



WHITEHAVEN HARBOUR YOUTH PROJECT

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Look out for.....

- * Full Easter Programme with Fun indoor and Outdoor activities.
- * Our New TV Advertising Screen
- * AGM - To be arranged
- * NCS Pilot—Aug 2011
- * OYT Voyage Sept 2011
- * Summer Activities now being planned.
- * And much more.....

The Big Lottery

WHITEHAVEN Harbour Youth Project has been awarded £90,000 from the Big Lottery Fund's "Reaching Communities" programme.

The cash will go towards encouraging "hard-to-reach" young people to develop personally through activities such as canoeing, orienteering and social visits to the cinema.

It will also help fund an adventure group, a Duke of Edinburgh Award group, as well as offering football, hockey, table tennis, girls' fitness and relaxation, badminton, and indoor climbing facilities at its purpose-built sports hall.

Mike Mills, project manager at the Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project, said: "We are delighted that the Big Lottery Fund has recognised the effective work the project does with young people in West Cumbria.

"The grant will provide us with essential core funding to maintain and develop our youth centre in Whitehaven as a youth club, a meeting place and as an indoor climbing and sports facility.

"It will allow us to continue to support the personal development of young people through outdoor activities, particularly through our adventure group programme and Duke of Edinburgh Award Group."

And he added: "The activities help them learn about themselves, giving them opportunities, broadening their horizons and offering them practical lessons in life.

"We have a great team here of young people, staff, volunteers and trustees, without whom we couldn't have been successful in our bid. It is a great compliment that the Big Lottery appreciates the work we do."



RESULT! Harbour Youth Project centre users and staff Mike Mills (project manager, second from right), Nik Smith, Wendy Thomas and Debs Carter celebrate

Helen Bullough, the Big Lottery Fund's head of region for the North West, said: "This funding will bring a wealth of new opportunities for young people across Cumbria to make friends learn new social skills and enjoy a healthy, positive outlook for the future.

"Reaching Communities support for projects like this is so important, providing crucial funding the positive impact of which will be felt throughout the community."

Article taken From "The Whitehaven News" 19/01/2011.

Junior Table Tennis



Youngsters at the WHYP Junior Table Tennis league

A JUNIOR table tennis league bats off in February for under-17s at the Harbour Youth Project in Whitehaven.

Table tennis has built up at the Project, with six tables all in use in a regular slot on Wednesday evenings.

Nik Smith, who coaches at the sessions, said: "Table tennis is

such a fast-paced, skilful game to play and can appeal to anyone at any age."

Nik started the sessions with one old table, a few bats and a handful of interested young people.

This has now developed into a regular table tennis club for young people.

It is also about opportunity for adult involvement through coaching or volunteering with an interest in playing the game or helping make better opportunities for young people.

From a standing start, the club are starting to feed into the county competitions and recently entered a team to the County Trials in February where Thomas Page got through to the Quarter Finals.

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2010/2011 Award Winner

The Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project were honoured to receive an award from the High Sheriff of Cumbria, James Carr DL, on the 23rd March 2011.

The award is for the project's outstanding commitment to Young People in the West of Cumbria, encouraging personal development through leisure time activities.

The High Sheriff Mr James E Carr Esq DL was accompanied by Mrs I A Frost-Pennington DL on a visit to the centre in February.

A short hand written thank you note was received by WHYP, thanking the

staff and committee members for setting aside time to show off the facilities on Swing Pump Lane, and to give a feel for what outside activities there are on offer.

Mr Carr stated on his thank you note "Out of the youth work facilities I have visited yours was up there with the best—clean, welcoming, flexible and spacious, what more could you ask for. I was also impressed with the 'away day' projects that were being offered."

The award is displayed proudly in the Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project office.

