



# High Sheriff Youth Awards

## Annual Review 2017-2018

### Celebrating *25* years of the High Sheriff Youth Awards



Helping young people  
make **Surrey** safer



#### Rear Admiral Sir Peter Anson Bt CB DL

Warm tribute is paid to the inspired founder of the High Sheriff Youth Awards, Sir Peter Anson, who sadly passed away on 17th April 2018. With great foresight Sir Peter initiated the awards scheme during his shrieval year in 1993 “to give recognition and financial support to young people working on projects to promote crime reduction and community enhancement”.

Sir Peter loved parties and it was he who established our invaluable link with ExxonMobil to celebrate the achievements of our young award winners annually at their prestigious offices at Leatherhead. The awards scheme, which has benefited thousands of young people in our community over the last 25 years, is a wonderful legacy for Sir Peter.



The ancient role of High Sheriff has evolved in recent times to include a central duty to support the judiciary, with the additional focus to provide encouragement to the police, emergency services, probation and prison services and to other agencies involved with crime prevention, particularly among young people.

In Surrey, this duty is greatly enhanced through the work of the High Sheriff Youth Awards Scheme. I am delighted to be able to fully support this essential activity as the new High Sheriff, and will take an enthusiastic interest in all awards granted during my time in office.

Throughout his very successful year, my predecessor, Robert Napier, has been tireless in his efforts to visit the various initiatives funded by recent grants, and I will ensure that we monitor the impact and effectiveness of the projects in order to rapidly identify further examples of best practice. I will also be proud to continue Robert’s powerful and popular focus on the effects on pupils of all ages of being excluded from school. We are grateful for the substantial momentum Robert has

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created in terms of addressing this complex problem.

In the tradition of all past High Sheriffs, I am determined to visit as many of the charities and organisations engaging with vulnerable young people across the county as possible. By doing so, I will have the opportunity to encourage these dedicated volunteers to apply for grants from HSYA in order to help make Surrey safer through the activities of young people themselves. I look forward with great anticipation to meeting the experts providing such life-changing opportunities, and to hearing of the impact of such inspiration from the beneficiaries themselves.

**Jim Glover**  
High Sheriff of Surrey 2018 - 2019

In March, we celebrated the young people who had participated in the projects which had received funding from the High Sheriff Youth Awards. A great turnout of guests watched presentations from Peer Productions, the Fire Service's Youth Engagement Scheme and Guildford Shakespeare Company and other charities – impressive and at times very moving performances from the young people. A huge thank you to ExxonMobil who have supported the HSYA over the past 25 years and hosted a most impressive 24 HSYA Annual Awards Celebrations.

This event was a great validation of the value of the awards. During my year, I have seen much more, endeavouring to visit as many of the projects funded by the HSYA scheme as possible. As the theme for my year was about the troubled issue of pupils being excluded from schools, I have taken a particular interest in the projects and charities which directly and indirectly are helping young people from disadvantaged backgrounds learn social skills, team working and gain in self-confidence - all attributes which will underpin their ability to

succeed in mainstream education. The HSYA over the years has supported many such charities.

One of the joys of being High Sheriff is the ability to visit so many charities supporting the youth of the County – charities large and small. With statutory funding under pressure the role of these charities is increasingly important. Although not huge sums of money, the grants that the HSYA is awarding are, as I have seen, making a real difference and enabling activities to proceed that would not otherwise happen. As a result, I am confident that, from the visits I have made, many young people have benefited. A huge thank you to the volunteers working in these charities for the great work they do, often unsung. I would also like to thank all the many volunteers, Trustees, Assessors and others who enable the HSYA scheme to be so successful.

I hope my successor, Jim Glover, enjoys his association with the HSYA as I have done.

