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## NEW VISION FOR CLAYGATE YOUTH CLUB

### An urgent update for those who wish to keep and develop Claygate Village Youth Club for the benefit of the whole community!

#### BACKGROUND

Last November, Surrey County Council (SCC) stated that it would not be in a position to continue to run youth clubs and their buildings in the way it has done in the past. SCC has launched a consultation and suggested that community organisations form proposals to take on the running of their own youth clubs, as well as the buildings themselves. As part of their consultation they have invited the public to complete an online survey which is open and available now but closes on 30th June 2020. (Please see pages 2 and 3 which provide details on the consultation).

#### WHAT DOES CLAYGATE VILLAGE YOUTH CLUB DO TODAY?



Claygate Youth Club meets every Thursday night from 7-9pm for Years 7 – 13. During lockdown we've been holding zoom quizzes on Thursday evenings. We also have a pool table, air hockey, playstation, tuck shop, sofas to hang out on, arts and crafts and games. We have an amazing team of volunteers that work to make the Claygate Youth Club into a safe, chilled space that our young people can call their own. Before lockdown and with the generosity of residents and organisations in Claygate we turned one of our offices into a quiet room, giving us somewhere to mentor, check on the mental wellbeing and talk one on one.

If you'd like to join us, either as a young person or as a volunteer - contact us via Instagram @ClaygateYC or at claygateyouthclub@gmail.com

#### NEW VISION

Claygate Village Youth Club Association (CVYCA) have produced a detailed proposal which could transform the use of the present youth centre into The Claygate Youth and Community Hub (CYCH).

Our proposal was submitted to SCC at the end of February. Our vision consists of turning the building into the CYCH, for young people and others in the community to enjoy. By day it would be a building that the whole community could use, providing rooms for hire, a café with Wi-Fi facilities and a soft play area for toddlers. From 3pm to 9.30pm it would provide a safe place for young people from the ages of 11 to 18 (school years 7 to 13) to hang out. Claygate Village Youth Club would still run on a Thursday evening and long term with more

volunteers we'd love to offer additional nights.

To fully utilise the facilities on offer by SCC, we want to ensure that we cater for the whole of our community, whilst at the same time not wishing to take away from other community and business enterprises, such as the Scouts & Guides, local churches, the Recreation Ground, the Village Hall, the Centre for the Community, local cafes and other hospitality outlets which are all an important part of our community. We want to work with and for the community and know that what blesses one, blesses all. There is room for all of us and what we wish to offer will just add to the variety and quality of life in Claygate and ensure that we retain use of the youth centre in Elm Road. We don't want to lose it!

#### For more information:

Website: <https://claygateyouthclub.co.uk>

Facebook: Claygate Youth Club

Email: [claygateyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:claygateyouthclub@gmail.com)

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

In these unprecedented times we hope and trust that you and yours are staying safe and well. CPC is doing its best to keep in contact, safely, with local organisations, continuing to monitor key matters that impact our Village such as the draft Elmbridge Local Plan and to deal with issues raised by residents.

CPC was not able to conduct meetings for a few weeks in March and April, until the government changed the law to enable councils to hold virtual meetings. We are now conducting virtual meetings, open to the public and press (see back page for more information).

This shortened issue of the Courier is not being

delivered to households – we wish we could, but we are very conscious of the guidelines on social distancing and the health, safety and well-being of our community.

It is available on our website, will be shared on social media and maybe available in certain shops in the Village as a hard copy. We urge the community to complete the SCC Youth Service Consultation. Your Parish Council has approved financial grants, during the pandemic, of £250 each to Friends of Capelfield Surgery, East Elmbridge Food Bank and Princess Alice Hospice. Additionally, CPC bought and donated materials to Claygate Scrubs. Stay well, stay safe.

# HOW TO FIND THE CONSULTATION

[www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/universal-youth-work-proposal](http://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/universal-youth-work-proposal)



## Universal Youth Work Proposal

### Overview

#### Engagement Events Webinar

Surrey County Council would like to invite you to join the Universal Youth Offer Consultation Webinar which will replace the 3 engagement events that were postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Whilst the webinar replaces the engagement events that were scheduled for the Discovery Centre, Ash Youth Centre, Woking Youth Arts Centre and Lakers Youth Centre it is also open to anyone who would like to know more about the proposed strategy and ask questions about any of the youth centres across the county. The closing date for the consultation is midnight 30 June 2020.

The webinar is a public event with no need to register in advance, just follow the link below on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7pm to 8pm**.

#### Youth Offer Webinar

During the webinar we will cover:

- An update on the Surrey County Council Universal Youth Offer Strategy.
- Outline the consultation proposals.
- Next steps and timescales
- Opportunity for questions

We look forward to meeting with you on the 24th June. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email: [youthcentres.reginterest@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:youthcentres.reginterest@surreycc.gov.uk).

#### Consultation Overview

Currently, Surrey County Council provides open access universal youth work that takes place in youth centres across the county. Open access youth work is often provided in youth centres and is open to all young people without referral or a specific need. Whilst there is no statutory duty for SCC to continue to provide open access universal youth work, SCC recognises that the youth centres themselves are a valued community asset and can play a larger role in achieving the Community Vision for 2030 that includes community participation as one of the priorities.

