



HIGHBRIDGE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

The **Highbridge Community Youth Club** was set up in partnership with the local Police and residents of Highbridge to help reduce the level of Anti Social Behaviour.

Highbridge is a town which does not have a great deal to offer young people in the way of direction and encouragement. A handful of volunteers in the community, with the support of the police, have worked tirelessly to establish the youth club and have kept it running for the last 3 years.

The youth club not only diverts the energies of young people into diversionary activities, but builds a rapport between young people and the local police.

Up until now a Special Police Constable has been attending the sessions most weeks on a voluntary basis to co-ordinate and run the sports activities but he has now been accepted into the regular police force so the club will be without a sports co-ordinator. This role is vital to the well being of the young people in Highbridge and the loss of the voluntary sports worker will have a detrimental effect on the well established club.

The Highbridge Community Youth Club were keen to find the funding to employ a sports worker to take over the roll and provide a range of sporting activities

The Somerset Community Foundation awarded a grant of £2686 to Highbridge Youth Club to enable them to provide a Sports Worker to run weekly sports activities on Friday evenings and also to co-ordinate activities during school holidays.

A trustee of the Somerset Community Foundation, David Jenkins, presented the youth club with the cheque.

The club was thrilled that they have been awarded the grant and were very grateful to Grassroots for the opportunity it has given the young people of Highbridge

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