

# FAREHAM & GOSPORT CHALLENGE & ADVENTURE

## SUMMARY

**OUR PURPOSE** - a crime prevention measure resulting from discussions held with the Fareham and Gosport Youth Concern networks, and supported by the local Crime & Disorder Strategies for the Boroughs. Formed in September 1995, and started operating in 1996.

**INTENDED FOR** – 11 (Year 7) to 15 (Year 11) year olds of either sex in the Boroughs who -  
- are considered to be at risk of offending, or  
- have some history of offending and who might offend again.

**MEMBERSHIP** - young people are put forward for membership by Police Officers, Education Welfare Officers, Social Workers, Youth Workers, Teachers, or Doctors.

The Scheme operates with 12 young people at any one time, and a waiting list is maintained.

**LEADING TO** - The Scheme is designed to help young people to develop in the following areas -  
- to adopt a pattern of non-offending;  
- in character building;  
- to achieve improvements in self esteem, self reliance, interpersonal skills, team work, trust and sense of responsibility (especially to the community);  
- to achieve improvements in behaviour and reliability.

**CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP** - Young members are required to agree a contract of behaviour involving -

- no offending
- full attendance at Scheme events
- satisfactory attendance at school
- strict adherence to the Scheme's rules.

**OUR ACTIVITY PROGRAMME** – The Scheme activities include regular sessions for planning and discussions, plus activities such as -

- assault coursing, trekking, wall climbing, sailing, camping, archery, air rifle shooting, kayaking, initiative tests, swimming, go karting, first aid, health education;
- community / conservation work at local beauty spots;
- residential trips, Youth Hostelling and / or camping, to such places as the New Forest and Lulworth Cove.

The programme is designed to last for 12 months for each participant.

**STATUS OF NEW SCHEME** – Modelled on other successful Challenge & Adventure Schemes around the country, and particularly on the Portsmouth Scheme (as it was in 1995).

Affiliated to Fareham Community Action, Gosport Voluntary Action, and Community Action Hampshire.

Registered charity number 1052430.

**STAFFING** – Employs 2 part time Scheme Co-ordinators (one to run the scheme and one to raise the funds needed), plus a team of adult, Criminal Records Bureau checked, volunteer helpers. Suitable Scheme “graduates” are also encouraged to become helpers.

**MANAGEMENT** - The Scheme is managed by a multi-agency Management Committee chaired by a local Policeman, and including representatives from -

- the voluntary sector (including Fareham Community Action)
- Fareham, Gosport and Hampshire Police
- Hampshire Youth Service
- Fareham and Gosport Social Services
- Local Education Authority
- Bridgemary Community School in Gosport
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gosport Borough Council

**MONITORING OUR SUCCESS** - The Scheme has developed Performance Indicators (both qualitative and quantitative) which are used to monitor its performance, and which are implemented from the time when each young person starts the Scheme until 18 months after he / she leaves it.

The progress of each individual young member is reviewed regularly by the Scheme Co-ordinator with members of the volunteer staff, and regular contact is maintained with parents and with schools.

Written and verbal reports are provided for the bi-monthly Management Committee meetings, and a Full Annual Report is produced each November to accompany the audited accounts. In addition, reports are sent as required to any organisation that provides our Scheme with financial or practical support.

**COST** - Annual cost of the Scheme - approximately £13,500 per year.

**SUPPORT** - Since inception generous financial and other support has been provided for the parent Scheme by the following -

- the encouragement by local Police Superintendents for their Officers to participate in the Scheme as volunteer helpers
- Alchemy Foundation
- Noel Buxton Trust
- Ellis Campbell Charitable Foundation
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gosport Borough Council
- Gosport Voluntary Action
- Hampshire Crime Prevention Panel
- Hampshire Social Services Dept
- HMS Dryad Plotting & Radar Instr. Ass.
- Leigh Trust
- Nationwide Foundation
- One Stop Community Stores
- Police Enforcing the Peace Fund
- Portsmouth & S.E. Hants Community Fund
- Portsmouth & S.E. Hants Partnership
- Quayside Education Centre
- Smith's Charity
- TSB Foundation for England and Wales
- Whitbread in the Community
- BBC Children in Need
- Camelot
- Esmee Fairbairn Charitable Trust
- Fareham Community Action
- Gosport Market Traders
- Hampshire County Council
- Hampshire Police
- Peter Harrison Foundation
- HMS Sultan
- Meon Valley Rotary Club
- Nationwide Tool Hire
- Polarcup
- Police S.N.A.P. Disco schemes
- Prince's Trust
- Sir James Scott Memorial Trust
- Thorngate Trust
- Yapp Charitable Trust

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