However, Surrey's Youth Centres are often underutilised and are not fulfilling their potential for the benefit of young people. Surrey County Council is proposing to increase the availability of the existing youth centres for the use of the voluntary, community and faith sector.

We are therefore consulting on whether Surrey County Council should continue to deliver universal open access youth work and how it could enable the voluntary, community and faith sector to use the youth centres at little or no cost.

For further information or to register an expression of interest in any of the venues to provide services for young people, please email: [youthcentres.reginterest@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:youthcentres.reginterest@surreycc.gov.uk)

The full proposal is available here:

[Youth Service Consultation - Strategy](#)

The closing date for the consultation is midnight 30 June 2020.

Please note the information you are being asked to provide is anonymous data. The responses you provide will be used for the purposes of this consultation and may be used to provide feedback on other consultations occurring at this time.

Closes 30 Jun 2020  
Opened 16 Dec 2019

Contact  
0300 200 1004  
[youthcentres.reginterest@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:youthcentres.reginterest@surreycc.gov.uk)

**This relates to a different consultation. Please do not click on any of the links. Scroll down page for current consultation.**

**This is the section about the youth work consultation. Please read & then answer the online survey using the button at the bottom**

**This is the detailed Surrey County Council youth work strategy proposal in full.**

**THIS IS THE ONLINE SURVEY ABOUT YOUTH FUNDING AND BUILDINGS – Please respond online.**

Give Us Your Views

[Online Survey >](#)

# COMPLETING THE SCC ONLINE CONSULTATION

Go to [www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/universal-youth-work-proposal](http://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/universal-youth-work-proposal) and click on the box 'Give us Your Views: Online Survey' at the bottom of the page. **THE DEADLINE IS 30TH JUNE 2020.**

*(Page 2 opposite has a screenshot of the SCC page so you can easily find the full proposal and the online consultation).*

There are 9 questions and the survey should only take a few minutes to complete. Please provide your personal view to demonstrate how important youth work and retaining the current building in Elm Road is to the community of Claygate.

Claygate Village Youth Club Association (CVYCA) is providing its perspective and guidance below. You may wish to consider this in your own consultation response.

**Questions 1-6 primarily require simply ticking a box, but they must be completed to progress to each subsequent question. Please tick as appropriate.**

**Q1.** Are you or is a member of your family a current user of a Surrey Youth Centre?

**Q2.** Have you, or a member of your family accessed a Surrey Youth Centre in the last 12 months?

**Q3.** Which of the following Youth Centres have you and/or the members of your family accessed in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).

**Q4.** What kind of activities, events or support do you or any member of your family access through the Youth Centres you have visited in the last 12 months? (Tick all that apply).

**Q5.** Is there anything that is NOT currently on offer through the Youth Centres you currently access and that you would like to be available? (Tick all that apply).

**Q6.** If you or a member of your family do not use Youth Centres, what are the reasons? (Tick all that apply).

**Q7.** Surrey County Council (SCC) is planning on changing the way Youth Centres are managed. Please tell us to what extent you agree to the below statements (There are 6 tick box statements Q7. A-F)

**7A.** SCC should continue to directly manage the Youth Centres it owns or leases to deliver universal youth work.

**We suggest DISAGREE.**

**7B.** SCC should allow the voluntary, community and faith sector to use the Youth Centres it owns or leases to deliver universal youth work.

**We suggest STRONGLY AGREE.**

**7C.** SCC should charge the voluntary, community and faith sector a market rate for the use of Youth Centres.

**We suggest STRONGLY DISAGREE.**

**7D.** SCC should offer the voluntary, community and faith sector the use of Youth Centres it owns or leases for little or no cost.

**We suggest STRONGLY AGREE.**

**7E.** SCC should stop delivering universal open access youth work and focus on supporting vulnerable groups of young people instead. **We suggest DISAGREE.**

**7F.** If Youth Centres are run by the voluntary, community and faith sector, SCC should monitor their success through agreed outcome requirements. **We suggest AGREE.**

**Q8.** SCC wants to enable the voluntary, community and faith sector to make more use of the Youth Centres, how do you think SCC should do this?

Please rank the following in terms of priority using 1 for the highest priority and 5 for the least important. There are 5 priorities, set out below.

**8A.** Provide advice and guidance to voluntary, community and faith sector groups: **We suggest rank 5.**

**8B.** Support the creation of suitable governance structures: **We suggest rank 4.**

**8C.** Provide training for organisations and volunteers: **We suggest rank 3.**

**8D.** Short term funding to help set up: **We suggest rank 1.**

**8E.** Support to identify potential sources of funding: **We suggest rank 2.**

**Q9.** Are there any other possible actions SCC should consider to enable the voluntary, community and faith sector to make more use of the Youth Centres? Please give us your suggestions.

This is a very important question - comment in the box provided. Please provide your personal perspective but you might wish to consider any/all of the following:

\*SCC should support Claygate Village Youth Club Association (CVYCA) in delivering 'open access youth provision' by enabling a new voluntary organisation, Claygate Youth and Community Hub (CYCH), backed by CVYCA, to manage the youth centre in the current Elm Road building.

