



Rochford Parish Council

Members of the Community Projects Committee are summoned to attend a meeting to be held on **Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 6.30pm** in the Parish Rooms.

The Agenda is set out below.

The meeting is open to the Press and Public. Councillors who are not members of the Community Projects Committee are welcome to attend

If there are any items on the Agenda for which members will require further information, please notify the Clerk by 1pm on the preceding working day to enable her to have it ready for the meeting.

Emma Terris
Clerk to the Council
Friday 5th June 2026

Terms of Reference for Community Projects Committee.
Membership for 2026/27:

Membership: Cllr A Williams, Cllr D Crosbie, Cllr J Edmunds, Cllr L Thomas,
Cllr G Edwards, Cllr L Bryceland, Cllr E Houston- Bailey.

To work within delegated powers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 101) to provide and manage the following services:

- a. Monitoring Financial Performance and setting budgets
- b. Handling the Parish Council's Youth Initiatives
- c. Managing the Christmas Festivities
- d. Managing all the Parish Council's Events
- e. To consider any items referred from time to time by Full Council.
- f. To appoint working parties/task and finish groups to carry out specific work where necessary.
- g. To consider any Planning Applications received where necessary.

Parish Council Rooms
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Agenda

1. To elect a Chair
2. To elect a Deputy Chair
3. To receive apologies for absence.
4. To receive Declarations of Interest.
5. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held **15th April 2026** as a true record of that meeting.
6. Events
 - a) Christmas 2026 - report from the office
 - b) Information Days 2026 – report from the office
 - c) Applause Touring – report from the Office
7. Rochford Parish Council newsletter
8. Funding proposal for detached youth work in Rochford.
9. Planning Applications – none at time of the agenda being issued.



MINUTES OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS
held on Wednesday 15th April 2026 at
6.30 pm
at The Parish Rooms, Rochford

Present: Cllr Arthur Williams (Chair), Cllr Denise Crosbie (Vice), Cllr Daniel Efde, Cllr James Edmunds, Cllr Leona Bryceland and Cllr Linda Thomas

In Attendance Clerk – Emma Terris
Assistant to the Clerk – James Faulkner

63/25 To receive apologies for absence.

63/25.1 There were no apologies for absence.

64/25 To receive Declarations of Interest.

64/25.1 Cllrs Efde and Williams declared an interest in the Rochford District Council.

65/25 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th March 2026

65/25.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record of that meeting.

66/25 Events

a) Christmas 2026

Report from the Office was received.

It was unanimously agreed for Hockley Garden Centre to source and transport the Parish Christmas Tree.

The Clerk has met with Jodie Sharp, Manager at Brocks Corner and to confirm arrangements for the Santas Grotto. Brocks Corner would like their staff to assist and also for some time to be allocated on the stage for them to perform. Councillors agreed for the Council to work with Brocks Corner. Cllr Edmunds asked for disability access to the stage to be investigated.

It was agreed to ask Lee Clark to be Santa this year.

It was agreed to invite Sue Harrison to present this year.

It was agreed for quotes to be obtained for the Christmas signage. It was requested that the signage is generic so that it can be used on an annual basis.

b) Information Days

The report from the office was received.

c) Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday, 28th May 2026

The agenda for the meeting was agreed as follows: Discussion on whether Rochford Parish Council should be known as a Town Council. Update on The Freight House. Cllr Edmunds declared an interest and offered the use of his PA and recording equipment.

d) Roundabout Rochford

It was noted that Roundabout Rochford has ceased trading and will no longer be producing publications. A discussion took place regarding the Parish Council producing its own newsletters and increasing its social media presence. Further discussion to take place regarding this at a future meeting.

67/25 Town Team Assets

The Clerk reported that the assets are in the process of being transferred to the Council. Consideration will need to be given as to how the assets can be utilised and displayed within the Parish.

68/25 Planning applications

None at the time of the agenda being issued.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.08 pm.

ROCHFORD PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT

COMMITTEE	Community Projects
DATE OF MEETING:	15 th April 2026
SUBJECT:	Christmas report from office
AUTHOR	Laura Buckley-Hills
CIRCULATION	All Members


Christmas 2026

Kim Parker has requested a quote for disabled access; we are awaiting costings. Kim has also started asking local schools and dance school at attend our event.

Le Clark has agreed to attend our Grotto – fee £100.