**Robert Napier CBE DL**  
High Sheriff of Surrey 2017 - 2018

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### Guildford Shakespeare Company

Established in 2006, Guildford Shakespeare Company (GSC) is an award winning professional theatre company and one of the largest professional producers of live Shakespeare and workshops in Surrey. The company runs a huge range of in-house education classes for all ages as well as developing community outreach projects and actively working in and with schools in Surrey.

GSC Saturdays ignite the imagination of young actors in small friendly groups. The young people work with professional actors and stage combat instructors playing fun games, rehearsing plays and learning more about the world of theatre.

The GSC runs several outreach programmes with some of the most disadvantaged young people in Surrey offering potentially life-changing results for the participants. Children on work experience programmes are hosted and bursaries granted for children who benefit greatly from the GSC clubs but would not normally be able to afford the experience.

In 2018 the HSYA provided a grant to enable three specially selected young people from Weyfield Primary Academy in Guildford to benefit from a free year-long placement in the GSC Saturday Drama Club. The High Sheriff and other distinguished guests were fortunate to have witnessed the emerging talent of these young people at the HSYA Annual Celebration event held at ExxonMobil.



### Youth Engagement Scheme

The Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) is run by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and is an early intervention programme for young people aged 14-17 who have low school attendance, low self-esteem, a lack of self-confidence or are at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour. This year, with the support of funding from the HSYA among others, YES offered six five-day courses which included training in Fire Drills, First Aid, Communication and Team Working skills with a follow-up day after completion. The climax of the week is a passing out parade in front of families, teachers and local dignitaries.

The challenges implicit in the activities are designed to help young people understand the consequences of their behaviour, take ownership of their actions and develop respect for themselves and others. The presentation by a former participant at this year's HSYA Annual Celebration demonstrated the success the scheme has had in turning lives around.

The High Sheriff, following visits to Walton and Gomshall Fire Stations stated that **“YES is such a brilliant scheme for giving the participants confidence and social and team building skills. It was a pleasure to see their smiling faces as they each received a certificate. They were well supported by very proud families, including a great grandfather who had been a fireman in the Services”**.

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## Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition

The Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition is part of the Law in Schools programme which helps improve young people's life skills, their understanding of the justice system and helps them to gain knowledge of how the law touches every aspect of their lives. 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 courts and are judged by serving magistrates.

HSYA have supported the Surrey heat of the competition over a number of years and warmly congratulates the team from Woking High School on being the highest scoring Surrey team in the 2018 county heat. As High Sheriff and Patron of the Surrey Heat, Robert Napier was delighted to attend the competition held at Guildford Crown Court on March 17th. He presented the team from Woking High School with the High Sheriff's shield for the second year running and warmly commended all the participants from the competing schools, aged 14-16, for their interest in the due process of law and their impressive skills in role-playing the case.



## 40 Degreez

The 40 Degreez Centre in Farnham operates a range of services for young people and has an excellent track record for engaging positively with those who are marginalised within their community.

The Hangout Club runs every Friday afternoon during term time for young people in school years 6 through 9. The award provided by the HSYA included funds for the purchase of equipment and the initial costs of tuition for a series of 6 week music and drumming workshops run during Hangout sessions. The sessions provided a successful diversionary activity, which included teaching basic employability skills to targeted young people who were identified as having or potentially developing anti-social behaviour issues. These young people, many from disadvantaged areas, frequently suffered from anxiety and low self-esteem. The music activities were designed to give them an enjoyable and exciting pastime to ensure that they did not become involved in anti-social behaviour within their local community.

The High Sheriff and the HSYA were equally impressed with the knowledge that the young people themselves were actively involved in fundraising with their retail partner in Farnham, White Stuff, thus creating the added benefit of ensuring that young people were involved in the ownership of the programme.



## YMCA East Surrey – Street Talk

Street Talk is a detached youth work programme run by East Surrey YMCA working in the Goodwyns and Chart Downs estates in Dorking. It is perceived as an 'Umbrella' project, a funnel to other YMCA projects and services such as mental health and pathways to work. The YMCA have established that there is a real need for this project, particularly as, whilst there is a range of activities in Dorking, young people involved in the programme do not, in practice, travel to them either on foot or by public transport.

