



Actions Points from Youth Action Plan Working Group

19th August 2026

Actions from a working group meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 19th August 2026 at 1:00pm at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

Member present

Councillors Garry Samuels, Graham Millington

Others present

Lindsey Smith (Chief Officer)
Matthew Johnson (Community Officer)
John Manning (Project Support Officer)
PSCO Keaton Martin
Tim Deakin – Volunteer Police Cadet Officer

WG/YA/08.26/1 – Welcome

PSCO Keaton Martin and Tim Deakin was welcomed to the group and introductions given

WG/YA/08.26/2 – Apologies

Cllr Arthur Roden
Cllr Ron Turville
Cllr Ann Turville
Cllr Alan Pearson

WC/YA/08.26/3 – Declaration of Interest for any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations

No disclosable pecuniary or other interests were declared.

WG/YA/08.26/4 – Elect Chair of Meeting

Cllr Garry Samuels took the Chair

WG/YA/08.26/5 – Terms of Reference

All agreed to terms of reference

WG/YA/08.26/6 – Update on Previous Actions

WG/YA/07.26/1 Contact current youth group provider for further information about feasibility of providing facility within Hednesford

LS updated that the meeting booked for 13.09.26 was cancelled due to sickness and is to be rearranged and that Vysons are in Hednesford park for an hour on a Monday and an hour on a Friday. LS informed difficult to get information.

WG/YA/07.26/2 Contact Cllr P Jones to enquire about SCC funds for youth provision

LS updated that Cllr Jones passed on contact details for Simon Humble at SCC but Simon could only provide details on Staffordshire County Cllrs Grant funding – this to be considered once a firmer plan is on place

PSCO K Martin suggested further contacts to speak to, looking at the commissioner fund and informed he is also a youth worker outside of his job

Cllr G Samuels to speak with MP Josh Newbury to see what other funding maybe available and to Anna Nevin re health and wellbeing fund

WG/YA/07.26/3 – Seek further information regarding Salvation Army provision

Cllr G Samuels informed he was struggling to get any contact or feedback from the Fridays sessions run from the Salvation Army Hall in Hednesford

WG/YA/07.26/4 - Contact local community youth group about logistics of providing local council run youth group

MJ provided an update from Denise Wheat at Checkley Parish Council re: Teen Youth Club which is supported by their town council. She is happy to meet over teams or arrange a visit

A discussion took place about potential to use Army Cadet Centre or Centenary Hall as a Youth Club base

Cllr G Millington informed that Hednesford FC wants to have more community impact and might want to be involved. Cllr G Millington to find out more information

WG/YA/07.26/5 Investigate what low-cost activities could easily be run and provided

A discussion took place about needing to ask the young people for more information on what low cost and affordable activities they would like. Gaming night was suggested together with have a go sessions to seek what is preferred

PSCO Keaton informed that the police cadets meet on Monday nights at Cannock Fire station and would be happy to lead a young person steering group if needed.

WG/YA/07.26/6 Investigate potential funding stream – as discussed above

WG/YA/07.26/7 – Actions

WG/YA/08.26/7a – LS to rearrange meeting with Youth Group

WG/YA/08.26/7b – Cllr GS to speak with MP Josh Newbury regarding any funding for young people

WG/YA/08.26/7c – MJ to arrange visit to Checkley Parish Council teen group

WG/YA/08.26/7d – Cllr GM to speak with Hednesford FC regarding an involvement or support

WG/YA/08.26/8 – Recommendations to Council

None at this stage

WG/YA/08.26/9 - Date and time of next meeting

~~Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 1pm~~

Date has been amended to Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 1pm

The meeting closed at 2.45pm