Su Harrison fee for presenting our event and the tractor run – £400

Mesh banner quote to be placed on our posts at the beginning of South Street - quote is from Solopress.

 **Added to your basket...**



Product:	Price:
Vinyl Banners Product: Mesh Banners Height: 1.5m Width: 3.5m Material: Mesh Additional Options: With Eyelets Versions: 1 Quantity: 1	£83.48 ex. VAT

Example of banner:



Road Closure for the event has been sent to Licensing at Rochford District Council. The Office has been advised that we now have to pay for road closures – please see the attached email.

The Clerk has already requested for the Licensing Department to forfeit the charge for our parishioners. The Office will update Councillors of the outcome as soon as possible.

Does Council wish to ask London Southend Airport to sponsor our Grotto this year? Will Council be asking local businesses for sponsorship? If so, please review last year's sponsorship form, as the Office suggests we start speaking to people/businesses in September.

The Office would like Councillors to consider what gifts Santa will be giving this year and to consider the costings per child. In storage we already have approximately 47 Christmas books and Christmas Activity books. Plus a large holdall of small soft toys.

Post for Christmas – Does Councillors wish to make any changes – please note the timings of the stage has been changed to start at 2pm (originally it was 2.30pm)

Rochford Parish Council presents

Rochford Christmas Festival
Sunday 6th December 2026

STAGE 2PM TO 4.30PM
Light Switch on at 4.30pm
Santa's Grotto at Brock's Corner
Santa's Sleigh & Stage in Rochford Square will have music/choirs
from local schools and theatre groups
--- Festive Fun for all the family ---

Sponsors: Sarah Beth Jewellers, Kendrick's, Rochford (District Council), London Southend Airport, Miss Daisy (AND MUCH MORE)

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From: Licensing <Licensing@rochford.gov.uk>
Sent: 22 May 2026 12:54 PM
To: Laura Buckley-Hills <assistant@rochfordparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr Arthur Williams <CllrArthur.Williams@Rochford.gov.uk>; Emma Terris <clerk@rochfordparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Road Closures for Rochford Parish Council

Good Afternoon Laura,

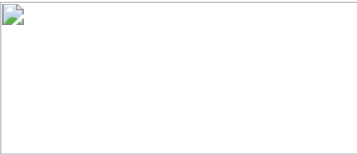
Thank you for your email.

The Full Council made the decision for this financial year, after the approval of the Licensing Committee, to include fees for road closures due to the time and expense to the Council. However the Council did place delegated authority to the Licensing Manager to consider waiving the fee for days of national importance, this is contained in our guidance and on our website which you can find here: <https://www.rochford.gov.uk/apply-for-a-road-closure-or-street-party>.

When it comes to your Remembrance Day road closure, this date is considered a day of national importance and there is an option in the application form to state that the closure is for a day of national importance, which I believe is right next to where you state the number of expected attendees, which will then remove the fee. Where the fee is not paid and it is not a day of national importance, as determined by the Licensing Manager, the fee will need to be paid before the application will be progressed and is subject to a minimum of 12 weeks notice to be considered valid.




I hope this makes sense but please get back in touch if you wish to discuss this further.

Kind Regards,



Simon Barnes
Senior Licensing Officer
Rochford District Council

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Subject: Road Closures for Rochford Parish Council

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Good morning,

Wonder if you could help me regarding road closures for our Parish events.

I have been trying to complete the new system for submitting road closures for our events. However, we are being charged to complete the process. For instance, for our Christmas Event for 1000 people attending in Rochford Square the on the system it said we needed to pay £437.00.

The Parish has never paid for any road closures for Christmas or Remembrance Day in the past. Plus we are allowed to have upto 4 events in Rochford Square free of charge.

I have been using the link on the Rochford District Website as follows:

https://rochford-self.achieveservice.com/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-9ded5f2d-edc4-4751-8e48-29006f873343/AF-Stage-b63d7de5-c0ac-4f4f-a2ce-98e4076efc5c/definition.json&redirectlink=/en&cancelRedirectLink=/en

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Re: Road Closures for Rochford Parish Council - Laura Buckley-Hills - Outlook

I have used this link for the past 3 years. Can you please advise how to move forward, as I would like to request the road closures asap.