Youth Forum

Back in November 2010 Young people from Whitehaven accompanied other young people from all over Cumbria to find out all about at Rheged, Penrith. The first "Young Cumbria Question Time" was held over a weekend. It was a chance to tackle several of the county's politicians on issues from tuition fees to the Big Society. The chairman was Tim Backshall from Border TV.

Since then a local Youth Forum has been set up with the help of Emma Dickinson, Youth Engagement Officer, Copeland Borough Council and young people from the Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project and Young Cumbria.

The first initial meeting was held on the 17/2/2011 at the Whitehaven Pottery 'Pop up Shop' where young people got a chance to meet up with Cllr Hugh Branney and discuss what they would like changed in their own areas.

The next meeting was held at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project on the 24/3/2011 where they met with Laura Kennedy who came along to

speaking to the forum about the nuclear repository, the questions she asked were about people's perceptions of West Cumbria if the repository was built here. Her specific questions were How do you think it would impact on people's perceptions of the area?, What do you think is the impact (if any) it might have on young people's decisions to leave or stay in West Cumbria and future career choices? And Do you think it will improve employment/training opportunities compared to what exists currently?

Cllr Wendy Skilicorn also attend the meeting, she is a county councillor for Kells and Sandwith areas.

The Group discussed points raised at the last meeting and talked about the next meeting the forum agreed that the next meeting should be in May because of April being taken up with Easter holidays.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 12th May, At the Harbour Youth Project, where Sam is going to chair the meeting.

ITV Fixers

WHYP hosted ITV Fixers filming on Friday 18th February 2011. It featured Sally McPherson (19) From Whitehaven who is writing an illustrated book to raise awareness of eating disorders.

Sally was filmed with a group of young people discussing her illness and how she planned to go forward with her book.

This item was broadcast on Friday 25th Feb at 6pm, and can be found online at ITV.fixers.com



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Nik added: "This is a great way of playing a new sport, getting some good competition if you want it and trying to be the best that Whitehaven has to offer in table tennis."

The Project is also looking at running an open age session for all ages (young to adult) on Thursdays.

Table tennis used to be a thriving sport around these areas in the past but has gone to ground during the last few years.

Below: results to date for the Under 17 Table Tennis League starting February and running through to June 2011.

WHYP U-17 Table Tennis League 2011

Week 5 (30th March 2011)

Position	Name	P	W	L	Games Won	Games Lost	Games Diff +/-	PTS
1	Scott Stanborough	12	9	3	36	22	14	30
2	Callum Johnstone	11	7	4	33	27	6	25
3	Howard Page	8	8	0	32	2	30	24
4	Thomas Page	8	7	1	29	4	25	22
5	Bradley Holliday	8	4	4	20	22	-2	16
6	Liam Connor	9	3	6	18	25	-7	15
7	Callum Fleming	5	4	1	19	4	15	13
8	Michael Raby	9	2	7	14	28	-14	13
9	Tommy McGrady	7	2	5	13	21	-8	11
10	Nathan Lowrey	7	0	7	0	28	-28	7
11	Jack Waddington	4	0	4	1	16	-15	4
12	Chris Finnegan	4	0	4	0	16	-16	4

Young People bid for Cash

Young people from WHYP presented bids at 3 neighbourhood forums this quarter.

Callum Johnson and Michael Raby accompanied Wendy Thomas to the Bransty and Harbour Forum to bid for £375 for a trip for 15 young people to go to Blackburn Rovers FC for 2 hours training and to watch Blackburn Vs Newcastle.

Lizzy Wise, Rachel Bowe, Bethany



Above: Sam playing, Darren (vol) and Michael in conversation

Bowe and Sophie Flynn, accompanied Wendy Thomas and Debs Carter to the Hensingham and Hillcrest, and the South Whitehaven forums to bid for £550 towards a Ski Trip to Scotland to subsidise those young people who could not afford to go without assistance. The Girls also bid for £445 towards a 32" TV and stand to be used as an advertising display in the window.



Above: Ski group at the Nevis Range