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Description automatically generated**Youth Offer and Community Profiling** Town and Parish Councils

**Purpose**  
This questionnaire aims to help Shropshire Council better understand the needs of young people (aged 11-19) across your community, the current level of Youth Provision (the Youth Offer) and how your council support or link into wider community profiling and youth development efforts at a local or council level.  
  
**What is a Youth Offer?**  
The Youth Offer refers to a range of activities, services, support and safe spaces available to young people in a community. This may include Youth Clubs, Sports and Leisure activities, wellbeing and mental health support, mentoring, volunteering opportunities and involvement with local decision making.  
  
Please do your best to provide any information you have available. Your input will be really valuable in understanding the youth offer in Shropshire.

**1. Which town, parish council or parish meeting do you represent?**

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| Market Drayton |

**2. If you are happy to provide your details, and would be happy to have future conversations about the youth offer, please include details below:**

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| **Name** | **Sue Thomas** |
| **Role** | **Town Clerk** |
| **Email** | **towncouncil@marketdrayton.gov.uk** |
| **Telephone** | **01630 653364** |

**2. Understanding Youth Needs**

**3. In your opinion what are the top 3 issues currently affecting young people in your Town or Parish**

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| **1** | Lack of somewhere to meet and ‘hangout’. A safe place. |
| **2** | Lack of public transport to larger towns, to go Bowling, to the cinema etc |
| **3** | Lack of support and advice services on a wide range of emotional difficulties that young people may experience. |

**4. Do you believe the current youth provision your area is adequate to meet young people’s needs?**

Yes



Somewhat



**X No**

Don’t know



Please use the space below for any comments:

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| There is limited provision for 11-19 year olds which results in teenagers hanging around the town which in some cases leads on to ASB.  There are areas of deprivation in the town where more provision is required. |

**3. Current Offer and Engagement**

**5. Are you aware of any existing youth groups, clubs or services regularly accessed in our area?**

**X Yes**

No



**6. If yes, please list them. If there are too many please have a conversation with us to help us collect this valuable information from you. You can request a conversation via**[**TellUs@shropshire.gov.uk**](mailto:TellUs@shropshire.gov.uk)

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| **Youth Clubs:**  Pheonix Centre  Methodist Church  The Zone  **Sports Clubs**  Tigers Football Groups (Greenfields)  Junior Rugby (Greenfields)  Junior Tennis (Greenfields)  Junior Cricket  Swimming Club  **Others**  Scouts  St Johns Ambulance  Guides |

**7. Does your council currently provide any direct funding for youth provision in your areas e.g. youth groups, sports activities and mentoring?**

**X Yes**

No



**8. If yes, please can you describe what these are?**

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| SYA are contracted to provide youth club sessions on a Wednesday evening, during termtime. The youth club times are 5.15-6.45pm for juniors then 7-8.30pm for seniors.  The sessions are held at the Phoenix Centre, Market Drayton.  We also fund the 4 All Foundation to manage the Zone Community Building where youth activities are provided. |

**9. Are there any venues or spaces in your area accessible and suitable for youth activities e.g. community centre, outdoor areas, halls, spaces that could be developed into Youth Hubs (utilising a space within spaces concept)**

**Yes**



No



**10. If yes, please list spaces and places:**

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| The Zone Community Building  The Pheonix Centre  Raven House (owned by Shropshire Council)  Skatepark |

**11. How often does your council engage directly with young people or youth workers (e.g. consultations, events and forums?**

Regularly



**Occasionally**



Rarely



Never



**12. We would love to hear more about your work engaging with young people or youth workers. Please describe below:**

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| The Town Council has a very good relationship with the local Shropshire Council youth workers.  Consultation has taken place through the youth workers regarding the installation of a youth shelter and new light by the skatepark.  When issues arise regarding low level ASB in the town by youngers we liaise with the youth workers. |

**13. What barriers, if any, do you think prevent young people from engaging in local activities? (Select all that apply)**

No barriers/ Not applicable



**Cost**



**Transport**



**Awareness**



**Lack of Interest**



**Limited Availability**



**Limited provision for young people aged 13 plus.**



Other (please specify)

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**4. Community Profiling and Moving Forward**

**14. Would your council be interested in contributing to or receiving regular updates on the development of the Youth Offer for Young People in Shropshire?**

**Yes**



No



**15. What support, resources or partnerships would help your council enhance its youth offer or involvement?**

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| We would be keen to work with Shropshire Council to develop a youth hub in the town and to increase the level of support provided at the Zone Community Building which is in an area of deprivation. |

**16. If your council funds or supports youth provision directly, do you work with any external partners to deliver this?**

**Yes**



No



If yes, please list your partners below:

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| Shropshire Youth Association  4 All Foundation |

**17. Please list any other organisations, charities, freelancers or voluntary groups you partner with, and briefly describe the nature of the support or service they provide.**

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**18. Please use this last comment box to add anything else you would like to tell us about the youth offer and support in your area.**

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| Sadly, over the years the youth offer and support in all towns has been reduced due to budgetary cuts.  The town council stepped in to fund the youth clubs, which were previously provided by Shropshire Council, as we did not want to see what little service there was completely disappear.  Young people face so many more challenges they need to be able to access local support services.  To emphasise the need, the youth services SYA provide, funded by the Town Council, are fully generally fully subscribed. |

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.**  
  
Your insights are invaluable in helping us build a more accurate and focused needs assessment for young people across our communities. By working together, we can ensure that youth services and opportunities for young people are shaped by local knowledge and real need.  
  
**How we will use your information**  
The information you have provided will be used to inform decision making and the developing Youth Offer and Strategy for Shropshire.  
  
The survey results data will be shared within Shropshire Council. We will not share the survey data with any third parties. We will only publish anonymised responses, parts of responses, or a summarized version of responses and will ensure individual survey respondents cannot be identified. Your response will be stored securely and kept in line with Shropshire Council’s Retention Schedule.   
  
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If you have any questions about the survey please email: [TellUs@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:TellUs@shropshire.gov.uk)

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