Any help much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Laura Buckley-Hills
Assistant to the Clerk

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Rochford Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Rochford Parish Christmas Festival 2025

The Rochford Parish Christmas Festival will be taking place on Sunday 7th December 2025 from 12.30pm to 5pm.

The Parish Council will be working with Kim Parker and Team for this Event. The Event will include stage entertainment, Back Lane Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto.

This Event brings the joy of the festive season to Rochford Parish and includes the Christmas Lights switch on. This year the lights will be switched on 4.30pm, the winner of the Home Christmas Window Competition will be invited to switch the lights on.

The Parish Council strives to bring the parish together and we would like to help advertise local businesses in the area.

In return we would be grateful for any sponsorship to help towards the cost of the lights.

- Sponsor's logo to appear on the poster for the event.
- The poster will be in Roundabout Rochford in November's Edition.
- Each sponsor's logo will be on a large banner which will be on the side of our stage throughout the day.

In order for us to use your logo we will require you to send us a high-resolution copy for our printers to assistant@rochfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Any monies should be bank transferred to us – please email the above address for the details.

To ensure your logo is included in all advertising, we will require all details with payment by **Friday 10th October 2025. (To be agreed)**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office to discuss any of these arrangements. We would be most grateful to receive your sponsorship by completion and return of the attached form.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Terris

Clerk, Clerk to the Council
Rochford Parish Council

Sponsorship of Rochford Parish Christmas Festival Lights 2025

Name of business/organisation

.....

Address

..... Postcode:

Email:

Tel No/Mobile No:

I/we wish to sponsor the following amount (please circle the amount below) or add your own amount towards the Rochford Parish Christmas Festival Event 2025.

Please send all payments via bank transfer (details will be sent to you by the office)
Please email your high-resolution logo to assistant@rochfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please circle the amount you wish to sponsor;

£25.00 £50.00 £100.00 £125.00 £200.00

Or state how much you wish to sponsor £.....

A receipt will be sent to you once monies have been transferred.

PAYMENT AND LOGO MUST BE RECEIVED BY
Friday 10th October 2025 (to be confirmed)
For your logo to be included on the poster and banner.

Payment and logos after **(date to be confirmed)** will only be included on the banner

Rochford Parish Council thanks you for your support in sponsoring our
Christmas Festival 2025.

ROCHFORD PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT

COMMITTEE	Community Projects
DATE OF MEETING:	10 th June 2026
SUBJECT:	Information Days
AUTHOR	Laura Buckley-Hills
CIRCULATION	All Members

We had our Second Information Day Event in the WI Hall on Tuesday 28th April 2026.

Everyone attended – apart from the PCN Nurses - had good feedback from both the WI and the attendees.

We had some feed back from Bosom Pals:

“The only feedback we would offer is, are you able to add some extra signage outside, which explains there are stands inside for them to get information on lots of local support groups etc. We saw the one that said Coffee Morning, but feel that more people may have popped in if they had realised what else was on offer.”

Would the committee consider looking at signage for instance for the railings? If so, can the Clerk have permission to order/buy a sign?

So far no one has cancelled attending our June session.

Please see the list of groups/people attending to date:

Tuesday 24 th March 2026 – FULL – 6 tables	Tuesday 28 th April 2026 – FULL – 6 tables
Hamelin J W Tates & Sons Dementia Group Trust Links Agewell East Futures in Mind	Bosom Pals J W Tates & Sons Essex Well Being Services/PCN Rochford Essex Fire Services Remap Futures in Mind
Tuesday 30 th June 2026 – 1 table free	Tuesday 29 th September 2026 – 1 table free
PCN Rochford J W Tates & Sons Essex Well Being Services Future in Mind TEC Officer – Essex County Council Parish Table	Rochford PCN J W Takes & Sons Essex Well Being Services Future in Mind Essex Fire Services TEC Officer – Essex County Council

Tuesday 3 rd November 2026 – 1 table free	
Bosom Pals J W Tates & Sons Essex Well Being Services PCN Rochford Trust Links Future in Mind	

The office has contacted the Day Centre for a “summer holiday” event – but no reply as yet. With time fleeting, an event in August, we may not be able to move forward this year. Are Councillors happy to consider having the event in half term in October or next year?