\*SCC should support the proposed new organisation (CYCH) by maintaining the current building on an ongoing basis.

\*SCC should support the submitted vision proposal for the proposed CYCH to manage the youth centre in the existing Elm Road building to cater for:

a) the wider community during the day (which envisions offering the community a cafe, soft play for toddlers and potentially a creche, as well as a remote work hub for all, with rooms for hire by individuals, organisations for classes and/or functions)

b) after 3pm the provision of free 'universal open access youth work' for all young people from broad socio-demographic backgrounds, aged 11 to 18 years from Claygate and surrounding areas in a safe and vibrant space specifically for youth.

\*SCC should support that CYCH be responsible for hiring out and managing the finances of the youth centre in Claygate.

## ELMBRIDGE (EBC) LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Your Parish Council continues to monitor the progress of the developing, draft EBC Local Plan. We are committed to resisting any proposed future draft plan that includes housing development on our existing Green Belt.

The latest EBC consultation, 'Creating our vision, objectives and the direction of development management policies' ended in early March. An EBC summary report of the consultation is due shortly and will be published on the EBC website.

Overall borough wide response to this latest consultation was very low – there were only 657 responses (versus nearly 6,600 for the September 2019 consultation). 60 responses came from organisations (including CPC), residents associations, developers and agents and 597 from individuals. Thank you Claygate again – 277 or 46% of the total borough individual responses were from Claygate. (These responses are available to view now on the EBC website under Planning Local Plan)

EBC have stated that the pandemic has impacted the current timetable for producing the council's draft Local Plan, which was due to go to Cabinet in June and to the full Council in July. EBC state that a number of external consultants and infrastructure providers have not been able to submit their reports due to the pandemic and that it is not currently in a position to set a revised timetable.



### CLAYGATE HOUSE, LITTLEWORTH ROAD: UPDATE

The EBC Planning Committee discussed the outstanding planning application for Claygate House (Application 2019/2134) on 3rd June. This application was for further development of the office building site, comprising 51 residential units (40 flats and 11 houses) with associated parking, bin storage and landscaping following demolition of existing buildings. The recommendation was to grant permission subject to a satisfactory legal agreement within 6 months of the Committee resolution, to secure affordable housing provision or an extended period as agreed by the EBC Head of Planning Services.



### HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT

#### Summer Hanging Baskets and Troughs

Elmbridge provide hanging baskets and troughs in summer for part of the Village and CPC pays EBC for additional ones. They are maintained by the EBC supplier.



The summer baskets and troughs were recently put up. We also thank the Claygate Village Association (CVA) for their continued efforts on the flower tubs in and around The Parade.

#### Overhanging trees, branches and shrubs

We kindly ask residents, even more so now with residents taking more walks and the imperative need to social distance, to ensure that anything overhanging from their property is cut back so as not to obstruct footpaths.

#### Resurfacing of Bridleway 34

CPC with the BHS (British Horse Society) Surrey Access Committee and Surrey County Council Rights of Way (SCC RoW) partnered in a three way funding match to resurface part of Public Bridleway 34, which is an important link between Claygate and Barwell in Chessington over the A3.

The western section of this Bridleway from Claygate to the top of the hill was resurfaced by Surrey County Council in 2018 as a dangerous gully had formed through water erosion.

However, the second half of the Bridleway (from the top of the hill to the A3 bridge) was becoming very muddy and water-logged. There was a broken drain which flooded the Bridleway in winter and made access difficult for all users. This Bridleway was becoming progressively worse every winter requiring urgent action. The remainder of the Bridleway was resurfaced in late 2019 with the three way match funding and there has been positive response from all users.



Before



After

## Parish Council Meetings

Until further notice all Claygate Parish Council Meetings will be held virtually. Virtual Meetings are now allowed under the Local Authorities Coronavirus Regulations 2020. They will be held via Zoom. All meetings are open to the public and press - please contact the Parish Clerk for a password in advance in order to participate in these virtual meetings.

### 2020 July

9th	Parish Council Meeting Virtual Meeting	7.30pm
16th	Planning Virtual Meeting	7.30pm

### August

13th	Planning Virtual Meeting	7.30pm
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### September

3rd	HT&E Virtual Meeting	7.30pm
10th	Planning Virtual Meeting	7.30pm
17th	Parish Council Meeting Virtual Meeting	7.30pm

### October

8th	Planning Virtual Meeting	7.30pm
29th	HT&E Virtual Meeting	7.30pm

## To Contact The Parish Council

Contact the Parish Clerk on 01372 467000 or email [clerk@claygateparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@claygateparishcouncil.gov.uk) (messages left on the answerphone will be answered within 24 hours) or the Chair, Mark Sugden on 07548 244422 or [mark.sugden@claygateparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mark.sugden@claygateparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Please check the website and the Community Notice Boards outside the Village Hall and next to Boots Pharmacy for Agenda and confirmation of dates and time. This information is available, at the latest, 3 working days prior to the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at a meeting should let the clerk know in advance.