

Ripley Youth Engagement

Operation

Sporting Communities have been ever-present within Ripley to operate on a plethora of community services; supporting young people to become diverted from negative behavioural influences. Through the range of opportunities being offered and co-developed with Ripley residents, young people have highlighted distinct growth in independence, confidence, and self-awareness which has contributed to their self-development as well as alleviation of pressing domestic and social concerns.



Geographical reach of participants

31

Total number of young people engaging with the Youth Engagement Sessions sessions in 2021

8

The total number of schools in which the young people currently attend

11

The average age of young people attending the sessions during the summer Youth Engagement sessions

9

The number of Youth Engagement sessions ran during the school holidays

Justification

Our Community Reassurance model, diversionary youth sessions, and our holiday activities programme have ensured that a variety of prevailing domestic, personal, and social issues affecting young people and their families are being met in an accessible community service model. Statistically, the Amber Valley district suffers from a high number of residents experiencing fuel poverty caused by high levels of low-socioeconomic deprivation in immediate areas of the time as well as a high level of yet plateauing, anti-social behaviour instances (UK Crime Stats, 2022; Derbyshire County Council, 2019). Our range of services have held specific focus in targeting all such issues through alleviating pressures around children's physical activity during both term-time and the school holidays, as well as an effective engagement-to-activity model to overcome anti-social behaviour pressures.

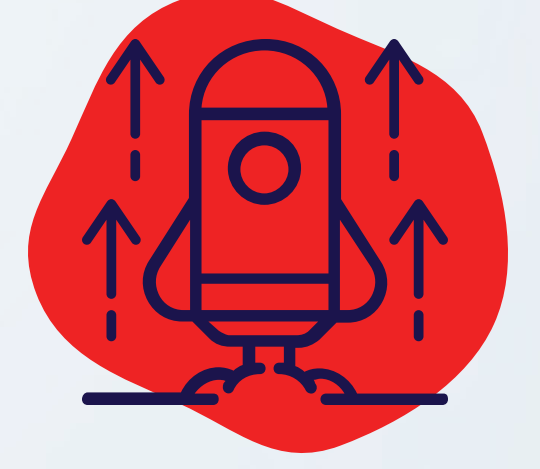
Outcomes

The raft of varying methods of positive engagement with young people have led to young people overcoming a range of domestic and societal issues. The Cook, Eat, Play programme has aided in an increase in confidence of parents to access quality and necessary nutrition for their children whilst ensuring a reduction of tedium through engagement in positive team games and activities. Furthermore, the youth sessions and community reassurance engagement has helped to build relationships and trust between young people, families, and staff which, in-turn, has enabled us to gather insight on wider, prevailing concerns and challenges the young people were facing. This has allowed us to explore external support mechanism such as Mentoring and Family Support referral pathways to ensure all needs are met with holistic and bespoke actions.

23.5%

Reduction in anti-social behaviour

Our services in Ripley have contributed to a decrease in anti-social behaviour instances (UK Crime Stats, 2022 - Mar 2020 to Feb 2022)



The sessions have been centralised around boosting young people's self-development, interests, and alleviation of needs

'Just wanted to say that my two have absolutely loved the half term club at ripley with the [staff] and the others I sadly don't know their names but they've been brilliant. I can't believe there aren't more kids making use of it it's crazy.'

Parent from Ripley Youth Engagement Sessions



[Child's name] really enjoyed it sorry he couldn't come again we went to visit some family. Will you be doin a club over the Easter holidays? :) I will share on Facebook for you ..you are all wonderful:)"

Parent from Ripley Youth Engagement Sessions

Social Return on Investment

The economic impact of our interventions are clear and distinct. The contributions towards reductions of anti-social behaviour within Ripley over the previous 2 years is a significant example of such. We have utilised estimations from New Manchester Economics to calculate the projected impact of our programme on local economical savings:

Anti-social Behaviour

A reduction of 23.5% in anti-social behaviour instances with our sessions contributing to a projection 10-20% of such (median 15%). The reduction of instances between the period of March 2020 to February 2021 and March 2021 to February 2022 was 141 (UK Crime Stats, 2022).

15% of 141 instances = 21.15 x £701.00 (cost per instance) = **£14,826.15** (New Manchester Economics, 2018)

