



High Sheriff Youth Awards

Annual Review 2016-2017



Helping young people
make Surrey safer

The High Sheriff Youth Awards (HSYA) gives financial support – and recognition – to groups of young people in Surrey whose activities help to reduce crime and tackle anti-social behaviour, so making their communities stronger and safer for everyone. Each year on average, the HSYA supports around 5,000 young people through many grants to projects and initiatives. Projects are supported in every borough and district in Surrey and countywide.



One of the responsibilities of the High Sheriff is to actively support and promulgate the work of the High Sheriff Youth Awards scheme. As the newly appointed High Sheriff I do so with enthusiasm and a personal strong belief in the value of the awards that are granted.

My immediate predecessor in the role, Richard Whittington, has been assiduous in his support of the scheme and has travelled far and wide in Surrey to visit the projects and of course the young people that have received support. I congratulate Richard on his very successful year of office.

I was until recently for eight years Chairman of the Homes and Communities Agency, the Government quango that funded with taxpayers' money social housing and regeneration. I visited many socially and economically challenged communities across England, including in Surrey. As the Report 'Hidden Surrey' written by Dr Helen Bowcock, a previous High Sheriff, states "Although Surrey is known to be one of the wealthiest counties in the UK there are many pockets of deprivation within the

county". In my year of office, I intend to do what I can to support the charities and other community groups working in these socially disadvantaged communities.

There are, I fear, young people across Surrey who through no fault of their own are being left behind by society in general and thus prone to crime and anti-social behaviour. I regard the HSYA scheme with the grants they provide as a critical and effective lever to improve the life prospects of many of these individuals.

I look forward in my year to doing what I can to promote the HSYA and the charities they support.

Robert Napier CBE
High Sheriff of Surrey
2017-2018

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During my year in office I have greatly enjoyed visiting a range of projects supporting the young people of Surrey and have been very impressed with the organisations themselves, with the individual members of the groups and as importantly with those who so freely give their time to help the young. Surrey has an enormous range of activities for the young – some of which are purely local and others are countywide. The High Sheriff Youth Awards is delighted to be involved with these projects, large or small, if they benefit the young and help them to lead better lives. Those that I was lucky enough to visit – and some are highlighted on the following pages – certainly did. Whether the activities are sporting or take other forms, the real benefit is that these projects provide a focus for the young and a diversion from straying into bad behaviour as well as teaching some of the important life skills such as team work, assisting other less fortunate people and at the same time creating strong friendships.

The culmination of the HSYA year is the showcase awards event that takes place every year in the atrium

of the offices of ExxonMobil in Leatherhead. Here a number of the projects present or display their schemes to an invited audience which includes senior County Councillors and staff, the Mayors and Chairmen of the 11 boroughs and districts of Surrey and their consorts, as well as representatives from the Police, Fire and Rescue and other key people in Surrey. I and my fellow trustees are enormously grateful to everyone at ExxonMobil for such generous sponsorship.

I would like to close by thanking all those who help make the HSYA such a success. It may be a small charity but it certainly has an enormous impact on the lives of the young in Surrey and without the support of everyone involved it could not happen. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year visiting the projects that have received awards from the HSYA and I wish my successor, Robert Napier, great success – I am sure he will enjoy his involvement as much as I have.

Richard Whittington
High Sheriff of Surrey
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Surrey Care Trust – Woking

Surrey Care Trust works to help those who have been disadvantaged from an early age through low educational achievement and setbacks in life. The aim is to equip the vulnerable young people with the skills to enable them to improve their economic situation, reduce their social isolation and develop a belief that they can contribute positively to society. The Trust's two Swingbridge Community boats that operate along the North West Surrey waterways help to achieve this aim.

The HSYA funds will support nine Swingbridge activity days during the summer of 2017 for approximately forty young people including young people from the STEPS to 16 and the Sliding Doors programmes as well as young carers and their families.

These days provide rare and meaningful experiences and give the young people the opportunity to contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the delicate ecosystem of the waterways – thus making a positive contribution to society. Richard Whittington commented, “A freezing cold January day spent on the Thames and then on an island laying a hedge with young offenders doing their community service was enlightening. Not only were they learning some practical skills (and so did I) but they were gaining great social skills such as teamwork and also creating some real friendships.”

