

## **Application to Calne Without Parish Council for funds towards re-opening Derry Hill and Studley Youth Club after lockdown – December 2021**

Derry Hill and Studley Youth Club meets between 7.30 and 9pm once a month on a Friday for children in years 6, 7 and 8 during term time at the Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill. It is run by a small team of adult volunteers. We typically have 50 or so members that attend our sessions enjoying activities such as air hockey, darts, pool and table tennis. We organise events too, for example, personal safety workshops, quiz nights, disco's and pamper evenings. Entry is £2 plus tuck.

The Youth Club provides an essential safe meeting place for our young people outside of school and home. It allows them to relax and spend time with their friends (and make new ones) in an informal setting. It gives them something to do and aids independency, allowing them to make choices of their own. Youth Club fosters a sense of belonging, making our community stronger.

Since March 2020 Youth Club has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been taking advice from Youth Action Wiltshire (YAW) of which we are members and the National Youth Agency, keeping abreast of developments in respect of the readiness level for the youth sector. In September 2021, the readiness level moved to GREEN (all can open) and we have been actively contacting our past and recruiting new members to generate a new circulation list for communication purposes. We are now in a position to look at re-opening, however national advice asks us to consider staggering arrival and departure times and limiting numbers. This will have an impact on our income of which we have had none for almost two years, apart from a £100 donation from the Fete Committee for running the Skittles Stall in September 2021. Further, we have still had to cover our insurance and affiliation costs for this period from our funds and will need to do so in the year ahead including hiring of the Lansdowne Hall. Therefore, it is for these costs that we kindly ask if Calne Without Parish Council would consider providing a grant so that we can begin to build new funds to allow the Club to recover and most importantly to enable our young people to benefit from our provision once again.

We would like to request a total sum of £206.17 to cover the cost of the following:

- £50 affiliation to YAW for 2020/21 (1 April -31 March)
- £156.17 Insurance costs for 2020/21 (1 April -31 March)

If the Parish Council is able to extend it's funding to the 2021/22 financial year, then an additional grant of £50 affiliation and £160.62 insurance would be most welcome.

Youth Club would be very grateful if you could consider our request for funds and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Katie Griffin, Co-leader