

Teen Spaces Working Group -An update 19th August 2026

The Group feels that we need to gain understanding of what teenagers in the village would like and make use of in help inform any future project/s.

To this end we are looking at a 2 stage research process. Cllr Urbick has offered his time and expertise in running some qualitative research session with groups of young people. The objective is to gain a broad understanding what is missing for teenagers in the village (excluding things like a bike track). These groups will inform more structured qualitative research amongst both teenagers and their parents to explore what a teen space might look like, what it should include and where it might be located.

The qualitative groups were planned to take place w/c 24th August but have now been postponed. Likely to take place when schools restart with quantitative research to follow.

A MOP has been in contact about the possibility of restarting a Youth Club in the village. Although this falls outside the remit of the council we may look to support the initiative by including in our research.

Goring Social Club raised the possibility of their running a youth initiative with NM and SL. At this stage we have no details, but it could dovetail into our Teen Space investigations.

Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers suggested that Woodcote may be interested in sharing a youth worker with us. Cllr Povey is following up with her to clarify what this could mean in practice.