

#WEAREHALEYOUTH



Hale Youth Centre is right next door to Hale Community Centre - fitting in between the building and the Barnardo's Family Centre, located at 130 Upper Hale Road, Upper Hale.

We officially opened on 6th May 2022, although we had been open to young people since April 22nd, as we wanted them to enjoy their space before sharing it with anyone else! We have been getting to know young people in the area, especially those living on the Sandy Hill Estate, since late August 2021 and with their help, advice, and guidance we have created an incredible space for the whole community to enjoy.

The Shed. This is the name our young people democratically voted for over a course of a few weeks, following a competition to name the Youth Centre. The Shed was the outstanding winner, and this is the name we use for all youth clubs and activities run by the Hale Youth Centre.

All clubs at the Centre are completely free of charge. Take a look at our fb page: Hale Youth Centre or on Instagram: @theshedhaleyouth for up-to-date information on our sessions, activities and events we are getting involved in!

Our current term-time programme includes:



If you would like to attend our youth clubs, you need to ask whoever looks after you at home to complete our consent form. This gives us essential information such as what to do in the case of an emergency if you fall ill for example or if there is an accident on our premises. So it's super important it gets completed if you come for more than one session! You can pick up a printed copy at the Youth Centre or email: youthlead@halecommunitycentre.org.uk for a link to our online form.



Holiday Club

Following a successful holiday club in the Summer of 2022, we will continue to run holiday clubs for 11–16-year-olds who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) during 2023.

You can obtain your e-vouchers from your school and complete the booking online. Hale Youth Centre have reserved five spaces for young people who attend The Shed but do not meet the FSM criteria. Please talk to Tracy if you would like to attend.

All Holiday Club activities and days are completely free. We will also be running Clubs in the Summer holidays in 2023

Link to Club4 website: <https://www.activesurrey.com/community/club4>



Other projects for young people: Code Club

Code Club is a worldwide programme that encourages young people with an interest in coding or developing their own games and websites, or have a passion for computing, to get really creative.

Open to 9–13-year-olds it helps to develop skills in coding and our Team Lead Zoe is creating a great programme for our young people to enjoy. We would like to say a huge thank you to Hedgehogs for funding this programme until July 2023 and to our volunteers, Young Leaders and Red Hat. It is completely free to attend but places must be booked.

To find out more about Code Club please email: codeclub@halecommunitycentre.org.uk

Community Projects

We love being part of this fabulous community and have enjoyed helping with both October Fayres (2021 and 22), the Christmas Fayre, Platinum Jubilee Celebration Day and last year's August Fun Day.

We also entered (and won first prize!) in Hale Carnival Procession with our 'Sandy Hill meets Rio' theme, it was absolutely awesome!

We are maximising the fabulous facilities that we have at the Youth Centre to set up several projects that the whole community will be able to enjoy.

Thank you so much to our funders

We are able to operate all of our amazing youth provision thanks to the generosity of the community in terms of donations and voluntary support, and of our funders, who believe in our vision and are committed to enhancing communities.

Our funders include:

- *Reaching Communities (the National Lottery)*
- *Thriving Communities*
- *Community Foundation for Surrey*
- *Hedgehogs*
- *Community Matters Partnership*
- *Surrey County Council*
- *South Street Trust*
- *Farnham Maltings*
- *Farnham Town Council*
- *Waverley Borough Council*
- *Office of the Police and Crime Commission*
- *Waitrose Farnham*
- *Councillor Catherine Powell*



Seed to Plate

The overall aim of 'Seed to Plate' is to create an outdoor space at Hale Youth Centre where young people can learn to grow their own produce from seed, get involved in outdoor activities, be involved with landscaping, and learn about the natural environment.



Young people will have the opportunity to learn how to cook what they have harvested in our accessible kitchen, making the produce part of a healthy, nutritious meal, and being able to take home any surplus to their families.

We aim to encourage volunteers from all walks of life to help with both the gardening and cooking elements of the project. We aim to raise aspirations and inspire young people as well as reducing the sense of social isolation and creating a sense of belonging.

We also hope that through connecting with local specialists such as wood crafters and arborists we will be able to teach young people how to make sculptures from wood and create pieces for the outside spaces.

Whilst those adults who choose to come along and help with gardening at the youth sessions will be mixing with young people and other volunteers/staff, there will also be opportunities for adult



volunteers to help in the gardens during the day (if you do not yet feel confident enough to work with young people or are only available in the daytime).

This will provide the opportunity to socialise with other like-minded individuals, meet new people and forge new friendships.

The impact of the covid pandemic and lockdowns has had such a detrimental impact on so many people, leading to increased feelings of loneliness and increased anxiety and poorer mental health. This is an opportunity to bring people together in a positive and healthy way and redevelop a sense of community.

We want to create a safe space for the whole community and feel that this project will support everyone involved to improve their sense of belonging, reduce the impacts of loneliness and work towards improved mental health



Helping our garden grow! Who we are looking for to join our lovely voluntary team...