The YMCA have a successful team of qualified youth workers who use an iBus as a movable location for activities. This is a highly effective way of engaging with young people at risk, enabling youth workers to build relationships, assess needs and offer information, advice and guidance on various issues such as mental health support, pathways to work, crime and gang culture and any other issues that the young people raise themselves. The YMCA are also considering introducing into the programme positive organised activities during the school holidays. The project aims to engage 50-75 young people each year and has seen the young people who participate make better choices about education and training which improves their employability. They have also seen a decrease in anti-social behaviour in their communities.

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**Surrey Young Carers**

The Surrey Young Carers project is based in Woking at the Lakers Youth Centre. Young carers from all parts of the Borough, including some from deprived areas, are referred to the project which offers on-going support to young carers, advocating for them and their family in order to minimise the impact of caring on their lives.

The Young Carers project offers the young people the chance to take part in regular activities, gaining time away from their caring roles. By way of providing support, HSYA helped to fund a weekend away for a number of young carers who have the day to day challenge at home of caring for parents or siblings often with significant needs. The weekend at Grangewaters in Essex gave carers a break from their caring duties and the opportunity to improve their well-being. The young carers were also involved in fundraising for this weekend as well as choosing activities and planning menus.

The High Sheriff remarked that "I had the privilege of meeting these young people at the Lakers Youth Centre in Woking and the devoted staff from Surrey Family Services who masterminded the weekend in Essex. They also spoke positively about the activities they had undertaken and the opportunity of learning more about each other, their own abilities and the benefit of becoming more independent".



**Safe Drive Stay Alive**

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a road safety theatre-based education initiative led by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and supported by Surrey Police, South East Coast Ambulance Service and Frimley Park Hospital. The aim is to raise road safety awareness amongst young people to positively influence their attitudes to driving and to make them more aware of their responsibilities on the road.

Young people aged 16-19 are invited to attend a highly charged and emotionally engaging performance. Graphic true stories related by members of the emergency services and those who have been involved in a serious accident or who have been bereaved by a road accident aim to reduce the number of road traffic collisions, deaths and injuries. Evidence shows that the number of drivers/passengers killed or seriously injured by a young driver/rider has fallen from 122 in 2004 to 72 in 2016. The HSYA's contribution helped towards the considerable cost of delivering these lifesaving events.

The High Sheriff reported that "I was in the audience with 600 young people in Dorking Halls designed to change the way they drive and save young people's lives from the disaster of road accidents. It was all very emotive and engaging, particularly for me as it was, to the day, the fiftieth anniversary of my father being killed in a car accident".

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## Peer Productions

Peer Productions is an award winning youth arts charity specialising in combining high quality arts practice with peer social welfare education through the medium of theatre, enabling young people to change the way they think and to make positive life choices. The focus of the work is on Identity, Crime Prevention and Health.

Original educational plays are created and toured to schools and youth settings which tackle issues such as eating disorders, homophobia, alcohol misuse, sex and relationships and mental health issues, all issues which matter to young people.

Drama outreach projects are delivered for groups of disadvantaged young people using creativity as a tool to enable them to reach their full potential and make positive life choices. These groups include young carers, young parents, learning-disabled and homeless young people.

The High Sheriff commented that *"The Peer Production 'Losing It' at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre in Woking was amazing and a great night out. What I saw was a powerful play about sex and relationships and didn't shy away from issues around same sex, transgender, sexting, internet grooming, pornography, rape and more. This play was being shown to 13 year olds in schools across Surrey in the belief and expectation it will answer questions which that age group struggle to understand"*.



