Harborough town area being marginalised and excluded. This is the perfect time for a voluntary sector organisation to begin developing a service that meets these young people's needs.

The Cube can offer a number of unique opportunities to young people in the town of Market Harborough:

- A real opportunity to participate in the development of services for them.
- A voluntary sector organisation delivering a variety of activities.
- Generic youth work, alongside identified targeted work.
- An organisation that is open to new ideas, and actively seeking to develop radical approaches to provision for young people.
- An organisation which seeks to engage with all communities – particularly proactive about engaging with the Travelling community.
- An organisation which seeks dynamic partnerships with statutory, voluntary and faith based groups.

Hope all is well ☺

Sian

Sian Ponting

Rural Youth Voice Project Worker

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Community Service

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Letter of Support, Harborough Baptist Church



Market Harborough Baptist Church

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20th April 2011

Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to express my church's full support for the development of the Symington's Bowling Club Pavilion for the use of the CUBE Youth Project.

In our church we have a number of young people aged 13-18, mostly boys in our case, and it is a concern that there appears to be little for them to do unless they are involved in sport or the performance arts. A drop in café with appropriate support services would make a real difference to some of these young men's lives.

As a church we fully support the previous work of the CUBE when it was in the Settling Rooms, and we were disappointed that it had to close. We are delighted at the prospect of it reopening in an even better venue, and hope that you will be able to pass the project's proposals through the planning stage.

With grateful thanks

Nicholas Cook
Minister, Market Harborough Baptist Church

Letter of Support, Market Harborough Churches Together

Market Harborough Churches Together

Chair: Rev Nicholas J A Cook
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Dear Harborough District Planning Office
20TH APRIL 2011

I would like to put on record the full support of Churches Together in Harborough for the proposed redevelopment of the Symington's Bowling Club Pavilion for the use of the Harborough Youth and Community Trust's CUBE Project.


The CUBE was originally set up by Mr James Briggs who ran it as a cross-church enterprise, located in the Settling Rooms. It enjoyed considerable success and widespread support whilst it was there, so when Mr Briggs was no longer able to lead the project and the CUBE closed, our Churches Together Forum insisted that we did something to revive it.

Since then Churches Together have had an active interest in the relaunch of the CUBE Café, such that we expect a report on progress at every Forum meeting we have (5 per year), and we have a representative who sits as a full member of the CUBE Supervisory Board. In addition, we have donated a number of our joint church service offerings to the CUBE, a sum in excess of £1700 so far this year, and have a strong vested interest in seeing the project succeed.

It seems to us that the Symington location is ideal for this youth café, being easy walking distance from the centre of town and with good development opportunities. When the café restarts we will continue to support it with regular donations, and many of the volunteers involved in the project will come from our own churches.

We hope you will see your way to granting the planning permission this project requires to see this valuable service for our young people restart.

Yours faithfully



Nicholas Cook
Chair, Market Harborough Churches Together

Letter of Support , Stella Renwick HDC Children's Services Manager

----- Original Message -----

From: [Stella Renwick](#)

To: [Gary Brown](#)

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 10:17 AM

Subject: RE: Letter of Support

Hi Gary,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to support your planning application to use the former Symington Recreation Ground Bowls Pavilion as the new venue for a youth facility in Market Harborough.

I am very supportive of the work for young people being developed by Harborough Youth and Community Trust (HYACT), especially given the track record of running the former Cube youth café at The Settling Rooms, Springfield Street. The organisation proved it had the capability and determination to offer a well used facility in the town for young people, and I am sure that same expertise will be assigned to this new development.

The committee of HYACT are local people, with a wide range of experience, and an understanding of community concerns across the age ranges. I am sure that the facility developed at Symington's Rec will meet both the needs of the young people using it, and also respect the rights of the community living around the area.

It is essential that we have such a facility in Market Harborough, a town whose population of young people is not supported by sufficient facilities for their leisure and recreation. Young people desire a modern, sustainable and fashionable style of facility fit for the 21st century and I know that HYACT will be aiming to develop just such a facility here. You have my full support for your project and I will be of assistance where I can.

