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Play Rangers

Our outdoor play project "Play Rangers" ran throughout the summer holidays at 8 sites in Welwyn Hatfield, both urban and rural. Play Rangers was available for children from ages 6 to 12 and operated in open spaces such as parks, offering a variety of outdoor sports activities including; rounders, cricket, football, skittles, giant outdoors snakes & ladders set, as well as arts & crafts, drawing, sketching, jewellery and kite making.

We achieved an average attendance of 20 in August despite our traditional British wet summer! The project has always been welcomed by both children and parents with everyone awaiting our teams daily arrival. They appreciated the high standards of delivery and that the activities are entirely free. This is yet another successful partnership venture with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council who has funded the project and Finesse Leisure kindly giving permission and free access to their sites. This has also been match funded by Extended Schools.



Moneyhole Lane Park

The annual summer project ran from 20th May to 19th August and delivered a variety of diversionary activities for young people who are vulnerable and/or involved in anti-social behaviour. The existing project has been successful at Moneyhole Lane Park for the past few years during the summer months and the project attracted over 20 young people on average participating each Friday evening, who were often the only people in the park regardless of the poor weather conditions during the summer. They were engaged in a variety of sporting activities. The project took place in the playing fields and the Kickabout court area which now has the added attraction of the new Street Snooker activity, which was highly used by the young people. The project was partnered with Finesse Leisure providing the venue and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council that kindly provided the funding.

National Play day

We teamed up with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, and host of other partners to help coordinate the huge variety of activities offered on the day, which was a resounding success, with over a thousand people attending. It was fantastic day, which could become an annual event due to the high attendance and great teamwork amongst all the partners involved.



Moonlight Football

Our successful moonlight football project will recommence from 9th September until Easter 2012 at Gosling, in partnership with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and Gosling Sports Park. The aim of the league has been to provide a fun and competitive activity for young people from ages 13 to 18 on Friday nights. Apart from the health benefits, it gives young people an opportunity to participate in something they enjoy, playing alongside friends and team mates, whilst staying safe.

This has averaged 55 young people participating every Friday evening with a peak of 78 during the project. It's been very good natured with some humorous team names with prizes being given for teams, and a shield for the winning team will always be presented on the last session of the term. Last term's winning team was called Spain, who will also be given a free tour of Arsenal's Emirates Stadium after playing with a local football team in Islington. The project has been funded from Herts Sports Partnerships (HSP) Sportivate funding, and from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.