## Sandy Hill Detached Youth Project

SHDYP comes under the new Surrey Family Services, Waverley Team. The target group are young people living on the Sandy Hill Estate and nearby surrounding areas. Much of what is provided responds to issues that young people present, which often include safeguarding and welfare. However, the main focus of their work is to support the young people in order to nurture an environment of tolerance and respect amongst the young people with whom they work.

The project provides young people with better access to safe places and activities, an opportunity to develop their identity by helping them to challenge the negative stereotype that young people can have and to be more tolerant and understanding of diversity within the community and society. Young people have access to information and guidance, including sexual health, substance misuse, education, training and employment, housing, benefits, safeguarding, risk and vulnerability, physical, mental and emotional health, families and relationships.

The High Sheriff commented that he *"watched young people receiving tuition from graffiti experts to create designs for repairing the outside walls of the Hut where they meet. The 11-19 year olds benefitted from developing their social skills and an introduction to arts and culture. In my last week as High Sheriff I received photographs of the completed graffiti art which looked terrific"*.



## "The Big Chat"

Surrey Youth Focus are instigating "The Big Chat" across Surrey – a conversation with young people in various settings, including schools, youth clubs and uniformed organisations. The aim will be to find out what young people are thinking and feeling and what support they need from friends, family, schools, health organisations, youth workers and charities to improve their wellbeing. The insights gained from "The Big Chat" will be used to enable councils, health organisations, charities, sports clubs, schools and parents to understand what they can do differently to support young people through early help and other interventions.

As a means of initiating the programme "The Big Chat" will bring together teachers, youth practitioners and other professionals already working with young people, along with experts from other organisations, to explore a number of key questions – for example, how we can engage the creativity and energy of thousands of young people across Surrey.

Young people will themselves be encouraged to start social movements to make cultural changes within the places where they hang out, by spreading ideas through social media and other mechanisms determined by young people. Ultimately, the vision is to empower young people to lead a mental health and wellbeing revolution in Surrey.

The High Sheriff said that *"I am delighted that HSYA were able to support this important programme and thank Alicia Moore for reading her very moving poem at the ExxonMobil event"*.

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### Lifetrain Trust

For over 60 years the Lifetrain Trust's specialist teams have been involved at a local level with young people who may be at risk of growing up without the necessary skills to become successful adults and members of society by supporting them to achieve qualifications and build self-esteem and confidence. As a direct result, they have made fundamental changes to the lives of many young people and their families. This has been achieved by focusing on the specific needs of the individuals, tailoring intervention so that the content and pace of change suits the needs of the young people.

The HSYA have helped fund the Bus Shelter project which directly supports young people who lack suitable facilities to occupy them. The Bus is able to meet young people where they meet rather than expecting them to travel to a Centre. With WIFI and the latest technology on board, they are resourced to offer an immediate response to young people's needs such as job searches and CV preparation. In addition, they also provide recreational activities to encourage team building and partnership working. A structured programme encourages discussion and reflection and enables young people to evaluate their potential and cultivate personal development plans. In the last year the Trust has worked with over 1,000 young people in 12 locations.

### Surrey Family Service

Youth workers and young leaders from Guildford, Surrey Heath, Woking and Runnymede work with young people who are identified as most in need. They aim to support young people by helping to make them employable, resilient and able to engage in society as adolescents and further into adulthood. They provide young people with the knowledge, skills and the ability to identify their strengths and also the risks to them achieving their goals in the future.

The project, works with young people who are currently, or about to start, volunteering as leaders of youth centres across the Boroughs of Guildford, Surrey Heath, Woking and Runnymede by helping them to gain their Level 2 Certificate in Working with Young People, which is the minimum qualification for part time work. When young people have achieved this award they will be able to work with their peers specifically to address their needs, which for many are around school issues, family breakdown and anti-social behaviour. The qualified young people, with the support of qualified professional staff, can confidently run activities and groups for other young people. Importantly, they are able to offer young people, within the area they live, peer support and guidance and be able to help plan and facilitate sessions and activities around substance use, mental and emotional health, confidence, self-esteem and body image.

