

Youth and Recreation Summary 22-23 Cllr K Derson

22-23 has seen the continuation of the popular Strength and Balance classes held at the Jubilee Hall in Blockley. Krys Cave has said that the classes are going well and feedback from the public continues to be very positive. However due to illness and other factors numbers have dropped recently. There is space for another 5-10 people, and the council has been asked for ideas regarding advertising the classes locally. This is something that councillors will consider at the June meeting.

Inspire to Aspire are continuing to provide a popular youth club. Numbers have remained high even through the winter months. There is a higher number of juniors compared to seniors, which can be seen on the latest monthly report but in September there will be some changes due to the new school year and children moving from the juniors to the seniors. The high number of children attending is a testament to the need of such a service for parishioners and the local area. The Youth and Recreation committee have recently met with Inspire to Aspire to discuss how we see the youth club in the future. We are working towards involving young people and encouraging them to represent themselves through democratic structures. We are also looking at ways to increase engagement with local community groups.

The parks in the parish are all providing a safe place for fun and games for local parishioners and visitors alike. New equipment has been installed in Churchill Close and Springfield for 12 months now. A recent ROSPA inspection has flagged up some remedial work that needs to take place to keep the parks maintained at a high standard. Most issues are low risk. However, there is a swing buckle in Springfield Park that needs looking at and some work needs to be carried out on gates and fencing in Aston Magna and Paxford. Council will discuss and action these tasks in the June meeting.

In summer 22 council arranged for a sports camp to be held for children in the parish. This was highly successful thanks to Mr G Jones who organised and ran the sports camp and to BSCC for the venue. A discussion of summer 23 ideas will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

Thank you to BPC who all work hard to ensure that these recreational activities are provided for members of the parish and neighbouring area.