ROCHFORD PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT

COMMITTEE	Community Projects
DATE OF MEETING:	10 th June 2026
SUBJECT:	Applause Touring Report from the office
AUTHOR	Laura Buckley-Hills
CIRCULATION	All Members

Applause Touring

Does the committee wish to move forward with working with Applause Touring this year?

In previous meetings it was mentioned by Councillors that they were interested in “Tractor Time” and to consider working them around harvest time.

Please see the attached to review.

Tractor Time!




Tractor Time! is a vibrant family dance parade performance that digs up the joy and togetherness of working the land and the simple pleasures of gathering and celebrating harvest.


The colourful life-sized tractor bubbles with life, creating a captivating mobile centrepiece that invites everyone to follow along and join us. The intergenerational dance team bursts out of the cab with MCDC's signature mash-up of contemporary and hip hop. Groove, bounce and high energy moves are infused with uplifting and joyful British and Slavik folk culture, while Randolph Matthews' irrepressible urban beats re-energise heritage folk tunes to get audiences clapping and stomping along.

As the colourful tractor trundles along, the dancers get stuck into the earth for planting, planting seeds of imagination to grow and harvest. When they stumble across problems in the field, their giant tractor friend lends a helping hand, teaching them about hard work, team spirit and lightening their load.

At the end, audiences are invited to join in a harvest parade with simple dance and body percussion, slapping, stomping, grooving and whooping together, shaking the earth, joining hands and celebrating the joy of the season and what we share through the ages – it's Tractor Time!

Show details

 Duration: 30 mins, 20 mins

 Age guide: Family audiences, especially appealing to children ages 4-10.

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Who can get involved?

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What sort of shows can I book?

From theatre and dance, music and family shows to outdoor performances of all kinds, Applause has something for everyone.

How much will it cost?

It's FREE to join the Applause network! We limit financial risk to allow you to bring something fun and interesting to your community.

Performances are subsidised and the fees are set so you can cover your costs and usually make a small surplus for your funds.

Outdoor shows and entertainment are affordably priced to fit your event depending on performance type and requirements.

What support will I receive?

As well as the financial subsidy, Applause will provide marketing support (print and digital), ticketing services and any other advice or support you feel you need.

How do I get started?

Get in touch with our friendly team by emailing touring@applause.org.uk or by calling us on **01892 457635** for a no-commitment chat about how we can help you serve your community! You can also visit our website for more information at applause.org.uk



Do you want to bring some entertainment to your community?

“ Totally positive and amazing. This was something very special and different for our community, and they were very proud that a theatre company of this calibre came to visit them.”
Applause Host

Whether it be a show for your village hall, to entertain or fundraise, or an exciting addition to your annual village fete, Applause can help! We work with communities like yours, to help bring people together, creating a local audience for professional shows or outdoor events right on your doorstep. Get in touch today to see what vibrant new experiences you could provide your community with.

“ We cannot rate Applause highly enough. We have been lucky to have several performances over the years, all of which have been fantastic. Without your support we would not be able to bring performances such as this to our community, many of whom would not experience it otherwise.”
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Rochford Parish Council

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING

1	Organisation applying for Grant	Essex County Council Youth Service
2	Project Title	Detached work – Rochford
3	Contact details: Name Position held Email Telephone Address	Natalie West District Youth and Community Worker Natalie.west@essex.gov.uk 07823818323
4	Address of project (if different from above)	Rochford (various locations)
5	Full description of project	<p>This project will deliver two hours of detached youth work per week across the Rochford district, including Rochford Town Square and other identified hotspot areas where young people regularly gather. Detached sessions will be carried out by qualified youth workers who will proactively engage with young people in their own spaces. The work will involve building positive relationships, offering informal education, signposting to local opportunities, and providing early help through conversations, advice, and support. The project will also enable us to promote wider Youth Service provision, including the weekly youth group held at St Mark’s Hall on Tuesdays.</p> <p>This proposal outlines a three-month pilot to test the impact and effectiveness of regular detached youth work across the Rochford district. The pilot will allow us to gather evidence, understand patterns of young people’s needs in different locations, and assess the value of maintaining a consistent</p>