Surrey Heath Youth Council – Surrey Heath

Surrey Heath Youth Council is a project motivated and run by young people themselves and backed by the Eikon charity. The Council has 20-25 active young members and is involved with five local secondary schools in Surrey Heath. It aims to involve young people in areas of perceived need including supporting young carers and promoting an awareness of mental health issues.

The Council ran a successful and award winning Anti-Bullying Day three years ago and due to high demand were asked to run another for all the secondary schools in Surrey Heath. Attendees learned about the impact of bullying and how to try and tackle it. Participants in the scheme have become anti-bullying ambassadors in their school year groups which has had a real impact on negative behaviour.

The HSYA grant provided funds for art supplies and badges for the workshops attended by 125 young people.

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Skillway – Waverley

Skillway is a project based in Godalming which provides practical skills and alternative learning programmes for young people who struggle within mainstream academic education. It works to motivate and instil confidence in young people between the ages of 14-16, many of whom are referred from local areas of social deprivation where there is evidence of anti-social behaviour.

What makes this project special is the intergenerational element where experienced volunteer craftsmen and women inspire young people to develop their capabilities through practical skills in a workshop environment. An impressive range of skills is provided offering opportunities for the young people, including metalwork and engineering, woodwork, arts and creative crafts and stonework. The project also provides pastoral support for those referred who have alcohol or drug problems.

The grant from the HSYA was awarded to enable Skillway to provide the various workshop materials essential for the programme to continue and to expand. The High Sheriff, Richard Whittington visited and said, "The location of a converted chapel is not the most likely venue to see some really creative light engineering, carpentry and artistic works by the young who find academic studies difficult. It was a fascinating visit and the volunteers gave them the benefit of their vast knowledge in handling tools and machines safely."



SHOuT2 Youth Conferences – Countywide

SHOuT2 is a multi-agency organization that addresses safety issues with the young people of Surrey.

In 2016, the organization ran three conferences in venues across Surrey on Sexting and Child Sexual Exploitation, issues of huge concern to young people and those who care for them. The intention was two-fold: to raise awareness of the dangers of sexting and where to turn for help when necessary.

All Surrey schools were invited and about two hundred young people attended, reflecting a cross section of the Surrey youth community. The structure of the day with a play, activities, a Q and A session gave the young people an opportunity to reflect on their attitudes to sexting and its consequences. Conversations that took place between the young people was an eye-opener for many of the adults present.

The funding provided by the HSYA was much appreciated as was the presence of the High Sheriff at the Guildford event. The High Sheriff said: "I attended one of the presentations and was also one of the panellists for questions and answers at the lunch break. The attendees joined in enthusiastically with their anonymous remote responders and it was quite concerning how many had already received or sent messages. They certainly learned a great deal from the session - as did I."



Youth Engagement Scheme – Countywide

Surrey Fire and Rescue Services' Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) delivers targeted intervention and support to vulnerable young people who have been, using a number of criteria, identified as being at risk of involvement in youth crime or anti-social behaviour. The week-long course and the follow-up day were designed to engage young people in a variety of physical and social challenges that help them to understand the consequences of their behaviour and to develop skills in communication, teamwork and leadership. In addition, the young people are encouraged to take ownership of their actions, develop respect for themselves and others and build their self-esteem and confidence.

In partnership with Surrey Youth Support Service and Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service will deliver six courses for some 60 young people in locations in Walton, Gomshall and Reigate. YES graduates also attend a follow-up session designed to ensure that contact is maintained and that skills already gained are developed further. After two visits to the passing out ceremonies Richard Whittington said "How many young would relish the chance to spend a week learning the basic skills of firefighting from the experts? My two visits demonstrated the huge benefit and the great advances made by the attendees. The demonstration to proud parents and other guests showed that many life skills had been gained in the short time by those who had previously found social interaction difficult."

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The Hang Out Youth Club – Guildford

The Matrix Trust has over 10 years' experience in running youth clubs. With the support of local parents, Matrix helped to open a new youth club in Albury Village Hall aimed at providing young people with positive local activities in the evening without them having to travel to Guildford, Dorking and other towns. The plan is for the club to be open on a Friday evening for 44 weeks each year for the next two years. It will be an open youth club providing young people with the opportunity to become involved in many different activities including games, workshops and discussion groups, all within a safe environment. It is available to school years 7-9 with the provision for older members to return to the Club as young leaders.

