

A new youth project?

Here is something you might like to know about - and perhaps offer your support: a proposed new youth project for Horndean and surrounding area.

In recent months, interested local people have been thinking about running a new youth centre, as a special facility for local young people aged 11-18.

One strong suggestion is to convert the former Horndean library building on Five Heads Road as a youth centre. The project could be run by the King's Arms, an already established youth service provider working out of Alton and Petersfield.

Of course, this would need money and effort, but we think is very worthwhile, especially for young people who need some extra support.

What we are doing right now is:

- Writing to Hampshire County Council (who own the building) to ask if it could be taken on for this purpose, at minimal cost
- Looking for sponsors - especially amongst developers building new homes in the area - for fitting out the building and contributing towards running costs
- Forming a partnership of interested people, to generate support, and 'ownership' of the project locally - which it will need to succeed
- Sounding out residents, local churches and other stakeholders, to see what level of support might be available from anyone who has an interest and could offer something, however small – for example, some practical building work, materials, donations, help with fundraising or volunteering.

IF YOU THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA, please email or text your support to

dom@thekingsarms.org.uk

or text 07772 504637

Please also reply if you can pledge any type of support for this vision for Horndean.

You might also like to write to the Leader of the County Council, simply to say you would like to see the former library building at Horndean converted into a youth centre. The councillors will only know what people think if they are told!

Write to Councillor Nick Adams-King:

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or text him at 07771 727402