

Godmanchester Town Council Youth Plan
Plan 2022 - 2025

Overarching Aim:

To be taken from the Town Council's Development Plan and with cross reference to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Aim:

To have a three -year rolling Youth plan for Godmanchester's children and young people, aged 0 - 23 years.

Objectives:

- 1. To provide and maintain a range of recreational and sporting facilities throughout the Town for the benefit of Godmanchester's youth.**
- 2. To enable Godmanchester's children and young people to understand, engage with and have a voice in, the Council's work.**
- 3. To make Godmanchester a safe place for our children and young people to grow up in.**
- 4. To enrich the lives of our youth by through a range of Town led cultural opportunities.**
- 5. To support local youth providers in offering a wide range of activities, good childcare and support for our children, young people, their families and their carers.**

Activities by Objective:

1. To provide and maintain a range of recreational and sporting facilities throughout the Town for the benefit of Godmanchester's youth.
 - a) Ensure that any new residential and commercial development in the Town meets the needs of our youth, maximising the opportunity to enhance Town recreation and provide a wider range of sporting facilities. This is an ongoing commitment. [linked to Neighbourhood Plan]
 - b) Run a sports and recreation taster day in 2023 – 2024, hosted at one/several of the Town's facilities, showing our residents what's on offer locally and encouraging our young people to get involved in local activities.
 - c) Provide and maintain a range of play equipment throughout the Town, ensuring it is safe and meets the changing needs of our youth population. This is an ongoing commitment.

- 2. To enable Godmanchester's children and young people to understand, engage with and have a voice in, the Council's work.**
 - a) Maintain routine visits to St Anne's, Godmanchester Primary School and the Bridge Academy's School Councils by at least two visits a year.
 - b) Share the 2022 – 2025 Youth Plan with the primary school councils and seek routine feedback. This is an ongoing commitment.
 - c) Work through our local secondary school (Hinchingsbrooke) to ensure we are updated on any issues arising from their School Council that relate to our Town's young people. Ensure that we feed in issues identified in the Town that the school could help to address

d) Explore ways of communicating with the Town's Youth population through video "vox pops". Parent Mail, social media and community groups to ensure regular two-way communication and engagement.

e) Grow and develop the Town's Youth Council, ensuring that it has a voice and is engaged through the Town Council's work.

3. To make Godmanchester a safe place for our children and young people to grow up in

a) To work with St Anne's, Godmanchester Primary School, The Bridge Academy and Hinchingsbrooke School to address the needs of school cyclists: safety, BIKE IT courses up to level 3, induction programme for Yr6/7 cycling to Hinchingsbrooke and cycle maintenance / cycle marking. This is an ongoing commitment.

b) To work with the local police to encourage safe and responsible cycling in the Town. This is an ongoing commitment.

c) Publicise, by March 2023, cycle route in and around the Town: re-publicise the National Cycle Route in the Town; promote the use of cycle paths and roads over pedestrian pavements; have a Town map showing cycle routes and provide information about routes online / through a Town app.

d) Continue to work with HDC planners and CCC Highways to look at opportunities to add cycle route links to join the network of cycle routes into a coherent offer in the Town (and along the school route to Hinchingsbrooke). [linked to Neighbourhood Plan]

e) Consider options for improving youth safety on roads in the Town (and along the school route to Hinchingsbrooke) in relation to improving parking and reducing speeding. This is an ongoing commitment.

4. To enrich the lives of our youth through a range of Town led cultural opportunities.

a) Explore, by the end of 2022, the opportunities to engage more in the Twinning activities in the Town.

b) Consider, by March 2023, developing resources to support Twinning activity, including a free resource pack.

c) Explore, by March 2023, opportunities to engage local interest groups in running more youth activities in the Town by setting up a yearly youth programme.

5. To support local youth providers in offering a wide range of activities, good childcare and support for our children, young people, their families and their carers.

a) Promote local provision to Town residents including our young people.

b) Work proactively with local resource holders to explore opportunities to enrich youth provision in the Town. This is an ongoing commitment.

c) Consider opportunities to grant fund youth provision on a strategic basis to pump prime local priority activities. This is a yearly commitment, resources permitting.

Budget:

TBC

Portfolio Councillors:

Contributing Portfolio Holders are principally but not exclusively : Environment and Property