Kind Regards,

Stella Renwick

Children's Services Manager

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Letter of Support, Harbourough Anglican Team

----- Original Message -----

From: [James Shakespeare](#)

To: '[Gary Brown](#)'

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:29 PM

Subject: RE: Letter of Support

Hello Gary

“Word of support for the HYAT & CUBE planning application for the Old Bowls Club on Symington’s Rec – from the Harbourough Anglican Team:-

On behalf of the Harbourough Anglican Team of Churches, I am delighted to offer my whole-hearted support for these plans. As well as being represented on the CUBE Board and an active partner of the project, we are entirely behind the project’s objectives and the plan to secure funding and run a youth & community project at the Old Bowls Club site. Churches work with a considerable number of young people, as well as having strong links with other sections of the population and local community. Knowing the track record of the CUBE and our local Churches, both Anglican and of other denominations, in working effectively and responsibly with local young people, we have every reason to believe and hope this project will be a great success. It will also contribute greatly to the social cohesion of the town.

Revd James Shakespeare, Associate Priest, Harbourough Anglican Team.”

Best wishes

James

Email Informing Martin Hazlewood, Borough Alliance FC

----- Original Message -----

From: [Gary Brown](#)
To: martin.hazlewood@ntlworld.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 4:45 PM
Subject: Symington Bowls Pavilion

Dear Martin,

My name is Gary Brown and I am the Development Worker with the local young people's charity 'Harborough Youth and Community Trust'. Over the past year we have been looking for a venue from which to open a Youth and Community Centre in Market Harborough and over the past few months have been discussing with Harborough District Council the former Bowls Pavilion as a potential venue for this. We believe that there is great potential in this venue and are working with a local architect to devise plans which would see this building refurbished and once again become a great resource for the people of Market Harborough. I would very much like to discuss this opportunity with you and feed in any ideas you may have into our proposals for this site. As well as being a youth centre, we intend for this to be a community café which would greatly benefit the public who currently use Symington Recreation Ground and further improve this part of our town.

Please do give some thought to this. I would appreciate any feedback you may have, including elements you would like to see incorporated in the design and use of the building that would benefit the Borough Alliance Football Club. We are keen to press on with the necessary fund-raising required for this work and therefore want to submit our planning application as soon as possible, hopefully by the end of next week.

You can contact me by email cube.gary@harboroughchurches.org.uk or telephone 07793 023930

Kind Regards,
Gary Brown

Cube Development Worker
07793 023930

Email Informing Paul Gash, Symington Sport Alliance

----- Original Message -----

From: [Gary Brown](#)

To: [Paul Gash](#)

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 4:37 PM

Subject: Symington Bowls Pavilion

Dear Paul,

My name is Gary Brown and I am the Development Worker with the local young people's charity 'Harborough Youth and Community Trust'. Over the past year we have been looking for a venue from which to open a Youth and Community Centre in Market Harborough and over the past few months have been discussing with Harborough District Council the former Bowls Pavilion as a potential venue for this. We believe that there is great potential in this venue and are working with a local architect to devise plans which would see this building refurbished and once again become a great resource for the people of Market Harborough. I would very much like to discuss this opportunity with you and feed in any ideas you may have into our proposals for this site. As well as being a youth centre, we intend for this to be a community café which would greatly benefit the public who currently use Symington Recreation Ground and further improve this part of our town.

Please do give some thought to this. I would appreciate any feedback you may have, including elements you would like to see incorporated in the design and use of the building that would benefit the sports organisations that use Symington Recreation Ground. We are keen to press on with the necessary fund-raising required for this work and therefore want to submit our planning application as soon as possible, hopeful by the end of next week.

You can contact me by email cube.gary@harboroughchurches.org.uk or telephone 07793 023930

Kind Regards,
Gary Brown

Cube Development Worker
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