

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES (Min 390/00)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to apprise Members of this year's summer holiday playschemes.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 A wide range of activities were held for children and young people during the school summer holidays. For the second year, activities were provided in partnership with two of the Parish Councils.

3 SWIMMING

- 3.1 This was the third year the swimming scheme operated. A total of six schools were used. Due to the use of Doggetts Primary School being free of charge, extra sessions were provided elsewhere in the District.
- 3.2 Unlike previous years, all of the sessions took place this year. In previous years, the scheme had been hit by poor water quality or problems with pool plant.
- 3.3 All of the venues were popular with an increase of 543 attendances on last year. A breakdown for each venue is detailed below.

	Venue	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Total
Week 1	Great Wakering	23	43	41	24	33	164
	Doggetts	18	16	27	8	14	83
	Rayleigh Primary	49	88	75	24	50	286
Week 2	Great Wakering	22	25	20	34	35	136
	Doggetts	20	13	18	40	29	120
	Downhall	55	12	12	13	21	113
Week 3	Doggetts	16	20	40	37	33	146
	Downhall	10	14	51	24	45	144
	Riverside	39	95	83	74	90	381
	Sweyne	64	79	75	105	88	411
	Sweyne (adults)	1	5	4	3	3	16
Week 4	Doggetts	14	19	29	36	27	125
	Sweyne	34	50	75	36	41	236
	Sweyne (adults)	2	4	1	1	2	10
	Rayleigh Primary	4	65	54	33	43	199
	Riverside	77	97	85	85	93	437
Week 5	Sweyne	0	75	75	32	51	233
	Sweyne (adults)	0	3	1	3	2	9
	Doggetts	0	4	5	0	10	19
	Riverside	0	75	75	32	51	233

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- 3.4 In line with Best Value, customer feedback forms were issued to all of those taking part and the comments received are appended.

4 DAY CAMPS

- 4.1 The Summer Day Camps were provided by Leisure Connection Plc on behalf of the Council. There were a total of 3,755 attendances catered for out of a possible total of 4,000.

5 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 This year, a slightly different range of activities were provided for children and young people in the District. The activities on offer comprised netball, cricket, cycling, and basketball. For the 11 – 15 year old age range, two trips to Grangewaters Outdoor Activity Centre were arranged offering windsurfing, abseiling and mountain biking on rough terrain.
- 5.2 Again this year, Hullbridge and Canewdon Parish Councils contributed towards the cost of providing activities in their villages. Both areas were provided with sports afternoons and Hullbridge also had art and craft sessions.
- 5.3 In total there were a total of 490 attendances.

6 FUTURE PROVISION

- 6.1 This year there was a reduction of 10 attendances for the sports development activities. However, the choice of activities available catered for a wider age range. Overall, of those activities directly provided by the Council, including swimming, the total attendance figure was 3,896 with the previous two years being 3,327 for 2000/2001 and 2,052 for 1999/2000.
- 6.2 The response to some of the activities continues to be disappointing while the success of others continues to grow. This year, the planned rugby and scuba diving were cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 6.3 Talks will continue with schools and young people in the District to ensure that the activities offered meet expectations.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 It would appear that the provision of sport and leisure activities for young people contributes towards the reduction of youth crime and youth nuisance. Certainly, the feedback from Hullbridge has been very positive with instances of youth nuisance and crime dropping significantly. This is being attributed to the success of the holiday activity programme.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This year, £10,000 was allocated towards the swimming programme and £8,600 towards the day camps run by Leisure Connection Plc. The sports development budget funded the remainder of the sports activities.
- 8.2 The cost of hiring the school pools for the swimming programme has increased and there is also a greater demand for this provision. Therefore for the financial year 2002/03 a sum of £12,000 will be included within the draft estimates for swimming and an inflation increase for the day camps.

9 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Hullbridge and Canewdon Parish Councils were partners in the delivery of some of the activities.

10 RECOMMENDATION

- 10.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

1. That Members note the success of the schemes this year.
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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY COMMENTS

Activity	Comment
Advanced Netball	Emma enjoyed the course but we expected this as her club coaches were running it!!
Netball	What a wonderful week that was – thank you
	Please continue to provide these courses
	Why is Park Sports Centre going to close?
	This is the 3 rd year that the girls attended – very pleased that an advanced course was offered this year. Keep up the good work and ideas
Cricket	The boys had an excellent 2 days – good level of supervision to numbers of children
	Could venue be nearer school? Also, my son only had the opportunity to bat once as he was put in the same group twice. Groups should have been turned around to give everyone a fair turn at batting.
	It would have been nice if one school per week was offered. Also a venue closer to Great Wakering would be welcome as the sports centre has a massive field with which to play sports
	I think the Summer Cricket School should be played outside if possible
	Cricket was under staffed and my son was disappointed with the lack of tuition. If staffed properly more cricket days should be introduced.
	My son and nephew enjoyed it more than any other activity they have done. Easter holidays might be a good time to do it again
Cycling	The venue perhaps wasn't suitable for races. Whilst attending this activity my child was injured and no refund was offered etc. as activity couldn't be completed or further date offered.
	Child was disappointed as no certificate was given at the end of the course. First Aid and refreshments should be provided.
	As the activities are during the summer holidays, it is not always possible to attend a particular course because of prior holiday arrangements.
	The children would attend again if different elements were involved, particularly road sense.
	It was quite expensive, especially with 2 children to pay for.