HSYA has provided funds towards the purchase of equipment, the support of the workshop activities and the training of staff. Richard Whittington visited the youth club and said "An active Friday evening was spent at this youth club as not only were the attendees working at various tasks at the table but they were also taking part in games. Air hockey was certainly a first for me and great fun. This club has only just started but is going from strength to strength."



SATRO – Guildford

SATRO is a well-established education charity based in Guildford which offers training and the teaching of work-related skills to young people across Surrey. SATRO works with young people aged 5-19 of all abilities, aiming to inspire all to strive for future success. The project aims to give young people experience of work through a diverse range of programmes, with a particular focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in the workplace. Some of the young people attending the holiday play schemes and benefitting from the SATRO mobile classroom are referred by Children's Services or the Police.

HSYA has specifically provided funding for the SATRO mobile classroom, including the support of the Guildford Borough Council 'Fun in the Summer and Easter Holidays' play scheme. The SATRO mobile classroom is part of a fleet of six vehicles packed with all the tools, the equipment and also tutors to teach young people valuable and potentially career enhancing practical skills. Richard Whittington commented, "I visited one of the mobile workshops in action during the summer holidays and the young learning to make and create useful pieces of furniture - a small stool with tiles on the top was the task on the day of my visit - was giving them practical experience and also learning to work as part of a team."

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A Place to be Youth Club – Waverley

Following consultation with young people aged between 15 and 16 who simply wanted somewhere to relax and to be engaged in interests and activities as an alternative to hanging around after school in woods and parks, Surrey County Council offered the use of the Wey Centre on Wednesday nights. Youth workers will, within a drop-in facility, provide help to an anticipated group of 25 young people who will be encouraged to attend various sporting activities, talks and one-to-one chats. The initial project ran during the first quarter of the year and it is hoped that it will be repeated on a regular basis.

HSYA was delighted to award support for a youth leader and youth workers and to provide materials for the various activities. Previous funding has proved both valuable and beneficial for those young people who were able to take advantage of the opportunity.



Safe Drive Stay Alive – Countywide

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a road safety initiative led by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service in partnership with Surrey Police, the South East Coast Ambulance Service and Frimley Park Hospital. It takes the form of a presentation focused on young drivers and budding drivers, encouraging them to drive responsibly and to be aware of the consequences of poor or thoughtless driving.

Young people aged 16-19 are invited to attend a highly charged and emotionally engaging performance, during which films are shown featuring people and their families explaining how they have been affected by a road collision death or life-changing injury of a young person. Speakers from the emergency services and those who have themselves been involved in a serious accident or who have lost a loved one also make a powerful contribution.

HSYA's contribution helps towards the considerable cost of staging these performances. A large number of teenagers attend and indications from feedback are that the message does get through. The High Sheriff attended one of these performances and said, "Surrey Fire and Rescue should take great credit for putting on these performances. Perhaps the most emotional morning of my Shrieval year, the presentations from the victims or close relatives of victims interspersed with stories from Fire & Rescue, Police, Ambulance and NHS staff really forced the message home that careless/thoughtless driving can end so tragically."



Skaterham – Tandridge

Skaterham provides subsidised services for young people in the Caterham area by providing alternative activities that encourage them to keep off the streets and out of trouble. The project operates a skate park and other activities such as arts and crafts, a drop-in, a DJ booth and day trips. Skaterham provides a safe and secure place where young people learn valuable life skills such as leadership, cooperation and teamwork. No one is excluded and the facility attracts about sixty young people each evening who clearly gain great benefit from the experience.

HSYA was pleased to be able to make a grant towards the cost of taking fifteen young people on a residential trip in August 2016. The award enabled Skaterham to complete the project and offer a subsidy to specific, most deserving and potentially vulnerable young people, some of whom were considered to be most at risk and therefore in greater need of support.

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Peer Productions – Countywide

Peer Productions is a Woking based charity providing peer education around social issues in schools and in community based settings, including youth clubs. The Peer Productions model is to raise awareness amongst young people during a critical stage of their development, building resilience leading to a reduction of potential issues such as anti-social behaviour.

An integral part of the programme is the delivery of issue-based plays on substance abuse and other crime related issues. Each year Peer Productions trains 16 young people in dramatic art education. During their studies they perform plays to 10,000 students in some 90 schools across the County.