		<p>youth work presence. At the end of the pilot, we will provide the council with a brief evaluation summarising engagement levels, identified needs, and outcomes achieved. If the pilot demonstrates positive results and the council wishes to continue, the project can be extended into a full year of delivery.</p>
6	<p>What is the intended benefit or impact of the project?</p>	<p>The project will provide a trusted youth work presence in the community, helping to build rapport with young people who may not access traditional centre-based services. Detached work creates valuable opportunities to offer relevant advice and guidance, reduce risk-taking behaviours, and direct young people to positive activities such as the St Mark's Hall youth group. By meeting young people where they are, the project increases visibility of local support, strengthens community relationships, and contributes to improving young people's wellbeing, confidence, and sense of safety within Rochford.</p>

7	Details of necessary permissions, consents, licences sought or received (e.g. owner's consent, planning permission, building control approval)	.N/A		
8	Please provide details of any ongoing running costs this project will need and how it will be provided.	District Youth and Community Worker	12 x 2 hour sessions £25 per hour	£600
		Youth Support Worker	12 x 2 hour sessions £18 per hour	£432
		Admin and planning	1 hour per week	£300
		Resources and mileage	12 sessions £15 per session	£180
		Total cost for 3 month pilot		£1512
		District Youth and Community Worker	45 x 2 hour sessions £25 per hour	£2250
		Youth Support Worker	45 x 2 hour sessions £18 per hour	£1620
		Admin and planning	1 hour per week	£1125
		Resources and mileage	45 sessions £15 per session	£675
		Total cost for 1 year detached delivery (45 sessions)		£5670
9	Total Value of Project	<p>£1512 for a 3 month pilot</p> <p>Or</p> <p>£5670 for a year</p>		
10	Please provide details of funding from other sources that is being sought or awarded (including volunteer time)	The youth service currently receive no funding for youth work delivery in Rochford		
11	Grant Requested	<p>£ £1512 for a 3 month pilot</p> <p>Or</p>		

		£5670 for a year
12	<p><u>DECLARATION</u></p> <p>I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the organisation and confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate. I enclose a copy of our latest annual accounts.</p> <p>Signed:N.West..... Date: ...1/4/26.....</p> <p>Name (please print): ...Natalie West</p> <p>Telephone:07823818323.....</p>	
13	<p>Please return to: The Clerk to the Council Rochford Parish Council 82 West Street Rochford Essex SS4 1AS Email: enquiries@rochfordparishcouncil.gov.uk</p>	

RAYLEIGH DETACHED
YEARLY REPORT 2025 - 2026



Summary

49

sessions delivered

902

youth engagements

**April 2025 -
March 2026**



Introduction

This report outlines the Detached Youth Work delivered at King George V Playing Field in Rayleigh between April 2025 and April 2026. Throughout the year, Detached Youth Workers have maintained a regular and meaningful presence within the park, engaging with young people directly in the spaces they choose to spend their time. This approach continues to provide vital opportunities for building trust, offering early help through informal conversations, supporting young people with emerging concerns, and signposting them to appropriate services when needed.

Over the course of the year, Youth Workers delivered 46 detached sessions at KGV (with additional sessions scheduled for March) and had 805+ positive engagements with young people, offering consistent support around wellbeing, relationships, safety, education, community issues, and access to local youth provision. The detached team has played an important role in fostering positive relationships, reducing feelings of isolation, increasing awareness of support services, and contributing to a safer and more supportive environment for young people in Rayleigh.

Detached Work Annual Report Contents:

- Intro
- NYA curriculum
- Delivery of detached youth work
- Targeted sessions
- Feedback from young people
- Social Media

The National Youth Agency (NYA) curriculum is a framework used across England to show what areas of learning and support youth workers cover when engaging with young people. Our KGV detached sessions touched on a wide mix of these.

Here's a breakdown of what each slice represents:

Health & Wellbeing (38.9%)

Conversations about mental health, coping strategies, physical wellbeing, vaping/alcohol risks, staying safe in the community. This was the most frequent theme, showing high support needs in wellbeing.

Healthy & Safe Relationships (15.3%)

Support around friendships, boundaries, consent, online safety, and resolving conflict.