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## GASP

GASP motor project helps some of the hardest to reach young people in the community aiming to change their behaviours and attitudes, supporting them to progress through education, employment and training and preparing them in a practical way for the world of work. The aim is to allow young people to experience the values of team work, gain confidence and self-esteem and focus on their personal, social and emotional development.

GASP Motor Project runs many sessions for both boys and girls each week providing a positive and constructive opportunity to get involved with vehicles. Young people come from a variety of backgrounds, some local, some from further afield, some referred by the Police and some because they have worked with GASP at school. They all share a common interest in motor vehicles.

During the last week in office the High Sheriff visited Dunsfold Aerodrome to see two vehicles from GASP taking part in the Green Power Formula 24 event. The vehicles had been built from kits by the young people under the tutelage of the dedicated GASP staff. The High Sheriff said that, "I witnessed the testing of the cars as 15 drivers from the GASP project took their turns at the wheel. The vehicles, powered by batteries, were running well and it was a great sight to see them".



## Walton Charity – KT12 Football Project

The KT12 Football is a community facilitated football project based at Walton Oak School. The project provides opportunities for children and young people to participate in regular extracurricular sporting activity, resulting in a range of benefits which have an impact on behaviours and skills by providing positive outlets for young people who may not have had the opportunity to attend out of school activities.

Well established within the community, the project has become well known and trusted by the families. Young people recommend the project to their peers and, as a consequence, numbers attending the sessions have grown week on week. Out of school sessions incorporate football skills and drills, match competition as well as healthy eating and wellbeing advice. Some 120 young people have attended sessions over a 12 month period. Post-match activities and refreshments have also been made available.

The project has had a great impact on the community and played a key role in developing confidence, self-esteem, value and purpose in young people who then, with these qualities, go on to participate and contribute to society in a much more engaging way. The High Sheriff commented that "he was pleased that HSYA had agreed to support such an important and, obviously, popular project which clearly delivered genuine benefit for many young people".



## Surrey Clubs for Young People

Surrey Clubs for Young People provide a comprehensive range of services to young people in the most deprived areas of Surrey through a membership network of between 80 -100 youth clubs providing young people with not only a place for fun activities but also somewhere safe to go and something positive to do.

Their ethos is working within the community for the community, building partnerships and recruiting and training volunteers. They can become involved either in the very beginning when some concerned residents want to start a club or where clubs are already well established. They provide a whole range of support services to build an individual Club's capacity.

Surrey Clubs for Young People celebrated their 70th anniversary, which was a very fitting way to mark their incredible support for over 100 youth clubs and supporting thousands of young people, many from the more challenged communities in Surrey. Thriving youth clubs provide young people with a place for fun activities but also a secure environment by establishing boundaries for individuals' personal development.

The High Sheriff said that "towards the end of my year, I attended a Reception at County Hall hosted by Peter Martin, the Chairman of Surrey County Council, to celebrate the work of the clubs supported by the charity and to present awards to volunteers".

## Abridged Statement of Financial Activities

for the year to 31 March 2018

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 24 July 2018. The statutory accounts are available on request to the Administrator. Please email: [admin@surreyhighsheriff.org](mailto:admin@surreyhighsheriff.org)

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Donations	46,932	47,002
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>		
Grants, awards and costs §	51,451	37,589
Management and administration	3,291	3,478
	<u>54,742</u>	<u>41,067</u>
<b>Increase in funds</b>	(7,810)	5,935
<b>Balance brought forward from previous years</b>	29,410	23,475
<b>Balance available for future years</b>	<u><b>21,600</b></u>	<u><b>29,410</b></u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Debtors less creditors</b>	(200)	(240)
<b>Balance at bank</b>	21,800	29,650
	<u><b>21,600</b></u>	<u><b>29,410</b></u>

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