

Chairs Report 2018

Firstly I want to pay tribute to the many volunteers, management committee members, directors and Youth Leader that devote their unpaid time to ensure we have a successful Youth Club. During this year these people have donated their precious time in raising funds, ensuring good governance and ensuring we can run sessions for young people in the local area. I personally would like to thank the many people mentioned who have given me advice and guidance that has enable me to feel supported in my first year as Chair.

In addition to this we have strong local support from the Parish Councils who are evaluable to the Club. We appreciate the advice they offer and their representation on our committee.

The Youth Club has grown from strength this year under the stewardship of our Youth Leader Eddie Gelder. Sessions have been well planned and despite a huge growth in numbers over the last 18 months, discipline has been maintained. Sessions are productive and it's a real tribute to Eddie and the volunteers that they have delivered positive activities every session. The volunteers are our life blood and we must nurture and value them to ensure we have a long term vision for the club.

Fundraising has once again been a successful source of funds for us with a variety of activities taking place. Show day, fun runs and the bonfire glow stick sale have all provided good opportunities to raise funds. Additionally we have secured a number of grants to support the work of the club due to the hard work of fundraising officers.

This year has ended with new challenges as our current youth leader takes a step back from covering every session due to a new job. In his absence we have been able to recruit two very capable volunteers to step up to the task of being paid workers and increased our leadership capacity at the same time. We have a bright outlook and I am convinced we can continue to take the club forward and provide a positive environment. I would like to thank you all for a great year and our joint achievements.

Marcus Needham – Chair, Sturton by Stow Youth Club