Skills for Life, Play & Work (13.9%)

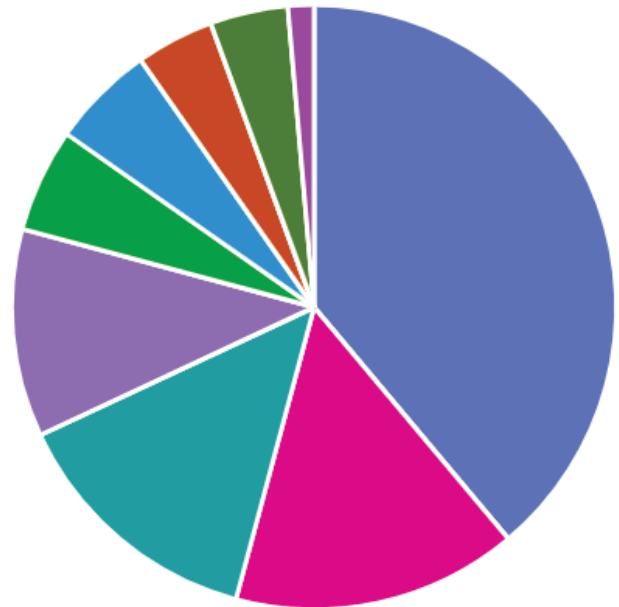
Helping young people build confidence, teamwork, decision-making, sport sessions, or talking about jobs/college.

Creativity & Fun (11.1%)

Positive activities like games, challenges, Jenga Q&A, craft ideas, or seasonal activities that build trust and engagement.

Identity & Belonging (5.6%)

Including cultural identity, feeling safe in the park, community belonging, gender/sexuality conversations, and self-esteem.



Leadership, Voice & Participation (5.6%)

Young people giving feedback on local issues, influencing ideas for youth projects, or contributing to park improvements.

Education (4.2%)

College chats, revision stress, accessing help in school.

Economic & Financial Wellbeing (4.2%)

Talking about budgeting, money pressures, cost of living, part-time work, and financial independence.

Citizenship & Community (1.4%)

Understanding community expectations, anti-social behaviour awareness, or contributing to local decision-making.

Health & Wellbeing appears most frequently across the detached sessions at KGV this year, which strongly reflects local need. Young people in the Rochford district have consistently identified Health & Wellbeing as their top priority, and this has therefore been a key focus of the detached team's work throughout the year.

Delivery of detached youth work

Throughout the year, Detached Youth Work at King George V Playing Field has continued to play a vital role in supporting young people in their own spaces. Youth Workers have maintained a consistent presence, offering informal support, building trusting relationships, and responding flexibly to emerging needs within the community.

Key Youth Work Delivery and Impact This Year

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

- Youth Workers provided emotional support following the death of a local teacher, offering space for young people to talk, process feelings, and access further support where needed.
- Conversations around men's mental health led to signposting young people to Espresso Yourself drop-ins and other wellbeing resources.
- Space has been created for fun, connection, and relationship building, including spontaneous activities such as a water fight that strengthened engagement.
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing is embedded across all topics we cover

Support Around RSE and Healthy Relationships

Over the year, RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) has been a recurring and significant area of conversation. Youth Workers supported young people to explore:

- Their experiences of RSE in schools and improvements they would like to see.
- How to access contraception
- Where local clinics are
- How youth workers can support them when accessing services
- Where to seek advice, information, or guidance
- Consent, the law, and age-related risks, supporting informed decision-making.
- Sextortion and online harms, including guidance on Report Remove and how to keep themselves safe online.
- Healthy relationships, boundaries, and safe choices, empowering young people with accurate, trusted information.

Young people also took part in a national survey on RSE, ensuring their experiences contributed to wider learning and change.

Essex Sexual Health Service attended one of our detached sessions and engaged a lot of young people in conversations around RSE, off the back of this session 8 young people attended the sexual health clinic in Rayleigh for the first time.

Delivery of detached youth work

Drugs, Alcohol, and Risk Awareness

Youth Workers have held repeated informal conversations around substance use, enabling young people to talk openly and safely about:

- The risks associated with using substances, including cannabis, spice, and other emerging drugs.
- Vaping, the health impacts, and strategies to cut down or quit.
- Alcohol, including:
 - Recognising risky situations
 - How alcohol affects decision-making
 - Harm-reduction strategies to help keep themselves and friends safe

The focus has been on realistic, non-judgemental education that helps young people make safe and informed choices.

Co-Design and Participation

- Co-Designed Summer Programme: Young people worked alongside Youth Workers to shape a summer programme based on their interests, promoting ownership, voice, and active participation.
- Youth Voice Opportunities: Young people contributed their views to the Clements Hall skatepark consultation, with feedback shared directly with local stakeholders.

