

# Detached youth work project - quarterly report

Period: January 2025 to March 2025

This our Final Report for Detached and Outreach work.

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## 1. Overview

We are still delivering detached on the roster below. We altered a few of our sessions due to Ben Reynolds being absent from work and West Kent Delivering the detached work using other staff. During October and Christmas School Holidays we sometimes delivered detached sessions earlier in the day, or occasionally on a different day of the week.

Monday: Swanley  
Tuesday: Sevenoaks  
Wednesday: Edenbridge  
Thursday: Sevenoaks/Swanley (Delivered by 2 different teams)

In this quarter we have engaged with 129 young people across all areas.

Below is a summary of our overall work for the past quarter in each area.

## 2. Area reports

### Swanley

#### Street based Work

60 engagements with young people. (14 sessions)

Our detached route continues to include the following areas regularly: Asda and the surrounding shops, the skatepark, St Mary's estate, leisure centre, Whiteoak estate and Barn Park. We occasionally change the route responding to issues that are highlighted to us. We have met most of the young people in the parks in the town.

#### Individual Support

Whenever we engage with young people, we will always check on their well-being. This is done through conversations and observations. Whenever needed we will do an immediate intervention with the young person. This involves listening to their current issues and concerns, such as friendships, home life and school. We support them to produce a mini action plan.

When the needs of the young people outweigh our knowledge or ability, we will signpost the young person to the most appropriate service for their needs.

We have seen a number of Young People at the new McDonalds site this quarter. Also some young people have been asking about the equipment that is missing from the cherry Avenue Park. When will it be replaced.

## **Sevenoaks**

### **Street based Work**

40 engagements with young people (9 sessions)

Our detached work continues to visit the following areas: Greatness Park and estate, Bradbourne lakes, the Vine, Hollybush, the high street, and the leisure centre. We consistently visit these areas on a regular basis.

With the weather in January being not being so good we have found it difficult to do detached, so most of the engagements were in February and March.

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In Sevenoaks, we sometimes refer young people to HOUSE in the Basement, Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust or the next step project. We can also refer young people to the Compass project, either in Swanley or Edenbridge.

## **Edenbridge**

### **Street based Work**

29 engagements with young people. (10 sessions)

We regularly deliver detached work with Anthony Shipwright from the Eden Christian Trust. We regularly visit the high street, the skatepark, the recreation ground, the leisure centre, Stangrove estate, and Spitals Cross. As the two key youth organisations in the town, we know many young people and parents that we meet. This is a good opportunity to catch up with any young people we haven't seen in a while and introduce ourselves and services to any new young people.

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In Edenbridge we can refer to HOUSE, Eden Christian Trust, the Family Hub, and the Biz.

Some young people have been asking about lights at the Skate so they can skate longer.

### **Wider Local Partnership Work**

We meet with partners at the monthly DCSM and MARAC meetings, to discuss how we can work together for the benefit of young people brought up to the meeting. These partners include KCC, SDC, VRU, Kent police, BTP, Family Hub, Southeastern rail.