

Hungerford serves a large number of people in nearby villages as well as its own residents. Children and young people make up a significant part of the community so it is important that their ideas and needs are taken into consideration when planning for the future. Many people feel that there is not enough provision for young people. Part of the problem is that parents and young people themselves are not fully aware of a whole host of varied activities that are on offer. Publicising events and activities can give more people the opportunity to take part and support local clubs.

It is important that children and young people grow up in a safe and healthy environment where they are given choices and involved in decision making. Work should be focused on developing closer links between the different generations in the community. Young people need to be given more ownership and responsibility to develop their ideas with the support of their peers. It is vital that the different organisations and clubs for children and young people communicate and work together to maximise provision.



Policies

Ensure that children and young people grow up in a safe and healthy environment.

Encourage children and young people to be more involved with all other generations.

Ensure that young people become more aware of existing activities and encourage them to make use of them.



Key Actions

- Improve access to information on local events, clubs and activities and encourage more people to join in.
- Increase the variety of clubs and activities for young people such as setting up a film club.
- Recruit more volunteers to help supervise clubs at the John O'Gaunt Community Centre so that it can offer more for young people.
- Extend links between John O'Gaunt and local businesses by increasing the number of local work experience placements and encouraging business people to share their knowledge with students.
- Improve and maintain transport links with neighbouring villages so that young people can access different services and activities.
- Make good use of the minibus links provided by the HSCP and the John O'Gaunt Community Centre.
- Form a Young People's Council to represent Hungerford and its surrounding villages, and ensure that it works with Hungerford Town Council and other agencies.
- Encourage more child-friendly shops and ideas such as annual children's market, clothes for younger people, music or toys.