Volunteer roles we are looking to fill:

Administrative roles:

- **Seed to Plate - Project Coordinator***

- We are looking for a well organised and approachable person to take day to day control of the project. You will work closely with our Lead Youth Worker to ensure the vision takes shape over the initial six months and ensure that targets are met, and plans are kept to. The role will also require providing some data analysis and information for reporting.
- You will be responsible for looking after the volunteer administrative team - including the Volunteer Mentor, Volunteer Coordinator, Marketing and Community Outreach
- Completely flexible hours, work from home or from the centre when space allows.
- Regular (monthly) meetings with Lead Youth Worker

- **Volunteer Mentor**

- Providing a friendly listening ear, advice, and a cuppa to all members of the volunteer team
- Face to face, zoom/MS Teams meetings - coffee shops, walk in the park, in the centre

- **Volunteer Coordinator**
 - Coordination of the volunteer team
 - Ensuring all sessions covered
 - Tracking progress
 - Collating journals, testimonials, feedback, evaluations from volunteer team
 - Volunteer consultation
 - Providing reports
 - Mix of on site (daytime) and working from home
- **Marketing/PR***
 - Social media presence - raising and keeping information relevant and up to date
 - Awareness raising amongst other groups/orgs/agencies - adult social services, care homes, PRUs
 - Attend networking meetings (possibly)
 - Working from home

The Lead Youth Worker for Hale Youth/ Community Centre will support all administrative roles. All reasonable expenses incurred for work conducted on behalf of Hale Youth Centre will be reimbursed along with mileage/travel following approval from HCC Centre Manager.

Practical/hands on roles:

- Allotment growers*
- Equipment maintenance*
- Grass cutting/strimming/raking/clearing*
- Weeding*
- Makers of chutneys/jams/pickles
- Good (frugal!) Cooks
- Planting*
- Plants and Seeds Schedule Planner*
- Watering*
- Makers of bird feeders/bird food*
- People who are good at wood carvings or making furniture from random logs!
- Horticulturists*
- Keen amateur gardeners*
- Environmentalists. To help us keep our outside space as environmentally friendly as possible. Promoting composting, creating log habitats, creating wildflower area and meadow turf, encouraging reducing reusing and recycling. Encouraging ways to be more aware of climate change and its impact and how we can encourage organic, sustainable growth in our gardens.



Some of our volunteering opportunities involve working with young people, others do not, and it is entirely up to you to come along when you feel most comfortable. If there is a * next to the role listed above you do not need to work with young people in this position.

The gardens are usually available for weeding, watering, general maintenance and pottering

about in the daytime between 9am and 3pm - just pop along to the Community Centre and someone will let you in. If there is a group using the centre please seek their permission to work in the gardens during their session. If they prefer you not to undertake the work at that time please come back later in the day or in the evening. A full list of when there are groups in the centre will be available on our facebook page.

Anyone who helps during our youth club sessions will require an enhanced criminal record check in order to keep everyone feeling safe. We will cover the cost of this as well as providing access to training and support.

We would love it if you could get involved in helping us monitor the projects successes, challenges and achievements. To help with this we will provide:

- The opportunity to keep a journal about your experiences and the impact on your wellbeing
- The opportunity to contribute to the community journal
- The opportunity to join a group that advises us on what we are doing well and what we could do better
- The opportunity to see how things in your life may have improved for you - this could be your confidence, you've made a friend, or you feel good about doing something for your community. We will ask you questions every few months to check that things are working out well for you, as well as finding out how we can make things even better
- 6 monthly feedback forms so that you can let us know your ideas and how we can make improvements as well as letting us know what you have enjoyed and how you would like to develop
- The opportunity to get involved in local community events
- Additional volunteering opportunities at Hale Community Centre

Bob's at The Shed

Bob's is a new concept that we are developing to help create a real sense of community and enable people to connect with others in an informal and relaxed way. We aim to launch this project in early Spring 2023. Essentially it is part social club, part meeting point, part whatever the community wants it to become! It will be a safe, warm space available on Saturday and Sunday afternoons where you can get a brew and a butty, have a game of pool, listen to the radio, play cards, do a bit of gardening, whatever you feel like doing. It is aimed at those aged over thirty but anyone over the age of nineteen is welcome to join us.



There is so much potential for Bob's - a social club, a place to start a group dog walk (we are a super dog-friendly centre - we even have our own dog wellbeing station! All we ask is that your dog also abides by our responsibility of enabling everyone at our centre to feel safe all the time). It could also be used as a base for guided walks in the local area, or for a book group, table tennis/pool tournament - it has the scope to be whatever our community needs and wants.

If you're curious to find out more about Bob's please email:

youthlead@halecommunitycentre.org.uk

Websites we have found useful, maybe you will too! Childline.org; Youngminds.org; Mindworks-surrey.org; Mind.org; Samaritans.org and Ageuk.org.uk

What to do next?

To find out more please email: youthlead@halecommunitycentre.org.uk

Copies of the information above are also available in large print and audio format. If you require AD please email: youthlead@halecommunitycentre.org.uk