HSYA was able to support the production of a play specifically focused on substance misuse. This aimed to address one of the recommendations of Surrey’s Strategic Needs Assessment, namely that of supporting schools across the County with the delivery of the substance misuse element of their Personal, Social and Health Education programmes. The High Sheriff, Richard Whittington concluded that, **“The concept of young aspiring actors putting on hard-hitting plays for the education of those only a few years younger in life/social skills is brilliant. I have seen two plays - one on alcohol and the other on drugs - and both gave very strong messages in a style that would be accepted and understood by the audience.”**

Magistrates’ Mock Trial Competition – Countywide

The Magistrates’ Mock Trial Competition, which has been running since 1994, is part of the Law in Schools programme which helps young people improve their life skills, their understanding of the justice and legal system and helps them to gain knowledge of how the law touches every aspect of their lives. Over 300 schools across the United Kingdom participate in the competition each year. The competition aims to create the foundation for students to develop into legally aware young people and to introduce the legal system in an exciting way. In the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates and court staff the students prosecute and defend specially written criminal cases. Teams compete against each other in real Magistrates’ Courts and are judged by serving magistrates.

HSYA has supported the Surrey heat of the competition over a number of years and warmly congratulates the team from Woking High School on winning the county heat in 2017. Richard Whittington attended the Surrey heat at Guildford Crown Court and said, **“Watching schools conducting these mock trials – one taking all the prosecution roles and the other those for the defence - was enlightening. The law has a very great future based on the evidence in front of those observing the rounds of the competition.”**

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Leatherhead Youth Project – Mole Valley

Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP) is a local charity passionate about helping young people. It offers innovative youth services in Leatherhead and across Mole Valley by responding to local needs and helping young people to be safe and happy by introducing them to potentially life-changing opportunities. LYP offers a diverse range of projects and activities in order to provide long-term support. These activities include the BFree Youth Café, together with counselling and mentoring, sports projects, international trips and help to gain qualifications.

Within their overall programme, LYP are establishing a youth club in the Bookham Youth Centre. They have also decided to broaden their approach within the community and within local schools and to reach out to young people and encourage them to take greater responsibility, attend appropriate courses and participate in a range of additional opportunities.

HSYA funds will help towards meeting staff and project costs and the purchase of some equipment. Richard Whittington made two visits to the LYP and said [“I met many members of the Project during a visit by HRH The Earl of Wessex and they were all hugely enthusiastic about the benefits that they had gained from the various schemes available. On another visit subsequently I had a very good light lunch at their cafe - much recommended.”](#)

Kane FM – Guildford

Kane FM's Get Experience and Go Somewhere has been created as a diversionary radio project for young people, providing much needed work experience and volunteering opportunities to improve their technical, social, cultural and artistic skills. The overall objective is to build confidence, team skills and self-esteem, which in turn improves employability, community integration and participation.

The project provides support to marginalised and disaffected young people aged over 14, who may experience various barriers to accessing the arts, training and employment in a way that is meaningful and engaging. By building links with the community through this project the young people are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour and crime. In addition, young people can take advantage of a range of opportunities within the media industry to improve their technical and social skills whilst developing their musical and artistic talents.

HSYA has been delighted to support this successful project which has already been of clear benefit for a number of young people. Richard Whittington commented, [“My visit to the radio station \(and a live interview!\) showed how this great idea was helping young people find a role and to advance their life skills. Many had found their time at Kane FM had transformed their lives and they had been able to move on to employment.”](#)

Abridged Statement of Financial Activities

for the year to 31 March 2017

These figures are extracted from the statutory accounts which were given an unqualified report by the Independent Reporting Accountant * and which were signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Trustees on 18 July 2017. The statutory accounts are available on request to the Administrator. Please email: admin@surreyhighsheriff.org

	2017	2016
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Donations†	47,002	54,729
Charitable expenditure		
Grants, awards and costs§	37,589	49,850
Management and administration	3,478	3,369
	<hr/> 41,067	<hr/> 53,219
Increase in funds	5,935	1,510
Balance brought forward from previous years	23,475	21,965
Balance available for future years	<hr/> 29,410 <hr/>	<hr/> 23,475 <hr/>
Represented by:		
Debtors less creditors	(240)	(240)
Balance at bank	29,650	23,715
	<hr/> 29,410 <hr/>	<hr/> 23,475 <hr/>

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† Reflecting one-off donations in 2016

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The High Sheriff Youth Awards makes grants for any amount from £100 up to £2,000, and some larger grants of up to £5,000.

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