

Teen Shelter Protocol

Introduction

This protocol sets out the conditions which apply to the placing of the Teen Shelter at a new site next to the basketball court in the Town Park and the requirements for it to remain in place.

It is important that all the parties involved are aware of what roles they are expected to play and what their responsibilities are.

Halesworth Town Council

1. HTC will pay the costs of placing the Teen Shelter in its new position between the basketball court and the path running from the bridge to the river.
2. HTC will pay for its upkeep and maintenance.
3. HTC will ensure that sufficient refuse bins are in the area and that they are regularly emptied.
4. If considered to be advisable, HTC will employ a detached youth worker to monitor the use of the area and advise on how best to ensure any conflicting interests can be handled
5. If there are ongoing concerns about anti-social behaviour connected to the Teen Shelter, HTC will organise a meeting between the Residents, Young People, Police, Youth Workers, WDC Communities Team.
6. HTC will pay for the costs of removing the Teen Shelter if the decision is taken by the Town Council to remove it following advice from relevant bodies, such as Youth Workers and Police.

Halesworth Youth

1. The Skateboard Park and Teen Shelter is mainly used by the youth and young adults of Halesworth. They will be encouraged to see it as their "space" and that they take responsibility for looking after it and keeping the area litter free.
2. It is expected that any incidence of unacceptable and anti-social behaviour or drug use is reported, preferably to the Police or failing that a youth worker or the Town Council.

The Police

1. Police are committed to support the project and work in Partnership to resolve any issues or concerns of the wider local community.
2. The Police will monitor the site and keep a record of all complaints made about unacceptable and anti-social use of the Teen Shelter site.

Residents

1. Residents will inform the Police on 101 of any unacceptable anti-social behaviour and keep a record of the crime numbers.
2. Residents should also keep the Town Council informed of any concerns,

Waveney District Council's Community Team

1. This team will provide support for this project and advise on dealing with any problems that may arise.
2. A team member will be made available during the initial re-establishment phase to work with the youth using the Teen Shelter.