Safeguarding and Community Awareness

- County lines awareness has been a key topic, with Youth Workers helping young people understand risks, grooming, and how to seek help.
- Young people learned more about their local districts, parishes, and community structures, helping them feel more connected to where they live.
- Work with partners such as BAR 'n' BUS supported wider community initiatives, including promotion of their graffiti project.



Delivery of detached youth work

Social Action, Transitions, and Futures

- Detached sessions encouraged social action and fundraising ideas, inspiring young people to think about how they can positively impact their community.
- Support was provided for transitions back to school, particularly around confidence, routines, and managing change.
- Youth Workers offered career conversations, helping young people explore pathways, next steps, and sources of advice.

Summary

This year's Detached Youth Work at King George V Playing Field has offered flexible, responsive, and youth-centred support across a wide range of issues. By meeting young people where they are, Youth Workers have supported their wellbeing, safety, personal development, and sense of belonging within their community. Through trusted relationships and consistent presence, sessions continue to ensure young people feel heard, valued, and supported.



Targeted sessions

Violence against women and girls week

We partnered with the ASB Team and Rochford & Brentwood Council to run a scenario-based detached session. Young people explored “freeze the moment” situations, discussing what they could do to stay safe, challenge harmful behaviour, and support others.



Graffiti Project

We supported BAR 'n' BUS to deliver a graffiti project with young people in the park, helping them design and create artwork for the skate park.

Library Survey:

We asked young people what would encourage them to use the local library. They highlighted the need for a study and homework space – leading to the creation of the new Study Hub at Rayleigh Library.

Valentines Day Activity

During our Valentine's-themed detached session, young people took part in a creative kindness activity, writing positive messages on paper hearts and reflecting on how to look after themselves and support others on difficult days. Conversations naturally opened up around friendships, wellbeing and what helps them feel better when things are tough. Engagement was strong across different age groups, and the activity helped deepen trust and connection with both familiar and newly-met young people, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere.

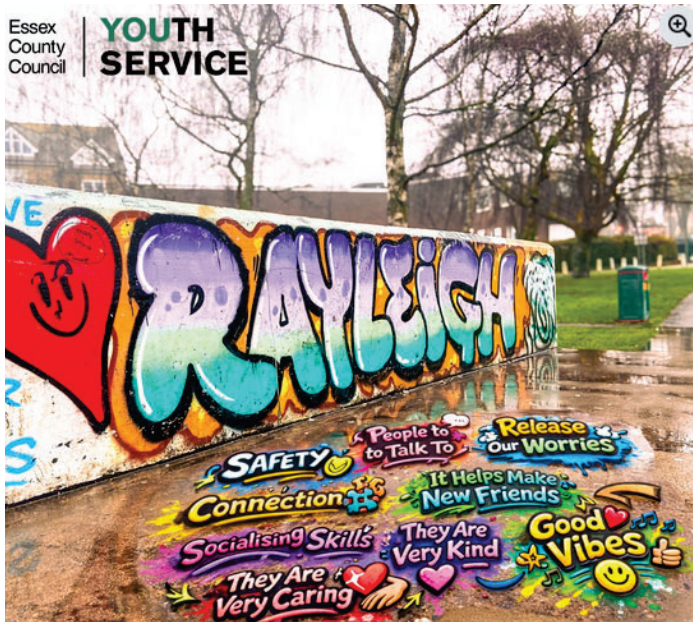


Social Media

To help raise awareness of the positive impact young people are making in the community, we have started sharing updates from our Detached Youth Work sessions on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

These posts highlight the activities, conversations, and achievements taking place in the park, giving the wider public a more balanced and informed view of youth engagement and the local area.

By showcasing the good work and positive choices young people are making, we aim to challenge negative stereotypes, celebrate their contributions, and strengthen community understanding and support.



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Out and About in King George's Park, Rayleigh 🇬🇧

Every Thursday from 3–5pm, our CCB team are in King George Playing Field, funded by [Rayleigh Town Council](#), offering detached youth work and support for young people in the area.

This long-standing provision has helped us build great relationships with the young people who regularly use the park. We even managed to catch a few skateboarding shots last time! 📹

If you know any young people who'd like to say hello (and grab a snack!), we'll be there later today from 3–5pm.

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